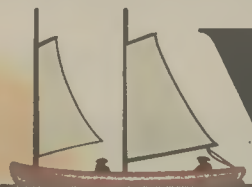


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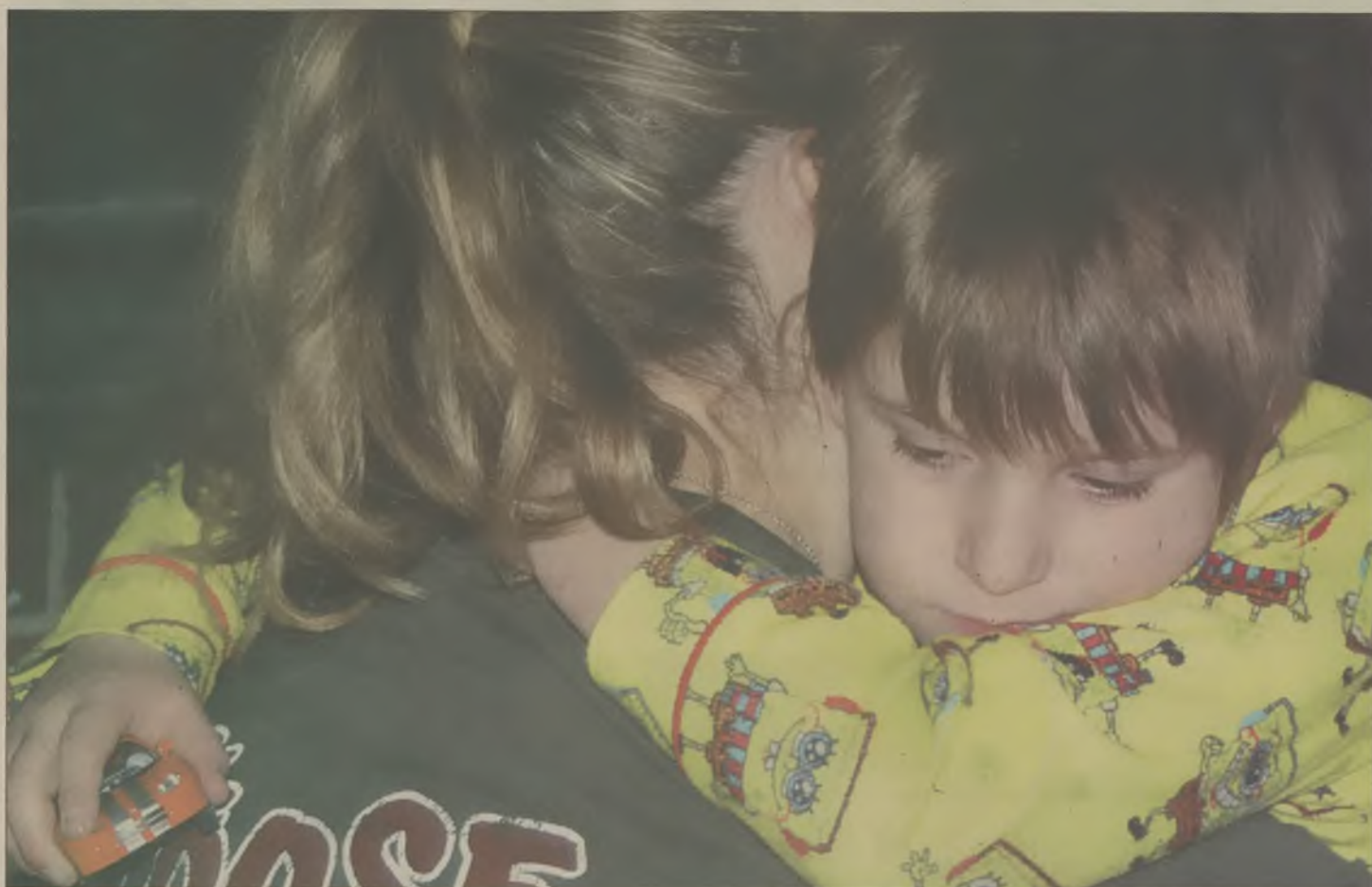
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LOVING HUDSON



STAFF PHOTOS BY CATHY WILSON

Now blind, Hudson Mimlitsch holds tightly to what he loves dearly – his mother Brittany and his toy cars. Hudson, 7, has neuroaxonal dystrophy, a rare and fatal degenerative neurological disorder for which there is no treatment or cure.

Parents seek joy for sick son

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Loving Hudson Mimlitsch is not hard to do. The seven-year-old is a cute little boy with a mop of fuzzy brown hair that caresses his pretty brown eyes and soft, pale cheeks. He loves SpongeBob, Bob the Builder, and his little toy cars. Wearing his bright yellow SpongeBob pajamas, he sits in the middle of the living room rug, playing with his toy cars while listening to a children's show on television.

At first glance, he appears much like any other normal little boy.

But Hudson is far from normal. He suffers from neuroaxonal dystrophy, a fatal degenerative neurological disorder for which there is no treatment and no cure.

In less than two years, parents Brittany and Jerry Mimlitsch have seen their once active little boy regress to age one, both mentally and in his physical abilities. Hudson has lost much of his eyesight and his ability to walk. He can't swallow correctly anymore



Hudson laughs as his father Jerry plays a hand game, while mom Brittany watches. Hudson has good days and he has bad days. This was a good day.

and is now fed through a tube inserted into his stomach. He suffers seizures.

After once running and playing on a soccer field with his tiny team mates, Hudson now toddles when both hands are held, much like a little

one learning to walk. He crawls across the floor or is ferried on wheels. He's back in diapers, has started sucking his thumb, and is fed baby formula through his feeding tube.

"Each challenge is harder

and harder, but you get used to it," said Jerry, 31, in his Winfall home. "Dealing with each challenge is tough, but it eventually becomes the norm as we go down this road."

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Parrish facing 3rd complaint

By WILLIAM F. WEST
The Daily Advance

A Perquimans County man who claims to have had a romantic relationship with a Currituck woman who later became a murder suspect is the third person to file a sworn statement seeking the suspension or dismissal of District Attorney Frank Parrish.

In an affidavit filed in Pasquotank Superior Court last week, Steven Magaro accuses Parrish of failing to properly investigate his claims that Lateisha

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Wish granted for third-grader

Bryant, 9, is going to Disney World

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Nine-year-old Jahyeir Bryant didn't crack a smile as his excited classmates at Hertford Grammar School threw up their hands and yelled, "Surprise! You're going to Disney World!"

Instead, he bashfully covered his face and finally agreed to a grin amidst much coaxing from family members, his teacher, and school principal.

Julie Roberts's third grade class tried to spring a surprise on the youngster last week as volunteers with the Make-A-Wish (MAW) Foundation of Eastern North Carolina visited the classroom for a special Wish Delivery.

Bryant suffered end-stage kidney failure in 2010 and was a candidate for a kid-



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Third-grader Jahyeir Bryant (right) and his family are going to Disney World, thanks to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Bryant suffers from kidney disease and received a kidney transplant from his mother. Family members (l-r) Kenneth Lee Graham, Kenneth Lee Jr., Makenzie Graham, and mother Andrea shared in the Make-A-Wish celebration last week at Hertford Grammar School.

ney transplant, explained his mother Andrea Graham. She lovingly donated a kid-

ney to save her son's life.

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Tim Hickman
Captain, Edenton police

Stolen car wrecks; driver runs

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

The driver of a stolen vehicle ran from a North Carolina Highway Patrolman Monday afternoon after wrecking the vehicle in a residential yard on Snug Harbor Road.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said Trooper J. Bray attempted to stop the white Jeep Cherokee for speeding around 3 p.m. while traveling northbound on U.S. 17. Trooper Bray followed the vehicle which turned off Hwy. 17 onto Snug Harbor Road.



Tilley

Tilley said once the vehicle turned onto Snug Harbor Road, it sped up, turned right, skidded on wet grass in a residential yard and crashed into a tree. The black male driving the vehicle jumped from the vehicle and ran, said Tilley.

Tilley and other deputies responded to assist Trooper Bray. A tracking dog from the Chowan County Sheriff's Department was called in and tracked the trail across Hwy. 17 into the Bear Swamp side of the roadway before losing the scent.

Captain Tim Hickman with the Edenton Police Department said the vehicle was stolen from the 500-block of South Broad Street behind the Albemarle Bank and Trust building. The vehicle is registered to Kermit Layton, Jr., also of Edenton. Capt. Hickman said the owner last saw the vehicle that morning between 9 a.m. and noon.

"Apparently, no one realized the vehicle had been stolen until the trooper pulled it and it wrecked down there," he added.

As of Tuesday morning, no arrest had been made. Investigation is continuing.

Wynne Fork Court site of shots fired

From staff reports

No one was injured Jan. 31 when shots were fired in the area of Wynne Fork Apartments.

According to the Hertford Police Department, Patrolman G.E. Needham was checking an abandoned vehicle on Commerce Drive around 8:35 p.m. when he heard what sounded like gun shots near Wynne Fork Court. Central 911 Communications advised the officer they had received numerous calls of shots fired in the back and front of the apartment complex.

Police discovered two spent shotgun shell casings and five 9mm shell casings in the parking lot.

When Officer Needham arrived on the scene, he saw several cars attempting to exit the parking lot.

Needham stopped the cars from leaving the area and began asking driv-

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