## Hunt's magical transformation

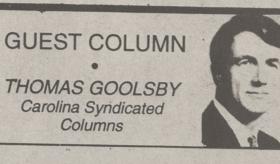
After calling for and approving the largest spending plan in the history of the Tarheel State - \$10 billion -Governor Hunt is now calling for tax cuts next year. Well, it's a little too late your Excellency!

Where were you, Governor, when the call went up last year for three-quarters of a billion dollars in porkbarrel bonds? You were standing in line for the feeding trough. Where were you during the Special Session on Crime when our legislature wanted to spend one-quarter of a billion dollars on pork-laden "preventative programs" rather than additional prisons for violent offenders? You were touring the state hawking the "Family Resource Center" and "Save Our Schools" social programs.

And, what about the Budget Session of the General Assembly? You approved all sorts of ways to spend the almost one billion dollars in surplus tax dollars and refused to fight for a rebate for the hard working middle-class taxpayer.

Where does this lead you? All of your "tax and spend" shenanigans landed you on the editorial page of the Wall Street Journal with an "F" and one of the lowest rankings in the nation as a "Free-Spender." Now, it's apparently time for you to change your image.

With interest rates going up, democrats facing fire from all corners and signs that the economy may be slowing, plus the negative effects of North Carolina's high tax status on business development, the Governor is wise to "run for cover" early. Hunt, the ever savvy politician, has already begun the innocuous statements.



Recently, after hiring a large accounting firm to study possible tax cuts, Hunt stated, "I believe that this is the time to look at hard tax relief for families and for businesses." Too bad that the Governor didn't "believe" in tax relief just a few months ago during the budget session of the General Assembly. With his support, North Carolinians could have been saved millions in taxes and invigorated our economy with capital freed up from government coffers.

Instead, Hunt and friends decided to go on a spending spree of over \$10 billion that included spending almost all the one-time billion dollar budget windfall. With the next gubernatorial election just a couple of years out, Hunt now wants to begin his magical transformation from "tax-and-spender" to "fiscal conservative." If North Carolinians live up to their past history of long-term memory loss, he can probably get away with it. Besides, what's a few billion dollars between friends?

## Parkinson's group to meet at Gaston

Gaston Memorial Hospital's support group for patients with Parkinson's disease and their families will meet November 1 at 6:30 p.m. in classrooms 1 and 2 at the hospital.

Linda Little, Medical Claims Services of Metrolina, will present "Challenges of Health Care Claims."

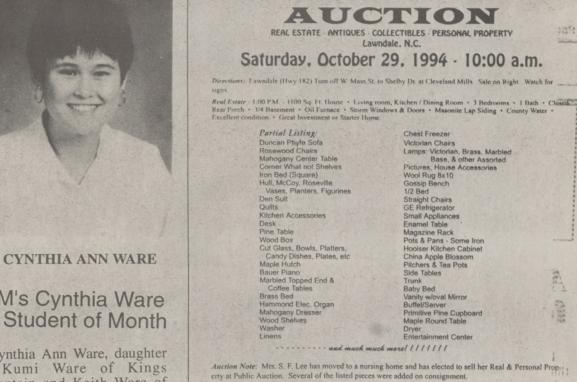


## KM's Cynthia Ware is Student of Month

Cynthia Ann Ware, daughter of Kumi Ware of Kings Mountain and Keith Ware of Hickory, is the Shelby Exchange Club's Youth of the Month for October.

Ware is a senior student at Kings Mountain High School and plans to pursue a career in nurse midwifery or pediatric nursing at Lenoir-Rhyne College and later at graduate school earn a doctorate in family practice medicine.

At KMHS, she is active in the National Honor Society, National Beta Club, a DAR Good Citizen nominee, French Club Vice-President, and has been active as a Junior marshal, on the honor roll, academic awards honoree, and in the French, Science and Journalism



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FAIR WINNER - Danny Navey, PTO president at East School, receives a Beautification Award from John Stout at the Cleveland County Fair. East received a \$150 check for its beautification project which included clean-up, fix-up, paint-up and landscaping. The school, with the help of volunteers from KMG Minerals and rip-rap donated by Foote Mineral, repaired a storm drainage ditch and a constantly overflowing creek which kept the playground unplayable. The school and the city contracted for installation of 400 feet of drains, 200 feet of perforated pipe, and construction of three catch basins. Volunteers and equipment from KMG installed 400 feet of chain link fence to safely keep children away from the creek, and grass was sown. The school also set out trees to replace some that are beginning to die.



LAMPLIGHTERS - New officers of Cleveland Community College Lamplighters Practical Nurse Education are, left to right, Carolyn Eckerd of Gastonia, secretary; Kim Stief of Kings Mountain, Vice-President, back, Scott Canipe of Shelby, treasurer, and Pat Richards of Earl, President.







