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STEVE MARTIN: Wonders if election is delaying superintendent search.

Superintendent search on agenda

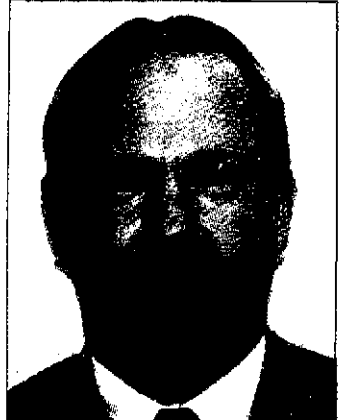
DELAY TACTICS? Two board members say some members are delaying the search for a superintendent in an effort to retain Barry Harding.

SCOTT WITTEN
STAFF WRITER

LUMBERTON — School board Chairman Mike Smith says the search for a new

superintendent will kick off in earnest Monday night. But at least two board members suggest there is an effort to delay the search in order to retain Barry Harding as superintendent. The school board will meet Monday with the North Carolina School Boards Association to discuss the search. The association is being paid \$4,500 plus expenses to screen applicants, conduct background checks, advertise and arrange interviews. "The association is on the agenda," Smith said. "After we meet with them, we'll have a better idea of where we are." Board members Steve Martin and Terry Smith say that the process is purposely being delayed because of the Sept. 10 election. They suggest that Harding supporters

hope the election might bring him additional support, perhaps to extend his contract beyond June 30, 2003. "That's what it looks like to me," Martin said. "I thought we had already voted to start the process through the School Boards Association, but we seem to be moving mighty slow." Terry Smith said the board



MIKE SMITH: Says board will work on superintendent's search Monday night.

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County tax bills will be delayed

DISCOUNT DEAL: The Tax Office hopes to have the bills mailed by Aug. 19; the deadline to pay the bill and receive a 2 percent discount is Aug. 31.

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STAFF WRITER

LUMBERTON — County Tax Administrator Garrett Alexander says that real and personal property tax bills could be mailed as soon as Aug. 19. But, he said, "anything can happen" to further delay the release of the bills. He said he normally likes to mail the bills by late July. Last year, real and personal property tax bills weren't mailed until Oct. 1, the day before Alexander took over as the county tax administrator.

If the bills are sent on Aug. 19, property owners would have almost two weeks to take advantage of a discount



ALEXANDER

period by paying the bills early. The 2 percent discount period ends Aug. 31. Bills are delinquent if they are paid after Jan. 5.

Alexander says that payments post-marked by 5 p.m. Aug. 31 will be accepted for the discount. He said the envelopes must have a U.S. postmark.

Although the bills are being mailed late, Alexander says that state law prohibits local ordinances from extending the discount deadline.

"I have a number of people working very hard trying to produce these as quickly as possible," Alexander said. "I still believe we have made great progress when compared with the timing of last year's bills."

He said that, even if people haven't received their tax

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Patricia Ryan adopted 9-year-old McKenzie at birth. McKenzie's biological father is suing to gain custody of McKenzie.

Woman fights for custody of adopted 9-year-old daughter

GEOFF FOX
STAFF WRITER

LUMBERTON — Patricia Ryan says she is living every adoptive parent's nightmare.

About 10 years ago, Ryan, as a single parent, adopted her daughter, McKenzie, at birth. Once the adoption was cleared in Onslow County in 1994, Ryan thought the deal was done.

On Friday, Ryan and McKenzie will be in Onslow County District Court, where a judge will decide whether or not John Ware, McKenzie's biological father who lives in Louisiana, can have the adoption nullified and take custody of McKenzie. According to Ryan, Ware

claims he didn't know about McKenzie when the adoption was finalized. She says McKenzie's biological mother, Shawn Huggins, had a different man sign the papers as

Woody Bowen
Ryan's lawyer

McKenzie's biological father. When a reporter from The Robesonian called Ware's telephone number last week, a

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Police sting nets 12 prostitutes

GEOFF FOX
STAFF WRITER

LUMBERTON — Members of the Lumberton Police Department's Selective Enforcement Team arrested 11 prostitutes and one man who was having sex with a prostitute in East Lumberton during stings this past week. Five arrests were made Tuesday and seven Friday.

Burnis Wilkins, a detective on the team, said Lumberton Police Chief Robert Grice recently attended a Community Watch meeting in the area where residents complained of prostitutes prowling Carolina Avenue, First Street, Cherokee Street, Orange Street and Dresden Avenue.

Wilkins said several prostitution arrests have been made in the area in the past. He said the enforcement team plans to eradicate the prostitution problem "before it spreads throughout the city."

"We're concerned about the East Lumberton community, trying to do everything we can to help the Community Watch program and stop this," Wilkins said. "We're also investigating several known prostitution houses in the area."

The prostitutes made last week's sting work easier, Wilkins said. When SET members drive slowly through designated areas in undercover vehicles, prostitutes normally approach the cars.

"Most of them come right up to the window and scan your car to see if you're the police, that's usually their first question," Wilkins said. "They'll say, 'Let's ride,' and just jump in with you. They ask what you want and what you want to do. Several of them would say (they charge) \$30 for everything, just depending on who you picked up."

Undercover officers would drive the prostitutes to a designated area where other SET members would make the arrests, Wilkins said.

Caught in the net

Arrested on Tuesday were Joyce Adair, 36, of 221 Warwick Mill Road, Lumberton, who was charged with loitering for the purpose of prostitution and solicitation for prostitution, and jailed under a \$500 bail; Jerrie Lambert, 33, of 1576 Old Stage Road in Fairmont, who was charged with loitering for the purpose of prostitution and solicitation for prostitution, and jailed under \$500 bail; Robin Mishue, 23, of 707 Chippewa St., Lumberton, who was charged with loitering for the purpose of prostitution and solicitation for prostitution, and jailed under \$500 bail; Angela Hammonds, also known as Angela Jacobs, 25, of 417 Warwick Mill Road, who was charged with loitering for the purpose of prostitution and solicitation for prostitution, and jailed under \$500 bail.

Also arrested on Tuesday was Miguel Olivero, 35, of 27 Maxie Ave., Greenville, S.C., who was charged with soliciting to commit prostitution. After being caught in the act with a prostitute, he was released with a citation.

Arrested on Friday were Linda Faye Worriax,

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RCC meets ethnic, gender diversity goals

SCOTT WITTEN
STAFF WRITER

LUMBERTON — With more than a year remaining on its timetable, Robeson Community College has already exceeded its goals for ethnic and gender diversity in employment.

School officials set Oct. 1, 2003, as the target date for increasing the number of minority faculty and staff members. The plan was approved in September 2001.

RCC has exceeded those goals and, in some cases,

doubled the target. The board of trustees is expected to hear a report on the number of minorities in administrative, faculty and staff positions during Monday's 7 p.m. board meeting.

"We're right on target," said Linda Leach, vice president for personnel. "We've set some ambitious goals for ourselves and have worked hard to reach them."

The college has increased the number of blacks on its professional staff by 9.1 percent. Its goal was 5.9 percent by October 2003.

The number of blacks in administrative, professional and managerial positions has increased by 6.1 percent. The college's goal was 3.9 percent. The number of Indians in those same positions has increased by 4 percent; the goal was 1



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percent. There are 179 full-time employees at the college: 72

whites, 65 Indians, 39 blacks, two Asians and an Hispanic.

The 74-member faculty consists of 33 whites, 23 Indians, 15 blacks, two Asians and an Hispanic, according to the school's ethnic and gender diversity report.

Of the four current college vice presidents, two are white; one is American Indian and one is black. Last year, there were three whites and one black in vice president positions.

Of the five current assistant vice presidents, theree

are white, one black, and one American Indian. Of the seven department chairs, there are three whites, two blacks and two American Indians.

The school has also increased the number of male faculty members by 2 percent, its goal for October 2003.

There are currently 22 male faculty members and 52 women.

"We're meeting our goals real well," said President

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WEATHER



Today: Sunny to partly cloudy, warm and humid. **Hi: 90** **Low: 66**

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Bertie Lee Hammonds Canady

INDIANAPOLIS

Bertie Lee Hammonds Canady, 79, of 225 Sanders St., Indianapolis, formerly of Lumberton, died Tuesday at her home.

The funeral will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Saddletree Church of God in Lumberton, the Revs. Kenneth Locklear and Jerry Locklear officiating. Burial will follow at Ten Mile Center Baptist Church Cemetery in Lumberton.

Mrs. Canady was born in Robeson County on Dec. 3, 1922. She was the daughter of the late Henry and Lelar Jane Locklear Hammonds. She worked for 10 years at Community Hospital in the food service department before retiring in 1988.

She is survived by a daughter, Glenda Fay Canady Phillips of Shreveport, La.; two sisters, Betty Joyce Haats of Lumberton and Esther Musgrove of Florida; two grandchildren, Sherri Puckett and her husband, Larry, of Indianapolis, and Danny Phillips, also of Indianapolis; and a son-in-law Charles Phillips of Indianapolis.

The visitation was 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Biggs Funeral Home. Visitation will be other times at the house of Betty Joyce Haats, 725 Henry Hammond Road in Lumberton.

Vadda Renna Dial Chavis

PEMBROKE

Vadda Renna Dial Chavis, an infant, died Friday at Duke University Medical Center.

The funeral will be 4 p.m. today at Prospect United Methodist Church Cemetery, the Rev. Bill James Locklear officiating. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

She is survived by her parents, Jonathan Ray Chavis of Raeford, and Sheila Dial of Pembroke.

James Arthur "Bookie" Maynor

RAEFORD

James Arthur "Bookie" Maynor, 68, of 1206 N. Fulton St., died Friday at Autumn Care Nursing Care.

The funeral will be 4 p.m. Monday at Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel in Red Springs, the Revs. Tony Brewington and Carl Pevia officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Elim Baptist Church in Red Springs.

A carpenter and member of Mt. Elim Baptist Church, he is survived by two brothers, Daniel Richard Maynor of Red Springs and Jimmie

DEATHS

Dean Maynor of Shannon; and two sisters, Frances Ellen Woods and Arlene Maynor, both of Red Springs.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight at Crumpler Funeral Home.

Bobby Eugene Emanuel

LUMBERTON

Bobby Eugene Emanuel, 59, of 255 Paris Lane, died Thursday at his home.

The funeral will be 3 p.m. Monday at Revels Funeral Home Chapel in Lumberton. Burial will follow in the Oxendine Cemetery on Oak Grove Church Road.

He is survived by a son, Robert Emanuel Jr. of Philadelphia; two brothers, David Emanuel of Maxton and Allen Emanuel Jr. of Woodleaf; a sister, Martha Hunt of Fairmont; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight at Revels Funeral Home.

Janice Fay Phillips Anders

ELIZABETHTOWN

Janice Fay Phillips Anders, 50, of Twisted Hickory Road died Friday at her home.

The funeral will be 3 p.m. Monday at Lewis Funeral Home Chapel, the Rev. Currie Long officiating. Burial will follow at New Hollywood Cemetery.

She is survived by her husband, Samuel Horace Anders of the home; her mother, Elsie Wilson Phillips of Lumberton; two sons, Wayne

"Tinker" Anders of Lumberton and Timmy Neil Anders of Raeford; a daughter, Pamela Ruth Anders of Elizabethtown; three brothers, Jimmy Phillips of Fayetteville, and Frankie Phillips and Jackie Phillips, both of Lumberton; two sisters, Sarah Yeager of Ohio and Katie Britt of Lumberton; and a granddaughter.

Visitation will be 2 - 4 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. today at Lewis Funeral Home.

Mary "Granny" Carthens

RED SPRINGS

Mary "Granny" Carthens, 38, of 201 Wilson Road, died Thursday at Cape

Fear Valley Hospital.

The funeral will be 2 p.m. Monday at Center Grove Baptist Church, the Rev. Samuel Norman Sr. officiating. Burial will follow at the church.

She is survived by a daughter, Shamain Monroe of the home; her mother, Rosa Lee Carthens of Red Springs; two brothers, Jimmy Carthens and Lorenzan Carthens, both of Red Springs; two sisters, Odessa McLinnaham and Tausha Gibson of Red Springs; and a devoted friend, Angus Monroe of the home.

Visitation will be 2 to 8 p.m. today at L.E. Floyd Funeral Home in Red Springs.

Llewellyn Singletary

BLADENBORO

Llewellyn Singletary, 73, of 1769 Zion Hill Church Road, died Friday at Bladen County Hospital.

The funeral will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at Bryant Swamp Baptist Church in Bladenboro, the Rev. Thurman Everett officiating. Burial will follow at Singletary Cemetery in Bladenboro.

He is survived by his wife, Ernestine Singletary; four sons, George Singletary, James Singletary, Anthony Singletary and Alvin Singletary; five daughters, Deborah Taylor, Tiajuana Mock, Anita Hall, Jacqueline Singletary and Donna Ward; two brothers, Earl Singletary and Theodore Singletary; and three sisters, Winifred Cromartie, Sylvia Coleman and Mary Speed.

The visitation will be 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Central Funeral Home.

INCOMPLETES

Vara Currie, 82, of 352 Carlye Road, St. Pauls, died Friday at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in Fayetteville. McKoy & Sons Mortuary of St. Pauls.

Gladys Hill, 71, of 1007 Haywood St., Lumberton, died Friday at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Butler Funeral Chapel.

Dona Adams Overstreet, 56, of 56-9 Buelah Church Road, died Friday at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Biggs Funeral Home.

Faye Wade, of Lumberton, died Friday at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. Biggs Funeral Home.



Katen E. Waltman
8/9/48 6/1/91
Daddy,
It has been a long hard 11 years without you here. But we will always cherish you in our hearts forever. We wish you were here to celebrate your birthday, but we know you're in a better place. We love and miss you.
Happy Birthday
Love, Kenton & Mishal

FUNERAL SERVICES

Today

Bertie Lee Hammonds Canady, 3 p.m. at Saddletree Church of God in Lumberton. Burial will follow in the Ten Mile Center Baptist Church Cemetery.

Hazel Fore Kilpatrick, 2 p.m. at Swansboro United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Seaside Memorial Park in Swansboro.

Janet Steed Hord, 2:30 p.m. St. Pauls United Methodist Church in Maxton. Burial will follow in Oak Grove Cemetery in Maxton.

Callie Crum, 2 p.m. at McKoy's Chapel Holiness in Dublin. Burial will follow in Lewis cemetery in Dublin.

Horace Mitchell Williamson, 2 p.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Lizzie Grey West McLean, 2 p.m. at East Lumberton Baptist Church. Burial will follow in West family cemetery.

Sara Currie Watson, 4 p.m. at Antioch Presbyterian Church. Burial will follow in the Alloway Cemetery.

Vadda Renna Dial Chavis, 4 p.m. at Prospect United Methodist Church Cemetery. Burial will follow at the church cemetery.

Monday

James Arthur "Bookie" Maynor, 4 p.m. at Crumpler Funeral Home Chapel in Red Springs. Burial will follow at Mt. Elim Baptist Church in Red Springs.

Janice Fay Phillips Anders, 3 p.m. at Lewis Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at New Hollywood cemetery.

Mary "Granny" Carthens, 2 p.m. at Center Grove Baptist Church. Burial will follow at the church.

Bobby Eugene Emanuel, 3 p.m. at Revels Funeral Home Chapel in Lumberton. Burial will follow in the Oxendine Cemetery on Oak Grove Church Road

STING

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43, of 73 Macon Road in Lumberton, who was charged with soliciting for prostitution and possession of drug paraphernalia, and jailed under \$500 bail; Babbie Adams, 41, of 421 Warwick Mill Road, who was charged with soliciting for a crime against nature and jailed under \$500 bail; Darlene Owens, 39, of East ... who was charged with soliciting for prostitution and possession of drug paraphernalia, and jailed under a \$500 bail; Tywana Chavis, 28, of 129 Parnell Road, Lumberton, who was charged with soliciting for a crime against nature and possession of drug paraphernalia, and jailed under a \$500 bail; Lisa Hunt, 29, of 1635 Long Branch Drive, Lumberton, who was charged with soliciting for a crime against nature, and jailed under a \$300 bail; Pamela Sue Carter, 35, of East Fifth Street in Lumberton, who was charged with soliciting for a crime against nature and crime against nature and jailed under a \$300 bail. Morrison was charged with soliciting for prostitution and was jailed under a \$300 bail. "He's pending two other charges for the same thing," Wilkins said.

Man gets life sentence in I-40 chase death

WAYNESVILLE (AP) — A Haywood County jury has sentenced a Georgia man to life in prison for leading police on a chase that ended with the death of a Michigan woman.

Larry Winston Doyle, 29, of Augusta, Ga., was found guilty of murder Friday in the death of Michelle Curran, 26, of Niles, Mich.

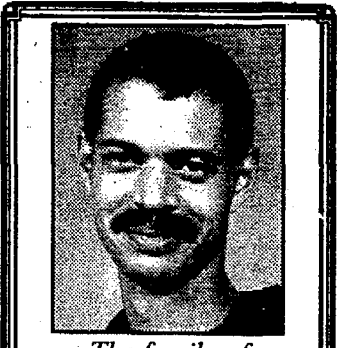
Prosecutors said Doyle stole an SUV at knifepoint in the parking lot of an Asheville Wal-Mart on April 14. He then led police on a 100-mph chase through two

counties that ended when he swerved to avoid tire-deflating "stop sticks" thrown by the state Highway Patrol on Interstate 40.

His vehicle slammed into Curran's car, sending it 20 feet into the air and 50 yards down the highway. Curran was killed instantly.



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We love you dearly and miss you so much. But God has helped us Bare your loss with His merciful touch.
Love,
Roosevelt, Children, & Grand Children



The family of **FRANKIE CHRISTOPHER OXENDINE** would like to thank everyone who helped get them through this time of loss. All the visits, calls, food, flowers, cards, prayers and all special deeds. A special thanks to all my family and friends. May God richly bless them all, and words can not begin to express my appreciation.
Janice C. Oxendine - Mother
Tabitha Oxendine - Wife
Desirae & Trakeysha
WE LOVE YOU.

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bills, they can come to the Tax Office to pay early. The amount paid will be based on the amount of their previous bill.

"Essentially, most of the rates stay the same," Alexander said. "Any overpayments will be refunded and underpayments will be billed as supplemental bills. At this point I can't speculate as to when supplemental bills would be mailed. The discount will not be extended to a supplemental amount."

Alexander says Tax Office employees have been in "almost hourly" contact with software and billing vendors to resolve the unforeseen problems that he says are responsible for the county's

tardiness in releasing the bills. In a statement, Alexander said that work has been done over the last nine months to improve the county's billing system, which is several years old. He said that steps taken to create the 2001 bills "adversely affected" those changes.

The Family of Mr. Raymond "Jackie" Brooks and Mr. Worth Brooks would like to thank everyone for all the kind deeds shown during their time of bereavement. The prayers, phone calls, food and flowers were especially appreciated.

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In easing the pain that was in our heart
Each helped us to find the strength to bear
The loss of the one we loved so dear
It was to us a great comfort indeed
That you were there in our time of sorrow and need.
So from our heart which you tried to help mend
We thank you all sincerely again and again
For being such wonderful friends
Love, Bobby, Sylvia, Billy, Barbara, Paasy, Stoney,
Teddy, Vickie, Faye, Timmy and Tony
The family of Miss Mary Clark

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