

## Capital roll call

A look at how our area's state legislators voted in Raleigh during the past week.

## N.C. House

HB4 — Ban Butterfly and Punch-Card Ballots (Concurrent Vote): Amends the state election laws so that no ballot may be used that requires the voter to punch out a hole or that has two parallel sets of columns with some of the parties in one column and the other parties in the second column. Adopted 103-9. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Mitchell; Setzer; NO: Frank Mitchell.

HB76 — Purple Heart Memorial Highway: Designates Interstate 95 as the Purple Heart Memorial Highway to pay tribute to the many North Carolinians who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal after being wounded or killed in action against the enemy. Adopted 111-0. Sent to the Senate for consideration. YES: Setzer; Mitchell.

HB1430 — Budget Fee Provisions: Authorizes the Commissioner of Labor to establish fees; allows certain counties to acquire property for public schools; limits the authority of agencies to establish or increase fees charged to the public; and exempts prisons located on land owned by the state from local property tax. Adopted 76-29. Sent to the Senate for consideration. YES: Mitchell; NO: Setzer.

SB173 — No Death Penalty/Mentally Retarded: Provides that a mentally retarded person convicted of first-degree murder shall not be sentenced to death. Adopted 64-44. Sent back to the Senate for concurrence. NO: Setzer; Mitchell.

SB227 — Liability Insurance for University Students:

Requires liability insurance on vehicles operated in the state by students who request a permit to park at the constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina. Adopted 109-5. Sent back to the Senate for concurrence. YES: Setzer; Mitchell.

SB628 — Out-of-State CPAs: Requires out-of-state certified public accountants to notify the State Board of Certified Public Accountant Examiners when they perform work in this state and authorizes the Board to increase the fee for initial certification of qualification to a limit not to exceed \$150 and for renewal certification to a limit not to exceed \$100. Adopted 92-17. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Mitchell; NO: Setzer.

SB751 — No Drugs at Child Care Centers: Increases the punishment to a Class E felony for drug offenses committed at or near child care centers. Adopted 112-0. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Mitchell; Did Not Vote: Setzer.

N.C. Senate  
Votes HB42 — Property Tax Homestead Exclusion: Expands

the exclusion amount to the greater of \$20,000 or 50 percent of the property's tax value and increases the income eligibility to \$18,000 to be adjusted by a COLA percentage to provide property tax relief to low-income elderly and disabled homeowners. Adopted 49-0. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Cal Cunningham, Forrester.

HB146 — Modify Partnership Tax Credit: Permits the pass-through distribution of partnership income tax credits so they apply except that the credit may not exceed the amount of the tax or a specific percentage of tax imposed on the taxpayer for the taxable year. Adopted 49-0. Sent back to the House for concurrence. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

HB195 — North Carolina History: Requires public schools to teach North Carolina history and geography to all fourth- and eighth-grade students. Adopted 44-6. Sent back to the House for concurrence. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

HB392 — Energy Improvement Program: Permits the State Energy Office to provide

loans of up to \$500,000 to businesses to install energy-efficient capital improvements. Adopted 42-4. Sent to the governor for approval. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

HB432 — Licensing Selling of Cars: Establishes civil penalties of up to \$5,000 for selling cars in violation of the Motor Vehicle Dealers and Manufacturers Licensing Law and establishes licensure for used motor vehicle dealers. Adopted 47-2. Sent back to the House. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

HB774 — Motor Vehicle Passing: Establishes a procedure for drivers to pass parked or standing emergency vehicles that have their emergency lights illuminated and requires rental car companies to notify renters that it is illegal to pass a stopped school bus in this state. Adopted 49-0. Sent back to the House. YES: Cunningham, Forrester.

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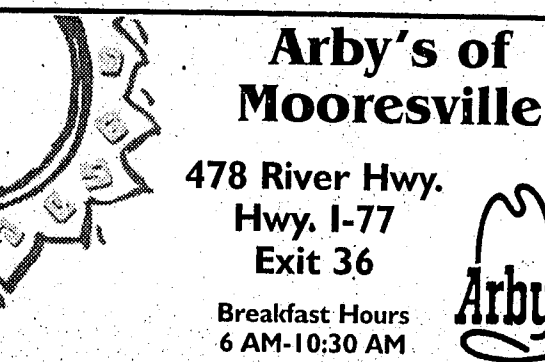
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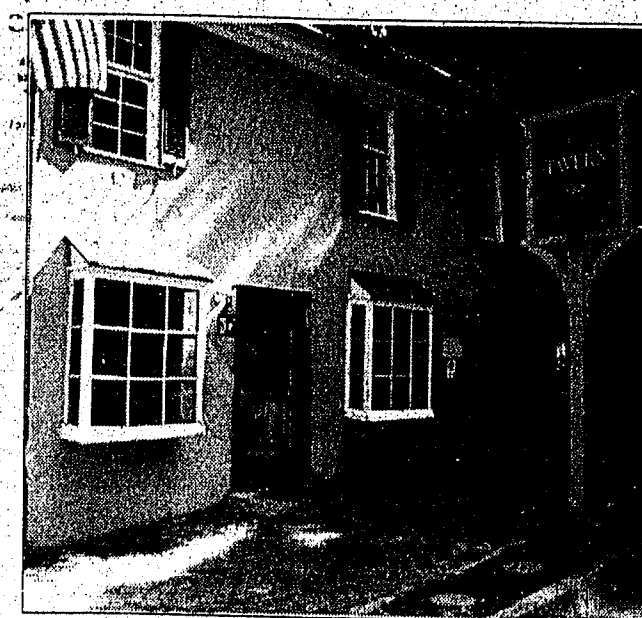
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By BYRON CROWLEY  
Special to the Tribune

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Patricia Neal and Ned Beatty. Today the theatre is computerized, on firm financial standing and only barter tickets for payment with cash or credit cards.

Abingdon's Virginia Highland Festival, held the

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Psychic  
'talk' with  
your pet

"Pet Corner" is an occasional Tribune feature that examines issues and answers questions about pets and their care. You can write Kim Welch at: 124 Bain Lane, Mooresville, N.C. 28117. Or email her at: doglady72@webmail.bellsouth.net

By KIM WELCH

"Psychic Connections With Your Pet: Possibility or Coincidence?"

After reading such an article by some of our nation's top pet psychics, I decided to give it a try. I was lying in bed and I silently "talked" to my cat. I thought in my mind my cat's name. "Here, Romeo, I want your company."

He ran and jumped on my stomach and layed down. This might have been a coincidence but, I do believe there is something unseen that exists between humans and animals. Animal psychics claim you can talk to cats through inner sight, sound and feelings. I'm not talking about hearing your cat meow or reading his body language, its about transmitting an unseen message, on a wave length we share with our animals a telepathic channel we can all find.

Go ahead, give it a try!  
1. Wait until your cat is relaxed or sleeping in order to better reach its subconscious level.

2. In a quiet atmosphere, close your eyes and say your cat's name in your mind.

3. Visualize your cat as you say its name and send a mental picture of him physically.

4. Ask if there is anything your cat would like you to do for him. Imagine your animal is sending an answer back to you and accept whatever you receive in your imagination.

5. Always acknowledge the answer whatever you receive back from your pet.

6. Continue to ask questions and remember to trust your imagination for what you are receiving back from your cat. Plenty of cat lovers like you and me are learning how to communicate with our cats.

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