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Teen's shooting prompts police to search home

GREENSBORO — Police executed a search warrant Monday at 2705 H Patio Place after a 13-year-old boy was shot in the neck. The search was conducted about four hours after the shooting was reported.

The warrant identified the boy as Shaquan Woods, a resi-

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dent of the apartment.

Police said the boy was injured about 1:30 p.m. Monday just as a family picnic was under way at the Claremont Courts apartments north of Phillips Avenue.

Police seized three empty .40-caliber pistol shell casings as well as other rounds of ammunition for guns of a different caliber.

The box of .40-caliber pistol ammunition found at the scene was empty.

Jeans with possible blood stains also were taken from the apartment.

According to the warrant, police did not recover firearms during the search.

The boy, who has not been identified by police, was taken to Moses Cone Hospital and later transferred to Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem.

The hospital did not confirm if Woods was a patient.

His injuries were not life-threatening, police said.

Woman, 85, critically hurt when her clothes catch fire

GREENSBORO — A resident of the Well Spring retirement community was critically injured Tuesday morning when her clothing accidentally caught fire while she heated water for coffee, according to the Greensboro Fire Department.

Maxine Hall, 85, of 4100-1210 Well Spring Drive is being treated at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center for second- and third-degree burns over 50 percent of her body.

Hall was wearing loose-fitting clothing. It is believed that the sleeve of the garment came in contact with the burner, igniting the clothing.

Piedmont Triad airport unveils its new website

Piedmont Triad International Airport opened its new website Tuesday — a bright, graphics-filled site that sports a dominant photo of Air Force One taking off from one of PTI's runways.

Flyfrompti.com offers a new emphasis on finding the best prices for fares from the airport, including features that allow users to find bargains of the day. Viewer also can type in destination information and search six major travel sites simultaneously. The website also offers detailed airport information.

In addition, the Flight Tracker page offers options to see if a flight is on schedule and to see a map of the eastern U.S. to see planes to and from Greensboro in-flight.

Officials said the website accommodates mobile phones.

— Staff Reports

N.C. LOTTERY RESULTS

These numbers were drawn Tuesday by the N.C. Education Lottery.

PICK 3 DRAWING

Day picks 2-4-6
Night picks 2-1-1

PICK 4 DRAWING

Night picks 9-1-2-7

CASH 5 DRAWING

Night picks 2-19-23-27-31

MEGA MILLIONS (includes Va.)

The picks 8-18-45-47-50
Mega ball 36
Megaplier X2

VIRGINIA LOTTERY RESULTS

These numbers were drawn Tuesday by the Virginia state lottery.

PICK 3 DRAWING

Day picks 4-7-2
Night picks 5-9-2

PICK 4 DRAWING

Day picks 7-0-6-0
Night picks 4-9-8-4

CASH 5 DRAWING

Day picks 3-9-10-15-26
Night picks 4-10-17-28-33

Right

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bear arms.

'Read the Constitution'

Randy Dye, a co-organizer of the rally and author of the conservative blog "Randy's Right," said he has owned guns nearly all his 58 years. He has openly carried for three years.

Dye, a retired trauma nurse living in Pittsboro, advocates for gun rights and opposes what he considers the federal government's encroachment of state and individual rights, citing the bank bailout and health care reform as recent examples. The rally's purpose is to remind people of their right to have guns for self-defense and "to preserve individual freedom."

The Supreme Court's 5-4 decision last week that the right to bear arms cannot be violated by state and local governments was "excellent," Dye said.

"My whole thought is it shows how easily we can lose our constitutional rights," he said. "That should have never made it to the Supreme Court. The Second Amendment said that right shall never be in-

fringed on."

When people see Dye with his gun and ask if he's a police officer, he tells them that he is an armed civilian and that he carries a gun for his protection. He also suggests they read the Constitution.

"The Constitution was specifically written to protect us from the government," he said. "They foresaw a lot of what's going on today."

"Again, the whole idea is to make them more aware and to make this a more open-carry friendly country."

Open-carry friendly

Dye considers North Carolina one of the more "friendly" states for open-carry advocates. No permits or licenses are required for people in North Carolina to carry a holstered handgun in plain sight.

Most state firearm laws refer to carrying concealed guns. The highly regulated process of getting a concealed-carry permit can take up to 90 days. It requires applicants to meet with their sheriff's office, undergo a background check, complete a safety training course and pay a \$90 fee.

State law does not permit anyone to carry a weapon — concealed or in the open — in bars or restaurants that serve alcohol.

Ban

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ban as written or sending it to a conference committee between the two chambers.

Sending the measure to conference committee might well kill the measure for the year because lawmakers hope to adjourn for the year Friday.

Rapp and other supporters of the ban say the sweepstakes games are close cousins of video poker and have caused gambling addiction issues throughout the state. Ban opponents say up to 10,000 people have jobs linked to the industry and it's unfair to lump them in with illegal gambling.

"We are nothing like the video poker industry," said Kim Childress of Winston-Salem. She owns several businesses that use video sweepstakes, including one on Battleground Avenue. In her case, Childress said, her main business is selling copy, fax and Internet time, and the sweepstakes merely entice people to come into her shop versus a larger company such as FedEx Office.

"It's a way small businesses can compete with a large industry," Childress said.

Despite sweepstakes owners' efforts to distance themselves from video poker and its history in the state, lawmakers clearly draw the industry's lineage to earlier battles

this decade.

Standalone video poker machines were legal for a time in North Carolina. But by the middle of this decade, sheriffs and other law enforcement officers were lobbying to ban them after encountering numerous machines operating illegally and other problems associated with the industry. At the same time, the state was putting its own lottery in place.

By 2007, games based on remote server systems had begun filtering into the state to replace those games. Lawmakers again voted to outlaw those "video slot" games in 2008.

But two judges, including Judge John O. Craig III of Guilford County, found that new forms of the machine might well survive court challenges and issued restraining orders to keep law enforcement from acting against certain types of operators.

Sweepstakes machines rely on a predetermined set of outcomes, the industry has argued in legal briefs. The games merely reveal the prizes in an entertaining way, goes that logic.

Craig's decision was cited by lawmakers.

"We want an end to video gambling in this state — period," Rapp said after talking about the "uncertainty" of the legislature's intent raised by the court orders.

Originally, House members were going to push forward with a ban, but they were stopped when

the caucus of House Democrats balked at the ban. Arguments about lost jobs and lost revenue to the state apparently won the day.

Democrats control both the House and Senate, and their caucus meetings often determine the flow of legislation.

After the House stalled, Senate Democrats pushed a ban bill forward under an expedited process. That measure has sat in the House for the past two weeks.

On Tuesday morning, House Democrats met again behind closed doors to talk about the measure. They emerged from that meeting saying the measure would go forward.

"My guess is the majority of this caucus will vote to ban it," House Speaker Joe Hackney said after the meeting.

However, the judiciary committee heard debate on both the ban bill as well as one that would sanction and tax the games. The latter measure did not get a vote Tuesday.

Even those who backed the measure expressed some doubts Tuesday evening.

"I feel hypocritical myself just sitting here," Alamance Republican Rep. Dan Ingle told the committee. The lottery is a form of gambling, he said, but lawmakers aren't doing away with that.

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Health

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education about nutrition and the value of exercise.

Some of the project's plans include creating walking paths in neighborhoods and working with schools to make school cafeterias and vending machines more healthful.

Rankin Elementary and Guilford Preparatory Academy have committed to working with the county health department to be part of the Increase Physical Activity and Nutrition in Schools evaluation and intervention project.

Community health educator Lynne Beck said money from the grant will be available to the schools after data on health education and habits is collected from students, teachers and administrators.

"If it's found that they need more educational materials, they can use the money for that," Beck said.

"If they find they need more physical education, they could use it for equipment or events."

This is the first year the Eat Smart, Move More community grants are being awarded for a two-year cycle. The plan is to study the effect that the grants have in the communities that receive them.

Last fall, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded funding to the N.C. Division of Public Health's Physical Activity and Nutrition Branch to work with East Carolina University's department of public health in evaluating the program.

Guilford County will receive funding for data collection in 2010-12 and for program implementation in 2011-12.

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Money

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the target of 85 percent. This equals approximately 500 people stable and off the streets.

Another \$328,400 was appropriated for the Bryan Foundation Grants and the Community Enrichment Venture Grants for immediate unmet community needs.

Before divvying up the money, trained volunteers spend hundreds of hours reviewing programs and funding requests.

"The group that comes to us from the United Way are

our neighbors, so the onus is on us to be able to explain what we are doing," said Jennifer Gore, executive director of Reading Connections, whose Adult Basic Literacy successes consistently exceed federal standards. The program got \$66,144.

That standard is 45 percent of adults in the program's secondary education class advancing one level. At Reading Connections, 100 percent of the adults in the program improved at least one level.

The nonprofit umbrella agency's funding plan addresses the nonprofit's three focus areas:

- Helping people help themselves.
- Caring for everyone's health.

"It is not a rubber stamp by any means, which I appreciate," said Campbell of Family Services about the screening process. "They've got a very difficult job, and particularly when this past year the economy had such a negative impact on the campaign. There was just less money to give out."

That makes every dollar given to the United Way's annual fundraising campaign vital. About \$1.3 million had to be cut from the requests of the agencies that got funding.

"When programs are doing everything we've asked them to do — and some are exceeding the targets that are set — and you still have to give them a bit less, it is difficult," said Keith Barsuhn, United Way president and chief executive officer.

The agencies know to keep looking. Reading Connections, for example, is reaching out to more sources, such as work force development funding.

"It takes a pretty creative effort to attach ourselves, but the reality is literacy and illiteracy are at the basis of so many functions in life," Gore said.

"When you become a better reader, you become a better parent, a better worker and a better citizen."

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