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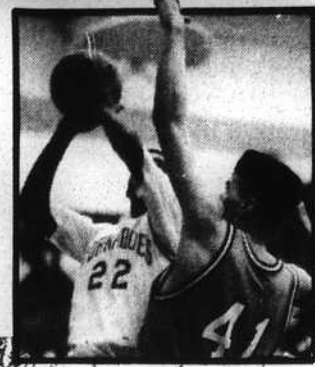
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South Brunswick's Lady Cougars got on television Friday night and deservedly so, as they claimed their first-ever tournament championship with a 47-43 victory over Whiteville. The Lady Cougars open post-season play tonight (Wednesday) against West Montgomery.

Photo by Ed Harper

A surprise move

Health board gives support to sewer plan

By Holly Edwards
County Editor

A policy advocating public sewer systems over on-site septic tank systems was unanimously adopted by the Brunswick County Board of Health Monday night after Long Beach mayor Joan Altman asked the board for its opinion.

Board members also agreed to send a letter to the Town of Long Beach testifying to their support of such wastewater management systems.

The health board's decision comes as Long Beach voters prepare to go to the polls March 31 to decide the fate of a proposed \$15.5-million bond issue to finance construction of a public wastewater management system. Consulting engineers have said the system will cost the average homeowner about \$1,000 initially and monthly service bills for the average user will be about \$19.

Putting economics and politics aside, and viewing the issue as a public health issue only, board members

'The health department will benefit, too, because we won't have to go in and condemn properties because they won't perk and destroy someone's dreams.'

Skip Davis
Board chairman

said that sewer systems are preferable to septic tanks when the option exists. "I think (sewer) would solve a lot of problems now and a lot of problems in the future," said health board chairman Skip Davis. See Sewer plan, page 6

Wellness, rather than abuse 'prevention', is schools' focus

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

Get students excited about looking and feeling good and they will naturally avoid things that could harm them.

That's the philosophy of Rita Hatcher, who was hired as Brunswick County schools' substance abuse coordinator, but is now its wellness coordinator.

It's not a new job, but a new title that Hatcher feels is a better reflection of the positive approach she wants her program to take.

"Healthy people do not engage in abuse of substances, themselves or others," she told school board members recently. "My programs fight drug abuse with developing positive alternatives and attitudes for our children. I want the focus of these programs off abuse and on to being healthy and well."

Hatcher, who had been employed as a health educator with the Brunswick County Health Department, has already developed a wellness program aimed at stemming substance abuse among students, faculty, staff and administration.

Substance abuse programs already in place, D.A.R.E. and Quest, will continue, but in addition students will be given healthy options they can take.

"To just say no" will never inspire anyone, especially a teen," Hatcher said. "You must give them things, options, positive options, to say 'yes'



Wellness coordinator Rita Hatcher reviews with superintendent P. R. Hankins some of the new programs she wants to implement as a way of combatting substance abuse in Brunswick County schools.

to. Wellness, healthy, clear, moral minds and bodies are things they can say 'yes' to."

Among the options Hatcher proposes are teen clubs where students set and maintain the standards for membership; expanded athletic opportunities including fitness and weight training, running, bicycling and martial arts; improved health curriculum that emphasizes better living through good diet and exercise; and

community involvement that emphasizes a non-denominational moral development.

Hatcher also proposes a get-tough plan that would require urinalysis of students whose behavior is indicative of substance abuse, mandatory treatment for those who test positive and counseling for their families, mandatory participation in a wellness program, and public recognition for those who kick the habit.

Cameras, action on city street

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

The streets of Southport will provide the setting for yet another movie production.

Scenes for "Amos and Andrew" will be shot in Southport beginning April 1, according to Hope Miller with Nancy Seltzer and Associates of New York City. Filming is expected to take several weeks, and according to a Carolco Studios representative, will be done mostly at night.

Although Miller said "the cast has not been set in stone," the Carolco representative said Sam Jackson, who starred in "Jungle Fever," and Michael Lerner are two stars lined up for the movie.

Claudia Barrow of Northup Mall said production representatives have been talking with business owners along Moore Street and taking measurements of the buildings, possibly with the intention of building false fronts. She said that Southport will be transformed into a town located on an island off the New England coast.

Dosher Memorial Hospital administrator Arthur Pittman said the hospital is negotiating with the production company, Castle Rock Entertainment, for the use of the Hood Building on Moore Street, which houses the Dosher Flea Market. Although there haven't been any detailed negotiations, Pittman said the building would be turned into a jail.

"Everything is very preliminary," said Southport city manager Rob Hites.

A casting call has been made for extras who will be needed from April 11-27 for filming "Amos and Andrew" scenes in Wilmington. New England and New York types of all ages and races are needed to portray local police, state police, reporters, summer vacationers, black activists and church-goers. Interested persons are asked to be at Carolco Studios on North 23rd Street between 4 and 6 p.m. Thursday, March 12.

Correction

Last week's *Pilot* incorrectly identified Nathaniel (Nat) Parker as a Republican. He is a Democrat.

Democrat Leo Mercer of Columbus County has withdrawn his candidacy for the 14th House District.

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Yaupon sewer rate discussed

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Although commissioners will formalize tap and assessment fees at a later date, discussion Monday night tended to indicate Yaupon Beach residents will pay about \$350 for residential sewer taps and \$6.50 assessments for every front-foot of property they own.

In discussions with Robert Graham, a consulting engineer with Finley Boney and Associates, commissioners appeared to fix these broad guidelines for charges associated with the proposed \$2.8-million public wastewater management project, which will be paid for in a combination of low-interest state clean water loans, the tap fees and assessments.

In a first action of the night, however, the Yaupon Beach Board of Commissioners was reorganized for 1992-94 at long last. An irregularity in ballots on November 5 forced a new election February 18. In that elec-

tion, incumbent mayor May Moore and commissioner Joseph Broyles were re-elected, newcomer Darrell Posey replaced incumbent commissioner Jim Poole, a former county commissioner.

Moore, Broyles and Posey were sworn to office by town attorney James R. Prevatte Monday night.

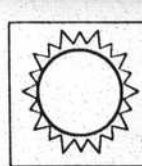
Under the terms of the town's charter, commissioners chose Moore to be mayor for a third time. Broyles was elected mayor pro-tem, replacing commissioner Dot Kelly, who had served in that position for the last two years since her initial election.

"Joe, you are mayor pro-tem. I will proceed to take a long vacation," Moore joked.

Poole was awarded a plaque in recognition of his service to the town. He was appointed to the post last year when commissioner Howard Brackett resigned from the post to which he was elected.

"It's been a privilege and a See Yaupon rate, page 6

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Forecast

The extended outlook calls for a low in the upper 20s Thursday morning, with a high in the 50s under clear and breezy skies. Friday through Sunday will be partly cloudy with a high in the 40s and low in the 20s on Friday, and highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s on Saturday and Sunday.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, MARCH 12	LOW
1:21 a.m.		7:52 a.m.
1:49 p.m.		8:08 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 13		
2:30 a.m.		8:59 a.m.
3:03 p.m.		9:18 p.m.
SATURDAY, MARCH 14		
3:39 a.m.		10:06 a.m.
4:13 p.m.		10:24 p.m.
SUNDAY, MARCH 15		
4:42 a.m.		11:04 a.m.
5:15 p.m.		11:25 p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 16		
5:41 a.m.		11:57 a.m.
6:13 p.m.		----- p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 17		
6:34 a.m.		12:21 a.m.
7:04 p.m.		12:47 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18		
7:26 a.m.		1:14 a.m.
7:55 p.m.		1:34 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.

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