



Photo by Jim Harper

Attentive attendants await a flying morsel as the crew of the sinknetter *Capt. J* shake spots and gray trout and an occasional menhaden from their nets

at the Southport Fish Market dock. The fish were caught off the Cape Fear bar. Spots and trout are marketed, and pelicans get the pogies.

## Horse-a-thon back in saddle

Registration for the 1993 Long Beach Horse-a-thon, benefiting the Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department, is open through Friday, March 5.

Invitations have been issued to those who attended last year, and new riders are welcome to participate in the weekend event. The pre-registration cost is \$25 a person and \$35 a horse. Those who register late will pay an additional \$15 per horse, bringing the total cost to \$75. Horses are required to have had a negative Coggins test within the past year.

Included in the package is a campsite for two nights, breakfast Saturday and Sunday, and admission to a dance Saturday night at the VFW hall. The VFW will offer dinner Saturday night.

The featured event will be the 20-mile beach ride on Saturday, March 6, which will include a hot dog lunch,

games and competitive events at the west end of Long Beach.

Participants can stay at the Long Beach Campground or in nearby motels, cottages or condominiums, but their horses must be kept at the campground. Horses are prohibited from the sand dunes and paved streets, ex-

cept as access to the beach from the campground.

Competitive events are being coordinated by Renee Walcott, and will be judged by members of Oak Island Senior Citizens. Horseback rides will be available and awards will be given

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## District to sell notes

Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District commissioners will discuss the sale of notes to fund a district office and pay other necessary expenses of district work at their monthly meeting next week.

Commission chairman James W. Smith said Monday that consultant Finley Boney is also expected to report on progress in getting district zoning to go into effect at the same time as county zoning, July 1.

Smith said that commissioners will also set a workshop date for development of a sewer ordinance.

The commission meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. Monday, March 1, in the chamber of commerce visitors center on Long Beach Road.

## Getting back to work

# Good JOBS program may be key to success

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

Dropping out of school may seem an easy way out for some teenagers, but it generally leads to a life of poverty.

Often relegated to the welfare rolls, these individuals seldom have any incentive to improve their situation. The alternatives include low-paying jobs, with little or no benefits and security.

Now chances for the better life they once might have thought beyond their grasp are being made available to Brunswick County residents through the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills

*'If I get through this, I can get through anything. It's been real tough. I felt so out of place. It was strange going back to school after so many years.'*

Janice Stanley

(JOBS) training program.

In the early 1980s Janice Stanley was not concerned that she didn't have a high school diploma.

"I thought life was a rose garden and I didn't worry about an education," she said, looking back to those

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## Countywide ordinance suggested

# Mobile home hearing could bring new rules

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

Health officials say they will hold a second public hearing on a proposed mobile home park and campground ordinance.

Some of the estimated 40 people who attended a hearing last week complained they did not have time to study the new rules.

The ordinance is aimed at bringing the county's mobile home parks up to health standards. Inspectors will check for proper water, sewer and garbage disposal service.

"Many are standard, but many are also A-1," said Andrew Robinson, Brunswick County Health Department's environmental health supervisor. "We've had numerous complaints from residents who have asked that we do something."

Annual permit fees will be \$50 for parks with ten spaces or less, \$100 for 11 to 25 spaces and \$150 for ones with 26 spaces or more. A mobile home park is defined as any parcel of land that has three or more manufactured homes.

It does not apply to individual property owners who have purchased separate lots and their own manufactured homes.

Several who spoke say the rules are too tough on campgrounds.

Carson Durham, who owns a campground near Shallotte, said a rule requiring a bath house within 200 feet of each campsite is unfair.

"You can't get too many vehicles

within 200 feet of a bath house," said Durham.

Another rule requires a toilet and urinal in male restrooms for every eight vehicle spaces.

"In my park, in ten years, I've never known that to be a problem," Durham stated. "I'm sure there's a need for such rules. I'm not against having this."

Brian Randleman, who owns a Leland mobile home park, claims the county is responsible for his continuous septic tank problems. Water drains from ditches routed through the Leland Industrial Park and onto his property, he said.

"I can't get the water out of my park," said Randleman. "I don't have a pump big enough to pump Brunswick County into the Cape Fear River. I'll work with anybody, but I wish somebody would help me get rid of my water problem down there."

Baker Harrell said he couldn't comment on something he had seen just 15 minutes prior to the hearing. The ordinance is 30 pages long.

It was written by a committee of 18 members that include some mobile home park owners, said Robinson. Grady Roscoe of Ocean Isle Beach said he was on that committee but was never notified of any meetings.

"I will not comment on that," said Robinson.

No member of the Brunswick County Board of Health, which must vote on the ordinance, was at the public hearing last Tuesday, February 16. Apparently, no committee members, other than health department personnel, were at the meeting either.

When one person asked if there were any committee members present in the audience, no one acknowledged

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## Utility briefs NRC

Carolina Power and Light Co. officials will brief the Nuclear Regulatory Commission March 2 on its preparations to restart the Brunswick nuclear plant Unit 2 late in the month.

Since both units were shut down last April the power company has held regular meetings with the NRC, usually at the Brunswick site, to update work being done to get the plant operating.

The March 2 meeting, open to the public, will begin at 10 a.m. in the public assembly building at the CP&L visitors center.

## OUTSIDE



## Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25	LOW
10:02 a.m.		4:02 a.m.
10:18 p.m.		4:15 p.m.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26		
10:31 a.m.		4:39 a.m.
10:57 p.m.		4:52 p.m.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27		
11:11 a.m.		5:20 a.m.
11:43 p.m.		5:34 p.m.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28		
11:59 a.m.		6:09 a.m.
----- p.m.		6:22 p.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 1		
12:36 a.m.		7:07 a.m.
12:57 p.m.		7:24 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 2		
1:41 a.m.		8:14 a.m.
2:07 p.m.		8:31 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3		
2:48 a.m.		9:21 a.m.
3:16 p.m.		9:39 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.

## Forecast

The extended forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies Thursday with a chance of rain and a high only in the 40s. Showers are expected Friday with highs in the 50s and lows in the 40s, followed by partly cloudy skies Saturday and Sunday with highs in the 40s and lows in the 20s.

## College auditorium

# Lawsuit may be next stage

By Marybeth Bianchi  
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Hatcher Construction of Fayetteville has less than two weeks to complete 16 items that will bring the auditorium at Brunswick Community College close to completion.

If it does not, Hatcher Construction will be declared in default of its contract and may not get a chance to finish the job it started back in September, 1991.

After meeting in executive session for an hour at its regular meeting last week, the college board of trustees authorized Boney Architects to notify Hatcher Construction it had 15 days, effective

February 19, to make "substantial progress" toward completion of the Odell Williamson Auditorium.

The \$3.2-million facility was scheduled for completion in October, but because of delays — some due to inclement weather — trustees granted an extension to December 10. However, they say the project is still far from being done.

"This seems to be the next logical step," trustees chairman David Kelly said after the meeting. "We're hopeful this will cause us to move forward and get it completed."

"The delay in construction has repeatedly been brought to your attention without satisfactory response," the letter to the contrac

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