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## Students' prank costs them dearly

Students who placed a dead deer on the stage of the multi-purpose room at South Brunswick High School will be working to recover some of the costs incurred by their prank last week.

Principal Sue Sellers said one student apparently picked up a deer that had been killed by a vehicle, placed it in the back of his pickup truck and brought it to school last Wednesday. Around lunchtime, three other students dragged the dead deer from the truck through the back door of the multi-purpose room and onto the stage.

"I cannot explain to you the reasoning for any of this," said Sellers.

Other students reported the activity to school officials because they were upset by the treatment of the animal, the principal explained. The doors of the room were locked and later in the day an officer with the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission removed the deer.

"This was just one of those pranks," Sellers said. "I'm sure it was intended to be a typical prank which backfired and went out of hand."

Once the deer was removed the custodial staff cleaned the room and a professional exterminator sprayed it to kill any ticks or other bugs that the deer may have been carrying.

The student who brought the deer to school was suspended, Sellers said. He and the other three, all of whom were upperclassmen at the high school, will share the cost of the extermination and will be expected to work with the school custodial staff after school. They will also be required to attend Saturday school, Sellers said.



Oak Island light rises out of the fog for a viewer on the Bald Head marina jetty. Cool water and warming air makes fog a common weather feature in the Cape Fear estuary each spring. Photo by Jim Harper

## School hotline is designed to ensure safety

Brunswick County schools have installed a toll-free hotline aimed at reducing school violence and ensuring student safety.

Recommended by the safety task force, the hotline is available 24 hours a day. The phone number is 1-800-734-5204 or in the Southport-Oak Island area, 457-1991.

Between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday the line will be monitored by a designated person at the school system's central office. After working hours, calls will be taken on an answering machine which will be checked periodically throughout the rest of the day and night.

All calls reporting the use of drugs, weapons and possible violence in the schools will be kept anonymous and will be acted upon as soon as possible with law enforcement officers being put on alert, school system officials say.

## Centers without heat

# County discovers cold facts about emergency

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

County officials say a March 13 winter storm that knocked out power to an estimated 80 percent of homes also uncovered a flaw in the local evacuation plan.

Without electricity the county schools that serve as emergency shelters have no heat, something that isn't a concern during hurricane season.

Shelter managers became confused when they were

shifted to schools that still had power. Some have called for improved communications between shelter personnel and the Emergency Operations Center at Bolivia.

Emergency management coordinator Cecil Logan said the communication failure doesn't stem from a lack of radio equipment but instead from what is being said into the radios during the crisis.

"The worst thing the county could have done was open up a shelter without heat," said Logan. "In that situation,

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## Long Beach

# Dune building will begin with town's funding

By Holly Edwards  
Municipal Editor

In the absence of any federal or state relief funds, the Long Beach Town Council voted Tuesday night to spend approximately \$77,000 of the town's money to repair some of the severe beach erosion left behind by the March 13 storm.

Council members agreed to appropriate all of the \$27,000 remaining in the erosion control fund and transfer \$50,000 from the accommodations tax fund to pay for the project. Some expressed frustration at the slowness of the state and federal responses.

"I am totally disgusted with the federal government and the State of North Carolina in the lack of commitment to the people of Long Beach," said council member Jeff Ensminger. "They have drug their feet and that's disgusting."

Town manager Tim Johnson said state emergency officials now say a final decision on whether this will be declared a disaster area will not be available until the end of next week.

With tourist season fast approaching, however, council members agreed that there was not time to spare. Turtle season is also coming May 1, and council members have indicated that they will seek a waiver to allow beach repair. However, state and local turtle watch volunteers will probably have to supervise the project, said Johnson.

Erosion control committee

chairman Russell Morrison said he hopes to begin the repair project this week and have most of it complete within 42 days.

The repairs will involve hiring four bulldozers to push sand up in areas where erosion has been most severe, which is primarily in the eastern portion of the strand. The initial goal will be to create dunes approximately ten feet wide at the base and seven feet tall, and mayor Joan Altman indicated that was about all the town could do right now with its limited funding. The Federal Emer-

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## Oak Island septic tanks are exposed

By Holly Edwards  
Municipal Editor

At least two houses on Oak Island will have to be demolished or moved to other lots due to washed-out septic systems, said county environmental health supervisor Andrew Robinson. High winds and high tides during the March 13 storm left a total of 14 septic systems either caved in, damaged or washed away completely.

Robinson also indicated that two exposed septic tanks in Long Beach were found to have holes punched in their sides, which allowed untreated wastewater to flow directly into the ground and ground water. The tanks apparently were punctured years ago, he said, by property owners who wanted to "help get the waste out of their tanks." They are located at 5221 and 5515 East Beach Drive.

He said he has no idea how many more septic tanks on the beach have similar problems, but added, "If two out of 12 picked at random showed up that way, I'll let someone else make a sophis-

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Jeff Ensminger  
Council member

# Caroon resigns fisheries post

By Jim Harper  
Staff Writer

C. B. (Cash) Caroon, a veteran of 12 years on the Marine Fisheries Commission, resigned from the group last week after being relieved as chairman by Gov. Jim Hunt.

A Republican crab packer, Caroon was first appointed to the commission by Gov. Jim Holshouser, stood down during the previous Democratic Hunt administration, then returned to serve nearly eight years as vice-chairman and one year as chairman by appointment of Gov. Jim Martin.

Here Tuesday Caroon said he was not surprised to be relieved of the chairmanship of the body which makes marine fisheries rules and

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policy.

"My only surprise was that the governor hadn't named a chairman by now," he said.

But Caroon said when Selma law-

yer Bob Lucas was named chairman and lauded by Hunt as having the proper perspective "to lead the marine fisheries commission as it makes important decisions concerning a

major North Carolina resource," Caroon decided to quit the commission entirely.

"I just felt the governor used politics over logic," Caroon said. "He could have appointed someone who knew the resource. He's appointed somebody that doesn't know a flounder from a frog."

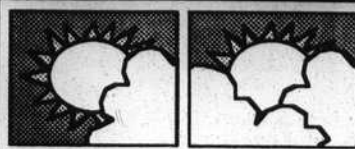
Caroon noted that Lucas has not served on the commission, and noted further that there were many Democrats better qualified.

"You've got a lot of Democrats that know the fishery," Caroon said. "You've got Democrats on the commission that Martin appointed."

"I feel hard that they haven't considered the resource more than they

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## OUTSIDE



## Forecast

The extended forecast calls for cloudy skies Thursday with a high in the 60s and low in the 50s. Friday and Saturday, expect variable cloudiness with highs in the 50s and lows in the 40s.

## Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, APRIL 1	LOW
2:19 a.m.		8:51 a.m.
2:58 p.m.		9:16 p.m.
	FRIDAY, APRIL 2	
3:26 a.m.		9:56 a.m.
4:05 p.m.		10:22 p.m.
	SATURDAY, APRIL 3	
4:29 a.m.		10:53 a.m.
5:07 p.m.		11:22 p.m.
	SUNDAY, APRIL 4	
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS		
6:30 a.m.		----- a.m.
7:03 p.m.		12:46 p.m.
	MONDAY, APRIL 5	
7:23 a.m.		1:18 a.m.
8:51 p.m.		1:37 p.m.
	TUESDAY, APRIL 6	
8:16 a.m.		2:11 a.m.
8:51 p.m.		2:26 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7	
9:08 a.m.		3:03 a.m.
9:42 p.m.		3:14 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.