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## 'Progress' new beach catchword

By Holly Edwards  
Municipal Editor

The president of the newly formed political action committee Long Beach United for Progress insists that the group is not simply "Concerned Citizens of Long Beach" with a new name.

Unlike the former "concerned citizens" this new group wants to be viewed as younger, more positive and more progressive, she said.

"We're a total new concept," declared president Frances Allen. "We're determined with a positive attitude to do good things. It'll take a lot of work, but I'm not lazy."

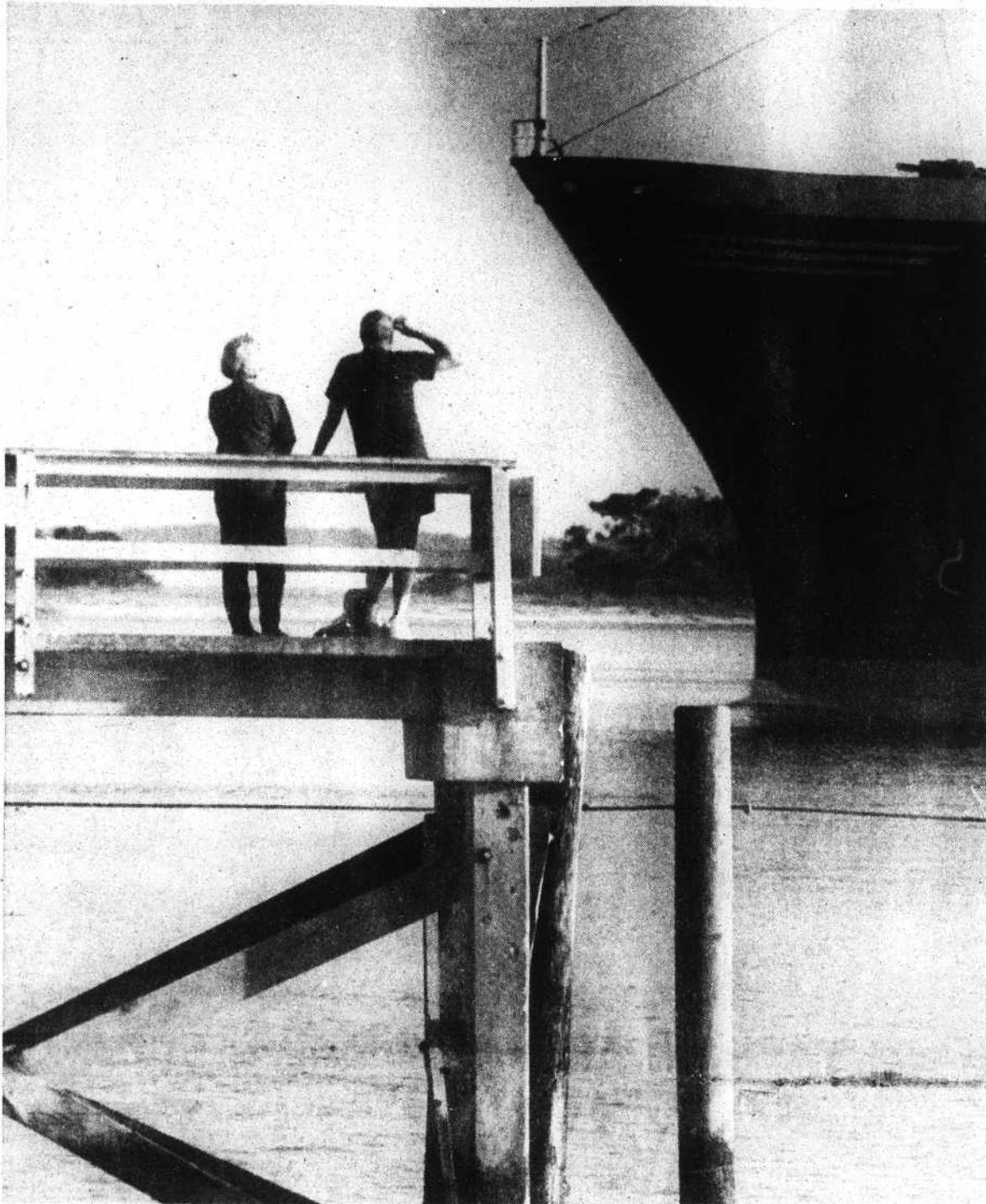
Allen said she will invite all candidates for office in the county to the PAC's second official meeting, scheduled March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the recreation center.

The group held its first meeting Thursday, which Allen said was an organizational meeting to elect officers. She added that she was elected president unanimously.

Chris Christensen was elected vice-president, and the group is now seeking a secretary and treasurer.

State board of elections director Yvonne Southerland said PACs have ten days from the date of official organization to register.

Groups that are active only in municipal politics, in towns with populations less than 50,000, do not have to formally register with anyone. However, Southerland said that political groups that are active in municipal as well as county government must register with the county board of elections. See Progress, page 7



Ship sightings are always big on the Southport waterfront, and there's no better place to be on the lookout (and on balmy days catch a bit of early tan) than at the end of the city pier. Photo by Jim Harper

## Hospital trustees pay \$160,000

# Dosher computer 'top of line'

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

While Doshier Memorial Hospital was planning to spend nearly \$80,000 to upgrade its computer system, trustees decided Monday night to double the expenditure to get something one called "top of the line."

Gib Barbee presented the finance committee's recommendation that the hospital spend \$160,260 for a "top of the line" expansion to the computer system that will allow nurses, ancillary departments and doctors to communicate almost immediately about a patient's condition and medical needs.

Nurses will be able to enter a patient's vital signs directly into the portable terminal that can be moved

from room to room so physicians can monitor progress or order addition tests without leaving their offices, finance director Jim Shomaker explained. In addition to the convenience, he expects the computerized system to reduce the amount of paper-

work now required of hospital staff. Lab director Lynda Stanley said the system can also reduce the number of phone calls made between departments and provide for a more efficient use of employees' time.

Trustee Gene Tomlinson said the

system may decrease the possibility of liability charges against the hospital if patient information is plugged in immediately after being received.

CPSI, the Mobile, Ala.-based vendor, works primarily with smaller hospitals, and chairman Charles Johnson said Doshier would be the first in this area to have such a system.

Because the hospital is in good financial condition, Barbee said trustees can purchase such equipment.

Shomaker presented a timetable for installation, which includes sending several people on the hospital staff to Mobile for training, at additional cost. He expects the system to be up and running by September.

In other financial matters:

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## Haywood passes review

In his second evaluation since coming to work as administrator of Doshier Memorial Hospital in November, 1992, Edgar Haywood III again received high marks from his board of trustees.

Meeting in executive session Monday night, six of the trustees present reviewed evaluation forms they had completed earlier. Dr. Robert Zukoski did not participate.

Scores were averaged, resulting in a rating of "proficiently accomplished", the second highest possible, chairman Charles Johnson said Tuesday.

"The board thinks he's doing a tremendous job," Johnson said, adding that

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## Second bridge to Oak Island gets attention

By Holly Edwards  
Municipal Editor

Oak Island's representative to the N. C. Board of Transportation has vowed not to let the drive for a second bridge off the island to die at the board's monthly meeting in Raleigh this week.

"It will be my purpose to make sure we get that second bridge built as soon as we can," declared board member Odell Williamson, of Ocean Isle Beach. "I don't want the second bridge off of Oak Island to die on the vine during my term."

Williamson said he would urge the board, secretary of transportation Sam Hunt and governor Jim Hunt to do all they can to ensure the project remains a priority on the Transportation Im-

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## Regional trash plan is favored

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

County officials hope to strike a deal with a neighbor and begin hauling garbage to a regional landfill -- in Columbus County.

"We're going to explore that option," said Don Warren, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners. "If we could work out a long-term contract with them, I'd rather do that. It makes more sense, both economically and environmentally, to go to a regional system."

County manager Wyman Yelton was instructed by the chairman to "speed up the process and discussions" with Columbus County officials and the developer of a regional landfill site there, American Refuse Systems Inc. of Pinhurst.

ARS president Thomas Hughes addressed commissioners in October and asked the board then to consider the regional facility. He estimated the county would spend around \$40 per ton to bury its own garbage but \$25 per ton in tipping fees to dump at the ARS site.

Officials must decide if they want to pursue permits for a new county facility or rely instead on hauling garbage away.

The county has already identified three potential sites for a new landfill.

all in the Supply area. But at a public hearing in January, residents criticized the siting committee for choosing sensitive locations near the Lockwood Folly River basin and its tributaries.

By federal law, counties which don't

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## Gypsy moth treatments set to begin

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

One way to treat a local gypsy moth invasion is to spray with Gypcheck, a natural virus that attacks only larvae of the targeted moth.

But a supply is limited, enough to cover just 6,000 acres labeled as having "unique geographical and biological characteristics" in the Southport community.

Local residents want to know where those specific areas are while Bald Head Island authorities lobby for Gypcheck, in hopes that other wildlife on the island won't be harmed.

The plan may be released at a March

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## Citizens just like us

# More issues than planned for

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

## An analysis of the news

In Brunswick County, with both a rural and coastal community, it's often difficult to plan balanced growth.

When the six appointed members of the Brunswick County Planning Board face a decision, they must grapple with that problem.

Members must shed their ordinary lives to become public figures, to explore important issues and decide if certain industries ought to be banned or if the county zoning laws need to bend.

Sometimes the board is criticized for the decisions it reaches. Debate almost turned into a fight in October when the board refused to use zoning controls to block a mining operation from

in to suspend the meeting.

"We're not going to solve these issues any better than the rest of the country," said board chairman John Thompson, "because they are difficult issues. We all know that we have a difficult job to do."

Four members are relatively new, having joined within the past year and during a transition when the county zoning ordinance was approved and became effective January 1.

To them, it is a new ball game. Some ask no or few questions at board meetings, and when faced with a lengthy list of requested zoning changes in October one member asked, "Do we have to look

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locating north of Southport. Citizens grew angry and sheriff's deputies were called

## OUTSIDE



## Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, MARCH 3	LOW
12:14 a.m.		6:09 a.m.
----- p.m.		6:22 p.m.
HIGH	FRIDAY, MARCH 4	LOW
12:59 a.m.		7:11 a.m.
1:17 p.m.		7:25 p.m.
HIGH	SATURDAY, MARCH 5	LOW
2:03 a.m.		8:16 a.m.
2:23 p.m.		8:31 p.m.
HIGH	SUNDAY, MARCH 6	LOW
3:09 a.m.		9:20 a.m.
3:28 p.m.		9:37 p.m.
HIGH	MONDAY, MARCH 7	LOW
4:11 a.m.		10:20 a.m.
4:29 p.m.		10:27 p.m.
HIGH	TUESDAY, MARCH 8	LOW
5:08 a.m.		11:13 a.m.
5:24 p.m.		11:30 p.m.
HIGH	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9	LOW
5:58 a.m.		12:00 a.m.
6:13 p.m.		----- 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 Inlet, high -22, low -8.

## Forecast

The extended forecast calls for continued windy weather Thursday with a high in the middle 50s and low in the middle 40s. Partly cloudy skies with a high in the upper 50s on Friday and middle 60s on Saturday; lows both nights near 40 degrees.