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The Caswell Beach board won't endorse two more members; vote is expected

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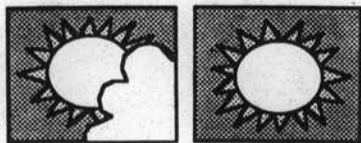
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Sports

North Brunswick's terrific trio enters post-season play Tuesday with South Stanly

Neighbors

Dosher Memorial Hospital Health Fair gives first-hand look at available services



Forecast

The extended forecast calls for fair weather throughout the week-end. High temperatures are expected in the 70s on Thursday, reaching the 80-degree mark on Friday and Saturday. Lows each night are expected to be in the 50s.

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Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, MAY 19	LOW
2:45 a.m.		9:16 a.m.
3:35 p.m.		9:53 p.m.
HIGH	FRIDAY, MAY 20	LOW
3:48 a.m.		10:15 a.m.
4:38 p.m.		10:58 p.m.
HIGH	SATURDAY, MAY 21	LOW
4:51 a.m.		11:14 a.m.
5:40 p.m.		----- p.m.
HIGH	SUNDAY, MAY 22	LOW
5:53 a.m.		12:00 a.m.
6:38 p.m.		----- p.m.
HIGH	MONDAY, MAY 23	LOW
6:52 a.m.		12:58 a.m.
7:35 p.m.		1:06 p.m.
HIGH	TUESDAY, MAY 24	LOW
7:50 a.m.		1:53 a.m.
8:30 p.m.		1:59 p.m.
HIGH	WEDNESDAY, MAY 25	LOW
8:47 a.m.		2:46 a.m.
9:24 p.m.		2:51 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.

School expenses up one-third

Fairley: Request based on need, not past funding

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Local operating expenses and the capital outlay requests together represent a 57.8-percent increase over what the schools received from county commissioners last year.

The proposed budget approved by the Brunswick County Board of Education last week will ask the county for a 29.2-percent increase, or \$11.2 million, in local operating expenses -- compared with the \$8.4 million it got last year.

Commissioners appropriated no local capital outlay dollars for repairs or building needs in the last budget, but school officials are asking for \$2.4 million this year.

The biggest sale on the figures was perhaps to some school board members themselves.

"Isn't that a bit ridiculous?" asked Thurman Gause of District 1, at the start of a budget meeting last week. "What I'm asking is, has our budget increased that much -- 29 percent over last year?"

By the end of the meeting, all members were convinced the

budget covered only realistic needs. It was approved unanimously. The total figure, including state and local funds, is around \$44 million.

"That's exactly right," added District 3 member Bill Fairley. "The budget should be driven by our needs, not by how much they will give us."

A copy was submitted to county finance officer Lithia Hahn on Friday. Don Warren, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, plans to deliver the county's budget

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County rejects request

By Terry Pope
County Editor

In a split vote Monday, county commissioners refused to rezone a 58-acre tract north of Southport to allow manufacturing development there.

Residents of the adjacent Moore's Creek and Southwood Estates subdivisions, previously surprised to find their homes are in a commercial zone, are pleased with this latest move.

But they have one more battle to fight -- to have their community rezoned to residential use. A public hearing on that request is scheduled June 20.

Long Bay Properties Inc. filed to rezone its pie-shaped tract across from the en-

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Photo by Jim Harper

Nothing marks the progress of the seasons in this area better than the appearance of fishermen cast-netting for bait in the shallows around Southport and Oak Island. Will Austin was

having good luck catching shrimp and small shad in Davis Creek last Friday.

Long Beach Sewer to move forward

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

Long Beach council members moved forward Tuesday night with preparations for a future central wastewater treatment system.

They directed town staff to develop estimates of current and future waste flows, and to prepare a Request for Proposal (RFP) document for selection of a consulting engineer.

The engineering firm would be hired to gather information and perform research required for the town to comply with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandates stated in the land use plan -- such as taking water samples, identifying future development patterns and land uses, and developing alternative wastewater treatment options -- and would not be hired to design a sewer system, said mayor Joan Altman.

Cape Fear Council of Governments executive director Jerry Walters is serving as a consultant to the council in the absence of a town manager, and has outlined the steps involved in

He called the EPA's guidelines for development of sewer systems "sound" and urged the council to move forward with the process.

"It should be noted that the language in the plan clearly states that this strategy be employed as the process for determining ultimate aspects of wastewater treatment," Walters said in a memo to the council. "Put another way, the determination has been made that a wastewater treatment system is necessary for the community."

The land use plan states that the town supports construction of a central wastewater collection and treatment system.

The planning board recommended to the council last month that it proceed with develop-

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Aldermen wary of AEC proposal

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

Southport aldermen were asked Thursday night to weigh the environment against the rights of property owners, and decided they did not have enough information to make a decision.

The board voted 4-2 against recommending to the Coastal Resources Commission that the Walden Creek estuarine system -- the proposed site of the Martin Marietta limestone quarry -- be declared an area of environmental concern (AEC).

Aldermen who voted against the pro-

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'... I cannot afford to have a bunch of bureaucrats come down here and tell me what I can and can't do with that land.'

Pat Newton
Resident, property owner

Gore chosen parade marshal

Lt. Col. Harry W. Gore Jr. will serve as parade marshal for the annual Independence Day celebration in Southport.

The announcement was made this week by the N. C. Fourth of July Festival Committee, which oversees the state's official observance. The three-day event will be held July 2-4.

Gore, 45, is the son of Harry W. Gore Sr. of Southport and Olivia Sloan Gore of Wilmington. He was graduated from Hampton (Va.) High School in 1968 and from Virginia Military Institute in 1972 with a bachelor's degree in math and a commission as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force.

Gore entered active duty and attended undergraduate pilot training at Craig Air Force Base, Ala. At the completion of UPT he remained at Craig as a T-37 instructor pilot.

His next assignment was piloting C-141 transports at Charleston AFB, S. C. He traveled extensively during this assignment, primarily to Europe and the Middle East, but also visited South America, Africa and Asia.

He attended North Carolina State University and earned a master of science degree in applied mathematics, followed by a four-year tour on the faculty of the U. S. Air Force Academy.

He resumed flying duties in his next assignment, returning to the C-141 at Travis AFB, Calif. He traveled throughout the Pacific, in addition to occasional trips to Europe, South America and Australia.

After four years in the cockpit he was selected for a one-year remote assignment as

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