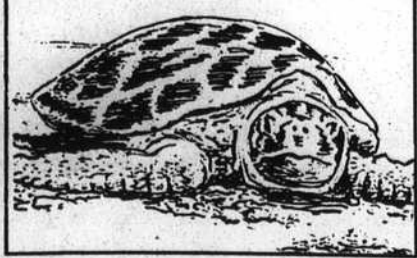


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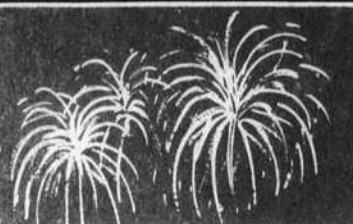
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Sports

Gene Doane, who led the Cougars to five straight playoffs, calls it quits

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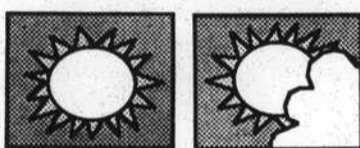
Southport, facing a water works upgrade and low fund balance, works on its budget



## Festival update

Up-to-date information on festival schedules and programs are available on Pilot Line.

The service can be accessed by dialing 457-5084, then extension 103. A festival spokesman will update the message whenever changes occur.



## FORECAST

The extended forecast calls for somewhat cooler weather for the holiday weekend, with highs in the 80s and lows in the 60s forecast Friday through Sunday. Partly cloudy skies are expected. On Thursday, a high near 90 degrees is forecast with a 40-percent chance of the wet stuff.

## TIDE TABLE

HIGH	THURSDAY, JUNE 30	LOW
1:51 a.m.		8:00 a.m.
2:25 p.m.		8:28 p.m.
	FRIDAY, JULY 1	
2:39 a.m.		8:49 a.m.
3:15 p.m.		9:24 p.m.
	SATURDAY, JULY 2	
3:30 a.m.		9:39 a.m.
4:06 p.m.		10:21 p.m.
	SUNDAY, JULY 3	
4:21 a.m.		10:30 a.m.
4:57 p.m.		11:15 p.m.
	MONDAY, JULY 4	
5:13 a.m.		11:21 a.m.
5:46 p.m.		----- p.m.
	TUESDAY, JULY 5	
6:04 a.m.		12:07 a.m.
6:33 p.m.		12:09 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, JULY 6	
6:51 a.m.		12:55 a.m.
7:18 p.m.		12:55 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.

## DEADLINE

The State Port Pilot office will be closed on Monday.

The deadline for classified and real estate advertising is Friday, 5 p.m.

The deadline for regular display advertising and news material is Tuesday noon.

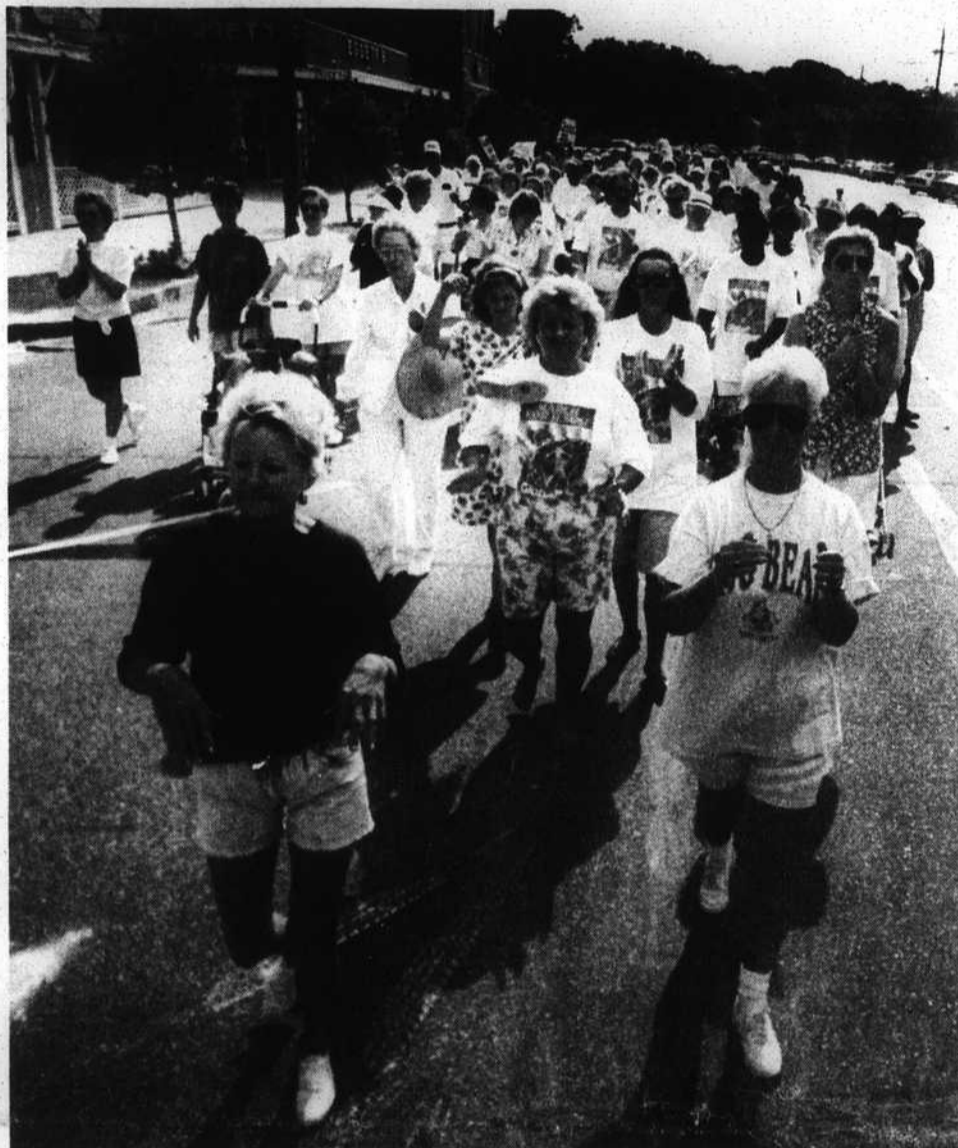


Photo by Jim Harper

Blazing the trail for Independence Day paraders, these celebrants marched for Jesus last Saturday on a route from the Community Building to Ocean Trail Convalescent Center. Sponsored by the Southport Human Relations Committee, the march and religious observances were hailed by committee chairman James Fullwood for "bringing the entire community together."

## It works elsewhere

# One-stop permits in county future?

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

Some call it one-stop shopping, where county residents can go to one office and receive all needed permits and pay all bills.

It works in Randolph County and in Wake County, where a computer system links various agencies so residents and developers don't have to scramble from office to office.

Brunswick County commissioners say they want it, too. Department managers have worked on the idea and hope to submit a proposal to the county soon.

"When residents come to the complex they should be able to get an orderly flow of work," said Don Warren, chairman of the board of

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*'You can't physically put the agencies and departments together with any practicality. What you can do is put the computer system at one location.'*

Charles McGinnis  
Interim manager

# Schools seek extra money from county

By Holly Edwards  
Municipal Editor

The Brunswick County school system will need nearly \$1 million more in county appropriations to continue to function at its current level, finance officer Rudi Conner told the board of education Tuesday.

And, Conner noted during the specially called meeting, without the additional funding the schools will be faced with cutting jobs and programs.

In order to expand school programs and facilities as proposed, she said the system will need an additional \$2.5 million from the county.

The school system's total budget for fiscal year 1994-95, including state and federal funding and funding for a new school at Leland, is about \$58 million.

The board saw enough "problems" with the county's proposed funding that a joint meeting with county commissioners would be required. By law, the school system has seven days from last Thursday, when the county adopted its budget, to request a joint meeting. However, school board attorney Glen Peterson said a meeting can be scheduled outside the seven-day time frame if both boards are agreeable.

Superintendent of schools Ralph Johnston said he feared that a lack of funding would hinder progress made by the school system. "This budget has been worked from the bottom up and not the top down," he said. "This district is beginning to see some slight improvements, and that's what you're after."

The school board requested about \$13.8 million from the county, but the county appropriated only \$9.3 million. Conner said the \$13.8-million figure includes costs of proposed expansions, and that the costs of con-

tinuing to operate the schools at the current level would be about \$10.5 million.

Operating expenses increased \$311,336 from last year's costs. The county increases the school appropriation four percent, which amounted to \$337,203.

Conner said that while it may appear the

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# Turner's contract runs out

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

All school construction should remain on schedule, despite the school board's decision last week not to renew the contract of the assistant superintendent in charge of those projects.

The Brunswick County Board of Education voted 3-2 not to renew the contract of William Turner, assistant superintendent for auxiliary services, just eight days before it expires June 30.

Turner was given a one-year extension last June but was the subject of an investigation into the unauthorized sale

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# County approves 58.5-cent tax rate

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

School officials who made a last-minute pitch for more county funds appear likely to seek a mediator's view of what remains a \$4-million gap.

The Brunswick County Board of Education has scheduled a special meeting Wednesday, June 29, 5:30 p.m. for attorney/client matters.

By a 3-2 split vote last week, county commissioners adopted the 1994-95 budget, but it

falls way short of what school leaders say they need to operate the schools.

Of the requested \$13.7 million in local funding, commissioners have allocated \$9.3 million, up from the \$9.02 million recommended initially by interim county manager Charles McGinnis.

The school board will meet at Carolina Power and Light Co.'s conference center north of Southport. An air conditioning system at the central office wasn't working properly last week.

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# Long Beach answers call for new fire station

Another \$75,000 set aside this year

By Holly Edwards  
Municipal Editor

Long Beach officials hope that by this time next summer construction of a new fire station near Middleton Street will be well underway, if not complete.

The station will replace a metal building currently used by the fire department, and will include four double bays for fire equipment, a bay for a rescue vehicle, offices for the chief and assistant chief, a small communications center, kitchen, meeting area, and a second story that will someday be used as a dormitory but will likely be used as a recreation area in the meantime.

A dual purpose of the station will be to serve as an

evacuation center during an emergency. Currently, the Long Beach Recreation Center is the only place in town residents can go if they have to leave their homes for any reason.

The architectural firm that is designing the station, Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates, estimated the total cost of the structure to be \$554,000. However, council member Horace Collier stressed that the figure is based upon costs of construction in other areas, and that the costs of construction in Long Beach could vary greatly.

Council members already have allocated \$150,000 for construction of the station, and directed town manager Jerry Walters to explore financing options for a low-interest, three- to seven-year loan for the

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New station would replace building near Middleton Street.