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## Forecast

The extended forecast calls for isolated thunderstorms throughout the period, with highs ranging between 85 and 90 degrees and lows around 75 each evening

## Pilot Line

Weather updates are available on Pilot Line. Dial 457-5084, then extension 191.

## Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, JULY 21	LOW
7:20 a.m.		1:20 a.m.
8:00 p.m.		1:26 p.m.
FRIDAY, JULY 22		
8:15 a.m.		2:11 a.m.
8:50 p.m.		2:17 p.m.
SATURDAY, JULY 23		
9:06 a.m.		2:58 a.m.
9:36 p.m.		3:06 p.m.
SUNDAY, JULY 24		
9:54 a.m.		3:43 a.m.
10:20 p.m.		3:52 p.m.
MONDAY, JULY 25		
10:39 a.m.		4:26 a.m.
11:02 p.m.		4:37 p.m.
TUESDAY, JULY 26		
11:23 a.m.		5:07 a.m.
11:43 p.m.		5:21 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 27		
----- a.m.		5:49 a.m.
12:07 p.m.		6:06 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.

## Woman drowns at point

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

A Mebane woman drowned Saturday morning as she played with her six-year-old son in shallow water near Lockwood Folly Inlet.

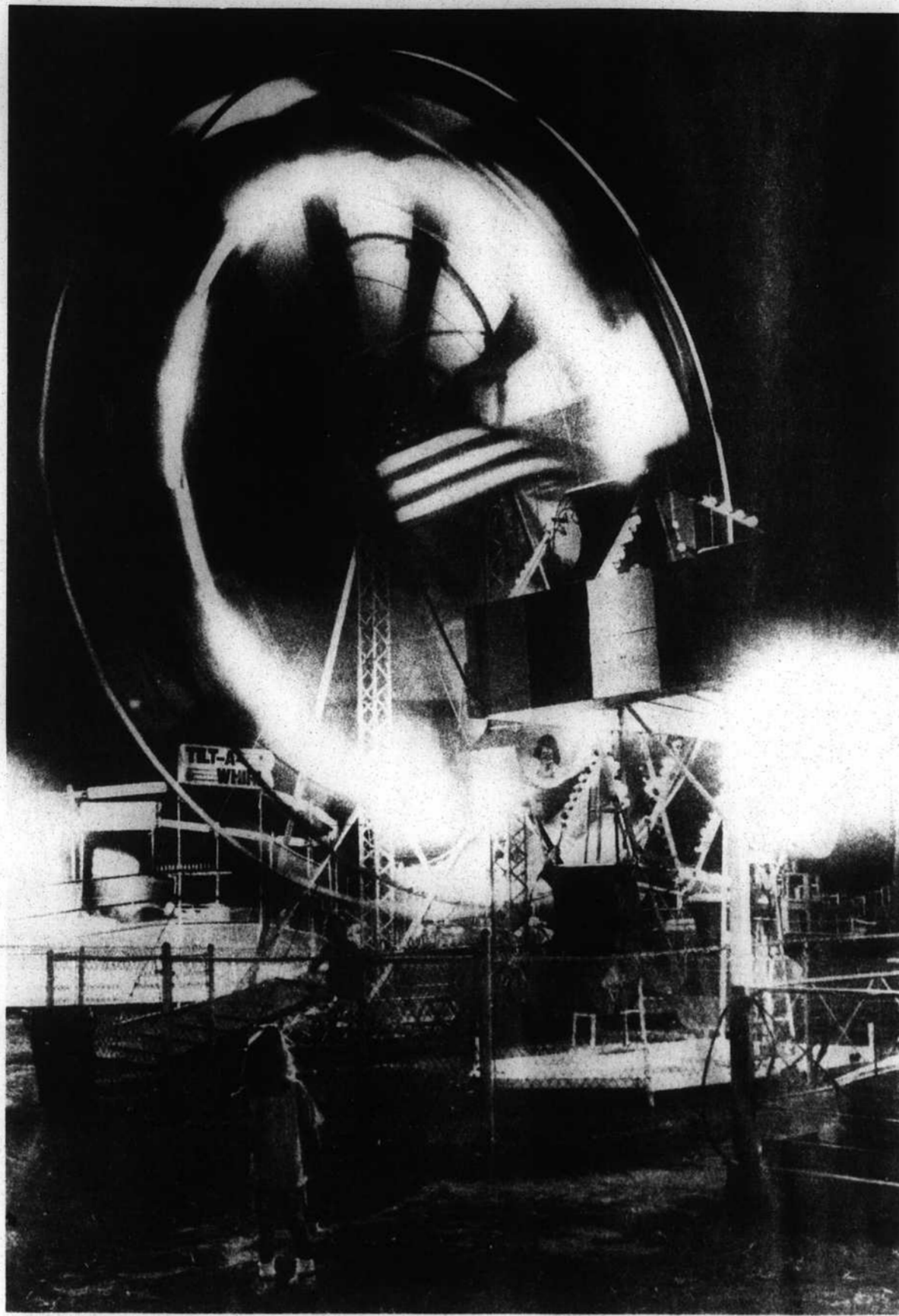
Major Johnny Freeman of the Long Beach Police Department said Tina Marie Murray Burgess, 36, was pronounced dead at 1:01 p.m. Sunday at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

Long Beach police were notified an individual had been pulled from waters around the point at 10:07 a.m. Saturday. Officer L. D. Lewis was first to arrive on the scene at 10:12 and found Ms. Burgess unconscious and lying on the sand about 1,000 yards from the end of West Beach Drive. Her husband and a passerby had begun to administer CPR, but were unable to ventilate the woman, as her lungs were filled with water.

Lewis took over administration of CPR and was joined by Freeman.

"She never regained consciousness and we could not get a pulse," Freeman said. Long Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad

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Whirling Ferris wheel... bright lights... music... glitter... motion... excitement -- the stuff of dreams, it is all there nightly at Yaupon Beach's Flagship Arcade amusement center.

Photo by Jim Harper

## Funding debate to face mediator, trial by jury?

By Holly Edwards  
Feature Editor

The Brunswick County Board of Education rejected an \$800,000 offer from the board of commissioners following an executive session with its attorney Monday morning.

The boards will now settle their disagreement over school system funding with the help of a court-appointed mediator or before a Superior Court jury.

The school board maintains it will need at least \$1.3 million more from the county just to continue operating the schools at their current level. School board members had previously said they needed at least \$1.25 million to continue the schools' current level of operations, but

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## Your opinion...

• Is Brunswick County funding for the school system sufficient at this time? Dial 457-5084, extension 105.

• Would you be willing to pay higher taxes so the school system's request can be funded? Dial 457-5084, extension 107.

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## Long Beach to pursue ban on menhaden

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

Long Beach council members Tuesday night rejected a plea to go to the bargaining table with representatives of three menhaden fleets working area waters.

Councilmen said they will proceed with plans to petition the state Marine Fisheries Commission for severe restrictions on menhaden fishing off the beach strand during portions of the year.

A resolution seeking restrictions will be delivered to the Marine Fisheries Commission when it meets August 26. Council action came on a motion of councilman Jeff Ensminger. An earlier motion by councilman Bill Easley to meet with menhaden operators and seek resolution of disputed practices failed on a 4-2 vote when only councilman Kevin Bell joined him.

Councilmen rejected an invitation to the bargaining table by N. C. Fisheries executive director Jerry Schill, who said no one

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*'They've never really been asked to be good citizens before. You make the invitation ... and I guarantee that not only I, but all three companies, will be represented.'*

Jerry Schill  
Fisheries director

## City to weigh water storage, supply options

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

Any one of Southport's three options to bolster critically low drinking water supplies appears about as good as the others, city aldermen were told Thursday.

And, they heard, water storage capacity in the city is so low that adequate flows could not be maintained to fight fires in some neighborhoods served by the city water system.

Consulting engineer Street Lee, of McKim and Creed Engineers P.A., told aldermen a present-worth analysis of three options to increase drinking water supply and delivery problems showed each option viable and nearly equal in cost.

Aldermen will meet in special session July 28 to review the water supply options and to conduct a public hearing on them. A copy of the McKim and Creed report is on file for inspection at City Hall.

The three options the city asked McKim and Creed to evaluate were:

• Construction of new wells in the city's delivery area and the establishment of a central water treatment facility;

• Construction of additional wells with treatment capability at each well site;

• Purchase of water from Brunswick County.

The present-worth analysis of these options by the engineers shows

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## Mayor: Budget 'sets course for future'

Long Beach studies benefit zones, wastewater treatment

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

All the number-crunching is over for the year. All the chips, gouges and divots have been extracted from the annual budget. So, what does the town's 1994-95 budget hold in store for the citizens of Long Beach?

"This year we have a very lean budget," mayor Joan Altman said this week. "But within the framework of the budget there are many projects for the benefit of the town."

The numbers themselves are a snap. The tax rate was set at 38 cents per \$100 valuation, down from 41 cents in 1993-94. But who pays more and who pays less

is harder to say. The tax levy this year comes after Brunswick County completed its centennial revaluation of real property. Estimated value of all real property in Long Beach jumped \$102.65 million in that one-year period to \$465.19 million.

There will be no increases this year in water fees, town officials hope. Brunswick County has indicated it will charge the town ten cents more per 1,000 gallons than the town currently charges customers, but Long Beach has challenged the county to justify its rate increase. Further contest of the county rate hike is always a possibility.

"It's not anything sanctimonious, we're just trying to be good consumers," Altman said.

Expect one big capital project in the water department this year. Money has been

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