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The Cougars hope to open conference play with a win at West Columbus -- 12B

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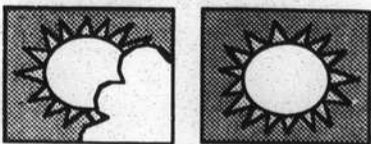
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Coast Guardsmen from Oak Island assisted in the rescue of refugees -- page 2

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Joe Medlin looks like a rock'em, sock'em type of guy, but he loves kids -- 1B



Forecast

The extended forecast calls for mostly sunny skies Thursday through Sunday with lows in the 60s and daily highs in the upper 70s to lower 80s. Good fishing conditions are expected to prevail.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	LOW
3:06 a.m.		9:24 a.m.
3:39 p.m.		10:09 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30		
4:09 a.m.		10:26 a.m.
4:37 p.m.		11:05 p.m.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1		
5:08 a.m.		11:24 a.m.
5:31 p.m.		11:57 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2		
6:03 a.m.		12:19 p.m.
6:24 p.m.		12:19 p.m.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 3		
6:55 a.m.		12:46 a.m.
7:14 p.m.		1:11 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4		
7:46 a.m.		1:33 a.m.
8:03 p.m.		2:02 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5		
8:36 a.m.		2:19 a.m.
8:52 p.m.		2:52 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.

Sludge plan likely won't raise a stink

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Some residents say the proposal stinks, but county planners say sludge disposal is a growing and necessary business which must find its place in the rural zones.

The Brunswick County Board of Adjustments is close to giving a Bolivia sludge operator okay to expand his business by 22.5 acres.

Approval will allow Sam Carteret of S & B Maintenance Inc. to add to his existing 33.5-acre site, where solid sludge from local wastewater treatment plants is applied to farmland along Lewis Loop Road.

Sludge is the more solid, non-hazardous, post-treated residue left behind in wastewater sewer treatment plants and is treated with lime before it is applied to open fields.

It is not untreated, hazardous sewage pumped directly from septic systems.

Residents often confuse the fine points when an operation hopes to locate near a residential zone.

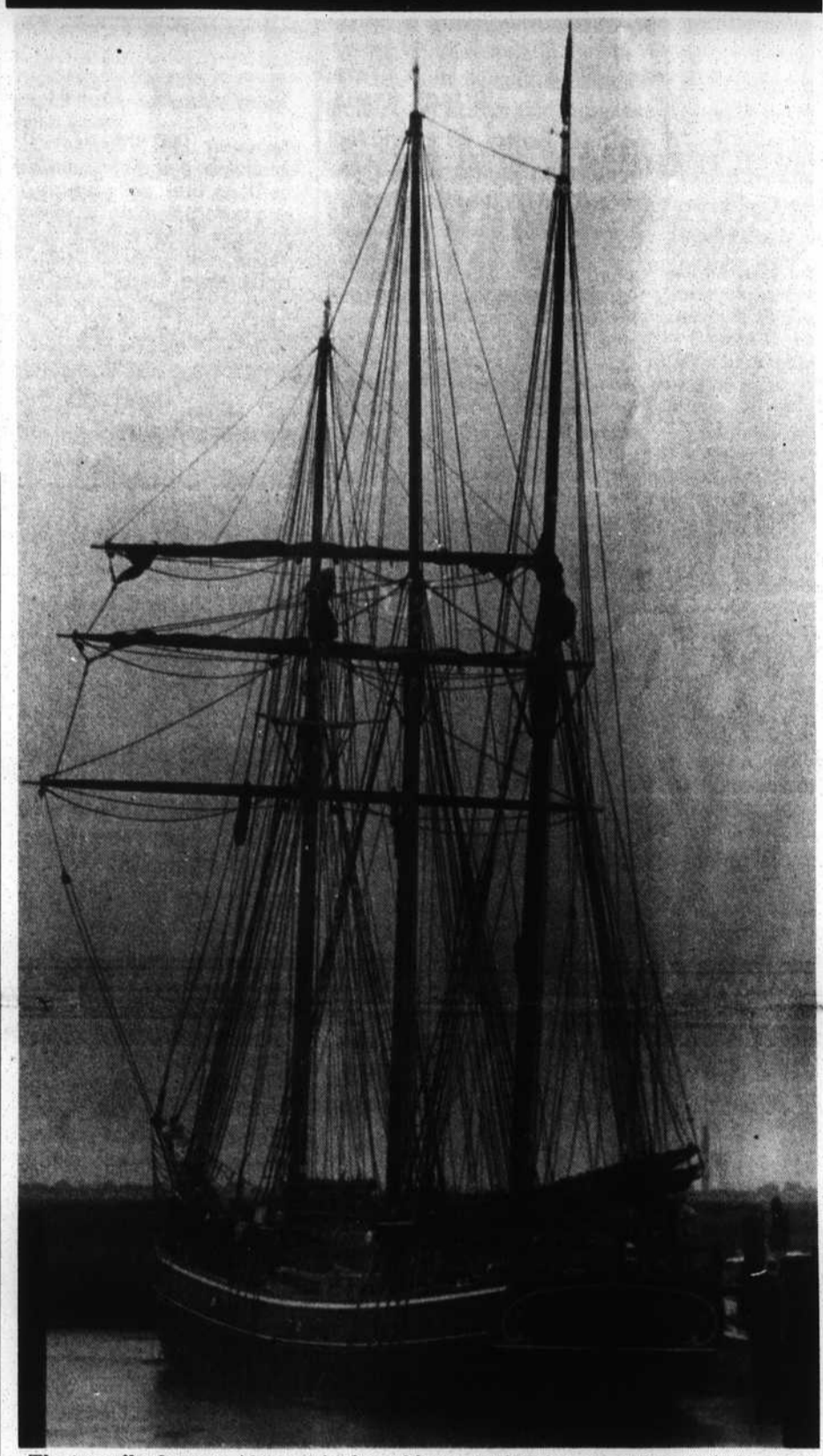
"Clearly, the rural zone is the place to put it," said Brunswick County planning director Wade Horne. "There is a viable need for additional sites with the more treatment facilities that are being built."

"I think Mr. Carteret has basically a clean, well-run operation. But I'm not the one to issue permits."

The board of adjustments has the final say and tabled its decision on September 8 until October 13. It has also asked for a detailed statement of all proposed uses of

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TOPSAIL SCHOONER



The topsail schooner *Alexandria*, forced into port by strong northeast winds, lay at the city dock in the yacht basin for two nights last week. The ship is an educational and historical attraction of Alexandria (Va.) Seaport Foundation, and is crewed by volunteers.

School claim dismissed but refiling is promised

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

The Brunswick County Board of Education voluntarily dismissed its lawsuit against restaurant owner Jarvis Jones last week for "technical reasons," but will refile an identical suit this week, said school board attorney Glen Peterson.

Peterson said he "got off schedule" in exchanging information with Jones' attorney,

Steve Yount, and that the case was dismissed to "avoid any potential problems."

The school board filed suit in December, 1993, after child nutrition director Rebecca Brandon sold Jones 46 pieces of restaurant equipment for \$350 without school board authorization.

Jones then sold an unknown number of items to his nephew Ed Jones, a Wilmington restaurant equipment supplier, for \$7,800, and he in

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Or, pay me later

Martin Marietta files suit against county, ordinance

By Terry Pope
County Editor

In a lawsuit filed against Brunswick County on Tuesday, the Martin Marietta Corp. claims an ordinance approved in January to prohibit mining near Southport "has no rational basis and is unconstitutional."

The company filed claims in both federal court and Brunswick County Superior Court in a move that surprised county officials.

By a 3-2 vote in January, county commissioners adopted a special ordinance that blocks Martin Marietta from operating a limestone mine on its 1,000-acre tract just north of Southport. That action indicates a mine would pose a threat to the public safety should it use explosives and dewater the aquifer within five miles of the Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point depot and Carolina Power and Light Co.'s Brunswick nuclear plant.

"We didn't have any prior knowledge of the

The ordinance deprived Martin Marietta of 'practical use of its property,' the lawsuit claims, and in doing so violates the state constitution

lawsuit, nor have we had any contact with Martin Marietta in a number of months," said Don Warren, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday. "You

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Fuel-rod shipment here for offloading

By Terry Pope
County Editor

A shipment of 153 spent nuclear fuel rods was expected to quietly pass through Brunswick County by rail cars sometime this week.

Although an exact time for the arrival of ships loaded with highly radioactive cargo at the Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point depot was kept secret by officials, the ships reportedly were anchored off the coast of Southport on Monday.

They were seen by news reporters flying the coast.

A federal appeals court on Friday ruled the European nuclear waste could be allowed into the country. The casks will be unloaded from ships at Sunny Point and transported by rail to the U. S. Department of Energy's Savannah River storage facility at Aiken, S. C.

The panel on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ruled that South Carolina, which filed suit to block the shipment earlier this month, had not "demonstrated an immediate, irreparable and actual harm that requires us, at this time, to dismiss the significant concerns expressed by the secretary of state (Warren Christopher) and the Department of Energy."

South Carolina asked that the shipment be blocked until a full environmental impact study is done on the cargo's potential danger to citizens.

The two ships loaded with bomb-grade uranium rods used in foreign research reactors

were waiting in the Atlantic Ocean last week for the court decision. Brunswick County emergency management coordinator Cecil Logan said his office would receive notice when the ships arrive but that it would not be publicized.

Logan's office also won't respond unless there is an emergency, for the state will monitor the six-hour route through the county, from the depot just north of Southport, to the CSX Transportation Inc. yard in Navassa, and from there westward past Northwest and Acme and into Columbus County.

The DOE project is part of a national plan to wean the world from using bomb-grade fuel

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Sales tax record

Collection of the local-option sales and use tax in Brunswick County totaled a record \$1,115,104 during August, a report from the N. C. Department of Revenue indicates.

The total was the 19th largest among North Carolina's 100 counties during the month.

The amount will be added to July and September collections to be returned to county and municipal governments on a per-capita basis. Distributions are made each quarter.

\$100,000 in prizes at stake

U.S. Open begins Thursday

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

It's U. S. Open time again. Southport-Oak Island stands poised this week for the 16th annual U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament, to be held from Southport Marina Friday and Saturday.

\$100,000 in cash prizes are guaranteed, but much more than that is likely to change hands. Hopes are high at the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce this week that the tournament will once again attract 500 boats or more for this primary fund-raising project. Local



sponsors will participate with a display of marine and sport items and festivities surrounding the tournament will be provided for the entire community.

At stake, in addition to prize money, are bragging rights to championship of the second largest saltwater fishing tournament in the state -- the most venerable of the king mackerel tournaments, begun in 1979.

The U. S. Open is just as popular with spectators as it is with fishermen. Here are some tips on how to enjoy the tournament even if you aren't fishing:

Check out the captain's meetings and entertainment Thursday night at Southport Marina tournament headquarters.

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Pogey 'agreement', but no tourney ban

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

An agreement has been struck in principle between representatives of Brunswick County's six beach towns and three menhaden fishing companies which frequently work waters off Brunswick shores.

But, as the U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament weekend approaches, provisions whereby pogey fishermen will avoid fishing areas before and during major area fishing tournaments is conspicuously absent from that agreement.

Long Beach councilman Jeff Ensminger, who represented that

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