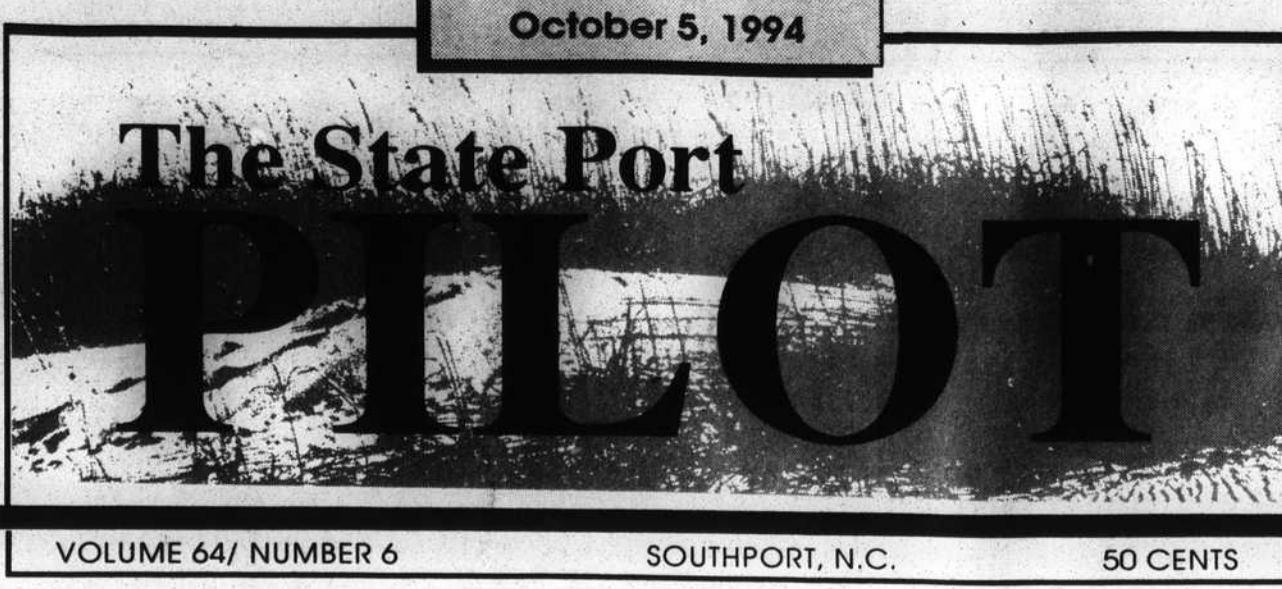


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Sports

South Brunswick tries for its first conference win Friday when the Gators visit -- 12B



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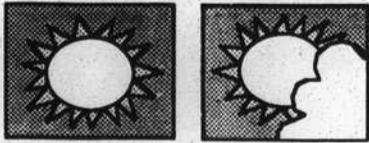
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Our Town

What could have been an invasion turned into a landing; arms sent home -- page 2

Neighbors

Nearly 500 boats and many hundreds of spectators enjoyed the U. S. Open -- 1B



Forecast

The extended forecast for the period of Thursday through Sunday calls for fair days and cool nights with lows ranging in temperature from 55 to 60 and highs each day in the mid 60's to 70.

Tide table

Table with columns for HIGH, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, LOW, and tide times for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Long Beach Festival '94 on Saturday

By Richard Nubel Municipal Editor

A day of family fun is planned to celebrate the first-ever Long Beach Family Festival '94 this Saturday. The event gets underway at 11 a.m. at Middleton Park.



Rob Bishop of Jacksonville, Fla., along with his daughter Kim and brother Ricky Bishop of Southport, won the U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament and almost \$44,000 over the weekend with this 48.2-pound king. They were congratulated on their achievement by tournament chairman Don Hughes (right).

\$44,000 catch for winner tops successful U.S. Open

Captain Rob Bishop of Jacksonville, Fla., won the 16th U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament Saturday with a 48.2-pound fish caught off Lockwood Folly Inlet. His cash prize totaled \$43,945.

Sarah Belle, \$1,500 for a 43.5-pounder; Charles Shore of Long Beach on the Team Reaction, \$1,400 for a 38.35-pounder; Les Tubb on the Top Priority, \$1,300 for a 37.8-pounder; James Robinson of Supply on the Strike Pot, \$1,200 for a 37.6-pounder; and C. W. Hughes Jr. of Shallotte on the Total Loss, \$1,000 for a 37.25-pounder (weighed later than the Atkins fish).

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Schools to levy taxes?

County wants state to shift responsibility

By Terry Pope County Editor

Brunswick County commissioners want state legislators to pass a new law -- one that will take the funding of local schools out of the county's hands. The board unanimously adopted a resolution Monday which asks the N. C. Association of County Commissioners to lobby for a change allowing school boards across the state to levy their own taxes to operate public schools.

'Tougher' sentencing law in place

By Holly Edwards Feature Editor

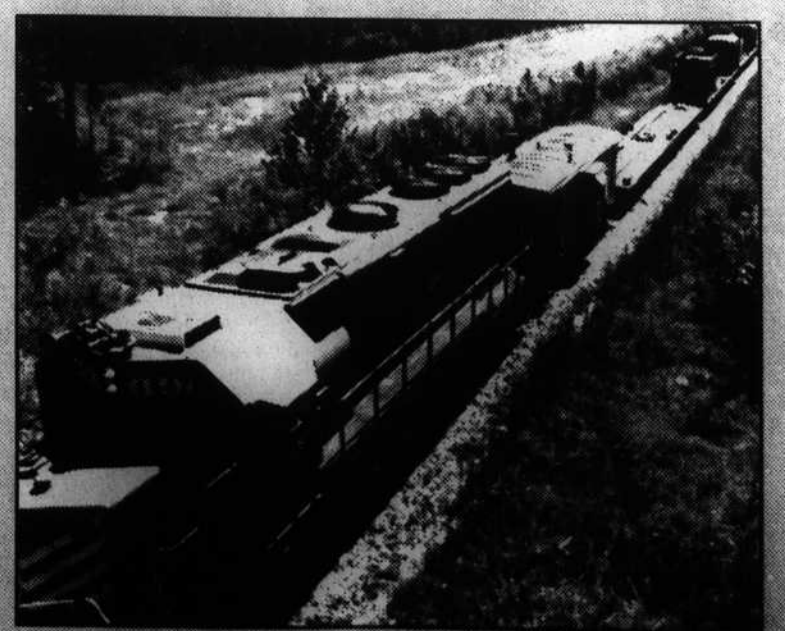
New state sentencing laws that took effect October 1 are designed to slap more violent offenders in prison for longer periods of time. However, at the local level the new laws will likely lead to "a lot of aggravated people," predicted district attorney Rex Gore.

Fuel-rod train chugs through Ships arrived at Sunny Point, unloaded at night

By Terry Pope County Editor

A shipment of European nuclear fuel rods through Brunswick County last week was anything but secret. Still, the U. S. Department of Energy's decision to bring the ships to port and to offload in the middle of the night was a surprise move. Just hours earlier, DOE secretary Hazel O'Leary ordered the ships and the nuclear cargo back to sea from anchored positions off the mouth of the Cape Fear River near Southport.

could be delayed no further because of "conflicting uses" of the Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point depot and for "safety considerations." "I don't know of any problems at all," said Cecil Logan, Brunswick County emergency management coordinator. "It was a good, clean operation. I was notified from the moment the ships were sent, notified when it was here and notified when it was en route."



Nuclear fuel rod shipment passes beneath the U.S. 17 overpass on its way to permanent storage in South Carolina.

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