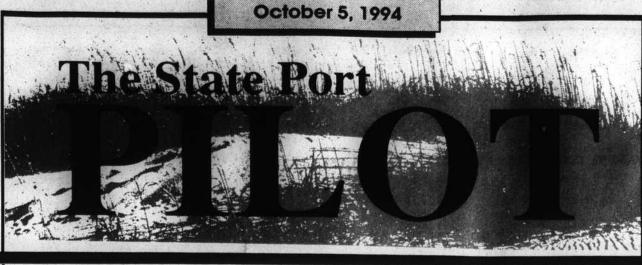


South Brunswick tries for its first conference win Friday when the Gators visit -- 12B



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### 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

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	HIGH	LOW
	THURSDAY, O	
	9:27 a.m.	3:06 a.m.
	9:42 p.m.	, 3:42 p.m.
	FRIDAY, OC	CTOBER 7
	10:19 a.m.	3:54 a.m.
	10:34 p.m.	4:34 p.m.
	SATURDAY,	OCTOBER 8
	11:13 a.m.	4:44 a.m.
	11:29 p.m.	5:27 p.m.
	SUNDAY, O	CTOBER 9
	a.m.	5:36 a.m.
	12:11 p.m.	6:23 p.m.
	MONDAY, O	
	12:28 a.m.	6:33 a.m.
	1:11 p.m.	7:23 p.m
	TUESDAY, O	
ì	1:30 a.m.	7:35 a.m
	2:14 p.m.	8:25 p.m
	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12	
	2:36 a.m.	8:40 a.m
	3:17 p.m.	9:28 p.m
	The following adjustments should be made	
	Bald Head Island, high	-10, low -7; Caswel
	Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7	
	low +15; Yaupon Bead	ch, high -32, low -45
Lockwood Folly Inlet, high		

### 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.

"We want a lot of people to come," town manager Jerry Walters said. "It's really important for people to know that most of the work of planning Family Festival '94 has been done by volunteers. There has been a standing committee since August."

The day is planned as a celebration of the families which make up Long Beach the hometown. If the accent is on locals, so be it. So much of the year is devoted to catering to visitors, this day is for the homefolk.

Food, games, exhibition booths, competitions and demonstrations are planned throughout the day.

Performances will be offered by the Brunswick Concert Band, the Oak Island School of Dance, the Sweet Adelines, the Southport Seacoast Cloggers, the Southport Baptist Church Bell Ringers, the Oak Island church choirs and the Oak Island Band. These performances, as well as stories by the Toastmasters and a karate exhibition, will be offered from Family Festival's main stage, set near the entrance sign to Middleton Park.

Entertainment will begin at 11:30 a.m. and continue until Family Festival con-

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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

# \$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.

Fishing with Bishop on the Fishbuster were his daughter Kim and brother, Ricky Bishop of Southport.

Second place and \$21,367 in the two-day competition went to Shelby Lewis of Wilmington aboard the *Something Fishy*, for a 46.7-pound fish.

Third place was taken by Drew Dixon of Southport on the Wahoo with a 43.9-pounder worth \$12,578. Fishing with Dixon when they landed the fish on 18-Mile Rock were Bill Delaney and John Hutchins.

In all, five fish in the event weighed more than 40 pounds, and four of these were caught on Saturday, dropping the first-day leader into fifth place. Forty-three of the 50 top fish weighed 30 pounds or better

Other top finishers included Stacy Wester on the Big Bad Wolf, \$2,500 for a 43.7-pounder; Harold Estep of Shallotte on the

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; Don Atkins on the *Mack-a-Tack*, \$1,100 for a 37.25 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).

The aggregate-weight top prize of \$975 for Friday went to George Fedor for 67.8 pounds aboard the *Carolina Lures*; and the top aggregate prize for Saturday went to Danny Wallen for 90.85 pounds aboard the *Hook 'm Dano*.

Last year's tournament was won by Terry Turner of Wilmington with a 52.4-pound king, which was also the largest fish in U. S. Open history.

"We had a super tournament," chairman Don Hughes said on

Monday.

"First, let me compliment the Southport Marina people -Mark Johnson and Larry Sincoski. They did an excellent job

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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.

Property tax bills would note an assessment to operate county departments plus a separate assessment to finance schools. In Brunswick County, one cent on the tax rate generates about \$500,000 in revenues.

"It'll take away all of the fighting and the friction between the board of commissioners and the school board," said District 5 commis-

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## '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.

Gore acknowledged that the new laws will make victims of violent crimes and their families more content with sentences handed down to convicted criminals. But, he noted that as more prison beds are occupied by violent offenders, fewer non-violent offenders will serve any jail time at all — a trend likely to frustrate victims of non-violent crimes.

"The largest percentage of crimes in Brunswick County are property-related crimes," Gore noted. "It's going to be even more difficult than it is now to get meaningful sentences for these offenses."

As an example, Gore said an 18-year-old man who had never been in legal trouble before See Sentencing, page 8

# 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. The public and U. S. Congressman Charlie Rose complained that the ships presented a potential hazard while sitting in the shipping

channels of the Cape Fear River.

Despite a tie-up in the federal appeals court over a lawsuit filed by the State of South Carolina to block the transport, the matter

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."

Late Wednesday, the two ships slowly made their way up the Cape Fear to the Sunny Point dock, where the containers loaded with 153 fuel assemblies were placed on railroad cars for the 17-

hour trip to Aiken, S. C.

"This shipment is an important step in our nation's efforts to stem
the proliferation of nuclear weapons materials worldwide," Ms.

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