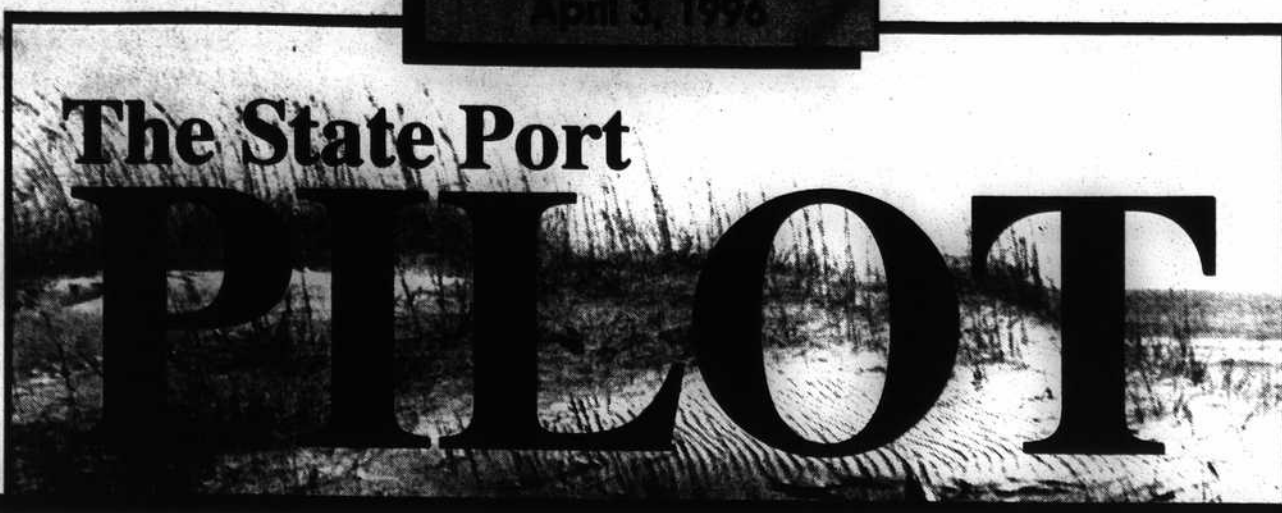




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Managed care in partnership

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Dosher Memorial Hospital is poised to jump into the managed care health insurance business.

Within two months Dosher will be a partner in an integrated health delivery system linking Coastal Carolina Health Alliance (CCHA) regional hospitals and Acordia National Insurance Company based in Charleston, WV.

Regional health care providers and Acordia will begin by forming a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) to provide discounted health care service to its clients. While Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) will not pay for clients to use health care
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Yaupon request deferred

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District commissioners Monday deferred action on a Yaupon Beach request that the town be given permission to spray treated wastewater within district limits.

Chairman James W. Smith reported that in discussions Yaupon Beach had sought leave to spray on seven acres, but in the written request the town asked to spray on 22.06 acres.

Yaupon Beach bases its waste treatment in the district, off Fish Factory
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COASTAL WATCH



Colorful and still in full bloom along the Southport waterfront this week are pelicans, but soon they will find themselves drawn to nesting areas upriver and to sea as feeding opportunities improve.

Photo by Jim Harper

'Primrose path'

Beach strand project awash in paperwork

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Once thought to be on a sure track for approval, a project to stabilize the Long Beach oceanfront between 58th Street and the area of 36th Street appears to be in danger of drowning in layers of bureaucracy.

"I wouldn't call it dead, but I wouldn't call it really alive either," town manager Jerry Walters said.

Authorized under Section 204 of the federal Clean Water Act, the estimated \$6-million project was to renourish a mile of severely eroded Long Beach oceanfront and taper another three-quarters of a mile from each
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Under terms of the project, a spoil depository on the mainland side of the Intracoastal Waterway, used by the corps, was to be pumped out

Martin Marietta

Mine dispute court date set

By Terry Pope
County Editor

The first legal battle over Martin Marietta's proposed rock quarry north of Southport will be waged in Brunswick County Superior Court next week.

Attorneys for both sides will enter court Friday, April 12, to present arguments to Superior Court judge William C. Gore Jr. on whether Brunswick County's ordinance that blocks deep-water mining within five miles of Carolina Power and Light Co.'s Brunswick nuclear plant and the Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point ammunition depot is constitutional.

Martin Marietta has filed for a summary judgment which could
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Martin Marietta claims it has spent more than \$1.6 million to set up its project and will seek that amount in damages from the county if the ordinance is not overturned in court

Solutions sought

School discipline problem caused by few students

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Principals and school board discipline committee members met this week to discuss possible solutions to one of the school system's most pressing problems -- unmanageable students.

"We need to put our heads together and find out what we can do to ensure that no one is allowed to keep teachers from teaching and students from learning," declared school board member Pat Brown.

Board member Bud Thorsen, who also works with juveniles in the court system, noted that repeated disruptions of the teaching process is a violation of state law, and that juvenile petitions could be filed against students who cannot be controlled.

"Before anything like that could go to court, we'd need documents from the school that they have exhausted all other alternatives," Thorsen explained.

Other possible solutions to discipline problems suggested by principals included establishing a counseling center for unmanageable students, requiring parents to sit in the classroom with their child in lieu
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Weekend horse-a-thon

'Hitching up' in Long Beach

A horseback wedding ceremony kicked off the fifth annual Long Beach Horse-a-Thon Saturday morning.

Rusty Gainey and Lori Fowler fulfilled their dream of a horseback wedding at the beach and held their nuptials at the Long Beach cabana. A small crowd of onlookers gathered as the couple said their vows and leaned across their horses to kiss, then rode off into the ... er, west.

The horse-a-thon is an annual fund-raiser for the Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department and last year netted about \$23,000 for the organization. Volunteers were expected to finalize the weekend total in a meeting Tuesday night.

Over 560 horses and riders participated in the event. Riders galloped through the surf, sipped cocktails on the beach and enjoyed hot dogs and riding competitions at the "point" Saturday afternoon. The day concluded with a dinner and dance for the riders at the VFW Post in Long Beach.

Saturday remained overcast and dry, but Sunday morning showers sent most riders home early that day.



Rusty Gainey and Lori Fowler kiss at the conclusion of their horseback nuptials Saturday morning at the Long Beach cabana. The bride and groom took advantage of the annual Long Beach Horse-a-Thon to fulfill their dream of a horseback wedding on the beach.