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ENDLESS SUMMER



The surf was up Saturday, but at Fort Fisher on the east-facing side of Cape Fear, so Southport youngsters Adam Thompson and Chris Coughlin tucked their boards underarm and Jonah Hewett wore his

like wings as they headed for the Southport-Fort Fisher ferry. The transit costs a dollar each; Adam, Chris and Jonah agree it was a good ride.

Long Beach Beachfront options are council topic

By Richard Nubel Municipal Editor

How Long Beach may combat erosion over the long term, and how it may recover from severe area erosion at the hands of tropical storm Josephine October 8, dominated a short regular monthly meeting of town council Tuesday night.

Addressing an unrelated matter, council sent back to the town's planning board a proposed amendment to subdivision ordinance provisions addressing planned unit developments. The PUD amendment pro-

posal has been made somewhat controversial by councilor Frances Allen's objection to provisions which allow housing density increases in exchange for open space in PUDs, including a density allowance for land developed as golf courses.

But, it was councilor Kevin Bell who moved to table the PUD amendment for further planning board study. Bell believes the PUD permitting process outlined in the proposal is too lengthy.

At the urging of councilor Horace See Long Beach, page 6

Seven-month-old infant Felony child abuse charge against four

By Terry Pope County Editor

Prosecutor Lillian Salcines says a concerned person who notified authorities about the health of seven-month-old Charles Huff of Boiling Spring Lakes may have saved the baby's life.

Four persons -- the baby's parents and maternal grandparents -- were indicted by a Brunswick County grand jury last week on felony child abuse charges after investigators appeared before the panel and testified the defendants intentionally inflicted serious physical injury upon the child by not feeding him or providing him with proper medical care.

"This person saw the baby with his mother at church, and she saw that the baby appeared so ill that she of-

'The mother indicated that he didn't need a doctor, that her children just didn't grow very quickly.'

Lillian Salcines District Court prosecutor

ferred to take them to a doctor or the emergency room," said Ms. Salcines, a Brunswick County assistant district attorney. "The mother indicated that he didn't need a doctor, that her chil-

dren just didn't grow very quickly."

Beneath the child's church clothes was a thin, frail body that had gained just two pounds since weighing in at eight pounds following birth seven months ago. Photos accompanying the indictments show the baby's bloated stomach, his protruding ribs and droopy, wrinkled skin around the buttocks. What the woman did see at church was enough to convince her to take action.

"She thought about it, and she thought about the baby's condition and decided to call the Department of Social Services," said Ms. Salcines. "I don't know who to thank. I don't know who that person is right at this time."

DSS investigators saw the condition of the baby and took him into See Felony, page 6

Yaupon sewer stymied

By Richard Nubel Municipal Editor

Even without any last-minute glitches, without any unanticipated questions from state regulators, Yaupon Beach cannot hope to receive permits to construct its wastewater spray-irrigation disposal system before March, 1997.

Consulting engineer Robert Graham, of Boney and Associates of Raleigh, delivered that information to commissioners in a letter this week.

This week the state's Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources' Division of Water

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Southport Fund drive for building scaled back

By Richard Nubel Municipal Editor

Southport's community building reconstruction committee has revised downward its estimated phase-one construction costs and now says it needs to raise less than \$295,000 from private sources.

It is anticipated the city will borrow that amount so construction can begin. The city will be repaid by proceeds of a fund-raising campaign the committee hopes to begin soon. The committee plans to allow donors to pay pledged contributions to its capital campaign over five years, another reason the city must front the money, said committee member and aldermen Paul Fisher.

Thursday night, Fisher released a See Building, page 6

The report stress no tax money will be used for rebuilding the community building and that its reconstruction will not interfere with any other large projects

USA NETWORK

'Face in Mirror' films downtown

Filming of the USA Network movie "Face in the Mirror" began in Southport Tuesday morning and was scheduled to conclude Wednesday afternoon, said location manager Elisha Lowe.

The movie stars Gail O'Grady, who is best-known for her role as a no-nonsense receptionist in the TV series "NYPD Blue."

In "Face in the Mirror," O'Grady plays a young woman who suffers from amnesia after nearly drowning, and who moves to another city to begin a new life. The movie describes how she recovers her former life and personality.

An air date has not yet been scheduled. Filming was conducted Tuesday at The Pharmacy Restaurant, Northrop Antique Mall, American Fish Company and the Southport Baptist Church preschool.

On Wednesday, crews were scheduled to work at Trinity United Methodist Church and River Oaks Motel.



Filming of 'Face in the Mirror' was done Tuesday on Moore Street.



Forecast

Beautiful fall days ahead with mostly sunny skies and highs each day 70 to 75. We can expect lows in the 50s for the period of Thursday through Sunday.

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