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Cougar girls defeat Pender on the road Tuesday night, clinch 3A playoff spot -- 1C

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The Department of Cultural Resources over the weekend sponsored a Living History Encampment as part of the Civil War Program at the Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson state historic site. Guns were fired,

campaigns were explained and in some cases fantasies were played out. More photos in the Neighbors section.

Photo by Jim Harper

Water everywhere

**Leland district may abandon county system**

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

The county's second-largest wholesale water customer is threatening to pull out, too, if water prices keep rising and if bond debt is passed on to users.

Leland Sanitary District director Jean Speight told county commissioners Monday that officials should not only be concerned about Long Beach's threat to build its own water system but that Leland has entertained the idea as well.

At a retreat earlier this month, commissioners agreed to aggressively pursue a self-supporting water system and to increase its customer base to help dig it out of debt. And District 2 commissioner David Sandifer suggested commissioners need to "tuck their tail between their legs" and talk to Long Beach officials about not leaving the county water system.

Long Beach has committed

'... when you say you need to deal with one of us you need to deal with all of us, and all of us fairly.'

**Jean Speight**  
Leland Sanitary District

\$100,000 for a study that indicates the town could build its own water treatment plant which would save the town money in the long run. The town is in the process of digging test wells. The debate has been ongoing since last year when the county raised its

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**CAMA concerns voiced**

By Holly Edwards  
Feature Editor

Balancing economic growth and environmental protection was the major concern expressed by residents attending the fourth of seven Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) public meetings Monday night at the CP&L Visitors Center near Southport.

By law, Brunswick County must update its CAMA land use plan every five years and public input is the foundation of the plan, said planning consultant Glenn Harbeck.

Policies contained in the CAMA land use plan affect local zoning regulations as well as decisions of state and federal agencies, Harbeck noted.

"You folks are speaking for an aw- See Concerns, page 6

Former chairman:  
**County's action should not deter long-range goal**

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

County native Michael Royal says he's disappointed that county commissioners disbanded the long-range planning committee so suddenly last week.

But he doesn't believe the action will kill long-range planning.

The Boiling Spring Lakes resident was chairman of the panel which last year gave county officials a list of 16 recommendations to better prepare for county growth over the next 25 years.

However, amid criticism of not having enough rural representation See Action, page 7

'I believe ... our communities, our towns and our county realize the importance of a unified and cooperative effort to preserve our quality of life.'

**Michael Royal**

**Lockwood problems no 'folly'**

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

Shifting sands and erosion stemming from the Lockwood Folly Inlet continue to threaten oyster harvests from the river and property along the beachfront.

It is a problem longtime Holden Beach resident John Holden wants resolved, partly by pressure from the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners.

He asked the board Monday to implement a study of the circulation patterns at the mouth of the Lockwood Folly River and of the inlet that lies between Long Beach and Holden Beach. With aerial

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Long Beach  
**'Assessment' rumor brings council action**

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

For the record -- and the action appeared to be just that -- Long Beach Town Council Tuesday voted not to consider funding for beach nourishment until it begins budget deliberations or until a specific beach nourishment project is presented by federal authorities.

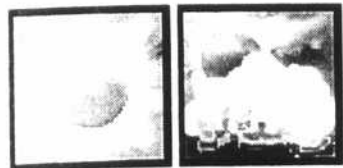
That unanimous vote of council brought to an end a meeting begun in acrimony, fueled apparently by rumors circulating throughout town for several days that council was

prepared to assess all property owners between \$4,500 and \$4,800.

What council heard Tuesday night while meeting in regular monthly session was a report from Long Beach Erosion Control Committee chairman Russ Morrison on ongoing efforts to bulldoze sand into berms on the beachfront.

Councilor Helen Cashwell, however, said she had placed an agenda item "Discussion concerning beach nourishment and financing" because she felt mayor Joan Altman had committed Long Beach to spend

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**Forecast**

The extended forecast calls for mostly sunny skies Thursday through Saturday with highs in the 60's.

Complaints of junk  
**Neighborhood requests help**

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

Minutes after a frustrated group of Smithville Woods residents left Southport City Hall Thursday night, city attorney Mike Isenberg found an answer to their problem.

The City of Southport can clear old junked vehicles, broken restaurant equipment and discarded oil and antifreeze cans from Joe Mintz's property. Just how to deal with the Mintz property -- in Southport and at Smithville Woods -- will be the subject of a special "workshop session" of the board of aldermen Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

"State law gives you the authority to remove any condition that constitutes a health hazard in the city or within one mile" of city limits, Isenberg told aldermen.

Earlier, residents of Smithville Woods complained Mintz, a resident of 520 See Junk, page 6



Photo by Richard Nubel

Residents of Smithville Woods say Joe Mintz moved his junked vehicles and logs from his pulpwood business to a lot he owns adjacent to a dirt service road running parallel to Robert Ruark Drive. Southport officials are to decide a course of action Thursday night in a special "workshop" session.