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McIntyre pays visit to schools

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre has urged South Brunswick High School students to use their unique talents and skills and to answer a calling in life to serve others.

McIntyre visited a social studies class at the high school Friday during a tour of Brunswick County. Quoting Thomas Jefferson, he told students to follow when they cannot lead and to always look for a favorable moment to help others in adversity.

The 7th Congressional District Democrat also took the opportunity to outline his accomplishments during his first year in office.

"I feel it's my first duty to stand up for issues right here at home," the Lumberton native told students. "The government is competent when it works as a trustee for the people."

McIntyre told students he supported legislation that led to an additional \$15.6 million in disaster relief for hurricane-ravaged southeastern North Carolina counties, including \$1 million for Brunswick County beaches.

"Beaches can be destroyed overnight, but they can't be rebuilt overnight," he said. "When a bill for flood victims in the Midwest and California came up, the extra money for the recovery effort here was added on."

Through his service on the National Security Committee, McIntyre said

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South Brunswick High School cheerleaders begin an orderly descent from a pyramid during their Friday appearance at the UCB-BB&T Football Jamboree in Wilmington. Their performance earned them second place in the competition among eight cheerleading squads.

SOUTHPORT

No problems develop with new film rules

By Richard Nubel
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New film guidelines enacted by the Southport Board of Aldermen August 19 began to take effect at least as early as Monday evening, when two representatives of Harpo Films went door-to-door in the neighborhood surrounding the Bay Street and Atlantic Avenue intersection.

Location manager Shaw Burney and an assistant visited residents of that neighborhood to inform them portions of "The Wedding," an installment in the Oprah Winfrey Presents mini-series for ABC television, will be filmed -- predominantly in and around the Callan house on Bay Street -- between September 5 and September 23.

Notification of residents affected by filming is one of the requirements of the new filming guidelines adopted by aldermen last week. Not only were letters of notification hand carried to residents of the Bay and Atlantic neighborhood, but those visited were asked to sign receipts for the letters so the film-makers could prove to city manager Rob Gandy they had com-

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plied with the notification policy.

A second letter provided many Bay Street residents also informed them of Harpo's plans to film on the city pier September 5 and September 8.

"The Wedding" is based on a Dorothy West novel set in the seaside town of Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard in the early 1950s. For filming, the Callan home will become "The Oval," summer home of the Coles. See Problems, page 6

LONG BEACH

Forum invites all candidates

By Richard Nubel
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New forum "Old stationery" Candidates for election to the office of mayor and to six seats on Long Beach Town Council have been invited to attend a "Meet Your Candidate Forum" to be sponsored by Long Beach United For Progress.

The forum will be held at 2 p.m. September 20, a Saturday, at Middleton Park.

The forum comes in advance of the October 7 non-partisan primary election for town council candidates. The field of 14 candidates for six council seats will be pared to 12 in that primary election.

There will be no primary election for the office of mayor. Incumbent mayor Joan P. Altman will run for reelection unopposed in November, barring write-in candidates.

Invitations to the Long Beach United For Progress forum arrived this week in candidates' mailboxes in undated letters from forum chairman Connie Watson. The invitations appear to be written on old L.B.U.P. stationery still listing Frances Allen as president of the political action committee she founded.

L.B.U.P. president Rupert Riley, speaking at an August 14 meeting, said the group had endorsed candidates Roy Lee Overtine Sr., Jim Locke, Marvin Watson and Luby Hollingsworth. Candidates for election to town council not receiving L.B.U.P. endorsement include incumbents Frances Allen, Helen Cashwell, Kevin Bell, Horace Collier and Mary Sneed, plus challengers J. K.

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Resident suing city for cleanup

By Richard Nubel
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A resident of Riverwatch subdivision has asked the state Superior Court to order the City of Southport to enforce its judgment against Joe Mintz of 520 East Moore Street.

On March 22, 1995, the District Court in Brunswick County ruled for the City of Southport, issuing an order directing Mintz to remove junked motor vehicles and other debris from his residentially zoned property, to permanently refrain from using the property as a junkyard and for a commercial logging business, to cut overgrowth from the property and remove other debris accumulations.

Additionally, Mintz was ordered to comply with all provisions of the city zoning and minimum housing standards ordinances.

John A. Atkinson, whose Riverwatch property abuts Mintz's, filed suit August 18, saying he "has a clear legal right to have (Southport) enforce its duly enacted ordinance as

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Unsolved murders

Mothers view children's deaths as reason to help

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Three years after the cold-blooded murders of their children, Lou Smith and Birdie Frink say feelings of anger, grief and isolation still permeate their daily lives.

Their emotional suffering is compounded by the fact their children's killers remain at large.

"It's been three years and three months and I'm still numb and I'm still angry," Smith said. "If the person could be found then there could be some closure. Unless you've been through something like this, you really don't know what it's like. Sometimes I feel like I'm crazy and sometimes I feel like a stranger because I see people and I don't know what to say."

To comfort others who have experienced similar tragedies and, perhaps more importantly, to give meaning to their children's deaths, Smith and Frink established Citizens Against Crime last year to serve as a support group

'We want to educate people that there are people out there who will take your child's life.'

Lou Smith

for victims of any type crime.

The group's next meeting is scheduled Thursday, August 28, 7 p.m. at the Brunswick Community College teaching auditorium. Meetings are held the fourth

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Brunswick SAT scores up slightly

Still behind state, national averages

By Holly Edwards
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Average Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) scores increased three points in Brunswick County during the 1996-97 school year but continue to lag behind state and national averages.

Results were released statewide

Tuesday afternoon and individual school scores will be released next week.

Brunswick County's average SAT score increased from 926 to 929 last year, while the state average increased two points from 976 to 978 and the national average three points from 1013 to 1016. A perfect score on the SAT would be 1600, or 800 on the

verbal portion of the test and 800 on the math portion.

Brunswick County's average math score increased from 496 to 499 last year and the average verbal score decreased from 470 to 469.

"The results show we're heading in a positive direction, but we still have work to do," said superintendent of

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SAT Scores

	MATH	VERBAL	TOTAL
Brunswick County	460	469	929
North Carolina	488	490	978
United States	511	505	1016