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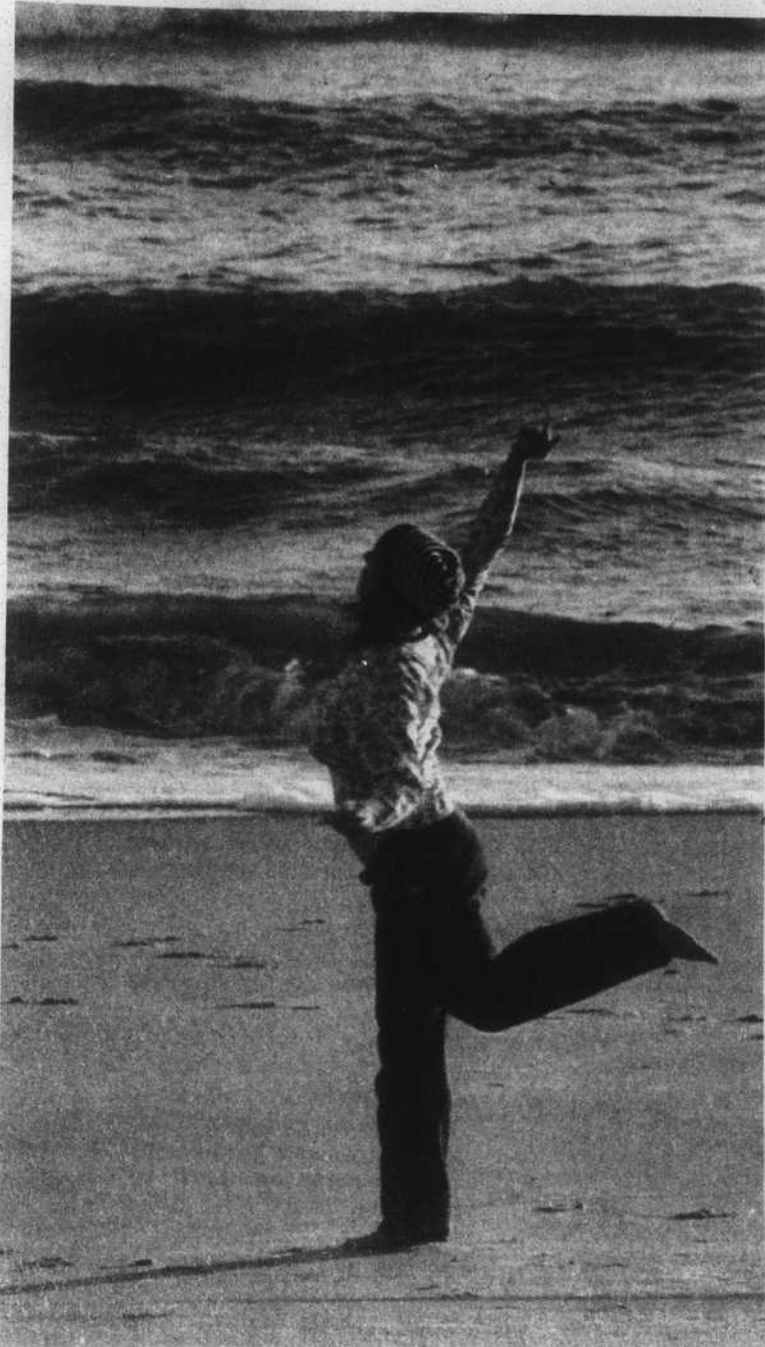
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South Brunswick girls take on



You might call it art -- a virtual arabesque at the water's edge -- but in reality it was a matter of good, athletic follow-through as the young lady on the Long Beach strand had to toss bird food high

enough so gulls could catch it without interference from the hungry pooch below.

Photos by Jim Harper

Long Beach

Council adopts 'corridor' plan

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

After accepting public comment on the proposal for a second consecutive month, town council Tuesday night voted unanimously to adopt a Second Bridge to Oak Island Corridor Development Study as an amendment to the Long Beach Land Use Plan.

The corridor development study, conducted with the aid of a grant from the N. C. Division of Coastal Management, sets out desirable land use policies for a proposed roadway corridor which may lead from the area of N. C. 211 and Midway Road to the mainland side of a second Oak Island bridge to North Middleton Street. The plan attempts to anticipate development patterns for the next 20 to 25 years.

Target date for completion of a second bridge to Oak Island is late 2000 or early 2001.

Under terms of the motion to adopt the bridge corridor study as an amendment to the town land use plan, two suggestions advanced at a first public hearing last month were incorporated and council determined to seek amendment approval by the N. C. Coastal Resources Commission (CRC), the statewide body charged with developing and administering coastal policy.

CRC Advisory Board member Rosetta Short, a Long Beach resident, has expressed enthusiasm for the bridge corridor amendment in both public hearing

'We have a responsibility to look into the future to provide a plan for growth.'

Joan Altman
Long Beach mayor

sessions. Her suggestions of last month that Long Beach retain extraterritorial jurisdiction over the planning area and an environmental impact study be required for any development over one acre were incorporated in the amendment.

"I would like to commend council for the public participation that has been involved in the corridor plan," Ms. Short said. "That is one of the most important things when it goes to the CRC."

Ms. Short noted a community work
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Filings few, far between

Unless more candidates present themselves in the next 12 days, Brunswick County voters won't have many choices to make on primary election day May 5.

Those wishing to run for election to state and county offices have until noon, February 2, to file notice of their candidacy with the Brunswick County Board of Elections. To date, not many have done so.

As of Tuesday, the only primary races to be held would be for the Democratic nomination to the N. C. House of Representatives from the 14th District and for the Democratic nomination to run for county commissioner in District 1.

Incumbent state representatives E. David Redwine, 50, of Ocean Isle Beach and Dewey Hill, 72, of Whiteville, both Democrats, will be challenged for the two spots on the ballot by fellow party member Russell Edwin Tucker, 54, of Pink Hill.

GOP stalwart Shirley C. Babson, 56, of Bolivia announced her candi-
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King observances held

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

To overcome racial barriers and fear, both blacks and whites must be willing to talk about race openly and directly and get to know each other as human beings.

That was the consensus of approximately 200 area residents who gathered for breakfast and roundtable discussion of race relations Monday at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly in observance

of Martin Luther King Day.

The discussion focused on the questions: How can you learn more about a person who is a racial, cultural or physical stranger? What questions would you like to ask of persons from another race or culture? What makes you angry and what makes you feel good about persons from another race or culture?

Participants included representatives from municipal and county governments, Brunswick County
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Bald Head

Council begins new schedule of meeting

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

The first work session/business session round of Bald Head Island's new village administration last week developed largely as a table-setting for February meetings.

Planned improvements on Stede Bonnet Wynd, a beach erosion study proposal and coun-

cil prioritization of issues were all continued to February for action.

Proposed widening of Stede Bonnet Wynd, including dividing of lanes in some places and removal of trees, will be the subject of a 3 p.m. "open house" exposition before the 4 p.m. council business session on February 20.

A proposed beach erosion study by Quaternary
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Mayor answers Allen criticisms of bridge route

By Richard Nubel
News Editor

A second bridge to western Oak Island has enjoyed the support of Southport officials in the past. The idea is worthy of Southport officials' support today, Long Beach mayor Joan Altman says.

Perhaps engaging in a little damage control, Altman, in a letter to Southport mayor Bill Crowe this week, said Long Beach officials expect to work hand-in-hand with their counterparts in Southport "with the benefit of complete, accurate information, to make this long-awaited project a reality."

Altman's letter comes a week after former Long Beach councilor Frances Allen appeared before Southport aldermen, asserting the second bridge to Oak Island, and a Second Bridge to Oak Island Corridor Development Plan commissioned by Long Beach, would hurt small business interests in

Southport.

Allen also asserted, as she has in recent speeches to Long Beach Town Council and before the N. C. Coastal Resources Commission, that DOT intends to pick a direct route for a road corridor linking Midway Road and N. C. 211 with the mainland side of the planned bridge to North Middleton Street. She said this favored route was the sole area of the town's corridor study and, if chosen, the route would wreak environmental damage on a sensitive area.

Allen contends a road from a western Oak Island bridge should be routed through Sunset Harbor.

DOT still has five corridor routes under consideration.

In her letter to Crowe, Altman said no corridor route has yet been selected by the N. C. Department of Transportation, which has committed significant resources to appropriate corridor selection.
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Year-round schools for whole county?

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

A year-round school calendar could be implemented this year for all elementary and middle schools in Brunswick County if parents support the plan.

Union Primary, Supply Elementary and Shallotte Middle schools announced last week

that they too were considering a year-round schedule. Southport Elementary, Bolivia Elementary and South Brunswick Middle schools announced earlier this month they were seeking parent input on a proposed year-round calendar, while Lincoln Primary, Belville Elementary and Leland Middle schools adopted a year-round calendar last year.

Public hearings on the proposal have been

scheduled at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Wednesday) at South Brunswick Middle School; Thursday at Southport Elementary; Thursday, February 5, at Supply Elementary; Tuesday, February 10, at Union Primary; Thursday, February 12, at Shallotte Middle.

The calendar would shorten summer vacation from ten to five weeks but would provide a three-week break after each nine-week instructional period. This year, summer vaca-

tion would be shortened by only two weeks because of a revised traditional calendar.

Proponents of the year-round calendar say it provides more time for remediation of students at risk of academic failure, allows teachers more time for planning, and reduces the stress level for both students and teachers.

Administrators could ask for school board approval to implement the year-round schedule in July.

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