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Photo by Jim Harper

Probably the only sunbather in Brunswick County on this -- or any other -- January 30, this lady took advantage of Friday's sun, 60-degree temperature and wind-dampening dunes on Bald Head Island's West

Beach for a moment of relaxation. The upcoming weekend forecast: February, but hopeful.

What was done...

County makes garbage plans

By Terry Pope
County Editor

For some towns, it means change, perhaps an adjustment or a step back to help mold the total package Brunswick County commissioners want under a new countywide garbage disposal plan the board is expected to approve February 16.

"It's a start," said commission chairman Jo Ann Bellamy Simmons of District 4. "It's not a solution. Right now, we're just trying to get every citizen a roll-out cart and pay for that service. We hope this will also help clean up our county."

Rural residents who have never had the convenience of roadside collection typically offered in more urban settings are in for a change. It is not expected to add dollars to anyone's tax bill.

Under the agreement ironed out by Ms. Simmons and District 2 county commissioner David Sandifer last week, Waste Industries Inc. will collect and haul from the approximately 40,000 households

The deal will close all green box disposal sites as of July 1, and will include new tipping fees at county transfer stations and the construction and demolition landfill at Supply

once a week for \$10.98 each, appropriated from the county's general fund.

With the 18 municipalities cooperating, the job can be done for \$5 million, the same spent to have

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What it means...

Municipalities to absorb cost

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Refusal to join in Brunswick County's plan to bring once-a-week curbside refuse collection to homes countywide would more than double the cost of solid waste management in Long Beach, the town learned this week.

"We're between a rock and a hard place and we don't have any options," Long Beach mayor Joan Altman said.

After meeting with representatives of the county's 18 municipalities last week, county commissioners voted to establish tipping fees for municipally generated refuse. The tipping fees, to be charged municipalities for waste taken by the county's contractor to a Sampson County landfill, begin at \$38 per ton for household waste. Long Beach town manager Jerry Walters said the tipping fees were the last piece of information he needed to compare the cost of joining the county program with the cost of providing the same service Long Beach has traditionally provided.

"We have made a determination that is essentially what we thought was the case," Walters said. "The cost of residential service will go up more than two and a half times if the county begins charging these tip-

'For the services Long Beach residents now pay out-of-pocket, the cost is going to be greater in a combination of taxes paid the county and fees paid the town.'

Joan Altman
Long Beach mayor

ping fees in July." Walters said the 250-percent cost increase would cover only services Long Beach presently provides. It does not anticipate the recycling and yard debris collection programs the town has planned over the last year.

Under terms of the county plan, each municipality has been asked to join in a contract with Waste Industries Inc. for once-a-week curbside pickup. The county will

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Rededication will honor black Civil War soldiers

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Graves of two black Union soldiers will be rededicated Saturday at Southport's John Smith Cemetery in observance of Black History Month.

Vocalist Katiedawne Quirk will present songs from the Civil War era at 1:30 p.m. prior to the 2 p.m. rededication ceremony.

More than 100 Civil War reenactors from across the country will participate in the ceremony, which

will feature the firing of artillery cannons, laying of wreaths at the graves, a performance by the Southport Community Choir and the presentation of American flags and Southport proclamations to five

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School plan lacks support

Year-round schedule not for southern area

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Parent support of a proposed year-round school calendar is not strong enough to implement the plan at Southport Elementary, Bolivia Elementary and South Brunswick Middle schools, officials decided this week.

"There's not a strong consensus for year-round schools, and I think we need more than a mere majority," said assistant superintendent of instruction Mary McDuffie. "But like most changes, people want to look at it in stages and

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YEAR ROUND vs. TRADITIONAL EDUCATION			
	BOLIVIA ELEMENTARY	SOUTH BRUNSWICK MIDDLE	SOUTHPORT ELEMENTARY
YEAR ROUND EDUCATION	54%	44%	48%
TRADITIONAL EDUCATION	46%	56%	52%

Results of the vote taken at Bolivia Elementary, South Brunswick Middle and Southport Elementary.

SBSD Capacity expected at startup

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

For all intents and purposes, Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District's 500,000-gallon-per-day wastewater management system -- now under construction -- will be at capacity on the very day it begins operation early next year.

That fact prompted SBSBD commissioners Monday morning to propose a moratorium on new development in the district. The moratorium idea will be presented to SBSBD attorney James Prevatte for his opinion and advice.

"Paperwise, we are at capacity now," consulting engineer John McLaughlin told commissioners, meaning flow allocations to customers now are reaching the permitted capacity of the district

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Pilot wins dozen state press awards

Every member of *The State Port Pilot* news staff won at least one award in the NCPA News, Editorial and Photojournalism Contest this year.

The awards were presented Thursday evening at The Friday Center in Chapel Hill. Gov. Jim Hunt and officials of the North Carolina Press Association participated in the ceremony.

Photographer Jim Harper won four awards and county editor Terry Pope three, while municipal editor Richard Nubel and feature editor Holly Edwards received single awards from the judges. The newspaper won three "staff" awards. The 12

awards were the most among newspapers in the *Pilot's* division -- community newspapers circulation 3,500 to 10,000.

"The awards represent the hard work of individual journalists as well as the overall commitment to making *The State Port Pilot* a newspaper of which this community can be proud," said Ed Harper, editor. This marks the fifth time in six years the *Pilot* has led its division in number of awards. The *Pilot* advertising staff has led the division in awards each of the past six years.

Awards for the 1997 contest included:

■ **First place, Appearance and Design** -- Judge Michael Van Den Bradden said he was most impressed with the inside pages of the *Pilot*.

"Turn inside and this publication is extremely reader-friendly.... The use of good headlines, subheads and pull quotes added interest to the general layout of almost every page. Sections had great cover pages.... I felt like this paper was a comfortable friend in my home. Pride and craftsmanship showed throughout the publication."

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