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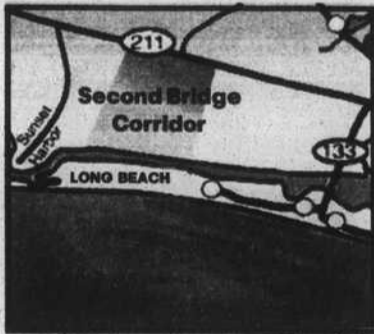
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Land use planning Battle of Midway



Long Beach mayor says the planning document does not attempt to exert control over zoning in the county's jurisdiction

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Where do the planning interests of the Town of Long Beach begin?

In other times that would have been a fairly easy question to answer. Until now one could open a map and with some accuracy assert those interests begin at 79th Street on the east end and at the "point" at Kings Lynn to the west. Taking the long view, the town has also asserted extraterritorial planning interests one mile across the Intracoastal Waterway.

But, with prospects for a second bridge to western Oak Island at Middleton Street looming -- with prospects for a new five-mile or longer road meandering through completely undeveloped land to the Long Beach front door, that question becomes more difficult to answer.

Wanting to plan adequately for this new corridor that will bring traffic directly into Long Beach from the mainland, Long Beach officials, in consultation with professional planners, decided Long Beach's planning interests did not begin at the foot of that new western bridge. Neither did the town's planning interests begin one mile from the bridge at the line to

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Brunswick officials believe Long Beach involved the county in the land use planning process after the fact

By Terry Pope
County Editor

A turf war has developed between Long Beach and the county over who will control development along the corridor to a second bridge to Oak Island.

Long Beach asked the Brunswick County Planning Board last week to endorse a plan that will give the town planning authority over land up to five miles outside its territorial jurisdiction. Long Beach has drafted an amendment to its 1993 Land Use Plan which carefully outlines how town officials envision development along the approach to the island in the vicinity of N. C. 211 and the Midway community if a second bridge is constructed.

County planners, however, are also drafting a land use plan update and will include a concept of how the corridor ought to be built and developed. There are at least five routes the new highway may take to reach N. C. 211, with the most pursued plan being one that links to Midway Road. That area is clearly within the county's zoning jurisdiction.

"I appreciate all that Long Beach has done," said Jo Ann Bellamy Simmons, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners. "I have a problem

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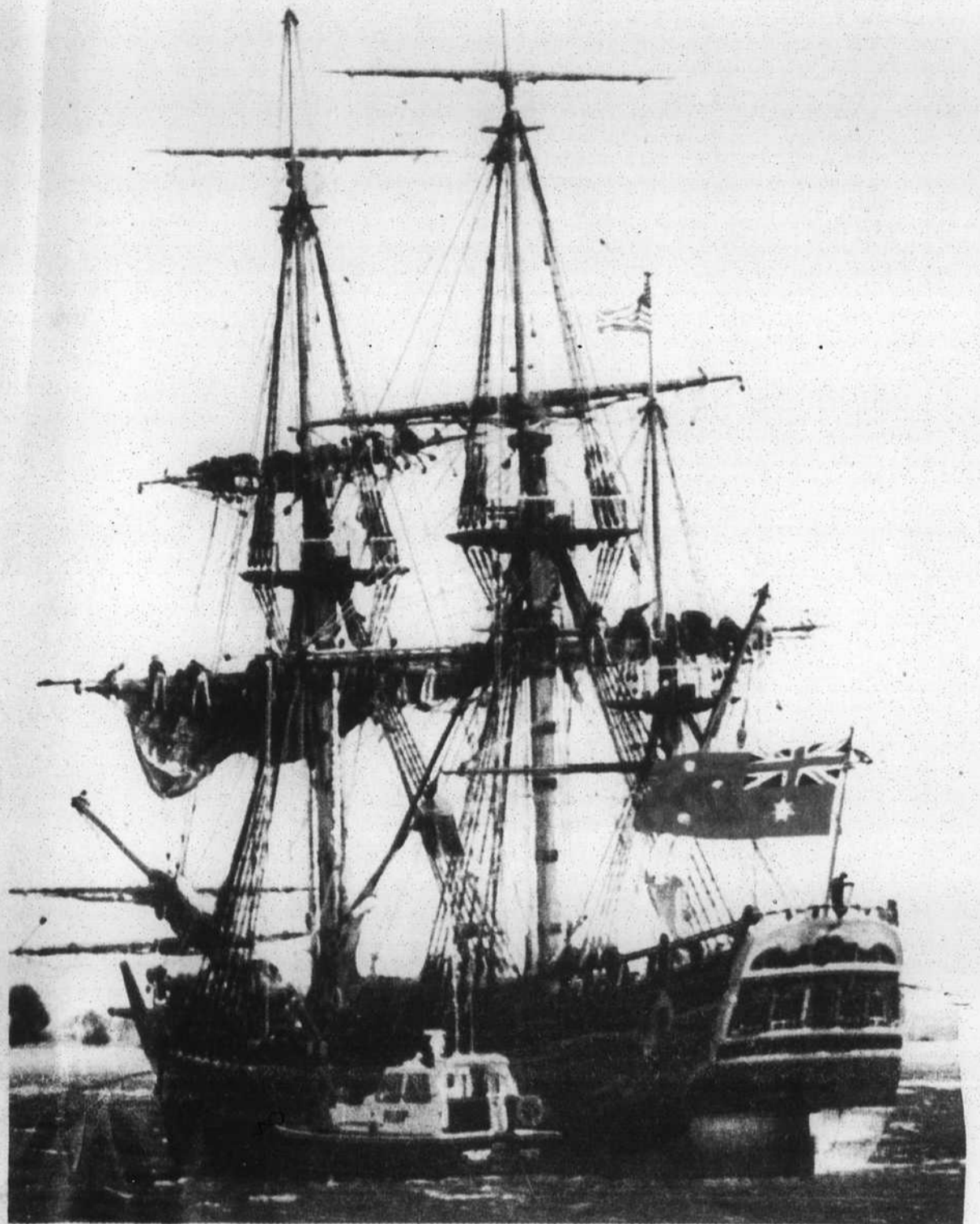


Photo by Jim Harper
All hands were aloft taking in sails as the Cape Fear pilot boat stood alongside the Endeavour Thursday to carry pilot Wayne Ludlum ashore. The captain then elected to anchor the ship at sea for the night, so harborwatchers had a chance to see the replica bark pass a second time Friday morning.

Council to the rescue Long Beach to employ squad personnel

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Wanting to shore-up response time to medical emergencies, Long Beach Town Council Tuesday night authorized staff to begin recruiting personnel to serve as paid members of the town's rescue squad.

Long Beach will become the second municipality in Brunswick County to employ emergency medical professionals. The Village of Bald Head Island also has paid rescue personnel on staff.

"In looking at the options available, the best is to go with paid personnel during the daytime and that we begin to do that now so that we are prepared when the influx of population is high," town manager Jerry Walters said, making his recommendation to council.

In other business brought before

town council's regular monthly meeting, members again delayed their decision whether or not to join with Brunswick County in its solid waste program set to begin July 1. Councilors received a schedule of fees -- including county tipping fees -- for a variety of solid waste services Waste Industries Inc. will provide the town if it does not join in the countywide plan advocated by county commissioners. Mayor Joan Altman indicated council will make its final decision on solid waste at a 7 a.m. workshop session April 29.

Council also had little to say before it adopted a memorandum of understanding and endorsement which calls for establishment of a steering committee with representatives of Brunswick County to implement the Second Bridge to Oak

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'We understand most of your members are working folks. If providing paid personnel helps keep your rescue squad strong, we are happy to do so.'

Joan Altman
Long Beach mayor

May primary may proceed

By Terry Pope
County Editor

County election officials are preparing to hold the local May 5 primary as planned, although it is shaping up to be a quiet one.

A special primary will be needed in September, however, to vote for U. S. Congressional candidates, including a vote for the 7th District seat now held by Mike McIntyre, who represents all of Brunswick County.

Brunswick County Board of Elections director Lynda Britt said a memo received Friday from the state board clears the way for local candidates to plan on voters heading to the polls on time in two

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Second fire postpones reopening

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

On the morning that the fire-damaged Leland Middle School was scheduled to reopen, someone apparently broke through a window and used papers, books and boxes to set fire in a fifth grade classroom.

The State Bureau of Investigation and Brunswick County Sheriff's Department are investigating the blaze as a possible arson, said superintendent

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Yaupon Beach Disposal plan accommodates more capacity

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Facing a lawsuit from a mainland property developer once assured of sewer service by the town, Yaupon Beach commissioners have authorized a \$538,000 project to increase present wastewater disposal capacity by approximately 60,000 gallons per day.

Meeting last week, commissioners authorized town staff to negotiate with consulting engineering firm Finch, Boney and Associates to design a spray-irrigation disposal system for a seven-acre tract the town owns near its wastewater treatment plant on Fish

"The project ... provides the full capacity needed by the town," Boney engineer Robert Graham wrote recently in an outline of the project presented to commissioners last week.

The proposed project calls for installation of 1,540 linear feet of irrigation pipe and 26 sprinklers at a cost of \$18,000; upgrade of the on-site rapid-infiltration disposal basin at a cost of \$35,000; and construction of a 2.6-million-gallon storage pond, a two-million-gallon off-line pond, a pump station and pumping equipment at a cost of \$320,000.

Engineering, construction, project management and contingency costs hike the project budget to \$538,000.

Town clerk Nancy Wilson Tuesday said the disposal will provide the entire disposal capacity needed by the town now. The project assumes a need for 200,000-gallon-

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Garbage pick-up is tested

By Terry Pope
County Editor

About 300 rural residents have already received roll-out garbage disposal carts ahead of full implementation of the Waste Industries Inc. contract that is scheduled to start July 1.

Residents along Midway Road and other communities near Bolivia and Supply are taking part this week in test runs that will help Waste Industries train new employees under the six-year, \$30-million contract approved by Brunswick County last month.

Waste Industries has divided the county into 11 sections as part of its operating plan to collect door-to-door from some 44,000 households. It will then haul garbage to a regional landfill in Sampson County. The

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