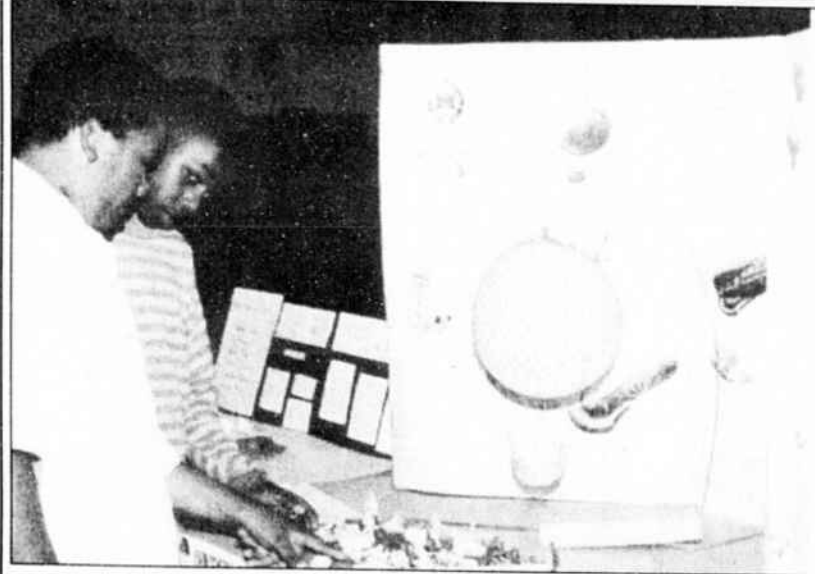




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World In A Day

Hot-air balloons, British royalty, American dining customs, African face masks. Visitors learned about them all at Shallotte Middle School's first cultural arts fair held during Parents' Night last Thursday. Above, "tour guides" Carolyn Grzegorzak (with her companion "Arthur"), Edward Neroni and Reid Kerr inspect an exhibit on French culture, while (at left) sixth grader Jason Jenrette and fifth-grader Rezell Gore look at Nathan Brown's "Balloons Go To War" display.

Municipalities League Holds Regional Session

Southport Mayor Norman Holden was to welcome officials of North Carolina cities and towns at the N.C. League of Municipalities regional meeting scheduled to convene Wednesday, April 20, at 4:30 p.m. at the Ship's Chandler Restaurant.

A preview of priority issues for the upcoming short session of the General Assembly and a briefing on federal topics affecting North Carolina cities and town topped the league's agenda for the meeting.


The league is a non-partisan federation of 503 cities, towns and villages in North Carolina; many Brunswick County towns are members. The organization advocates for municipal interests at the state and federal levels, and

provides services to member municipalities.

The regional meeting was to include updates on state legislative activities, including the crime session, study commission activities and priority issues for the short session beginning May 24, especially preservation of municipal revenue sources. A briefing of federal topics affecting North Carolina cities and towns was to include health care reform, amending the Safe Drinking Water Act, proposed telecommunications legislation that may threaten local franchise revenues, the mail order sales tax and unfunded mandates.

The meeting was to conclude with dinner and adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

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