AFTER HURRICANE FRAN

While its steeple is missing, church's foundation is firm

By BRETT WELCHER

The city of Wilmington took the blow hardest. The destruction of homes, businesses, and infrastructure left many residents without shelter or means of support. The steeple of St. Mary's Church stood tall, a testament to the resilience of the community.

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Beach residents get first grim look at houses

Wrightsville Beach stayed closed, leaving its property owners fuming

By WILLIAM HARRISON

The storm surge caught residents off guard, causing widespread damage to properties. Homeowners expressed frustration at the lack of preparation and response from the local authorities.

Docking spaces for area boaters slipped away in the storm's wake

Return

After years of planning and construction, the new docking facilities were completed just in time for the hurricane. However, the storm surge caused significant damage, leaving boaters without access to their vessels.

Scenes from Fran

Stormy tempers lead to violence

The aftermath caused a surge in crime, with tensions running high among displaced residents. The local police were overwhelmed, struggling to maintain order in the chaos.

NO DIESEL, NO FISHES

Top sail man, dog feel Fran's wrath tied to end of a rope

The storm surge wreaked havoc on the fishing fleet, causing widespread damage to boats and equipment. The local community banded together to support those affected by the disaster.

Doomed fishes?

A fish is still swimming in the fishing fleet after the storm. The fate of its companions is unknown as they were washed away during the hurricane.