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**ELECTION '92**

## Easley, Redwine join race

Where does it stand?  
For whom will we vote?

Brunswick County's registered voters are asking themselves these questions with increasing regularity as the March 2 deadline for filing notices of candidacy draws near.

The easy way to answer those questions is: Most Republicans and Democrats are going to have to make initial decisions in primary races. Virtually all offices to be decided are subject to primary contention with a little more than a week remaining in the declaration period. Final decisions will be made Election Day, November 3.

Among the important election year decisions made this week were those by Southport's Mike Easley, 41, who announced he would run for the office of North Carolina Attorney General. Easley, a Democrat who took Harvey Gantt of Charlotte to a close primary election contest for the right to run against Republican Sen. Jesse Helms in 1990, told the *Pilot* Tuesday he was confident of a primary election win over challenger Henson Barnes, the president pro-tem of the state Senate.

Easley and Barnes have debated before the N. C. League of Women Voters already, but fund-raising continues to be a factor in this high-profile race.

In announcing his candidacy Friday, Easley said he would, as attorney general, continue his on-going effort to expose the N. C. Fair Sentencing Law for the "fraud" he believes it to be. Easley spent eight years as an elected district attorney in Brunswick, Columbus and Bladen counties and was an assistant prosecutor for three

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Photo by Jim Harper  
Nobody knows better than Charles Keller that he intends to keep this one, fashioned from a centuries-old cypress log "probably cut down by Cornwallis' troops," for himself.

## County learns its ABCs again

Towns: too many would drink from same trough

By Richard Nubel  
News Editor

Area municipalities may again this year be rallying to protect their interests in the ABC stores they operate, as a law barring Brunswick County's two-year-old ABC system from establishing proximal liquor stores is soon to expire.

Long Beach mayor Joan Altman this week contacted other area political leaders in an effort to promote discussion of the relative interests of the municipal and county ABC systems.

Altman said the goal of local municipalities is to check competition from a proposed county ABC store.

"We want at least a cooperative agreement whereby the county ABC board would not place a store in an area which would threaten another ABC store," Altman said Monday.

An argument between area municipal ABC store operators and the fledgling county ABC system — authorized at referendum in 1989 — arose in late February last year when the county ABC board proposed to establish a liquor store in the River Run Shopping Center, at the intersection of N. C. 211 and Beach Road.

Southport, Long Beach, Yaupon Beach and Boiling Spring Lakes officials said the proposed county store would steal business from them and deplete funds on which each of the municipalities is dependent.

County officials countered that argument, saying there should be only one ABC system — a consolidated ABC system — in Brunswick County. Led by members John Ramsey of Long Beach and Clyde Babson of Ash, county ABC board members said they would proceed with plans to build the River Run store if municipal officials did not engage in negotiations for a consolidated county ABC system.

Municipal officials called that threat "blackmail," but reluctantly agreed. In April, 1991, after the county ABC board withdrew its request for site approval for a River Run liquor store, municipal and county ABC board members met once with a former manager of the Forsyth County ABC system, a recently consolidated city-county system.

Since that meeting there has been no formal discussion of the consolidation issue, Long Beach ABC board member Rosetta Short said.

While discussions between municipal ABC operators and the county ABC board were in progress, municipal leaders also sought protective legislation. In June, 1991, Rep. E. David Redwine of Brunswick County won approval of a bill that barred Brunswick County's ABC board from establish-

ing any liquor store within seven miles of an established, municipally operated ABC store.

That protected ABC operations in Long Beach, Southport, Yaupon Beach and Boiling Spring Lakes.

But, the Redwine bill will "sunset" on July 1 of this year. A law that "sunset", in legislative parlance, is

*'Maybe we can structure something with the county and municipalities working together. At least that's my hope.'*

Rep. E. David Redwine

one that has a set time to end. On July 1, Brunswick County will again be free to pursue establishment of a store at River Run Shopping Center, or at other places in the county which might place Brunswick County in direct competition with a municipal ABC operation.

"At this time, until we determine the attitude of the county ABC board, I think this is very critical," said Southport mayor Norman Holden.

Holden said he had conferred with mayor Altman on the matter and plans were in the works to establish a committee of Southport-Oak Island and Boiling Spring Lakes elected officials and ABC board appointees.

Altman said Monday that Long Beach ABC board chairman Ben Tho-

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## Same school goal, but process different

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

The goals of Parents in Action and Brunswick County schools are the same: Creating effective schools for learning.

But the two may soon be clashing on how quickly that common goal can be accomplished.

Parents in Action, headed by Dorothy Essey of Yaupon Beach, would like to see the first 12 steps of the Comprehensive Concept Management System in place at South Brunswick High School by August.

However, local school system and state department of public instruction officials, as well as those who already have instituted the plan, say time is needed for planning.

"You can't go back and put this in place," Thomas Salter, principal of South Lenoir High School in Kinston warned a group of Brunswick County visitors on Thursday. "You have to go back and do some homework.... If you plan and do your homework it can be successful."

Salter and his assistant principal, Sheila Walker, told their visitors that the comprehensive management system was the means they chose to carry out the effective school concept. That concept consists of seven correlates: A

clear and focused mission shared by the staff, instructional leadership, a climate of high expectations of success, a safe and orderly environment, frequent monitoring of student progress, an opportunity to learn and time on task, and home/school relations.

Salter said the effective schools training must come first, before a plan of action is developed.

"How are you going to choose a plan if you don't know what you want to do?" he asked, but added, "If you're dealing with effective schools this (comprehensive management program) ties right in."

Brunswick County schools recently embarked on a three-year school improvement plan, which incorporates the seven correlates of effective schools. Central office staff, school administrators, teachers, counselors and board members participated in a weekend retreat to assess where the school system is, where it wants to be, the obstacles it faces getting there and how they can be overcome, said Gloria Yount, staff development director.

She said Tuesday that the goal of an effective school system may be achieved by the comprehensive management program.

"It's exactly what we're trying to do with the effective school," Yount said. Each school is setting up committees to review the seven correlates and

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### Forecast

The extended forecast for the Southport-Oak Island area, Thursday through Saturday, calls for fair skies and dry weather, with highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s.

### Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27	LOW
3:23 a.m.		9:31 a.m.
3:32 p.m.		9:43 p.m.
HIGH	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28	LOW
4:16 a.m.		10:25 a.m.
4:27 p.m.		10:37 p.m.
HIGH	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29	LOW
5:09 a.m.		11:15 a.m.
5:20 p.m.		11:25 p.m.
HIGH	SUNDAY, MARCH 1	LOW
5:55 a.m.		12:00 a.m.
6:06 p.m.		---- p.m.
HIGH	MONDAY, MARCH 2	LOW
6:37 a.m.		12:11 a.m.
6:45 p.m.		12:40 p.m.
HIGH	TUESDAY, MARCH 3	LOW
7:14 a.m.		12:55 a.m.
7:24 p.m.		1:18 p.m.
HIGH	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4	LOW
7:49 a.m.		1:35 a.m.
7:59 p.m.		1:55 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:  
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.

## Grinders may come to a halt

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

Grinder pumps have been the great bugaboo of the Long Beach pressure wastewater management system proposed by consulting engineers last April. But Monday night, consulting engineer Finley Boney proposed an alternative combination pressure and gravity system that relies less heavily on grinder pumps and will ring in at about the same price tag.

Commissioners are to decide this afternoon (Wednesday) which system — the all-pressure or the combination pressure and gravity system — will be put before the public at referendum on March 31.

"In the combination system, every

effort is going to be made to maximize gravity," Boney said Tuesday. "We are going to make every effort to eliminate grinder pumps, even on the beach."

Even proponents of a public sewer system have been skeptical of the 4,300 grinder pumps — in combinations of single and duplex units — which were part of the full-pressure system originally proposed by Boney. The combination pressure and gravity system proposed Monday night will cut the number of grinder pumps in use to around 1,300, the engineer said. The \$301,000 originally budgeted for annual replacement of grinder pumps proposed for use in the all-pressure system will also be reduced to about \$127,000.

But, the capital cost of the proposed system is somewhat higher overall. To combat that and to keep the system affordable, Boney has proposed Long Beach increase its debt to finance the system.

Initially it was believed an all-pressure system could be built for \$15.185 million. That cost rose to about \$15.306 million when land costs were more fully explored. Under the original plan, Long Beach was to assume about \$9.35 million in debt to construct the pressure system.

To construct the proposed \$18.279-million combination gravity and pressure system, the town will assume an approximate \$12.5-million debt from a combination of \$9 million in four-

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OPPOSED  
4,306

Results through  
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