



Photo by Jim Harper

This is the view the staff of U. S. Coast Guard Station Oak Island have when they look out the window of the recreation room in their new \$3-million headquarters. The dedication ceremony is planned for Friday, and the site will be open to the public beginning next week. More on the facility, page 1B.

## Following NRC review CP&L pledges money, attention to excellence

By Jim Harper  
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Perhaps in anticipation of another broadside from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Carolina Power and Light Co. last Thursday announced plans to reduce a maintenance and modification backlog at its Brunswick plant and raise the performance level there to "excellent."

The announcement from Sherwood H. Smith, Jr., CP&L chairman and president, said the company would spend from \$200 million to \$225 million over the next five years to ensure the "safe, reliable and efficient operation" of the two nuclear generator units near Southport.

"Our goal is to bring the per-

formance of all our nuclear units (two at Southport, one in Hartsville, S. C.) to the same excellent level as our Harris plant (at New Hill, near Raleigh)," Smith said in a prepared statement.

At the Brunswick plant, R. B. Richey, vice-president in charge since April 2, said the effect of the Smith statement was "elimination of the lack of money as an excuse for not getting things done."

The NRC broadside came Friday at an exit meeting with CP&L officials at the Brunswick plant, when the agency noted longstanding maintenance problems and assigned these root causes:

- Management not setting high standards for the material condition
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*'There is no reason to believe the staff is not as good as any in the country, but solutions for problems have to come from CP&L management and staff.'*

James Pretlow  
NRC regulator

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## Long Beach breaks off talk, seeks court decision on ETJ

By Jim Harper  
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The Long Beach town council Tuesday night voted to break off negotiations with the Southeast Brunswick Sanitary District over exercise of extraterritorial jurisdiction north of the Intracoastal Waterway and to "proceed through the courts."

Concurrently the council voted to move toward zoning in the area they claim to be in their jurisdiction in accordance with a planning board recommendation of May 6.

That recommendation was for all land in the area be zoned R-6, for

single- and multiple-family dwellings.

When Long Beach decided to exercise jurisdiction last year the newly formed sanitary district sued in Superior Court, claiming the town was infringing on the district's rights as a municipal corporation.

The point of contention is a tract that lies at the east end of the zone Long Beach claims -- generally land that lies one mile to its north -- but at the same time in the southwest corner of the sanitary district, which at that point is bounded by the In-

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## Long Beach vote likely on terms, referendums

A vote on limiting Long Beach town council terms to two years and establishing a five-year revival time on failed bond referendums seemed virtually assured after petitions calling for the changes were assessed in Bolivia on Tuesday.

Board of elections supervisor Lynda Britt said Tuesday that 300 voter signatures (ten percent of Long Beach voters) are required for a charter change referendum. She said 277 valid signatures on a proposal to change council terms from four to two years had been verified in her office, and 263 signatures had been verified on a call to delay repeat of a defeated general obligation bond referendum for five years.

She said the petitions were delivered to the board office Monday by Eileen Kellagher of Long Beach.

Britt said after her office certifies the required number of signatures, petitioners may take the matter before the Long Beach council.

Thereafter the council must provide for a vote on the questions no sooner than 60 days and no later than 120 days from that time. Britt said inclusion of a referendum question on the November 3 ballot is a possibility.

She said any referendum not scheduled with the general election may not be held within 30 days of that election.

## City looks at recycling plan

By Marybeth Bianchi  
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Residents of Southport may be the first in the county to have a curbside recycling program if the city board of aldermen approves a proposal offered in the 1992-93 budget.

"It's all up to them," said Ed Honeycutt, director of public works for the city. "Someone in this county has to take up the lead and get into curbside recycling ... and show the other people it can work."

If curbside recycling is approved,

each household in the city would be issued a container in which residents would place newspapers, aluminum, glass and number-one and number-two type plastics for twice-a-month pick-up by Waste Industries. They would also see a \$1.40 increase in their monthly bill.

"Everybody will be charged for it. Whether they take advantage of it will be up to them," Honeycutt said.

The program would be similar to

one which has been operating for several years in Wilmington, Honeycutt continued. Residents won't have to separate their recyclables; it would be done for them by the workers who pick up the items.

"Basically, that's all there is to it," Honeycutt said.

Waste Industries, which last year took over garbage collection in the city, would handle curbside recycling because it's cheaper than the city doing it. Honeycutt said it would cost the city about \$3 a household to perform the same service.

If curbside recycling is approved by the board of aldermen, Honeycutt

said he would suggest that the 24-hour drop-off center be closed.

"I'd strongly recommend we close it because it is costing the city money," he said.

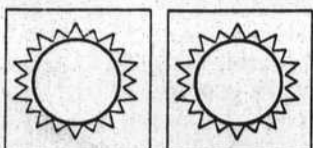
City residents are currently charged \$5.25 for garbage pick-up and \$4.50 for loose trash pick-up, for a total of \$9.75 a month. Add curbside recycling and the cost goes to \$11.15 a month.

Honeycutt explained why residents are charged those amounts.

The rate for garbage pick-up consists of three parts: Waste Industries charge for each 90-gallon trash container emptied, plus a container

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### OUTSIDE



#### Forecast

The extended forecast calls for highs in the 70s on Thursday, then warmer Memorial Day weekend with highs in the 80s, lows in the 60s. Fair skies throughout the period, the weatherman says.

#### Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, MAY 21	LOW
10:59 a.m.		5:00 a.m.
11:26 p.m.		4:59 p.m.
HIGH	FRIDAY, MAY 22	LOW
11:45 a.m.		5:43 a.m.
1:29 p.m.		5:45 p.m.
HIGH	SATURDAY, MAY 23	LOW
12:09 a.m.		6:30 a.m.
12:36 p.m.		6:37 p.m.
HIGH	SUNDAY, MAY 24	LOW
12:56 a.m.		7:18 a.m.
1:29 p.m.		7:34 p.m.
HIGH	MONDAY, MAY 25	LOW
1:45 a.m.		8:08 a.m.
2:20 p.m.		8:35 p.m.
HIGH	TUESDAY, MAY 26	LOW
2:38 a.m.		9:01 a.m.
3:13 p.m.		9:34 p.m.
HIGH	WEDNESDAY, MAY 27	LOW
3:30 a.m.		9:50 a.m.
4:06 p.m.		10:30 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.

## Pittman resigns Doshier post

By Marybeth Bianchi  
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It was with reluctance that the Doshier Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees on Tuesday accepted the resignation of administrator Arthur Pittman, effective June 5.

The announcement was made during an emergency meeting called on Monday, shortly after Pittman said he had decided to leave the hospital. According to his letter of resignation to chairman Charles Johnson, Pittman said he had been pondering the decision for three weeks.

"Any kind of major decision is never easy," he said Tuesday

afternoon in his office.

The reason for his leaving is vague. In his letter he said, "I have been afforded an opportunity to pursue other business interest that is extremely appealing to me and that would put my family in closer proximity to relatives on both sides."

He wouldn't say much more, except that he is leaving hospital work entirely and will be moving away from Southport.

"Arthur is leaving not because of any dissatisfaction but because he's considering a change in business endeavor and for the personal benefit of himself and his family,"

board member Gene Tomlinson said shortly after announcing Pittman's resignation.

The board appointed finance manager Jim Shomaker to serve as acting administrator until the board fills the position on a permanent basis.

Tomlinson recommended "no foot-dragging" in selecting a new administrator, saying it was "in the best interest of the hospital to move forthrightly ahead."

Chairman Johnson said the board will start working next week to find a replacement.

"The board will have to draw up the qualifications as far as a replace-

ment and we plan to start that at our board meeting Tuesday," Johnson said. Because of the Memorial Day holiday, the board's regular meeting was rescheduled to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 26.

Board members praised Pittman for his efforts the past seven years as hospital administrator.

"Mr. Pittman has done an outstanding job in the administration of the hospital, many times in the most trying circumstances," Tomlinson said.

"I don't think the hospital would have progressed in the shape and manner it has progressed without

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