

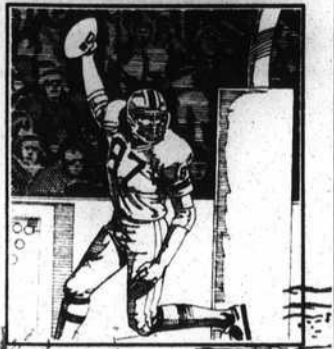
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Fireworks will conclude gala event

Parade, music, arts and crafts and a whole lot more

By Ed Harper
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Remember last Fourth of July, during the fireworks display, when the earth moved under your feet?

Well, something similar will happen again this year but for ten to 15 minutes longer. The pyrotechnics will be shot from a barge anchored just offshore so it won't seem quite like the invasion of Normandy. More like the Battle of Midway.

Last year's fireworks display was the most spectacular ever for the N. C. Fourth of July Festival. Shot from the beach beside the city pier -- with the finale from the pier itself -- the display brought the 1991 event to an explosive, even earth-shaking, conclusion.

"I remember that officers cleared the area of Water-

front Park, and I remember thinking that once the fireworks started the crowd would move forward for a closer look," one waterfront resident recalled this week. "The rockets were so powerful that no one -- and I mean no one -- moved one inch closer. They were standing on their heels."

Southern International Fireworks, Inc., was responsible for last year's display and will return for an encore performance. The difference this year: A longer show.

"There are about three companies who really want to do this festival," president Mike Reaves commented recently. "This is a very competitive business, and Southern offered us more show -- ten to 15 minutes longer -- for the same money as last year."

Another difference will be the launching of fireworks

from a barge secured from Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point. The platform will be anchored near waterway marker 1, just west of Waterfront Park, providing excellent viewing from any point. The prevailing wind should place the explosions directly in front of the main park area.

Congestion after the fireworks should be eased this year by a traffic management plan devised by Southport police chief Bob Gray. Those vehicles parked in the area north of Leonard Street will be directed out Howe Street. Those vehicles parked between Leonard Street and the waterfront will be directed to Jabbertown Road until the Howe Street traffic clears. Gray's officers will be supported by sheriff's deputies and personnel of the North Carolina Militia.



NRC expands correction list at CP&L plant

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

Carolina Power and Light Co. has been granted an additional month to answer an expanded list of questions by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dealing with short- and long-term corrective measures at the Brunswick nuclear plant.

The plant has been out of commission since April 21 for a series of repairs, and two weeks ago the power company said the two Brunswick units would likely be off-line until fall.

The NRC letter from regional ad-

ministrator Stewart Ebnetter to CP&L president Sherwood Smith last week provides an outline of what should be addressed before the plant is started again.

Following a series of NRC inspections through the spring, after a poor CP&L showing in a regular inspection, Ebnetter on May 27 identified "root causes of continuing problems," including:

- Management's failure to set high standards for the material condition of the plant.

- A failure of management to provide the leadership and support needed for improvement.

- A lack of critical self-assessment, which has resulted in the failure to recognize problems and implement effective corrective action.

Ebnetter, who oversees NRC operations in the ten-state southeast region, then gave CP&L 30 days to say what it would do to "eliminate these impediments to performance improvement."

That deadline was last week, but on June 23 the new Ebnetter letter with more specific questions granted permission for a combined response in another 30 days.

"It is absolutely necessary," Ebnetter wrote to Smith, "that you and your staff and the NRC staff agree on the extent and categorization of issues so that a mutually agreed upon schedule for corrective actions can be developed into a program that can be monitored and verified for effectiveness."

The Ebnetter letter lists these "short-

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The letter notes the Brunswick plant's aggregation of some \$800,000 in fines over the past four years for regulation violations 'which has placed the facility in the unenviable position of leading the nation's nuclear power plants in this category.'



County board chairman Kelly Holden, transportation secretary Tommy Harrelson, mayor Norman Holden and members of the county board and Southport board of aldermen were among the guests as the

Southport Maritime Museum preview last Friday. The museum commenced operating Saturday and will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, including this Fourth of July.

Mining operation likely along NC 87/133

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

Martin Marietta Aggregates, a producer of crushed stone for construction work, has purchased 642 acres of land around the Sunny Point (N. C. 87/133) intersection for mining of the product.

The project includes the defunct Walden subdivision which lies at the southeast corner of the MOTSU access road and the two state highways.

No statement on the project was available from the Martin Marietta office in Raleigh, but purchase of the land from the Hunter Heath estate was formalized in May.

A map recorded then shows a 409-acre tract west of the intersection and a 233-acre tract to the southeast. The purchase price for the two tracts is believed to have been around \$545,000.

A spokesman at the N. C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources said no application for mining or other land-use permits had yet been received from Martin Marietta.

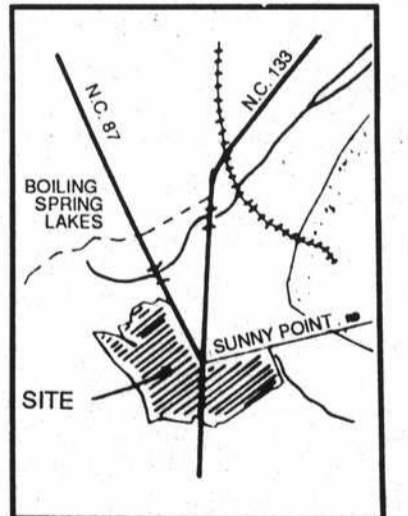
The spokesman said permitting for a mining project normally might take from 60 to 90 days, with notification of adjacent landowners and -- in this case -- the county manager required.

No public notice of the application is required and no public hearing is required without a specific public request.

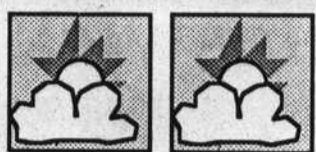
Martin Marietta operates five quarries in the coastal plain from New Bern to Wilmington, producing crushed stone for use in roadway construction and other projects incorporating concrete construction.

The land purchased by the company is reportedly underlain by a 50-foot stratum of granite appropriate for construction purposes.

The two tracts are crossed by CP&L transmission lines with rights-of-way totaling some 35 acres.



OUTSIDE



Forecast

Hot weather is forecast through the Fourth of July weekend. Variably cloudy skies are expected Thursday, with a high near 90 degrees. Friday through Sunday, the forecast calls for a chance of evening showers, again with highs near 90 degrees. Stay near the water.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, JULY 2	LOW
10:18 a.m.		4:09 a.m.
10:38 p.m.		4:18 p.m.
HIGH	FRIDAY, JULY 3	LOW
11:13 a.m.		4:58 a.m.
11:29 p.m.		5:10 p.m.
HIGH	SATURDAY, JULY 4	LOW
12:08 a.m.		5:47 a.m.
1:05 p.m.		6:06 p.m.
HIGH	SUNDAY, JULY 5	LOW
12:23 a.m.		6:39 a.m.
1:05 p.m.		7:04 p.m.
HIGH	MONDAY, JULY 6	LOW
1:17 a.m.		7:31 a.m.
2:04 p.m.		8:05 p.m.
HIGH	TUESDAY, JULY 7	LOW
2:12 a.m.		8:25 a.m.
3:04 p.m.		9:08 p.m.
HIGH	WEDNESDAY, JULY 8	LOW
3:09 a.m.		9:23 a.m.
4:02 p.m.		10:10 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.

Oak Island branch to benefit

Library auction nets \$12,000

The second annual auction on Saturday brought in nearly \$12,000 for the Oak Island Library Boosters, Inc.

Not surprisingly, chairman Kim Skipper of Yaupon Beach was pleased with the results.

"I was a little afraid we would not do as well as our first auction since we had to reschedule due to rain," she said. "Obviously, I was overwhelmed when we raised even more than last year. We may end up netting \$12,000 or more."

There was something for everyone at the auction, held at the old United Carolina Bank building in Yaupon Beach. Young and old participated in the bidding, picking out their favorite items from surfboards and a pinball machine to lawnmowers and toilets.

The crowd's interest grew as several bidders competed for a Bayliner boat and trailer which was donated earlier in the day by Lynn and Sue Wood, residents of Long Beach and Charlotte.

Auctioneers John Jackson, Tom Yarbrough and Wendy Geedy were kept busy most of the day getting bids for more than 500 items.

A mini-auction-within-an-auction began at 1 p.m. with original watercolor and oil paintings, prints, pottery, baskets, planters and a bronze casting.

"Bidders certainly realized the quality of the work being auctioned," said John Wilson, a member of the library boosters board of directors.

Southport-Oak Island Jaycees sold concessions throughout the auction and money they raised will be donated to the boosters.

"I think our success goes to show when this community has a need, its people unite together for the needed result," Skipper said. "I think we will have an Oak Island branch library of which everyone can be proud."

In the 1992-93 budget Brunswick County commissioners approved the funding of \$400,000 for construction of a branch library on Oak Island.