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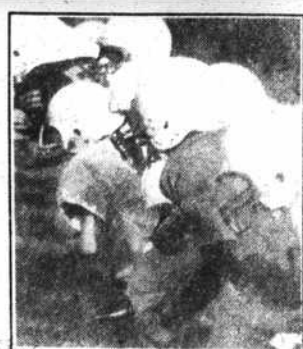
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All's quiet Term-change proponents silent on move that's 'step backwards'

By Amitabh Pal
Municipal Editor

Long Beach voters will decide November 3 whether to change terms of their town council to two years, instead of the present four years.

The issue, along with another which would limit reconsideration of defeated bond issues, was placed on the ballot by petitions circulated by Concerned Citizens of Long Beach in the spring.

Signatures of at least ten percent of registered voters are necessary to put such an issue on the ballot. A simple majority vote will make the term change effective in the 1993 council elections.

Frances Allen, who presented the petition to the town council in August, said this week that she is working on behalf of Concerned Citizens of Long Beach, an organization formed by Long Beach voters who say they are dissatisfied with the functioning of the present town council.

Though she is the designated spokesperson for the group, Allen declined to comment on the reason for the referendum issue, or on the campaign to have it approved.

"I really can't speak for the group," she said. "I have discussed this with other members and we feel that as we are a very democratic organization, no statements can be issued unless the whole group gets together and decides on something."

Mayor Joan Altman said this week the initiative is a very negative way of attempting to control government.

She said that the present system allows for much more moderate and manageable change, providing for election of the mayor every two years and council members for a period of four years, with three members being up for re-election every two years.

"I do feel decreasing the term size is

a great mistake," Altman said. "There's a great merit in people with experience continuing to serve their government as opposed to a completely new set of individuals."

'It would not be good for the town. It would not be good for the staff. It would not be good for the citizens as a whole.'

Tim Johnson
Town manager

"My concern with elections for all town council members every two years is that the council will lose its ability to function as an institutional memory."

Altman said that under the present system the more experienced council members can share their knowledge with newer council members, a situation that would change if the initiative were approved.

She said that she knew from personal experience that in a two-year term it is difficult to learn everything one needs to know, and then tackle new issues and projects to the satisfaction of the public.

"Council members need four years to do the most effective job for the people they represent," she said.

The mayor said that the term change had recently been changed to

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CP&L units each will have manager

Carolina Power and Light Co. last week announced a management shakeup at the Brunswick nuclear plant, establishing management staffs for each generating unit and continuing a personnel evolution that has reached the top leadership level.

At the Brunswick plant, shut down for repairs April 21 and expected to be idle through the rest of the year, Richard E. Morgan and J. Morris Brown have become managers for units 1 and 2.

Both participated September 25 in a briefing of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission on repairs and alterations being made during the shutdown.

Jack Spencer, who participated in that conference as Brunswick plant manager, has effectively been replaced by Morgan and Brown and has left the company "to pursue other interests," a CP&L news release said.

Brunswick plant vice-president R. B. Richey, who replaced Russ Starkey in April, said, "We are fortunate to have these two experienced and capable managers to serve in these roles at this time."

Richey works for William Cavanaugh, III, who became CP&L president in August when CP&L's president, chairman and CEO Sherwood H. Smith, Jr., stepped aside from that post.

The new management hierarchy under Richey now is:

- Morgan; former manager of CP&L nuclear services department in Raleigh; with the company almost 30 years; experience at Brunswick, Robinson and Harris nuclear plants.

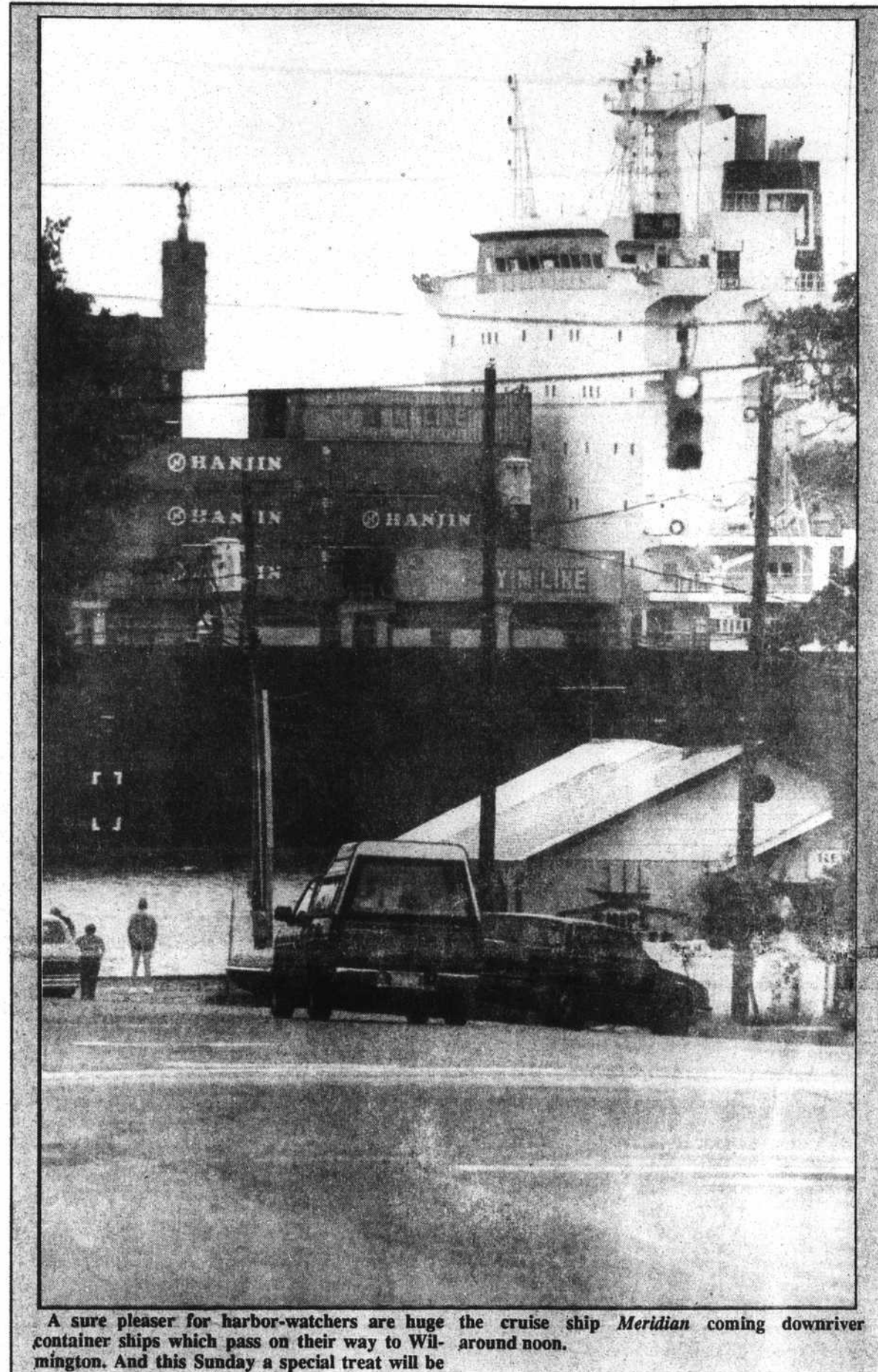
- John Titrington, operations manager for unit 1 under Morgan; was recently transferred from Brunswick to the corporate nuclear engineering department in Raleigh.

- Dan Moore, unit 1 maintenance manager; has been maintenance manager for both units.

- Brown; formerly a manager in the nuclear engineering department in Raleigh; worked at Brunswick from 1973 until 1989.

- Keith Ahern, unit 2 operations manager; has been operations manager for both Brunswick units.

- Mike Jacobson, unit 2 maintenance manager; has managed maintenance programs at Brunswick.



A sure pleaser for harbor-watchers are huge the cruise ship Meridian coming downriver container ships which pass on their way to Wilmington. And this Sunday a special treat will be

Southport seeks grant funding

Rehabilitation loans would be repaid

By Amitabh Pal
Municipal Editor

Southport aldermen Thursday authorized consultant Dale Holland to seek a \$400,000-plus grant from the state to be used for housing rehabilitation loans.

Though the N. C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources is offering up to \$1 million of channeled federal money to cities for rehabilitating low- and moderate-income housing, Holland said in his presentation that no more than \$425,000 could be expected here.

That would provide rehabilitation

for 17 units at a cost of \$22,000 each, Holland said.

The city would have 24 months to obligate the funds. In the first year of the program the city will only have to pay administrative costs of \$43,550.

Funds would be loaned for rehabilitation of residences, either owner-occupied or rental, and would be repaid to the city for recycling as more rehabilitation loans.

Holland estimated Southport had at least 40 or 50 houses which need rehabilitation.

The application deadline is in early November, and the state will announce the grants in January, Holland said

that the application process does not require a public hearing because no residences are being designated up-front.

"The way this is different from the block grant (Community Development Block Grant program) is that you don't have to specify target areas," Holland said. "You don't have to identify houses. The primary criteria for accepting applications is need."

Holland, who has aided the city in obtaining and administering block grants, added that the disadvantage was that, unlike in CDBG, the program requires that money be commit-

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Dale Holland

Butterworth interim manager

By Amitabh Pal
Municipal Editor

Sylvia Butterworth was named Thursday to become interim Southport city manager October 24.

Butterworth, who has been city finance director since October, 1985, has served in the interim post once before, from December, 1989, to April, 1990.

The board on Thursday accepted, "with regret", outgoing city manager Rob Hites' resignation. Hites is leaving October 24 to assume the post of city manager in Lumberton.

As interim manager, Butterworth has been offered the annual salary of \$42,750 that Hites had been paid. Butterworth said last week she didn't think she would

be involved in any new ventures.

"The role of the interim manager is to keep things together until the new hired manager comes in," she said. "I'll just be involved with the ongoing projects. I doubt very much if they will want me to start with any projects, which will be the role of the new manager."

"There's no sort of an emergency measure that I perceive right now that I would have to initiate," she added. "I will continue to take care of the problems and projects that we're involved with now."

Butterworth, a Southport native, attended Miller-Motte Business College in Wilmington. Prior to working in Southport, she was the finance director and town clerk in Long Beach for six years, and served as acting

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OUTSIDE



Forecast

The extended forecast calls for Thursday highs between 80 and 85 before a gradual decline through the weekend. Friday expect highs near 80 with lows in the 50s; Saturday, highs in the 70s and lows in the 60s; Sunday, a high near 60 with lows in the 40s. Skies will be partly cloudy throughout the period.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15	LOW
10:48 a.m.		4:36 a.m.
11:01 p.m.		5:15 p.m.
	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16	
11:36 a.m.		5:20 a.m.
11:54 p.m.		6:05 p.m.
	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17	
12:32 p.m.		6:11 a.m.
	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18	
12:56 a.m.		7:10 a.m.
1:33 p.m.		8:01 p.m.
	MONDAY, OCTOBER 19	
2:05 a.m.		8:18 a.m.
2:39 p.m.		9:06 p.m.
	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20	
3:15 a.m.		9:26 a.m.
3:44 p.m.		10:09 p.m.
	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21	
4:24 a.m.		10:34 a.m.
4:47 p.m.		11:08 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; Yampou Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.		