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## Jogger dies after falling from trestle

The identity of a man who fell to his death Tuesday morning while jogging along railroad tracks adjacent to Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point remained a mystery late Tuesday night, with no one in the area yet reported missing.

Coroner Greg White said several men working on the rail line saw the jogger turn and look at a rail cart coming behind him on the tracks. At that point, the witnesses said, the man lost his footing and fell off the bridge. White said the man fell about 60 feet, and was pronounced dead on arrival at Doshier Memorial Hospital.



The results of an autopsy performed in Jacksonville Tuesday afternoon listed the cause of death as internal injuries. The body was then returned to Doshier hospital pending identification.

The accident occurred about 7:45 a.m. between Highway 133 and the Sunny Point terminal, at an overpass known as Orton Trestle. Sunny Point spokesperson Myrt Meade indicated that Army personnel were traveling on the tracks in rail maintenance vehicles on their way to repair sites.

He was described as a white male, about 5 feet, 6 inches tall, weighing about 145 pounds, who appeared to be in his mid-30s. He had dark brown hair, a brown mustache, brown eyes and was wearing cut-off blue jeans, no shirt and short, olive green boots, said a hospital spokesperson.



Photo by Jim Harper

Riverwalk, designed to provide a pleasant waterfront view from many points in town, is receiving an important addition -- a boardwalk and overlook across the marsh off Brunswick Street between the yacht basin and the Southport Marina boat launching ramp.

## Long Beach

# Town will buy future sewage treatment site

By Holly Edwards  
Municipal Editor

nowhere," Altman said.  
The town agreed to pay Internationa-  
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Long Beach must be in position to determine its own future, and must have leeway in developing a future wastewater treatment program, mayor Joan Altman told town council members and residents attending a special meeting Tuesday.

Council members called the meeting to direct the mayor, town clerk and town manager to purchase 95.63 acres of land from International Paper Company that could be used as a future site for a wastewater treatment plant. The decision marked the end of eight months of clandestine negotiations, and was greeted by applause from local residents.

"The results of the (sewer) referendum don't relieve this town council or any future town council of their collective responsibility to provide for the well-being and future of the town," Altman declared.

The land's northern boundary is marked by Mercer Mill Creek, its southern boundary is about 1.5 miles from the Intracoastal Waterway, and it is located about 1.5 miles off Sunset Harbor Road.

"Essentially, it's in the middle of

## Beach voters can register for primary

Long Beach residents who want to vote in the October 5 primary election have until Monday, September 13, to register. The last day to register to vote in the November 2 general election will be Monday, October 11.

Residents in both precincts will vote at the Long Beach Recreation Center in the primary election. During the general election, Oak Island I voters will use the Caswell Beach Town Hall and Oak Island II voters will use the recreation center.

Currently there are ten people contending for three seats on the town council and

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## CP&L, commission meet

# Late-fall startup likely

By Jim Harper  
Staff Writer

Resumed production by Brunswick nuclear plant Unit 1 in November, as planned, appeared likely in a conference of Carolina Power and Light Co. and Nuclear Regulatory Commission officials here Thursday.

"I see improvement at the plant, and more significantly I can feel a difference in attitude and morale," said NRC regional administrator Stewart Ebnetter.

While material deficiencies caused the shutdown of both Brunswick units

in April, 1992, NRC comments have always dealt both with the material and human aspects of plant operations.

After Brunswick managers briefed the NRC on the reduction of maintenance problems before rod-pull (start-up) in the fall, Brunswick vice-president Roy Anderson told the group, "Things are coming along. We've got a lot of work to do and a lot of arms and legs to do it. The next month will be very challenging."

Then Anderson noted that Unit 2, which was put back in service May 15, "is on the longest run the unit ever

had in start-up from a major outage, and its third longest run on record."

Both units were shut down by the company in April, 1992, initially for a two-week repair period which continued to be extended as maintenance and repair needs kept surfacing.

While not technically under shutdown order from the NRC, the company is reporting to the agency in monthly conferences and must undergo a pre-restart inspection by NRC specialists.

A time-table for restarting Unit 1 presented by the company Thursday

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**Assignment:  
Back-to-School**

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Get a head start on the school year with the *Pilot's* special supplement, "Assignment: Back-to-School".

Highlighted are the local schools, bus routes and other information you'll need for the school year ahead.

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

South Brunswick High School has the highest average SAT scores in the county, but West Brunswick students made the biggest gains over last year's scores. North Brunswick, however, continued a four-year downward trend.

Overall the county's average Scholastic Aptitude Test score was 806, 25 points higher than last year's average. The state average rose just four points to 859, while the national average, 902, was just three points higher than last year.

The SAT is a major entry requirement to most colleges. A perfect score is 1600, while the minimum score a student can receive is 400. The test is divided into two parts: verbal and mathematics.

In Brunswick County 223 students, or 43 percent of those who were eligible, took the test and scored an average of 385 on the verbal section and 421 on mathematics. The scores have fluctuated up and down the past four years.

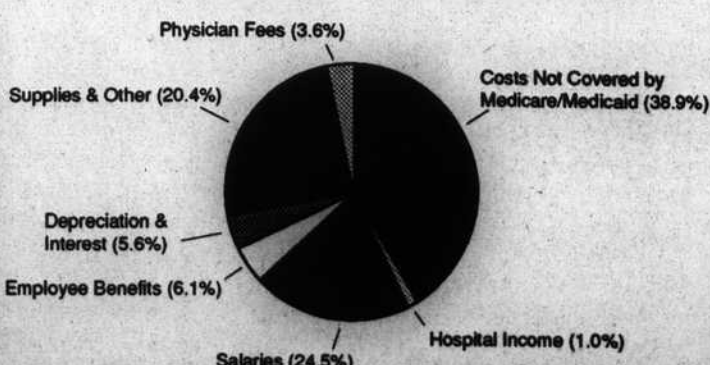
There are a lot of variables that affect the scores, commented Gloria Talley of Brunswick County schools. She reasoned that scores rose this year because more students are taking upper-level math courses like algebra and geometry.

"The emphasis the state is putting on testing is another variable," she said.

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# Doshier rates rise 7.1 percent

## Doshier Memorial 93-94 Budget Allocation of \$15 Million Revenue



## Hospital a 'tight ship'

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

Doshier Memorial Hospital trustees have approved an average 7.1-percent rate increase for the upcoming fiscal year which begins October 1.

The rate increase is the lowest in seven years. Gib Barbee, finance committee chairman, said in presenting the 1993-94 budget for approval Monday night.

The increase will not affect services across the board, ex

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## Tide table

	HIGH	LOW
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26		
	3:52 a.m.	9:59 a.m.
	4:41 p.m.	10:52 p.m.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 27		
	4:55 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
	5:40 p.m.	11:46 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 28		
	5:51 a.m.	11:57 a.m.
	6:30 p.m.	----- p.m.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 29		
	6:42 a.m.	12:36 a.m.
	7:18 p.m.	12:46 p.m.
MONDAY, AUGUST 30		
	7:28 a.m.	1:21 a.m.
	8:00 p.m.	1:31 p.m.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 31		
	8:10 a.m.	2:00 a.m.
	8:37 p.m.	2:14 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1		
	8:49 a.m.	2:40 a.m.
	9:14 p.m.	2:53 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 Inlet, high -22, low -8.

## Forecast

Same old same old. The extended forecast Thursday through Saturday calls for partly cloudy skies with highs in the mid-90s and nighttime lows in the mid-70s.