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LONG BEACH ELECTION

Council primary Tuesday

Long Beach voters will go to the polls Tuesday, October 5, to eliminate four of ten candidates for town council and one mayoral candidate.

All voting for the primary elections will be conducted at the Long Beach Recreation Center. Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

Voters will be asked to select three council candidates and one mayoral candidate. The top six vote-getters vying for a seat on the town council and the top two mayoral vote-getters will then move to the general election on November 2.

The deadline to register to vote in the general election is October 11. There now are 2,830 Long Beach residents eligible to cast ballots.

Profiles of candidates and their responses to five questions can be found on pages 8 and 9 of this edition. All three mayoral candidates and nine of ten council candidates responded to the questionnaire. Responses to the five questions were limited to 50 words.

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Audience reaction to the "Meet Your Candidates" forum held at Middleton Park in Long Beach Saturday varied, but most residents said they knew more about the candidates when they left than they did when they arrived. All mayoral candidates and all but two council candidates participated.

Photo by Holly Edwards

Forum draws mixed reviews

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

A Long Beach "Meet Your Candidates" forum held Saturday at Middleton Park received mixed reviews from town residents.

Some said the event was informative and confirmed or helped them make a decision; others said it served only to illustrate the divisiveness of Long Beach politics.

"I am thoroughly disgusted with this town, with the town council and with some of the citizens," resident Marion Hilliard told the candidates, his voice choked with emotion. "I happen to be a senior citizen because the good Lord let me live that long."

After the forum, Hilliard said he was one of the original members of the Concerned Citizens of Long Beach, but eventually grew tired of the name-calling among council members and citizens.

"All I want is honest, decent town government," he said, "but this is the same old tune."

Another resident said she was surprised and saddened by the "personal attacks" among candidates and citizens.

"I don't like all the dissension," declared Cecilia Melton, who said she just moved to town. "It makes me want to not vote, and I've voted all my life."

While some, like Melton, said the forum did not help them make up their minds, others said their opinions were solidified.

"I thought it was very informative," said resident Gloria Fox. "I didn't know who I was going to vote for, but now I've made up my mind."

All of the mayoral candidates and all but two council candidates attended the forum. Council member Danny Leonard said he had

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Martin Marietta

Mine project uncovers some local concerns

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Southport area residents continue to raise questions about a proposed mining operation north of the city.

Some county officials say they'd like more public meetings held on the project.

Martin Marietta Aggregates held a press conference last week to unearth its plan to dig for limestone in two pits between Bethel Church Road and the access road to Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point.

Neighbors in the immediate area point to potential problems with wells and local water supplies while residents as a whole say added truck traffic will make roads more dangerous in the Southport community.

"That's a concern for me, too," said Don Warren, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners. "I don't see four-laning Highway 211. Really, just looking at it, there are some questions about what if it is approved. That's a big if."

Martin Marietta completed land deals a few weeks ago to clear the way for its plan to dig for rock about 90 feet below the surface. Miners will pump away up to ten million gallons of water per day to expose the rock bed, which could cause some shallow

'The question I asked was where they planned to put the water. To me, that's a vital concern. They say it's as pure as a mountain stream, but I'm not so sure.'

Don Warren
County commissioner

wells within 2,500 feet of the pits to go dry.

About 60 trucks per day will haul crushed rock from the site for 264 days per year. Operations may expand by up to 180 trucks per day within ten years.

Officials predict 70 percent of the traffic will travel southward on N. C. 133 to N. C. 211, where it will travel westward to U. S. 17 for locations south of Wilmington or in the area of

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CP&L nuclear plant

Unit 1 shroud to be repaired

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

Carolina Power and Light Co., which began studying potential cracking in the reactor core shroud of Brunswick nuclear Unit 1 in July, said Tuesday that it will repair cracks it has found, delaying restart of the unit at least until December.

"We took a proactive stance," said Roy Anderson, CP&L Brunswick vice-president. "We saw cracking where we looked and assumed that it was cracked everywhere. The cracking was a marginal concern, but we said, 'Is this the type of plant we are?"

No. So we'll fix it."

Fixing it -- repairing the stainless steel cylinder which serves to direct the flow of water inside the reactor -- will require development of both repair material and tools to install it, Anderson said.

Holes will be drilled and stiffening braces will be bolted into place.

"All the work has to be done under 80 feet of water," Anderson said. "Tools have to be designed and manufactured, as do the stiffeners."

"We're making the tooling to drill the holes and we're having to design the structural stiffeners, and we're

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Senior palates pleased

By Terry Pope
County Editor

A new menu will delete some food items senior citizens say were not edible at congregate meal sites across the county.

Residents sent a petition to the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners recently to complain about the quality of food served by Service America Corp. of Wilmington at the nutrition centers.

However, no complaints have been filed the past couple weeks, said Jamie Orrock, director of the Brunswick County Department of Social Services. DSS oversees the Department of Aging, which administers the nutrition program.

"Based on that, my conclusion

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Over \$100,000 at stake

'Open' season on king mackerel starts Friday

The 15th annual U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament -- the capstone event for the local fishing season -- begins at sunup Friday and by Saturday evening over \$100,000 will be distributed among more than 50 skillful anglers who have proven their worth.

A field of nearly 500 boats is anticipated for the tournament that will pay a \$25,000 first prize, \$10,000 second prize and \$5,000 third prize. Other cash awards range down to \$250 for 41st-through-50th-place finishers.

Check-out times will be at 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday, with check-in at 5 p.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday.

Awards will be presented after a fish fry and entertainment at the Southport Marina tournament headquarters Saturday evening.

Don Hughes, chairman of this year's event, welcomed participants and

spectators to the tournament activities on Monday, urging everyone to join in the good time.

Hughes said that the prize structure is essentially the same as last year, when the top fish -- a 40.15-pound king -- brought winner Jack Wood a total of \$43,855.

Hughes noted that daily aggregate prizes are limited to first and second place, with the money savings turned back into additional fish-bowl prizes.

He pointed out a fundamental change in check-in procedure at the

Southport Marina weighing site.

Instead of checking in at the marina entrance, participants will check in with clearly identified boats anchored some 150 yards to the east and west of the entrance.

Offloading of catches will be at the marina's "A" dock, with larger craft handled at the pier end and smaller boats moving shoreward to a floating stage.

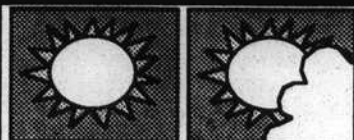
Morning check-outs will be at Caswell Dock, Lockwood Folly Inlet and Masonboro Inlet.

Rules and procedures for the tournament will be discussed in captain's meetings at the marina at 5 and 7 p.m. Thursday. Registration will continue there through midnight. The entry fee is \$240, with an additional \$100 charged for participating in the "tour-

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OUTSIDE



Forecast

The extended forecast Thursday through Saturday calls for fair weather throughout the period. Highs are expected to range from the mid-60s to mid-70s, with nighttime lows forecast between 50 and 55 degrees. Cool.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30	LOW
8:20 a.m.		2:07 a.m.
8:42 p.m.		2:28 p.m.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1		
8:55 a.m.		2:43 a.m.
9:14 p.m.		3:07 p.m.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2		
9:30 a.m.		3:54 a.m.
9:46 p.m.		4:22 p.m.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3		
10:02 a.m.		3:54 a.m.
10:17 p.m.		4:22 p.m.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 4		
10:36 a.m.		4:28 a.m.
10:49 p.m.		4:59 p.m.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5		
11:13 a.m.		5:05 a.m.
11:23 p.m.		5:40 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6		
11:59 a.m.		5:47 a.m.
----- p.m.		6:26 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.