



Rick Johnstone's *Voltaire* (foreground) goes one way and *Gone Eric* heads another on an upriver tack at the start of Sunday's Port Charles Regatta. Thirteen boats competed in the event which, along with pleasant weather, attracted good crowds to the Southport waterfront.

Photo by Ed Harper

Long Beach, other towns

Tuesday votes will decide key election issues

A controversial race in Long Beach between incumbents and a group of "concerned citizens" highlights local municipal elections to be held Tuesday, November 2.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

Long Beach voters will elect a mayor and three council members. All residents who live in Precinct I, or east of 50th Street, will vote at the Caswell Beach Town Hall...

Southport voters will elect a mayor, two aldermen in Ward I and one alderman in Ward II.

Ward I residents will vote at the Jaycees Building on Fodale Avenue and Ward II residents at the American Legion Hut on West 11th Street.

Ward II alderman candidate Leonard Moore announced he has dropped out of the race but his name will still appear on the ballot...

Residents of Oak Island Precinct I, which comprises Caswell Beach, Yaupon Beach and Long Beach east of 50th Street, will vote at the Caswell Beach Town Hall.

A total of 235 residents are registered to vote in Caswell Beach, where voters will elect two commissioners, and a total of 551 residents are registered to vote in Yaupon Beach...

All Boiling Spring Lakes residents

will vote at the rescue squad building to elect a mayor and three commissioners.

Commissioner candidate John Ganey Jr. said last week that he has dropped out of the race, but his name also will appear on the ballot, Britt said.

Realtors, 'citizens' confront

By Holly Edwards Municipal Editor

Council candidate and "Concerned Citizens of Long Beach" member Frances Allen said last week's visit by real estate agents to the group's monthly meeting was nothing more than "dirty pool" and a "staged" attempt by the incumbents to make the citizens' candidates look bad.

"They must really be scared if they have to resort to this," she said of the incumbents.

The confrontational mood of the meeting was evident before it began. Allen said she had heard there were some "hostiles in the wings," and another citizen warned a reporter from The State Port Pilot: "You better write something good or we'll

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All candidates' profiles inside

Board gives Orrock 'positive' evaluation

The Brunswick County Board of Social Services believes director Jamie Orrock is doing a good job.

The board entered into executive session Monday to evaluate Orrock, who serves as head of the county's state and federal assistance programs for the poor.

Orrock said he favored an open review since he is a public employee, but the board voted to meet in private. An overall evaluation form will be compiled by the board later.

"They were all pleased, or told me they were," said Orrock.

"Their comments were of a positive nature."

The board invited former members Eulis Willis and James Marlowe back to

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Mine opponents seek changes NRC concerned about impact on nuclear plant

By Terry Pope County Editor

Residents opposed to a mining operation near Southport have asked again to be on the agenda of the Brunswick County Planning Board.

Instead of asking for a zoning change, members of the Brunswick Mining Awareness Committee will seek text amendments to eliminate rock quarries in various zones.

That meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 7 p.m., in the public assembly building at the government center near Bolivia.

Residents are against a proposed mining operation by Martin Marietta Aggregates, which plans to mine for limestone between Bethel Church Road and the access road to Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point north of Southport.

Planning director John Harvey said the group's request will come under new rules since zoning takes effect November 1 and that it will require a public hearing.

"The request is to eliminate the uses of mines in various places," said Harvey.

Another group has organized that calls itself the Brunswick County Anti-

Mining Alliance, headed by Suzanne Osborne. That group asked county commissioners Monday to hold a special meeting prior to November 1 to temporarily halt zoning laws. Commissioners will meet in regular session at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

At least three commissioners must call for a special meeting and provide 48 hours notice to the public. As of Tuesday, three had indicated they did not see the need to meet.

"I want to make the right decision for the right reason," said Don Warren, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners. "I want to protect the citizens of Brunswick County but follow due process and give a fair hearing to everyone concerned."

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Monday it is concerned about the mine's impact on Carolina Power and Light Co.'s Brunswick nuclear plant near Southport. The plant lies

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Session disrupted by angry citizens

By Terry Pope County Editor

County planners say it was an inappropriate request, but Southport area residents viewed it as the big showdown.

A refusal to change zoning that would block Martin Marietta Aggregates from mining on a 1,000-acre tract north of the city prompted a public outburst that disrupted last week's meeting of the Brunswick County Planning Board.

A group of residents who formed the Brunswick Mining Awareness Committee asked that the tract be rezoned from heavy manufacturing (HM) to

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Bond would bring \$4 million

By Marybeth Bianchi Feature Editor

Brunswick Community College's president says county residents will be getting what the state owes them if the \$250-million community college bond referendum passes Tuesday.

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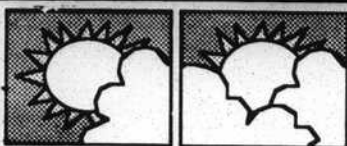
done," he said. "We are over-matched to the tune of \$8 million." Eight years ago, county resi-

dents overwhelmingly passed an \$8-million bond for six capital projects, the last of which is the Odell Williamson Auditorium.

If approved, the upcoming statewide bond issue would bring \$4 million to Brunswick Community College for construction of a 40,000-square-foot allied health classroom building, which would be about the size of the building which currently houses the college's administrative offices, library and student cen-

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OUTSIDE



Tide table

Table with tide information for Thursday, October 28, Friday, October 29, Saturday, October 30, and Sunday, October 31. It lists high and low tide times and heights for various locations like Bald Head Island, Southport, Yaupon Beach, and Lockwood Folly Inlet.

Forecast

The extended forecast calls for variably cloudy skies Thursday through Sunday, with highs in the 60s and lows between 45 and 50 degrees. Breezy weather is expected to continue Thursday.