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Long Beach

Panel says more sewer study needed

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

There will be no ringing endorsement for construction of a sanitary sewer system when the town's long-empowered wastewater management and water quality study committee reports to Long Beach Town Council next Tuesday.

Instead the committee, which has worked alongside consulting engineers McKim and Creed since last winter, will formally endorse an executive summary of the engineering report calling for more study of wastewater and stormwater issues and additional groundwater monitoring efforts.

Town manager Jerry Walters said the committee -- Troy Davis, chairman, and members Lew Erway, Jim Griffin, Tom Gray and Martha Moe -- left deliberation of sanitary sewer to be the last of its considerations.

"Essentially, they agreed to that point that there is a need for additional education on the wastewater issue and there is a need to continue monitoring water quality and to pursue stormwater management," Walters said.

These points are outlined in the executive summary of the report McKim and Creed will present to council. That report, with revisions authorized by the committee last week, had not been delivered to Town Hall Tuesday, Walters said.

Walters said the committee encountered a "difference of opinion" among its members as to how to address the issue of "how to deal with wastewater." Some favored construction of a

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Deeds controversy

Affidavit supports claim

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Yaupon Beach attorney Tom Heller has filed an affidavit supporting claims made in a petition which attempts to have registrar of deeds Robert Robinson removed from office.

In the sworn statement, Heller says his office also tried to file important documents just before closing on May 5 but was denied.

Heller says he was in the registrar's

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POWER TALK



It was all smiles as NRC regional administrator Stewart Ebnetter talked with CP&L board chairman Sherwood Smith and president William

Cavanaugh after Monday's SALP conference, at which the federal agency gave the Brunswick nuclear plant superior grades in all areas.

Photo by Jim Harper

Municipal elections

Filing period opens; Holden will not run

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

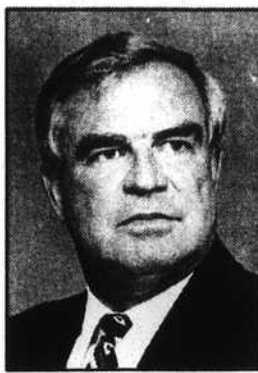
Among the familiar Southport-Oak Island area political faces that will not seek office this municipal election year is Southport mayor Norman Holden.

For everyone else, however, the filing period for notice of candidacy for election to municipal office opened Friday at noon. The filing period will remain open until August 4 at noon.

To qualify to run for municipal office one need only be a registered voter of the jurisdiction for which he seeks office, said Brunswick County supervisor of elections Lynda Britt.

"It's like getting married," Britt said. "It seems it should be harder to do, but it isn't."

Holden said this week he will not seek reelection as city mayor. Holden was first elected to the board of al-



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dermen of the City of Southport in 1979. He was elected mayor in 1983 and was reelected every other year since then, except 1989 when he chose not to face a challenge by fellow alderman C. B. Caroon.

"I think after 14 years and only missing two meetings, it's time to turn the mayoralty over to someone else," Holden said.

Long-time Caswell Beach mayor Jack Cook may also be missing from the political landscape this year. Cook has repeatedly said he will not seek reelection to the post he has held since 1979.

Holden, though, said his political life is not over. He said he will be "actively" involved in another campaign come January, 1996. He would not name the office he would seek, however.

"After the first of the year I plan to be actively engaged in a campaign," Holden said. "Being a state employee, I

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'World class' in sight

CP&L plant commended by regulator

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

In an atmosphere of celebration and bonhomie the Nuclear Regulatory Commission officially commended Carolina Power and Light Co. and the Brunswick nuclear plant staff Monday for superior performance at the plant over the last 18 months.

The Systematic Assessment of Licensee Performance (SALP) report marked the end of a remarkable comeback from April, 1992, when the plant was closed by the company "for at least a week."

That occasion triggered a profound shakeup both in local operations and top CP&L management, sentencing

of Brunswick to the NRC "watch list" and severe scrutiny from the federal regulators who came regularly to review Brunswick's repair and renaissance.

On Monday NRC regional administrator Stewart Ebnetter, who had been chief scrutinizer and goad, virtually pronounced the Brunswick facility reborn.

"When Mr. Cavanaugh (William Cavanaugh, CP&L chief operating officer since August, 1992) came on board, he stated his objective was for Brunswick to be 'world class' by 1996," Ebnetter said. "You are pretty much on track from our standpoint."

Brunswick continued out of service

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'Bed-in-fill' system

County, state will square off on septic issue

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Local health officials are fighting the state over the ban on bed-in-fill septic systems, innovative on-site sewage treatment units commonly used along the Brunswick County coast where other conventional tanks won't function.

The state has ordered health inspectors to stop permitting the systems but to honor more than 100 outstanding permits the Brunswick County Health Department has already issued.

Most of those permits are held by developers or property owners on Oak Island and Holden Beach. The recent ban has halted construction and placed real estate agents in limbo over the sale of lots with bed-in-fill approval.

A head-to-head meeting Monday with Steve Steinbeck, chief of the N. C. Department of Environment,

Health and Natural Resources' on-site wastewater section, produced no new agreement on future permits. It has Brunswick County Board of Health members ready to fight the state in court.

"I think we've got a serious issue, long-term, on this bed-in-fill, because I didn't like what I heard up there today," said Pat Newton, health board chairman. "I heard someone who likes to talk and doesn't want to listen. I believe we need to rebuke this one."

At issue is the health department's reading of state regulations for this

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Forecast

Summer months always bring the chance of severe thunderstorms, as we saw this past week. This pattern will continue throughout the weekend with temperatures ranging from 85 to low 90's.

Tide table

HIGH	LOW
THURSDAY, JULY 13	
9:26 a.m.	3:19 a.m.
9:58 p.m.	3:29 p.m.
FRIDAY, JULY 14	
10:20 a.m.	4:09 a.m.
10:49 p.m.	4:20 p.m.
SATURDAY, JULY 15	
11:12 a.m.	4:57 a.m.
11:38 p.m.	5:11 p.m.
SUNDAY, JULY 16	
---- a.m.	5:45 a.m.
12:04 p.m.	6:03 p.m.
MONDAY, JULY 17	
12:27 a.m.	6:33 a.m.
12:56 p.m.	6:56 p.m.
TUESDAY, JULY 18	
1:16 a.m.	7:22 a.m.
1:48 p.m.	7:50 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19	
2:06 a.m.	8:12 a.m.
2:41 p.m.	8:47 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; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.

Vocational education report:

Workforce is in place but not well prepared

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

While local business and industry complains it cannot find skilled labor, over 30 percent of Brunswick County youths are unemployed and actively seeking full-time jobs.

Nearly one-third of county residents age 25 and older do not have a high school

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'We need more technology-oriented programs to move students into the 21st century with jobs that are relevant, and not just menial labor jobs.'

William Furfless
Vocational coordinator

One-stop permits win national honor

By Terry Pope
County Editor

County employees who organized a one-stop permitting office at Bolivia will be in Atlanta July 24 to accept a national award.

The central permitting program has received the highest honor by the National Association of Counties. It has been given the top achievement award as one of the best new county programs in the nation.

Central permitting was ordered by the board of commissioners 14 months ago, and interim county manager Charles McGinnis proceeded to pull department managers together to work out a plan. It opened doors for business six months ago inside the

planning department.

"It has decreased the time it takes to get a permit," said county planning director Wade Horne. "It is a better mechanism than what we had before. At the very least, it will benefit the public to not have to walk so much to go through the permitting process."

In the past, a person would have to obtain a septic tank permit from the health department, a building permit from building inspections and water connections from public utilities -- in three separate buildings. It left residents wandering through a maze at the county government center.

One office now can issue all permits needed in less time. The departments are linked through a computer

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