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Sunny Point transfer

Fuel rods shipment: no problem

By Terry Pope
County Editor

It came quietly and left in the same manner.

The much-debated and controversial final urgent-relief shipment of radioactive nuclear fuel rods was safely shipped through the Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point facility

just north of Southport last week. And few people noticed.

The cargo of 99 fuel elements from foreign research reactors previously used in Switzerland (33) and Greece (66) arrived in three shielded transportation packages aboard a French ship. Like the first shipment which passed through Sunny Point last fall, the rods were loaded onto rail cars and transported through Brunswick County to a holding facility in South Carolina.

Thursday's operation went smoothly and without incident, reported Brunswick County emergency management coordinator Cecil Logan. A team of federal and state emergency officials oversaw the shipment to make sure it complied with all Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Department of Transportation, International Atomic Energy Agency and International Maritime Organization

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This marked the last shipment under DOE's one-time emergency relief program to accept stockpiled fuel elements

School salary plan proposed

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

A proposed classification and pay plan for 450 classified employees of the Brunswick County school system will be explained in a school board work session Monday, October 30, 2 p.m., at the central office.

The plan will not take effect until approved by the board.

Some employees would earn more money under the plan but no employees would experience a salary cut.

The financial impact on the school system will be explained Monday.

The plan assigns employees to 57 newly defined classifications with pay scales reflecting state averages for similar positions.

Currently, most classified employees are earning salaries at or near the bottom of the recommend pay scales, consultant G. C. Davis said in his report.

"The best thing that can be said about the (current) pay plan is that it must be changed," Davis said. "Neither managers nor rank-and-file employees seem to understand it and there are few published rules or procedures to guide management decisions, much less employee understanding."

The plan also proposes a means by

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Hood Bldg. renovation

The Doshier Memorial Hospital Volunteers' Flea Market should be back in business at the Hood Building by July, 1996.

Hospital trustees voted unanimously Monday to enter into contract with Port City Builders Inc. of Wilmington -- the same construction firm that recently completed work on the new physician's office in Boiling Spring Lakes -- for the renovation and repair of the fire-damaged

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Long-range planning session

Critical thinking skills will be needed for jobs

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

What will be the jobs of the future in Brunswick County and what can be done to prepare county residents to fill those positions?

The question was the topic of discussion Thursday night at the Carolina Power and Light Co. Visitors Center as the Brunswick County Long-Range Planning Committee held the fourth of six public meetings.

Brunswick County commissioners formed the committee to study issues surrounding growth that lies ahead for Brunswick County. In the next 25 years, the county population is expected to increase from 51,000 to 95,000 people.

After receiving comments from the public through this series of meetings, the committee will present its report to county commissioners by the end of the year that will include a number of recommended steps to help the county deal with a rapid growth rate.

A variety of concerns were expressed by county residents at the meeting last week, but one common theme emerged -- the need for the county to improve the quality of education offered in its schools in order to prepare future generations for the modern workforce.

"Some employers have said they've hired high school graduates from Brunswick County that can't read a ruler," declared Economic De-

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Forum on black issues:

Community must pull together for its future

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Echoing the moral imperatives issued during the Million Man March, Brunswick County NAACP leaders last week called upon the local black community to lift itself out of complacency, reestablish the strengths of black American culture and pull together in the common purpose of saving future generations of black Americans from drugs, crime, poverty and illiteracy.

About 100 people attended a community forum hosted by the NAACP Friday night at Southport's ILA Hall, and by the end of the evening many were signing volunteer registration forms to serve on community action committees in their neighborhoods.

In a powerfully delivered keynote address, speaker Harvard Jennings, WAAV radio host and veteran political activist, urged the audience to "start communicating, start loving and start cooperating."

'We must enlist the friendship of other races because it's morally correct. No man is an island and neither is any race.'

**Harvard Jennings
Keynote speaker**

"Folks, it's a spiritual problem here, we need to get reconnected," Jennings declared. "We need to gather up the children and bring the ministers, the teachers, the lawyers, the police together to focus on what our children need. No one is going to do it for us; we have got to do it for ourselves."

Jennings told the gathering that problems of black Americans must be viewed as "afflictions" that can be healed rather than "intrinsic qualities of their being."

He also said that legislation is not the solution to these problems.

"If I can legislate the solution to a problem, that legislation can be repealed," he said. "But what we do in our hearts and minds cannot be repealed. Let's not go back, let's go forward. We're raising our children in a moral desert, and you cannot control human development in a

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WITCH WAY NOW?



WHOA! Who is that we're seeing, way up in the middle of the air? It's the wicked old witch, of course, smack in the middle of the Gator's front yard on Highway 87. Perhaps she'll be a bit late for her appoint-

ed rounds next Tuesday, and little witches, hobgoblins and ghosts will have the treat of doing her tricks.

Photo by Jim Harper



Forecast

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a chance of showers and Fall-like weather with highs each day in the mid 70's.

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Harvard Jennings was the keynote speaker at Friday's community forum on black issues held in Southport.

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