



## City may dig deep for wells

By Holly Edwards  
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Southport's existing water supplies do not meet state standards and the city may need to soon invest major capital in either a new well or an additional interconnecting line to the county's water system, public works director Ed Honeycutt told the board of aldermen Tuesday night.

Honeycutt said he came to these conclusions while developing the city's Local Water Supply Plan, a mandate by the state for all public water suppliers to ensure adequate water supplies for at least the next decade.

The plan's projections estimate the city's population in the year 2003 will be 5,451 and its daily water usage will be over a million gallons per day. By the year 2020, the city's population was projected to be 7,140 with a daily water usage of 1.3 million gallons.

The board scheduled a work session to discuss the plan and the city's water supply problem for

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## BSL board: two trailers 'dangerous'

By Terry Pope  
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City officials claim two homes in Boiling Spring Lakes are dangerous to the neighborhood.

Commissioners instructed city attorney Elva Jess on Tuesday to take the owners to court.

Petitions will be filed in Brunswick County Superior Court asking that a judge force the property owners to comply with city building codes and to make necessary repairs or improvements.

Resolutions were passed by city commissioners against two mobile homes -- one at 394 Holly Road, owned by Fannie Faulk of Yaupon Beach, and one at 1102 Warmouth Road, owned by Brian J. Todd. "One is, well, you just don't want to look in the door," said commissioner Bert Buckbee. "The guy is in and out of the place. He's burning candles in there. Maybe the candle should tip over, but..."

No action has been taken by the owners to bring the homes into compliance with building codes within the allowed time set by the board, said Buckbee.

The resolutions declare the homes dangerous to the health, safety and

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Photo by Ed Harper

To the victors go the spoils -- the Pilot Trophy, symbol of football supremacy in Brunswick County. West Brunswick won that honor for the third straight year and now prepares to enter the state 3A playoffs. The Trojans host Northeast Guilford while South Brunswick travels to take on Reidsville.

## Watered-down proposal

# Island fails to 'strike while the iron is hot'

By Jim Harper  
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The Bald Head Island village council voted Sunday to seek state permission to require fire-suppressing sprinklers in multi-family construction, though no such construction is presently planned on the island.

The village council also agreed to seek permission to require monitored fire alarms in all new residential construction.

The requests are to be sent to the state building code council in time for its quarterly meeting in December. Action could be taken by the building council then or deferred to a later session.

Sunday's special session was part of a response by village government to the September 30 fire which destroyed the 38-unit Swansquarter condominium complex.

The village council on Sunday decided to delete references to single-family or commercial construction in its bid for building council authority, though those are the only two sorts of construction anticipated on Bald Head Island at this time.

Developer-councilman Kent Mitchell, whose proposal was approved Sunday, said Monday he had no immediate plans for multi-family building on Bald Head.

In Sunday's meeting Mitchell dissuaded mayor Bill Watkins and councilman Bill Leineweber from seeking wider authority.

"We're asking for too much," he said at one point. "We should come up with a proposal we think may pass."

Though Watkins said he'd received strong indication that a broader proposal would be acceptable, Mitchell persisted.

"If you ask for too much, you stand a chance of getting it all rejected," he said. And he suggested that gentle persuasion would encourage islanders to build safety systems in their construction projects.

"I feel there's a difference between hitting people with a sledgehammer and talking them into something."

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# Rose joins opposition to quarry

Congressman says operation could be 'disaster' for area

By Terry Pope  
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Opponents of a proposed limestone mine north of Southport got a boost in support last week when U. S. Congressman Charlie Rose joined the battle.

In a strongly worded letter to Charles Gardner, director of the N. C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, Rose labeled Martin Marietta Aggregates' quarry "an environmental disaster for Brunswick County" and asked that the company be denied state permits.

Rose, a Democrat, represents Brunswick County residents in the 7th Congressional District.

Members of the Brunswick Anti-Mining Alliance welcomed the news and held another community rally Monday night at the Centennial Center in Southport.

Martin Marietta officials have applied for permits to dig for limestone on a 1,000-acre tract between Bethel Church Road and the access road to Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point. It plans to pump ten million gallons of water per day from the ground to expose the limestone bed and to discharge the water most likely in the Cape Fear River.

*'The impact of this project on marine hatcheries, ecosystems and indigenous species, especially those unique to Brunswick County's coastal ecology, could be devastating and irreversible.'*

Rep. Charlie Rose

Criteria in the N. C. Administrative Code of Mining states a permit may be denied if it's determined the operation will unduly or adversely affect area wildlife, estuaries, surface water, drinking water or ground water quality.

"I believe this quarry will have an adverse impact on all of the above," stated Rose.

Many residents have wells connected to the Castle Hayne aquifer, an abundant underground water source that will be pumped by miners to a

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# Food handling rules returned to back burner

By Terry Pope  
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New food service rules for county restaurant workers won't be served up anytime soon.

The proposal will instead go back to a committee for revisions and possibly some watering down.

By a 5-2 vote Monday, the Brunswick County Board of Health decided a new food service manager certification program may be too stringent on restaurant owners.

A committee of eight restaurant proprietors, three health department em-

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## Long Beach, Caswell Dunes

# High THM levels recorded

By Holly Edwards  
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Recent water samples taken in Caswell Beach and Long Beach indicate high levels of Trihalomethane (THM) that are in violation of state drinking-water standards, but Brunswick County public works director Jerry Webb stressed that the problem does not pose an immediate health risk.

*State health officials have proclaimed that if a person drank two liters of water with high THM levels every day for 70 years, that person's risk of getting cancer would be one in 10,000*

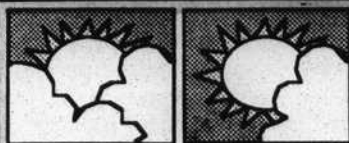
"I don't think there's any reason to have any short-term fear of water," he said. Webb, county engineer Robert

Tucker and state public health officials are currently studying possible solutions to the problem, which include ammonia or ozone gas injections at the central water plants.

Either method would affect every user in the county, Webb said, and everyone will share in the costs of the chosen solution. He said he hopes to present recommendations and cost estimates to county manager Wynan Yelton

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## OUTSIDE



### Forecast

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies Thursday through Saturday, with highs in the 60s and lows in the 40s. Warmer weather is expected Sunday, with highs returning to the 70s and lows in the 50s.

### Tide table

HIGH	LOW
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11	
5:13 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
5:28 p.m.	11:44 p.m.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12	
6:10 a.m.	11:30 a.m.
6:24 p.m.	11:44 p.m.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13	
7:03 a.m.	12:35 a.m.
7:18 p.m.	1:18 p.m.
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14	
7:56 a.m.	1:27 a.m.
8:10 p.m.	2:09 p.m.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15	
8:48 a.m.	2:15 a.m.
9:02 p.m.	2:59 p.m.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16	
9:39 a.m.	3:05 a.m.
9:53 p.m.	3:48 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17	
10:29 a.m.	3:53 a.m.
10:47 p.m.	4:39 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 Pully Inlet, high -22, low -8.