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Photo by Ed Harper

Trojan fans were wet to the bone Friday night in Kenan Stadium but finally they had something to cheer about. West Brunswick rallied from a 14-0 fourth quarter deficit to defeat High Point Andrews 19-14

and claim the 3A state football championship. The Trojans, who won the state 2A title in 1992, became the first team to move up in classification and repeat as champion the next year. *Game stories, 5B.*

CP&L joins opposition to quarry

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Opponents of a proposed rock quarry near Southport now have an ally in Carolina Power and Light Co., which has asked the state to deny a mining permit to Martin Marietta Aggregates.

CP&L officials say a mine built just north of the twin nuclear reactors would constitute a "substantial physical hazard" to the power plant and its neighboring industrial buildings.

In a letter delivered Friday, CP&L president William Cavanaugh III requests that the N. C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources turn down the project. He says the mine would threaten the operation of the plant.

The announcement was a blow to Martin Marietta, which had been trying privately to ease CP&L's worries about the proposed mine. The site lies on a 1,000-acre tract just north of the Brunswick plant.

A key concern is the potential development of sinkholes caused by pumping water from the Castle Hayne underground aquifer to expose the 60-foot layer of limestone. CP&L's railroad spur, which crosses the Martin Marietta property, ships chlorine and spent nuclear fuel.

Cavanaugh says a Martin Marietta study on possible sinkhole development is "flawed and unreliable." Upon learning of the mining application, the utility company hired its own consultant, Edgerton Environmental Services Inc., to review the report filed by Wilson Engineering Services for Martin Marietta on October 21.

EESI has concluded that:
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'In making a determination of the hazards presented by a proposed mining operation, the special and critical nature of this facility must be taken into account.'

William Cavanaugh
CP&L president

Board may set limit on mine depth

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners will hold a special meeting Thursday, December 16, at 5:45 p.m. to consider an ordinance on the proposed Martin Marietta Aggregates rock quarry near Southport.

Don Warren, chairman, said the ordinance was being drafted by county attorney Michael Ramos on Tuesday.
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Rec director Woodward resigns from beach post

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

Long Beach parks and recreation director Woody Woodward resigned Tuesday night following an executive session with the town council, saying he had "family health problems" to attend to in Charlotte.

Woodward has been employed by the town for 17 months, and during that time he said he commuted to Charlotte every Friday and returned

on Monday. He said his wife and family reside in Charlotte.

"It's just that family matters take precedent over job matters," Woodward explained. "A lot of times a big row is caused in personnel matters, but this is kind of the opposite. Things are going well, there's a lot of momentum and people are excited about the things we can do."

Woodward added that he has a "good working relationship with a
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Schools sue to recover

Lid off equipment sale

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

The Brunswick County Board of Education filed a lawsuit Monday against Jones' Seafood Restaurant owner Jarvis Jones in an attempt to recover at least \$10,000 or the 46 pieces of cafeteria equipment Jones purchased in July for \$350 without the school board's authorization.

Jones then sold 12 pieces of equipment for \$7,800 to Ed's Carolina Restaurant Equipment store in Wilmington, owned by his nephew Ed Jones, according to Southport police chief Bob Gray's investigative report. Gray said Jones reportedly told his nephew he had paid \$4,300 for the equipment.

State statutes require the school board to adopt a resolution declaring equipment surplus before it can be

'I'm shocked about the whole transaction. I can't imagine anybody thinking they could get that kind of equipment for that amount of money.'

William Turner
Assistant superintendent

sold or auctioned. A violation of the statute is considered a felony, Gray said.

The 46 items -- including stacked ovens, ice machines, coolers, heaters, mop carts, milk coolers, steamers, fryers and trash compactors -- were purchased during the 1970s and 1980s

for a total of about \$70,000 and placed in the Southport Elementary School cafeteria. The equipment was removed last summer and stored in the warehouse when a new cafeteria was constructed.

School board attorney Glen
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'Regional' planner is considered

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

The Southport Board of Aldermen gave mixed reviews Thursday night to the concept of hiring a joint planner for the Southport-Oak Island area.

The idea emerged at the November 13 meeting of southeastern Brunswick County elected officials, and local municipal leaders are being asked to comment on the proposal prior to the next elected officials' meeting in January.

While some aldermen said a joint planner would help ensure organized growth in the area, alderman Nelson Adams said he was reluctant to allocate Southport money to help
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School changes 'sensitive'

'Students need a good mind and a sound body. I don't know if we're concerned much about that.... I've seen this coming for the last year.'

Nelson Best

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

Calling it the "most sensitive" of seven recommendations to reorganize central office instructional staff, assistant superintendent Jan Calhoun told the Brunswick County Board of Education Monday that five administrative positions should be eliminated.

The board approved the reorganization plan 4-1, with Yvonne Bright dissenting.

The plan, which would take full effect in July, 1994, would eliminate the following positions, all of which are paid with local funds: director of library and media; director of athletics, health, physical education and driver's education; supervisor of elementary

schools; supervisor of middle schools; supervisor of high schools.

Those positions are currently held by Edna Gause, Nelson Best, Christine Hall, Bob Rhyne and James McAdams.

"This is the most sensitive of recommendations," Calhoun told the board, adding that he spoke with all affected individuals last week to "take the uncertainty out" of the situation.

"I really felt they needed to know what my thinking was," he told board members.

Noting that he has come to "respect and care for" the people who are affected, Calhoun said he hopes positions could be found to match their skills and interests.

"I don't want to slight their contributions in
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OUTSIDE



Forecast

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies Thursday through Saturday. Thursday should be windy, with highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s. Friday and Saturday, expect highs near 60 degrees and lows in the 40s.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16	LOW
10:05 a.m.		3:32 a.m.
10:19 p.m.		4:10 p.m.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17		
10:50 a.m.		4:18 a.m.
11:06 p.m.		4:55 p.m.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18		
11:34 a.m.		5:05 a.m.
11:56 p.m.		5:42 p.m.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19		
---- a.m.		5:55 a.m.
12:19 p.m.		6:27 p.m.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 20		
12:44 a.m.		6:46 a.m.
1:05 p.m.		7:15 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21		
1:34 a.m.		7:42 a.m.
1:55 p.m.		8:06 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22		
2:27 a.m.		8:40 a.m.
2:47 p.m.		8:58 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.