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**Yaupon engineer is fired**

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

After three years of no progress toward solving a wastewater disposal dilemma, Yaupon Beach commissioners Monday night opted to fire their consulting engineering firm.

A contract between Yaupon Beach and the Raleigh engineering firm George Finch, Boney and Associates P.A., will be terminated when the engineers receive a letter of termination from the town. Commissioners, after a lengthy closed session Monday, directed town attorney James R. Prevatte to draft that termination letter. George Finch, Boney and Associates is the successor firm to Boney and Associates, P.A., formerly headed by Finley Boney. Boney recently sold his interest in the firm to Finch, who has changed the firm's name.

Commissioner Bill Smith offered the motion to end the town's relationship with the engineering firm which designed and oversaw construction of

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**Health director chosen**

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

New Brunswick County health director Don Yousey says measuring one's level of achievement is the best way to improve as a department, so he is big on charts and graphs.

Yousey began his first day on the job Monday establishing goals he wants his department to reach and implementing a "report card" system he says will make employees more accountable to the public.

"I want people telling me what they don't like about the department," said Yousey. "If you always just hear the good things, then you don't know where to improve."

He attended his first Brunswick County Board of Health meeting on Monday. Yousey was coaxed last month from Bladen County, where he spent the last three years after retirement.

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Photo by Jim Harper

As ye sow so shall ye reap. Thus it was that the U. S. military last weekend helped cart away a projectile, dragged up by a trawler, which presumably was placed into the Cape Fear bar by the military (Army artillery) early in the century. The Marine Corps specialists said the 750-pound, 11-inch round was of armor-piercing design, with no explosive inside. More information in the Waterfront column.

**Water taps, Part II**

**Further county action proposed**

By Terry Pope  
County Editor

Last week's county ordinance that requires mandatory hook-ups to the county water system is just one step commissioners may take to make water service more equitable for all.

Public utilities director Lee Smith has recommended an increase in point-of-service fees for the average home from \$450 to \$700. Add the tap fee of \$400 and the typical property owner will likely pay \$1,100 to

connect to the system, which is now mandated if a home is served by a county water line.

"Some people got assessed \$300 years ago, and some just got assessed \$1,000," said Bill Browning of the Brunswick County Utility Operations Board. "This is an attempt at moving in the right direction, to make it equitable."

A new fee schedule will go to the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners for approval and may be discussed when the board begins budget workshops later

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Redwine bill

**Southport withdraws tax support**

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

By a 4-2 vote Thursday night, Southport aldermen withdrew the city's support of a state legislative proposal to enact a one-percent countywide occupancy tax for travel and tourism promotion in Brunswick County.

Board members objected to a provision of Rep. E. David Redwine's proposed bill now before the General Assembly, which would limit to five percent the municipal occupancy tax the city could levy.

House Bill 859, in addition to establishing a new one-percent countywide occupancy tax to fund a travel and tourism promotion bureau, also consolidates into one piece of legislation the occupancy taxing authority of all municipalities in Brunswick County.

The travel and tourism lobby will insist that one-third of any additional occupancy tax be designated for travel and tourism promotion

The action of the board of aldermen Thursday night means the city's occupancy tax rate will remain at three percent for the foreseeable future. HB 859, with which the city does

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County request

**Board divided on rescue fee**

By Richard Nubel  
Municipal Editor

Aldermen appeared about evenly split Thursday night when asked if they wanted to begin charging those who are served by the Southport Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Absent consensus, the board tabled the matter for further discussion in June.

Members of Southport's Volunteer Rescue Squad can accept either decision -- to charge patients or not to charge them, chief Tom Florakiewicz said. But, Brunswick County Emergency Medical Services Department has asked each volunteer rescue squad in the county to declare whether or not it intends to charge patients. That declaration will help avoid double-billing of patients, county EMS direc-

"How do we handle the people in the middle who can't pay or won't pay? They've got to go to the hospital, too."

Nelson Adams  
Ward II alderman

tor Tracy Jackson has said. County EMS personnel and volunteer rescue squad members frequently

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**Production is uphill battle**

**It's what we did this spring**

By Holly Edwards  
Feature Editor

Relaxing on a porch swing in a white T-shirt and thread-bare jeans, Seal Moritz doesn't fit the popular image of a big-time Hollywood producer.

But Moritz just completed production of the mega-movie "Volcano" and is co-owner of Original Film, a commercial and music video production company in Los Angeles.

He also is producer of "I Know What You Did Last Summer," the movie currently being filmed in Southport.

Asked what a producer actually does, Moritz explains, "Being a producer is like trying to take a huge ball and push it up a hill while everyone else is trying to push it back down. It's a big battle to get a movie made."

It's the producer's job to develop an idea for a movie and then sell that idea to a production company, he explained. By the time a movie begins

production, Moritz said, the producer's job is nearly complete.

"I Know What You Did Last Summer" is based on a book by the same title written by Lois Duncan. Moritz said he read the book as a teenager and has never forgotten it.

"Movie ideas are instinctual for me," he said. "I go by what interests me and not anybody else."

The book and the movie describe an auto accident in which four teens believe they have killed a pedestrian, and then agree to keep the incident a secret. Each young person is then corrupted and haunted by this secret in a different way.

"What I liked about the book was everybody has made a mistake in life that they regret," Moritz said. "The book is like the kid's angle toward a psychological thriller, and the movie has been updated into a modern thriller."

The script for the movie was written by New Bern native Kevin Williamson.

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**Forecast**

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies Thursday through Saturday with highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s.

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