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LBUP: Replace majority

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Long Beach United for Progress, in a letter mailed to selected addresses last week, has called for replacement of a "majority" of town council members and mayor Joan P. Altman this election year.

LBUP president Rupert Riley says the group will unveil the candidates it will support this year at a 7 p.m. meeting Thursday at the VFW Post building on 50th Street SE.

"Please support us in our effort to replace the current council majority and mayor," Riley wrote. "Attend our next meeting ... and meet the candidates we support for election to replace this majority and mayor."

The undated letter, sent to "Dear Friend" and signed by Riley, does not identify the town councilors the registered political action committee considers to be "the current town council majority." The letter, however, asks citizens to support candidates who will replace this majority.

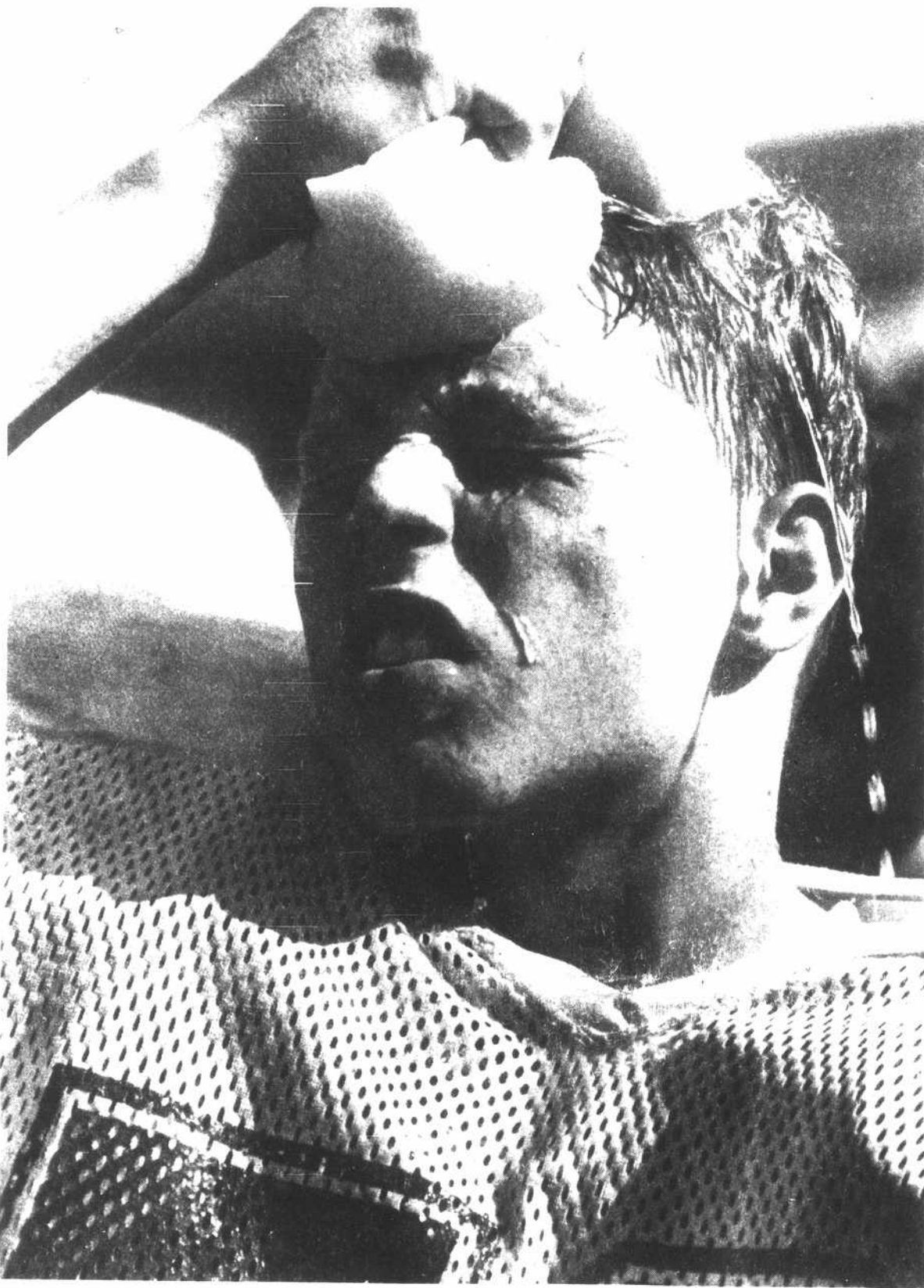
While the letter also says LBUP supports replacement of mayor Joan Altman, she will run unopposed in the November 7 election barring the emergence of a write-in candidate. The deadline by which candidates were to have filed notice of intent to seek election expired at noon August 1.

"We are full-time residents living mostly in the wooded area and thoroughly enjoy our wonderful lifestyle," Riley wrote in the letter many received last week. "We feel that the current town council majority and the mayor are ignoring opportunities to improve this lifestyle for all of us. We seek support of candidates to replace the current town council majority and mayor."

The Riley letter -- which he asks recipients to keep "for reference on Election Day" -- outlines 12 things LBUP supports: Community Watch, paid fire and rescue personnel, enforcement of town ordinances, state and federal laws, a town personnel board and personnel policy, relocation of street lights to intersections, underground utilities, removal of fallen trees and brush from vacant lots as mosquito control, recycling and open

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The crisp autumn days of football season will be upon us soon enough, but No. 53 and other county athletes will swelter through a lot more hot and muggy practices before then. Competition for South Brunswick High gridders begins August 22 with the UCB Jamboree in Wilmington.

Photo by Jim Harper

Monday session

Citizens to have input on trash 'tipping fees'

By Terry Pope
County Editor

County commissioners will give residents an open microphone Monday to voice their concerns about garbage tipping fees and restructuring how the county handles its trash.

A public hearing will be held August 18 at 5 p.m. in the commission chambers at the county government cen-

ter near Beaufort. Commissioners want to eliminate all green box waste disposal sites, build more manned convenience stations and require all commercial haulers to truck their garbage to a transfer station at the landfill near Supply.

The plan, more commissioners would tidy existing convenience stations and recycling centers for residents, build eight regional stations and keep the big trucks from

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Learning the ABCs

A challenge for county schools

By Holly Edwards
Feature Editor

Three Brunswick County schools achieved exemplary growth in student performance during the 1996-97 school year, three met expected growth and three did not reach expected growth, according to first-year results of the New ABCs program, the school improvement plan implemented last year by the state Department of Public Instruction.

Elementary and middle schools entered the program last year and high schools will be added this year.

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'Bottom line'

Yaupon stays the course on sewer priority

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Caswell Beach residents have never been properly educated about the cleanliness and safety of treated wastewater spray-irrigation systems, a consulting engineer told Yaupon Beach commissioners.

They must be, said Coy Batten of The Wooten Company, which inked a \$13,425 Engineering Services Agreement for Wastewater Treatment Studies with Yaupon Beach Monday night. The chief charge to the engineers is to boost Yaupon Beach's treated wastewater disposal capacity to its treatment capacity, 400,000 gallons per day (gpd) or more.

To do so, Yaupon Beach must look to the Oak Island Golf and Country Club as an area to spray treated effluent for irrigation. While the five golf course holes which lie exclusively in Yaupon Beach may provide sufficient area to accept more than 400,000 gpd, the town will look at the entire 18-hole golf course as a possible disposal

'I think the reason people (in Caswell Beach) didn't want it before is because they didn't understand it. We need to educate them.'

Coy Batten
Consulting engineer

To fully utilize the golf course, Yaupon Beach will need the cooperation of Caswell Beach. Commissioners in that town last year voted a ban

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Committee report

It's showtime for local films

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

A task force appointed by city aldermen has called for establishment of a Southport Film Board and adoption of an ordinance setting out procedures by which film production companies may operate in Southport and fees these companies will pay the city to film movies here.

The task force also has recommended the city move to foretfully protect use of its name and identity.

"The name 'Southport,' the city seal or flags, may not be used without the written authorization of the Southport Board of Aldermen," the committee has recommended.

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earlier this summer when some residents near the old yacht basin complained of noise and traffic congestion associated with Screen Gems Studios' filming of the feature film "I Know What You Did Last Summer." Screen Gems received no re-

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SCHOOL	COMPOSITE	STATUS
Belville/Lincoln	55.2	No Recognition
Bolivia	63.4	No Recognition
Leland	62.9	Expected
Shallotte	65.9	Exemplary
South Bruns. Middle	73.2	Exemplary
Southport	64.9	No Recognition
Supply	67.8	Expected
Union	63.6	Expected
Waccamaw	63.6	Exemplary