

Someone You Should Meet ...

Name: Gary Nelson
Job Title: Barber-stylist
Hometown: New York City
Describe Yourself in one word: "Unique"
Hobbies: Swimming and reading
Favorite Book: "Roots" by Alex Haley
Favorite Movie: "Gone With The Wind"
Persons admires most: My mother, Elizabeth Glenn and my brothers and sisters
Career Goal: "To become one of the top hair stylists."

(photo by James Parker)

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by Greg Brown

Jackson to campaign with 'great fervor'

ST. PAUL, Minn. -- The Rev. Jesse Jackson has agreed to campaign for Democratic Presidential candidate Walter Mondale in the South, while 50 black leaders within the party gave Mondale a unanimous vote of support following a two-hour meeting here last Wednesday.

"We shall campaign throughout this nation with great fervor between now and election day," Jackson said, adding he would try to get commitments from Mondale to specific plans on issues concerning blacks.

Mondale declined to support a specific multibillion dollar employment program, citing a previous pledge to reduce the federal deficit.

But the presidential nominee did agree to other requests, including channeling millions of dollars from the Democratic Party to black groups for voter registration drives. Mondale also announced

the appointment of former Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson as a senior black policy aid. Jackson was a strong supporter of Rev. Jackson in the primaries.

The Democrats hope to register two million more black voters nationwide in the next month to bring the total number to 14 million.

Ernest Green, a former Jackson aide who recently joined the Mondale staff, said he thought last week's meeting was something of a watershed for blacks. "From the outside it appears so tortuous a process because a new relationship is being worked out between black and white candidates. The meeting was significant in that a Presidential candidate didn't come there, give a cardboard speech and pat people on the head. He stated and argued his point of view, and in some cases, they argued back. It represents a maturity of the political process."

Former Liberian official reports deaths

NEW YORK -- More than 50 students have been killed and more than 400 wounded in Liberia since troops were sent to quell demonstrations at the University of Monrovia on Aug. 22, according to the Liberian Community Association.

But Marcus M. Kofa, Minister Counselor at the Liberian Mission to the United Nations, said no deaths had been reported officially in the recent unrest, although three persons were wounded by stray bullets and 72 others had been injured while fleeing from the campus.

Lawrence Santi, president of the association and a former Liberian government official, said the casualty figures were based on telephone calls from "bereaved families" in Monrovia, the Liberian

capital. He said most of the victims' relatives were "afraid to be identified" because of a new decree under which people can be detained without trial.

Santi said the Liberian Community Association is non-political and represents 1,500 students and workers. Although it had once supported the government of General Samuel K. Doe, Santi said the association now considers his government a dictatorship.

Liberian organizations were planning protests in New York and Washington this week and planned to send a letter to President Reagan urging him to "reconsider U.S. support" for the government, Santi said.

Blacks more cohesive in political views

WASHINGTON -- Black Americans are far more unified in their political attitudes than are whites and the consistency of those views crosses income, age, sex, region and other lines, according to a report by the Joint Center for Political Studies.

The notable exception was for young blacks between 18 and 29 years of age. In a poll conducted for the center they show slightly less enthusiasm in their support of Presidential candidate Walter Mondale, less allegiance to the Democratic Party than their elders, and have less regard for traditional values about such issues as sex, family, life and religion.

The report seems to confirm earlier polls indicating the Democratic Party is losing the support of young whites and the enthusiasm of young blacks.

A poll conducted for the center by the Gallup organization shows blacks still lag behind whites in voter registration, but that registration drives in recent years had kept the gap from widening. Eighty-one percent of blacks who registered for the first time in 1982 did so at shopping centers, church-sponsored activities and registration sites other than at traditional registration offices.

SCLC adopts positions for coming year

CHARLOTTE -- The Southern Christian Leadership Conference recently ended its 27th annual national convention by adopting several resolutions ranging from opposing relocation of El Salvadoran refugees in Honduras to efforts aimed at stopping publication of more sexually explicit photographs of Vanessa Williams in *Penthouse* magazine.

The civil rights organization also:
 •opposed U.S. involvement in Central America and further military escalation in the region;
 •called for the President of the United States to try to secure the release of South African "freedom fighter" Nelson Mandela from a South African prison. It also called for revocation of a "banning order" against Mandela's wife, Winnie. The Speaker of the House of Representatives also was requested to transmit a copy of the SCLC resolution to President Reagan and the Prime Minister of the Republic of South Africa. The U.S. House of

Representatives has adopted a similar resolution;
 •supported the SCLC's Virginia unit in its efforts to reinstate a black female to her job at the Meridith-Burda Company in Lynchburg. The woman allegedly was fired for discriminatory reasons and the SCLC approved its Virginia unit's plan to begin a selective buying program against those companies supporting Meridith-Burda;

•condemned one of the nation's largest grocery wholesalers, Malone and Hyde, for purchasing stores in Memphis, Tenn., and Birmingham, Ala., and then firing more than 1,100 employees without notice;

•called for vigorous prosecution of all cases of racist violence and called on the FBI to investigate the KKK and similar groups. The SCLC said it will begin compiling national statistics on the extent of hate-violence incidents and include them in its own uniform crime reports.

Open Line

What can be done about weeded lots?

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Q: I live in the 1300 block of Renegar Street across from a weeded lot. My family has been trying to get the city to cut the three-foot-high grass for the last year without success. What should we do?

A: Pat Pfaff of the city government said residents with complaints about city government should call the Citizens Service Line at 727-8000. The service handles all complaints about city government from weeded lots to pot holes.

All complaints are logged, Pfaff said, and the appropriate city agency is contacted to get your problem solved. Pfaff said when your question is answered someone will call you, plus she will send you a letter verifying that the city is responding to your problems.

She said there is no charge for the service.

Who Can I Turn To?

Q: I am hoping to buy a new car this year and I would like to know who could give me some background information on car dealerships.

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A: Wilson Vaughn, director of the Better Business Bureau, said his office maintains files on businesses in Forsyth County. The information is available to consumers on request by letter or phone call.

Besides keeping files, the bureau can assist you in solving a problem with a business. If you file a complaint with the BBB, Vaughn said his office will investigate the complaint and attempt to get the two sides to compromise. Failing that, the BBB will attempt to find an arbitrator who will help resolve the problem.

To get information or file a complaint, write to the Better Business Bureau, 2110 Cloverdale Ave., Suite 2B, Winston-Salem 27103 or call 725-8348 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

What is the limit?

Q: What is the maximum a family of four can earn before they are over the limit allowed for free legal service?

A: Thorns Craven, director of the Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina, said the maximum earnings allowed for a family of four is \$10,000. With an income over that amount, you must seek help through another agency.

Otherwise, Craven said the society will give you free legal advice on civil matters only. The legal aid society is located at 216 W. Fourth St.

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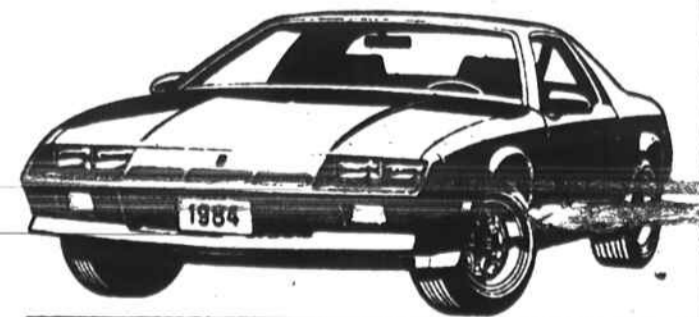
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