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Maya Angelou speaks at Darryl Hunt rally

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The organization centers around Darryl Hunt, but it has become something more, say its members.

"As the movement of concerned people grows, our level of sophistication and understanding grows with it," said the Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, a member of the Hunt Defense Committee, which maintains the 20-year-old black man did not murder *Sentinel* copy editor Deborah Sykes, a white woman. Hunt was sentenced in June to life imprisonment for the crime.

"We all become more enlightened and directed to a larger struggle," Eversley said. "Dr. (Martin Luther) King called it 'Zeitgeist,' meaning 'spirit of the time.' One feels as a Christian that God has a role in this and this is God's time to say some things to the black community."

Speaker after speaker addressed the approximately 125 people who gathered in Dellabrook Presbyterian Church for the latest in a series of rallies Saturday afternoon. The topics were as follows:

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Angelou: There are Darryl Hunts all over the world (photo by James Parker).

Filing period ends in a rush

North, Southeast Ward races attracted last-minute hopefuls

By ROBIN ADAMS
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As the filing period closed last Friday afternoon, races in the North and Southeast ward areas heated up, but there were few surprises in the East and Northeast.

Ghuneem Furqan, 47, convener of the Black Leadership Roundtable Coalition, joined the list of potential successors to Alderman Larry Little. Little announced several weeks ago that he would not seek re-election, opting instead to go to law school at Wake Forest University.

Furqan joins NAACP President Patrick Hairston, Eugene Bailey and Ansel J. Rakestraw on the Democratic ticket. Republicans James Knox and Diana Williams-Henry will also vie for Little's seat.

Republican and Democratic primaries will be held on Sept. 24 in all wards with two or more candidates per party.

Furqan, also known as George Fulp, said he decided to run after Little announced he would not run and at the urging of ward residents.

"I was inspired to run because of my job," said Furqan, owner of the Pyramid Institute of Barbering. "After being a barber for 26 years, I have had an opportunity to sit people down and talk to them. I feel I have a thorough knowledge of what the people really want and expect from an alderman. I feel I can represent the people because I know how to deal one-on-one."

Furqan said he has not yet had an opportunity to finalize his platform but will do so within the week. But like everybody else, Furqan said he is concerned about housing, business development, revitalizing downtown and street improvements in the ward.

In addition to operating a barbering school, Furqan is a laboratory technician at R.J. Reynolds Research and Development.

Williams-Henry said earlier this week that she will remain with the Republican Party. After filing for the North Ward alderman seat as a Republican, Williams-Henry said later that she wanted to switch and run an unaffiliated campaign.

To do so would have required her to gather 1,200 signatures of ward residents to be listed on the ballot.

Rakestraw, 58, said he was encouraged to enter the race by his friends. Rakestraw, who is manager for a dry wall and ceiling firm, said he has not developed his platform but would do so within the week. This is Rakestraw's first try for political office.

In the Southeast Ward, two challengers seek the seat.

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Winston Lake to get a new golf pro; city delays decision on leasing course

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The city intends to hire a new pro for Winston Lake Golf Course within weeks, says a Recreation Department official.

"We are in the process of interviewing and, if we complete the interviews and make a recommendation to personnel, we could have a pro in as soon as two to three weeks," said Deputy Recreation Department Director Thomas J. Gavin III Monday afternoon. "But if that doesn't work out, it may take a little longer."

The city advertised for a pro Aug. 6 through Aug. 12, Gavin said, attracting some local applicants. But he declined to say whom.

Odds are, said a local black golfer who didn't want his name used, Harold Dunovant was among them.

Former Winston Lake pro Dunovant campaigned for the job late last year. Dunovant sent a petition signed by local golfers and endorsing him for the post to Recreation Director Nick Jamison and Assistant City Manager Joe Berrier before a vacancy had been announced.

Dunovant, a Class A professional with the Professional Golfers' Association, said his credentials as the only black PGA member in the area make him the most logical choice for the job.

He could not be reached for comment.

But other golfers mentioned Ernest Morris, an assistant pro at Tanglewood Golf Course, and local businessman Jim Conrad, who once edited a golf magazine in New York, as possible candidates.

Because it is a personnel matter, Gavin said he couldn't comment on the applicants.

Since Sept. 1 of last year, Winston Lake Golf Course has operated without a pro. Former pro E. Jerry Jones resigned last fall after being charged with the possession of stolen goods.

Jones still, however, owns and rents the course's golf carts.

Meanwhile, some golfers complained that the course, which is located in the black community, deserves better treatment by the city. In the past, they complained that the course's facilities weren't up to par, but improvements have been made.

The clubhouse has been expanded to include a grill, a shelter has been built for the golf carts and the overall condition of the grounds has been improved.

According to Gavin, the course is in its best-ever physical condition.

A more recent concern, however, is the prospect that the city might lease the golf course to a private firm. The city already has leased Reynolds Park Golf Course to California-based American Golf Corp. Leasing Winston Lake to a private, for-profit firm would be a first.

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Otto Snow perfects his chip shot: Golfers had been teed off over the city's handling of Winston Lake (photo by James Parker).

New registration policy miffs NAACP official

By ROBIN ADAMS
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New Board of Elections rules governing special registration clerks are a throwback to the past, charges Walter Marshall, vice president of the NAACP and chairman of the group's voter registration drives.

But William T. Graham, chairman of the Board of Elections, said the changes only reflect policies that already should be in practice.

"It's not a real change," said Graham. "It's a clarification of what we hoped was being done already."

At the board's meeting Tuesday afternoon, it decided to limit the number of special registration clerks and to require that all such clerks be responsible for turning in their own cards within a week.

Problems arise, said Graham, from the large number of cards filled out improperly or illegibly. In addition, some registrars have turned in all their cards at once in the past, he said. Instructions on the back of each card say it should be turned in

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T. Willard Fair: "I'm angry as hell. Any black man who says he isn't is either dishonest or a damn fool. How can you not be?"

T. Willard Fair: Never, ever at a loss for words

By ROBIN ADAMS
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As he sat down to complete his 10-year report in 1972, T. Willard Fair, president of the Miami Urban League, felt pretty good.

In just 10 short years the organization had expanded from three to 300 employees and the budget had grown from a mere \$19,000 to more than \$3 million. Quite impressive, Fair thought.

As Fair went on to look over the programs of the Urban League, again he felt good. But as Fair started to study the impact the Urban League had on life for blacks in Miami, he was disappointed.

"Even though we (the Urban League) had grown, the problems of black Miami had not

changed," said Fair, 46. "Unemployment for blacks was high in 1963; it was still high for blacks in 1972. The high school dropout rate was high for blacks in 1963; it was higher in 1972. In 1963, we lived in substandard housing; the same was true in 1972."

"At that time I challenged my board to re-examine our mission and I challenged my colleagues to do likewise," Fair said.

Ten years later, Fair said he is still challenging his colleagues.

Fair, a native of Winston-Salem was at home recently visiting his relatives and just "talkin' colored." As he sat in the home of his sister, Ricky Wilson, against a background of

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