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Race and the race

Parmon says that an African-American should represent 72nd House District

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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From the day she filed to run for the 72nd District state House seat being vacated by N.C. Rep. Pete Oldham, County Commissioner Earline Parmon has said her experience sets her apart from the pack in a primary contest that pits her against three Democrats who have never held elected office.

Parmon, who has spent 12

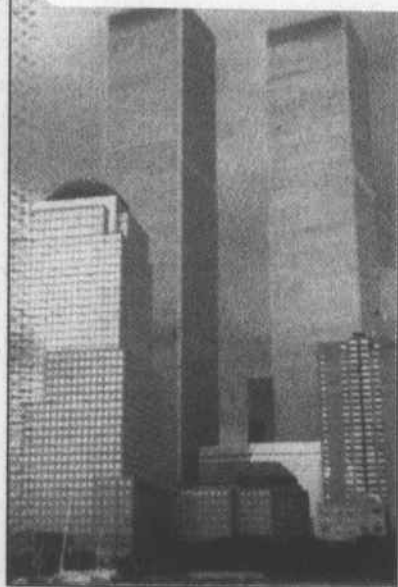
years on the Board of County Commissioners, also believes she has many other characteristics that make her tailor-made to represent the district. One of them is her skin color.

"The thought of (Forsyth County) having just one black legislator representing us in Raleigh really played heavily in my decision to run," said Parmon, who in

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The city has been splattered with yard signs for the four Democrats running for a shot to face Vernon Robinson for the 72nd House District seat.



Tributes for 9-11 plentiful

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Triad, like much of the nation, was too stunned to do much of anything on Sept. 11, 2001. It was on that day, of course, that terrorists hijacked four passenger airliners and crashed two of them into the World Trade Center and one into the Pentagon. The fourth plane, believed to have been headed for a target in the heart of Washington, D.C., crashed into a barren field in Pennsylvania, supposedly after passengers tried to overtake the hijackers.

But this Sept. 11 will be filled with tributes, memorials and other events aimed at rejoicing in the American spirit and remembering about 3,000 people who died as a result of the attacks.

Here are just a few of the events planned for Wednesday:

- Community for Peace will hold a candlelight vigil and a peace walk beginning at 7 p.m. The walk will start in front of the Federal Courthouse on Main Street and end at Grace Court Park, which is at Fourth and Glade streets. Community for Peace was formed more than a month ago to advocate for peace instead of war in the Middle East. The public is being asked to take part in the march.

- Muslims, Jews, Protestants and Catholics will take part in an interracial, interfaith communitywide Sept. 11 commemora-

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Burke



Vernon Robinson, from left, and Tuskegee airmen Leonard Hunter, Wilson Egelson, Cleo Mason and Mason's wife, Joyce, pose in front of a Red Tail Mustang P-51C, aircraft made famous by the airmen. Below, Hunter tears up during a speech at North Forsyth High School.

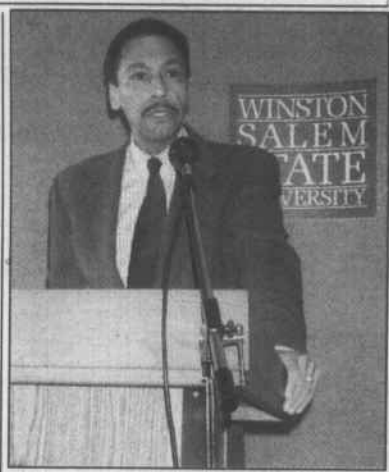
Legendary airmen soar into the city

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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"The Tuskegee Experiment was supposed to fail," said Leonard "Hawk" Hunter. Hunter was referring to the obstacles overcome by the all-African-American military squadron known as the Tuskegee Airmen. Hunter, a member of the famous squadron, spoke to a crowd of students at North Forsyth High School Tuesday to separate history from Hollywood.

A few years ago HBO made the film "The Tuskegee Airmen," based on the group of black World War II pilots.

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U.S. Rep Mel Watt talks to students last week at Winston-Salem State University.

Watt talks about hot topics with students

12th District representative: Iraq should not be invaded; Mugabe being misrepresented

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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Congressman Mel Watt of the 12th District talked financial aid and foreign policy among other things with a roomful of students at Winston-Salem State University last week. Watt was invited by the university to participate in a roundtable discussion in which the agenda was left entirely to the students to dictate.

Watt, who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1992, becoming one of only two black members elected to Congress from North Carolina, opened the forum by encouraging students to partake in a discussion with him about financial aid and scholarship programs in order to get a perspective from a member of Congress.

"Money is important, and it is the federal government and the Congress of the United States that makes these decisions," said Watt, who serves on the Financial Services Committee and the Judiciary Committee.

A number of students raised questions and concerns about the availability of federal funds for education. They also questioned whether or not foreign students are receiving financial aid to study at American universities and if that limited American students' access to financial aid from the government.

A female student from Zimbabwe quickly put her peers' worries to rest by informing them that she was not receiving funds over her American counterparts in order to attend WSSU. That student then went on to inform Watt about U.S. sanctions being imposed on her homeland.

Chuckles filled the room once Watt reassured the student that she need not brief him on

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Effley Howell stands in front of the many Jet magazines that he has collected over the years. The magazines are among the many items he displays in his traveling black history museum.

HIStory

Man takes history on a journey

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In high school, Effley Howell Sr. made A's in history with little effort. It was as if he had a photograph of a vast timeline in his head, an image he could conjure up whenever he needed to reel off names, dates, places and events.

But the history lessons he was taught in school were far from comprehensive. While there was much about George Washington, George Washington Carver's name barely came up,

not even during Negro History Week.

"When I was growing up, we did not have Black History Month," Howell said. "One thing that was always missing in history was the black people. Outside of saying that they were slaves, there was nothing."

As a result of Howell's search to learn more about black history and his desire to help today's generation of schoolchildren learn things that he never was taught, Howell takes history where

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