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Black Elected Officials Increase

Washington, D.C. - The number of black elected officials increased to 6,056 last year, a rise of 6.2 percent, according to a count by a think tank that studies issues affecting black Americans.

Blacks still hold only 1.2 percent of the 490,800 elective offices in the United States, said the Joint Center for Political Studies, and black elected officials continue to be concentrated in districts with black majorities.

The center, releasing its annual census of black officeholders Friday, said there were 5,700 elected blacks in January, 1984, after increasing 1.7 percent in the previous year.

Eighty-five percent of last year's increase came in the South, where 53 percent of the nation's blacks live and where 63 percent of the nation's black elected officials are located, the survey said. In that region, Alabama had a net gain of 61, followed by South Carolina, 47, Georgia, 39, and Louisiana, 37.

The largest number of black elected officials is in Louisiana, with 475. Next is Mississippi, with 444, the center revealed.

While the number of black members of Congress fell by one, the number of black mayors increased by 31 to 236. Nearly half the elected blacks held municipal offices.

The number of black women holding elective office rose by 89 to 1,358, it said.

South Iredell Branch NAACP Sets Monthly Meeting

The South Iredell branch of the NAACP will hold its regular monthly meeting June 9.

The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. at Reid's Memorial United Presbyterian Church on North Broad Street in Mooresville.

At present, a membership drive is under way for the local branch and all persons interested in the branch's activities or persons wishing to be a part of the organization are urged to attend the meeting.

Leadership Training

Do you want to be a leader? If you are a high school student and want to learn good leadership skills, you will want to attend the N.C. Leadership Institute for Youth scheduled for July 21-26.

Only 48 students who will be in the 10th, 11th and 12th grades next year will be admitted to the program, which will be held this year at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

June 14 is the deadline for application. Applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cost of the six-day program is \$100 per person. The fee covers lodging for five nights in a dormitory (double occupancy), all meals, beginning with a Sunday evening banquet, through breakfast on Friday, and administrative costs.



Cassandra Herbin
...Staff analyst

Herbin Enjoys Working With Computer Programs

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

This week's beauty is attractive Cassandra Herbin, a staff analyst with Bell South Services.

A Greensboro native, Cassandra came to Charlotte eight years ago through a transfer with Bell South. Once here, she steadily progressed in her career, earning three promotions in five years to her present position.

Cassandra enjoys her work which involves computer programs but she admits, "There's a lot of pressure and it is time-consuming. I'm on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Cassandra explains.

That's quite a demanding schedule plus consider that Cassandra is the mother of two teenagers. And her children, Cicely, 13, and Orlando, 15, keep her busy also. An involved mother, Cassandra tells, "I'm helping my daughter with her cheerleading responsibilities and attend my son's football games."

Yet she manages to counter-balance these strenuous activities with relaxing hobbies such as bowling, horseback riding and partying—"every now and then," Cassandra points out. One other hobby for Cassandra is working out, which seems to be quite strenuous itself. But she relates, "Working out makes me feel better. My body is better toned and conditioned and I find that I'm not as sluggish. When dieting and working out I'm able to keep my weight down also."

"When I first started I seriously wanted to be in body building," she continues. "But with my job I didn't have the time." Cassandra goes to wrestler Ricky Steamboat's Gym (no, there's no body-slammings going on there) where she exercises with the weight equipment.

Her eight years in Charlotte Cassandra has found enjoyable. "I love Charlotte," she enthuses. "It's quite different from Greensboro, which is smaller and quieter. Both cities are family oriented but Charlotte has more to offer."

A family oriented atmosphere is just what Cassandra needed as a single mother rearing two children. About her children she relates, "We have open communication. We talk about a lot of things. They even preach to me sometimes," she laughs.

She also maintains that the best advice for a woman raising children alone is not to shelter the kids. "You mustn't keep them closed in," advises Cassandra. "Give them a certain amount of freedom and trust." If a parent is too strict with

their children, she feels, "the first chance the child gets to go out he or she will probably do something wrong."

Her children are integral in her life and a major influence. When asked what type of music she enjoys, Cassandra states, "What my kids like, the rock and roll of today. Because that's all I hear."

Her plans for the future also center around her children. "What I really want is to see my kids go through college. To be able to take care of them until that point," she confesses. "I don't think about anything else."

However, she admits to aspiring
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Julius Chambers Is First Baptist West Men's Day Celebration Guest Speaker

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

The Honorable Julius L. Chambers will be guest speaker for First Baptist Church West's Men's Day celebration, which will be held during the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, June 9. The church is located at 1801 Oaklawn Ave., Dr. J. B. Humphrey is pastor.

Chambers is currently President and Director of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund in New York. Previously, he practiced law in Charlotte from 1964 until 1984. Renowned for his handling of civil rights cases, he was a senior partner with the law firm Chambers, Ferguson, Watt, Wallas, Adkins and Fuller, P.A. Chambers has also lectured at the University of Pennsylvania and Columbia Law School and has given seminars at several other leading law schools including Harvard and Yale.

The appearance of Chambers, a dynamic speaker, at First Baptist Church West is one of the highlights of the Men's Day celebration. Also during this service, which annually honors the men of the church, special recognition will be given to Sammie L. Pittman, the church's "Man of the Year" for 1984-85.

Additionally, the event marks the fourth year of a five-year church mortgage liquidation plan. For the men of First Baptist Church West the objective this year is to pay the balance of their five-year pledge and also for all the church women to pay

Gantt Is Far More Than A "Ceremonial" Mayor

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

Charlotte's mayor, Harvey Gantt, is a man in love. You can tell it by the look in his eyes, the expression on his face, and the sound of his voice.

In a recent interview, the mayor admitted it. "I am absolutely in love with this job," he declared, referring to his mayoral position. Noting that the job as mayor of the Carolinas' largest city requires "a great deal of energy," Gantt further described it as "invigorating." He explained, "You renew yourself because you're constantly finding out what makes this city tick."

Someone once said that the mayor is the only person in town who knows everyone who makes the city happen, and that's true, Gantt averred. The mayor gets to meet them all, "everyone, from rich to poor," young and old, influential, and those not usually thought of as influential. Gantt addresses many groups of people -- he has spoken at 50-60 schools alone this year -- and thus has the opportunity to be, as he put it, "an influence for good."

CEREMONIAL MAYOR

Gantt described the role of mayor as "a kind of lightning rod." The image conveys the idea of one who guides. He has tried to redefine the office and is now more involved in setting agenda than in simply being "a ceremonial mayor." He conceded that it's difficult to talk about major accomplishments in a year and a half (the length of time he has been in office), but mentioned several accomplishments of his administration that he's most proud of: the decision to build a new coliseum; the up-coming expansion of City Hall; the passage of a bond referendum for utilities that will benefit northwest Charlotte; the cooperative venture between Arrowood businesses and the City, with transportation from center city to enhance employment opportunities; new bus service; the Tryon Street Mall, which has improved the image and impression of the center city area; and the new Marketplace to be



Harvey Gantt
...In love with job

built along College between Fifth and Sixth Streets.

Gantt noted the need for a growth management plan and pointed out that the "2005 Plan" had been started under his administration. A top priority, he affirmed, is for City Council to "focus on bringing more jobs to the community," including jobs for those without special skills.

NEW ATTITUDE

A recent development that Mayor Gantt has noticed is what he called "a new attitude among citizens." Government, he said, should offer opportunity, but people have the responsibility to reach out for that opportunity. He has tried to "motivate to independence," and that attitude is beginning to take hold, he stated.

Gantt had an advantage over some mayors at the start of his mayoral term, he declared, in that he knew City Council members very well, having been one himself since

1974. He has appreciated the importance of a good relationship with the Council, and has actively cultivated such a relationship. Knowing what it was like to be a Council member, Gantt has been able to be sensitive to Council concerns.

Although the mayor expressed one major frustration -- not always being able to fully communicate the reasons for an action or to explain the ins and outs of a complex issue in a few sentences, as when he appears on the six o'clock news or is interviewed for a brief newspaper story -- he nevertheless declared, "I'm very pleased" about this term of office. Some have advised him to soft-peddle such controversial and politically sensitive issues as additional taxes, but the mayor has stood firm in his convictions and in his policy of being open and forthright with the local citizenry.

Gantt described himself as "an 80-85 hour a week man." His duties
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Julius L. Chambers
...Famed Civil Rights Attorney

a liberal amount toward the balance of their pledge.

An open invitation is extended to the public to join First Baptist Church West in this important accomplishment.

First Baptist Church West is also looking forward to the upcoming selection of "Man of the Year"

1985-86. Vying for the prestigious honor will be the Men's Day Captains: Thomas E. Baldwin, Percell R. Bowser Sr., Steven Boyd, Argie L. Boyton Jr., Shadrach Golden, Isaac Heard, James B. Humphrey III, William L. Keith, Archie Smith, William C. Spivey Jr., Claude T. Williams, and Samuel Young.

Though only one individual will be chosen for the award, each member of the Men's Day Captains has contributed greatly to the development of the Men's Day celebration. The Captains were in turn assisted by a host of other participants who operated under specific committees.

Members of the steering committee are: Sammie L. Pittman, chairman; Leroy Waters, co-chairman; Lawrence Brooks, Joe F. Bryant, William Cassidy, Wesley D. Clement, Joseph C. Crosby Sr., Charles L. Crump, Samuel C. Davis, Jerod Green, William McMillan, Charles S. Moore, Raymond P. Rorie, Walter B. Taylor Sr., and Robert E. Wood.

The Finance Committee consists of chairman Joseph C. Crosby Sr., Walter G. Byers, Joseph C. Crosby Jr., John C. Kibler, Dewitt Reid, Raymond Rorie and Robert E. Wood Sr.

Christopher W. Kemp, Chairman; Samuel C. Davis, director; and Jerod Green, organizer; make up the music committee.

Program committee participants are Sammie L. Pittman, chairman; Wesley Clement, Spencer Durante Sr., Dr. J. B. Humphrey Jr., Christopher Kemp, Charles S. Moore, Rufus Pettis, Herman E. Thomas and Leroy Waters.

Lastly, special projects committee members are Jerod Green, chairman; John I. Martin, co-chairman; Rev. William Cavers, Richard Chisolm, Joseph Crosby Jr., Bobby
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TURTLE-TALK

Free advice may prove to be the easiest kind.