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Leadership Caucus Meets

The N.C. Black Leadership Caucus will host its annual conference July 16-18 at McDonald's Inn at Interstate 85 and Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte.



Blue

The conference's theme is "Improving our communities through education, economics, health, anti-violence and politics."

Guest speakers during the conference include N.C. House Speaker Dan Blue and Carolyn Coleman, assistant to Gov. Jim Hunt.

Giving Students A Helping Hand

A Charlotte attorney is reaching out to help black students at Davidson College.

Calvin Murphy (Davidson Class of 1970) made an undisclosed gift to the Davidson Black Alumni Scholarship, which honors African American students who demonstrate distinguished service to the community. The scholarship fund, spearheaded by the Davidson Black Alumni Network, hopes to establish an endowment of at least \$20,000. When the program is fully implemented, three \$500 stipends will be granted, one to a student in the rising sophomore, junior and senior classes.

2 On Board

Two Charlotteans have been named to the N.C. Board of Elections.

Edward J. High and Dot Presser were named to the five-member board by Gov. Jim Hunt last week.

High, 73, is a retired administrative services officer for the City of Charlotte and a self-employed public accountant. He is a member of the board of directors at First Baptist Church.

Presser is president of E.J. Presser & Co., an industrial advertising agency. She is a member of the Business and Professional Advertising Association.

A Mass Rally Against Killing

The Stop The Killing Crusade will be in the streets this weekend to help stem violence.

The organization will hold a mass cleanup of the block between 9th and 10th streets starting at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Volunteers will meet in the parking lot of the United House of Prayer at 600 N. Davidson St.

A mass rally will be held with members of Charlotte Fighting Back at First Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church at 900 Oaklawn Ave. at 6 p.m. For more information, call Rev. James Barnett at 333-6471.

What Next For 12th?

Court Decision May Reverse Mostly-Black District

By Cassandra Wynn
THE CHARLOTTE POST

The U.S. Supreme Court could be bending too much to conservative "political winds" in ruling against N.C.'s majority-black districts, according to Rep. Mel Watt of Charlotte.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's comparison of the state's black districts to

"political apartheid" has been labeled as "strange," "confusing," and a "political smoke screen," by politicians and civil rights groups.

The high court ruled that the U.S. District Court must be given justification for creating the 12th district Watt represents. The district stretches 160 miles, sometimes very narrowly, from Gastonia to Durham to ensure black representation.

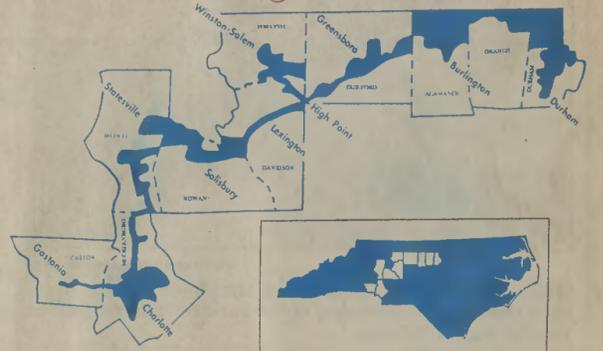
The ruling issued last week catapulted Watt and the 12th to headlines across the country and it opened the doors to other court challenges over district lines.

A new standard for drawing up voting districts seems to have been created: that shape or appearance is an important consideration.

Writing the 5-4 majority

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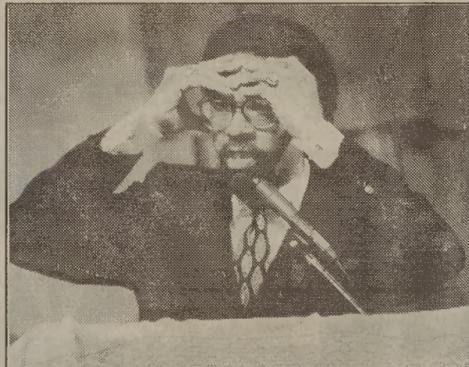
RACE MATTERS



Cornel West on his book "Race Matters": "My book is an attempt to extend the conversation about public life. We can hardly talk with one another without name-calling and finger-pointing."

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Cornel West: More Dialogue Between All Communities



By Cassandra Wynn
THE CHARLOTTE POST

The author of a critically acclaimed book on race made an urgent plea for more "public conversation" and public mindedness in order to save a deteriorating society.

Cornel West, whose "Race Matters" was published a year after the Los Angeles riots, was in Charlotte re-

cently to address the general assembly of the Unitarian Universalists, a liberal creedless religion with Jewish and Christian roots.

"My book is an attempt to extend the conversation about public life. We can hardly talk with one another without name-calling and finger-pointing. When there is no public conversation, misunderstanding takes

place," said West.

His book (published in April by Beacon Press) gives an analysis of race relations in America, attacking liberals and conservatives for carrying on a superficial, simplistic dialogue with a "worn out vocabulary." Director of Princeton University's Afro-American Studies program, he is an activist for inter-racial dialogue.

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Baltimore Lashes Out At NAACP Agreement

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST

The agreements signed last week by the NAACP, Flagstar Cos. Inc. and Richardson Sports may put money into black businesses here, but it's still a controversial subject.

Last week, the civil rights organization signed two agreements with Jerry Richardson, Flagstar's chief executive: a \$1.01 billion pact with Flagstar, parent company of Denny's re-

staurants. The other is a groundbreaking deal with Richardson Sports that could pour about \$26 million in contracts to black-owned businesses should Charlotte be awarded a National Football League (NFL) expansion team.

The Flagstar pact hasn't drawn criticisms like the Richardson Sports deal, both locally and regionally. The NAACP's efforts were blasted by some groups in the Charlotte business community as not taking their concerns

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A Who's Who At NAACP's Convention

Mandela, Guinier Are Expected To Attend
Conference; President May Be There, Too

ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — President Clinton could be among the featured speakers at the annual NAACP National Convention, an organization official said.

Clinton's appearance depends on his return from this week's economic summit in Japan, said NAACP Chairman William F. Gibson. Clinton's staff doesn't announce his schedule as far in advance as the convention, which runs Sunday through July 15.

The convention's lineup already includes Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, who give speech before the convention. His address is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday in the Indiana Convention Center.

Gibson said the NAACP plans to present the Torch of Courage Award on July 13 to Lani Guinier, who Clinton nominated to head the Justice Department's civil rights division. The president later withdrew the nomination after questions arose about Guinier's legal writings.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People criticized Clinton's decision, saying he was discriminating against both blacks and women.

"We want to make certain that these kinds of actions don't happen again," Gibson said.

On the same day as Guinier, the convention will hear from Roberta Achtenberg, the first openly homosexual ever confirmed by the Senate for a top federal post. Her confirmation as assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity with the Department of Housing and Urban Development came after three days of acrimonious debate.

She is scheduled to speak at a panel discussion on fair housing, the NAACP said.

At least two Cabinet secretaries are on the agenda, with Ron Brown of the Department of Commerce scheduled to appear July 13 and Hazel O'Leary of the Department of Energy the next day.

A black citizens' group in Indianapolis, Concerned Citizens for Traditional Family Values, has announced plans to picket the meeting to protest the organization's support of gay rights.

The issue of gay rights has touched off intense debate within the black community. Some blacks feel discrimination against homosexuals is a civil rights issue, while others see no comparison to racial prejudice.



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Mark Richardson, Kelly Alexander, Jerry Richardson, Dr. William Gibson, Ben Chavis and Mike McCormick (left to right) sign the Fair Share agreement between the NAACP and Richardson Sports at the Charlotte Chamber.



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