

# Richard Mack gave of himself

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of the things he stood for. "This community will really miss him." Rickey Williams, director of special projects at Lee Mack Cosmetics, said Mack treated him like a son.

"The true meaning of my brother's keeper can be exemplified through who Mr. Mack really is," Williams said. "He really cared about his fellow man."

Williams said Mack had been in

declining health for some time, but still came to the office regularly or called when he could not make it.

"Business wise, he is certainly an example...a case study," Williams said. "This man knew no boundaries. He thought globally. Whatever he did he made sure he could get the maximum results out of it."

Mack had been helpful in Williams' publication of Attitudes

magazine.

"I am fortunate to have worked for him," Williams said.

Mack is survived by his wife, Fannie Mack; two sons, Richard Mack of Boston and Ronald Mack of Atlanta; two daughters, Valerie Wesley of Boston and Eleanor Pace of East Orange, N.J.; and 11 grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. Friday at Robinson's Funeral Home, 534

Hampton St., Rock Hill.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at New Home AME Zion Church, 3290 Charlotte Highway (Highway 49), York.

## State NAACP to select new leadership

By John Minter  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

N.C. NAACP president Skip Alston of Greensboro has competition in his first-ever bid for election to the state conference presidency.

Elections will be held at this weekend at the state convention at the North Raleigh Hilton in Raleigh.

Alston became president with the forced resignation of Kelly Alexander Jr. of Charlotte in the wake of improper spending allegations.

Alston was first vice president and acting president when the allegations surfaced in May 1995 and Alexander was suspended by the national NAACP board. The board later suspended Alexander's membership for 10 years.

Announced opponents include Terry Belk, chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg branch's political action committee; Curtis Gatewood, former president of the Durham chapter and now regional representative; and Jesse Smith, an insurance executive in Warsaw.

Alston, a businessman and Guilford County commissioner, helped restart the N.C. conference after Alexander's departure and has moved to reestablish the organization's role in state affairs. He was on Gov. Jim Hunt's church arson task force and a panelist at this week's race reconciliation conference in Charlotte.

Alston, a Durham native, is founder of S&J Management, a real estate firm.

Belk has held several positions in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg chapter and sponsored several voter registration and education campaigns. He was a key figure in the fight for a citizens review board in the wake of several shootings by

## Enfield fights for sewers

By Sharon Hodge  
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

ENFIELD - There is more than one way to get sewer lines extended to a dozen impoverished residents of Enfield. And Mayor Kai Hardaway is playing all the angles.

"I still want what's best for the community," Hardaway said last week after hearing the news that he cleared a hurdle that could put him one step closer toward that goal. Last week was the deadline for registering new voters in the November municipal elections.

"We've got 49 more people on the books than they do," said Hardaway.

There's a sense of satisfaction evident in his voice. But he quickly acknowledges that registering voters isn't enough. If he intends to circumvent racist policies by replacing the officials who advocate them, the black mayor said he'll have to make sure people who think the way he does turn out in force at the polls on Nov. 4. In the town of Enfield, sewer lines for Plant Street has become an issue pitting blacks against whites.

Residents of black enclaves on the outskirts of town are forced to pay high prices for electricity, water and sewer. After all, since the town has a small tax base, that's how the municipality makes its money, Hardaway says.

police of unarmed black motorists.

Balloting for the president's post is conducted among delegates to the state convention.

Delegates are selected by their local chapters.

In addition to the presidency, several vice presidents, a secretary and treasurer will be elected.

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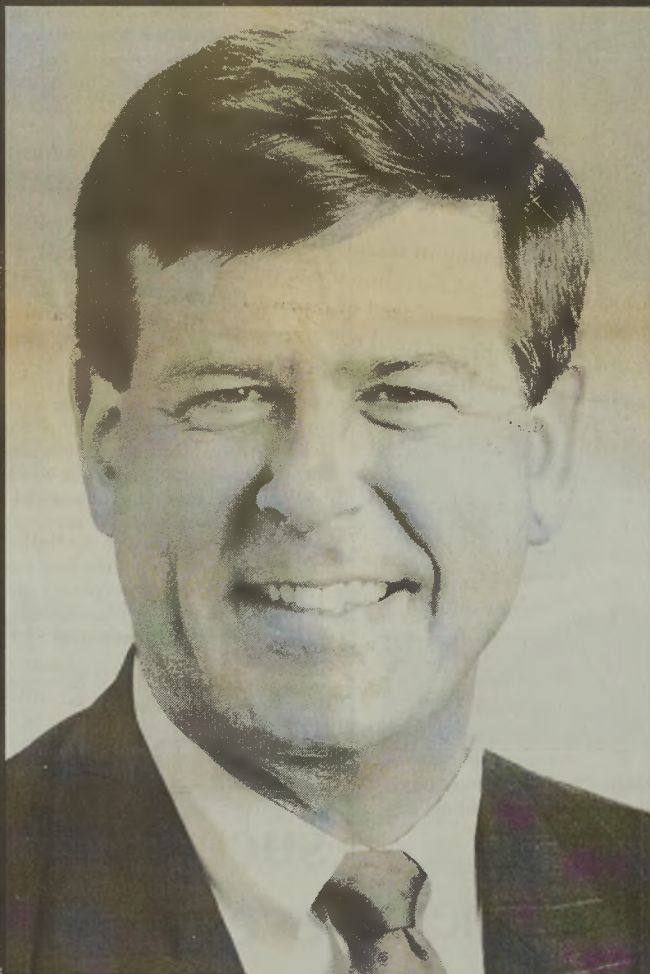
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Charlotte Mayor, Pat McCrory presents World Heavyweight Boxing Champion, Evander Holyfield with the Charlotte City Pin during a press conference at the Charlotte Coliseum. The Champion was in Charlotte to speak to middle and high school age students at the Extreme Experience '97, an innovative and culturally relevant life changing experience that was both interactive and motivational. The event was co-sponsored by The Bridge Youth Ministries and Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated. Also pictured above is CEO & Chairman of Coca-Cola Bottling Co. Consolidated and Board Chairman of The Bridge, Frank Harrison III.



# Rod Autrey

## CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

**"We must bring the entire community to the table. No one can own that table. We cannot be driving people away from that table. We must have a civil and constructive process that involves everyone as we identify the issues and solve our problems. This is the only way to develop a real sense of community and a true Charlotte Pride."**

*"In the upcoming election, we need to support those candidates who have demonstrated a clear ability to work effectively with diverse populations and differing opinions."* -

**Sam Smith**

*"I support Rod Autrey because he has good common sense, and he uses it."* -

**James Ross**

*"I support Rod Autrey because he is down to earth and supports all people. Rod does not see color, just people. He is out in as many neighborhoods that will have him work with them."* -

**Gwendolyn Brown-Johnson,**  
President, Parkview Community Association  
President, Charlotte-Mecklenburg PTA Council

*"I have worked with Rod Autrey for 20 years to make this a better community. He has the experience, enthusiasm, work ethic and vision our city needs. Rod Autrey can build consensus for a better tomorrow."* -

**North Carolina Senator  
Fountain Odum**

*"I support Rod Autrey because he's willing to work across political and government lines to do what's best for Charlotte. As a City Council member, I worked with Rod, County Commission Chair, to consolidate police and parks and recreation to provide services more efficiently for our taxpayers."* -

**Cyndee Patterson**

*"I endorse Rod Autrey for his integrity and dynamic leadership in being able to bring people from all walks of life together for the purpose of solving problems that affect the citizens of Charlotte."* -

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