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Rejected presidential candidates go to court

By Ben Fox
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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Disgruntled presidential hopefuls who were ruled ineligible to run in the Nov. 20 election should appeal to Haiti's Supreme Court, an election official said Monday.

Several would-be candidates visited the office of Haiti's Provisional Electoral Council, demanding to know why they weren't on the list published Friday of the 32 people eligible to run.

"If the court rules in their favor, they will be back on the list," said Stephan Lacroix, a spokesman for the council. "It is possible, but it also depends on the law."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice plans to visit Haiti on Tuesday to show support for the elections. During her daylong visit, she will meet with members of the interim government and representatives of a U.N. peacekeeping force.

Her visit follows one by Albert Ramdin, assistant secretary general of the Organization of American States, who noted progress with voter registration - now at nearly 3 million - and with improving security in the troubled nation, where 7,600 U.N. peacekeepers patrol the streets.

Ramdin said, however, that the legal system still needs to be reformed in Haiti, where hundreds of people, including prominent political figures, have been jailed without charges.

"Our objective is to have the best possible elections in Haiti, elections which are free, fair and at the same time credible," he said Monday as he prepared to leave the country.

The electoral council has rejected 22 candidates, including Dumarsais Simeus, a wealthy U.S. businessman who is the son of Haitian

peasants and owner of one of the largest black-owned businesses in the United States.

Simeus, who owns Mansfield, Texas-based Simeus Foods International, Inc., plans to appeal within the next few days, his campaign said.

Lacroix said the candidates must get a court decision in their favor before Oct. 8, which is the official start of the race - the first since President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted following a violent February 2004 rebellion.

Simeus was barred because his U.S. citizenship makes him ineligible under the constitution, while other candidates were rejected mostly because they submitted incomplete paperwork, officials said.

Another candidate, the Rev. Gerard Jean-Juste, a prominent figure in Aristide's Lavalas Party, was barred because he has been jailed on suspicion of involvement in the abduction and slaying of a local journalist. Jean-Juste has denied the accusations.

Jean-Juste was suspended from his church duties for his political activities, according to a letter from the archbishop released Monday.

Another candidate, Jacques Ronald Belot of the Independent Force of Haiti said he was rejected after being told the night before the Sept. 15 registration deadline that he had to put the names of all 70,000 people who signed his candidacy petition on a computer disk.

"When I told them it's impossible, the election will be over by the time I finish putting it on the disk, they said that's my problem," Belot said. He is appealing the decision.

The 32 approved candidates include two presumed front-runners: former President Rene Preval, a one-time close ally of Aristide, and Marc Bazin, a former prime minister.

Livingstone opens UNCF campaign

By Mai Li Munoz Adams
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

SALISBURY, — While all was quiet outside Livingstone College's J.W. Hood Building Sept. 22, there was a party going on inside.

With noisemakers and bubbles galore, Livingstone launched its 2005-2006 United Negro College Fund

campaign. Members of the Salisbury-Rowan community joined acting President Catrella Hunter, the Board of Trustees, and UNCF Charlotte Area Development Director Marilyn Richards for the celebration.

UNCF is "the nation's largest, oldest, most successful and most comprehensive minority higher education assistance organization,"

Richards said

The College Fund provides operating funds and technology enhancement services for 39 member historically black colleges and universities, scholarships and internships for students at about 900 institutions,

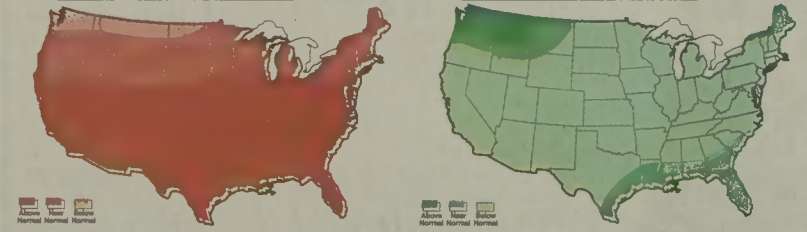
UNCF alumni include Martin Luther King Jr., Mary McLeod Bethune and Zora Neale Hurston.

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80°	52°	74° 48°	78° 56°	78° 58°	80° 60°	78° 58°	78° 58°
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WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK



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IN THE SKY

Sun	Rise	Set	Moon	Rise	Set	Moon Phases
Thursday	7:17 a.m.	7:11 p.m.	Thursday	3:33 a.m.	5:39 p.m.	New
Friday	7:18 a.m.	7:09 p.m.	Friday	4:32 a.m.	6:04 p.m.	First
Saturday	7:19 a.m.	7:08 p.m.	Saturday	5:30 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	Full
Sunday	7:19 a.m.	7:06 p.m.	Sunday	6:28 a.m.	6:51 p.m.	Last
Monday	7:20 a.m.	7:05 p.m.	Monday	7:26 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	
Tuesday	7:21 a.m.	7:03 p.m.	Tuesday	8:26 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	
Wednesday	7:22 a.m.	7:02 p.m.	Wednesday	9:29 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Alken, SC	87 58 t	78 54 s	81 60 s	81 60 t	Memphis, TN	70 58 s	79 64 s	82 65 s	81 64 t
Augusta, GA	86 55 t	78 52 s	80 57 s	82 60 t	Myrtle Beach, SC	84 58 t	77 80 s	78 65 pc	80 64 pc
Charleston, SC	89 63 t	78 62 s	81 64 t	82 65 t	Norfolk, VA	79 56 t	70 57 s	78 63 s	79 63 s
Columbia, SC	86 60 t	76 56 s	78 62 s	81 61 pc	Raleigh, NC	82 52 t	74 48 s	76 52 s	80 58 pc
Durham, NC	82 51 t	74 49 s	77 54 s	79 57 s	Richmond, VA	78 46 t	71 51 s	77 56 s	80 58 s
Greensboro, NC	80 47 t	72 50 s	76 55 s	77 57 s	Roanoke, VA	74 44 t	67 47 s	72 55 s	76 56 s
Greenville, SC	82 52 t	72 54 s	73 59 s	77 60 pc	Savannah, GA	88 65 t	82 63 t	82 67 t	82 66 t
Knoxville, TN	70 51 sh	74 55 s	78 58 s	77 58 s	Wilmington, NC	87 62 t	76 58 s	80 62 pc	80 62 pc
Lynchburg, VA	76 41 t	66 43 s	73 51 s	77 54 s	Winston-Salem, NC	80 48 t	70 52 s	74 56 s	77 58 s

U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	80 60 t	76 59 s	79 63 pc	79 63 pc	Miami	88 76 t	86 76 t	86 78 t	88 78 t
Boston	70 44 r	64 48 s	72 54 s	73 58 s	Minneapolis	62 46 s	74 52 s	74 54 pc	71 50 pc
Chicago	62 44 pc	68 50 s	74 54 s	76 56 s	New Orleans	88 70 t	86 73 t	86 72 t	86 72 t
Cleveland	59 44 sh	63 46 s	74 54 s	75 56 s	New York City	74 54 r	66 52 s	71 56 s	73 62 s
Dallas	80 62 pc	82 68 s	84 68 t	88 68 t	Orlando	90 74 t	88 72 t	88 72 t	88 72 t
Denver	77 44 pc	74 46 sh	77 48 s	76 44 s	Pittsburgh	62 42 sh	68 46 s	74 52 s	76 54 s
Detroit	60 42 pc	66 48 s	72 52 s	72 52 s	Phoenix	102 76 pc	102 74 pc	101 75 s	100 75 s
Houston	88 66 t	84 66 pc	88 68 pc	88 68 t	San Francisco	84 56 s	80 56 pc	73 56 pc	74 56 pc
Kansas City	76 48 s	74 52 s	78 54 pc	80 57 s	Seattle	64 52 r	62 48 sh	62 48 sh	64 52 r
Los Angeles	88 64 s	84 64 s	82 62 s	80 63 pc	Washington, DC	76 50 t	70 52 s	78 58 s	78 60 s

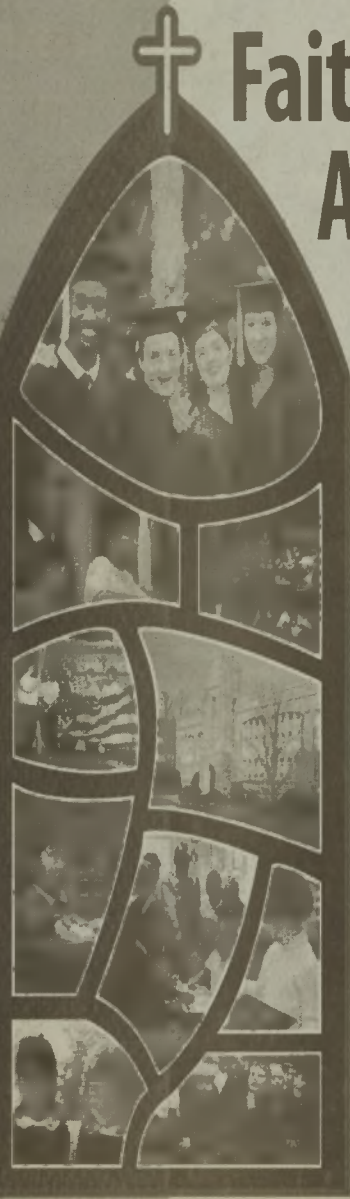
WORLD CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	61 52 sh	59 54 sh	61 50 sh	66 45 sh	Paris	64 46 sh	63 54 sh	64 46 sh	60 43 pc
Berlin	59 45 sh	63 46 sh	65 46 sh	60 43 r	Rio de Janeiro	70 62 s	72 63 s	73 64 pc	74 65 pc
Buenos Aires	69 50 sh	63 52 pc	67 57 pc	67 60 pc	Rome	77 59 pc	75 57 sh	75 62 pc	73 64 pc
Carro	89 65 s	88 66 s	89 68 s	90 68 s	San Juan	88 76 t	88 76 t	88 77 t	88 78 pc
Jerusalem	71 58 pc	74 58 s	77 58 s	77 58 s	Seoul	72 62 pc	75 66 r	73 65 t	66 48 sh
Johannesburg	69 46 s	71 49 pc	76 52 s	67 51 pc	Sydney	66 50 pc	70 57 pc	80 61 s	82 63 pc
London	63 52 pc	66 52 r	63 50 sh	64 46 pc	Tokyo	73 64 s	72 68 sh	76 68 pc	81 71 pc
Moscow City	74 47 pc	73 48 pc	73 49 pc	69 48 pc	Toronto	60 44 sh	66 48 pc	74 54 pc	76 56 pc
Moscow	63 50 sh	65 44 pc	63 51 pc	66 49 s	Zurich	59 39 r	56 48 pc	69 53 sh	54 42 r

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