

# Candidates aspire to gain state Democratic nominations

## Jordan platform proposes lotto bond program

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Health care through a lotto bond program and changes in the insurance laws are the major platforms of Frank Jordan's campaign for lieutenant governor, the candidate said in an interview.

Jordan, a Democrat from Rockingham who is not related to gubernatorial candidate Bob Jordan, said he strongly advocates selling lotto bonds to establish a fund to provide for health care for all N.C. residents. Citizens would purchase bonds for the fund for \$1 each. That money would be used for general loans for state citizens, and the interest from those loans would create a fund for general health care.

Jordan said the program could raise as much as \$4 billion each year. For those in good health, the fund will pay the insurance premium. Otherwise, the money would cover short- and long-term health care.

The bonds will be entered in lottery drawings for cash prizes to encourage people to buy them, Jordan said.

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"There is no risk involved because the bonds are issued by the state and redeemable by the state," he said.

Jordan also advocates placing all auto liability insurance under state control. The state would issue license tags and handle all insurance. Drivers would no longer have to pay court-imposed fines and face the insurance company as well, Jordan said, and states could deal with drivers on an individual basis.

"This would do away with the double jeopardy imposed by the insurance industry," Jordan said.

Jordan said he would give the right to alcohol to anyone who registers for the draft or to vote. Full rights of citizenship and treatment as an adult in court for those who register would also be guaranteed.

Jordan, who served in the army for 15 years, has been active in politics in both the Republican and Demo-

cratic parties for many years. He ran for lieutenant governor as a Republican in 1984 and has campaigned for the state senate three times, in 1982 and 1986 as a Republican.

Jordan switched his party affiliation back to the Democratic Party in 1986. "The Republicans didn't like me and didn't want me here in the county," he said. "They invited everyone but me to functions in the county."

Jordan said his campaign is going very well so far. "The last poll I heard I was number one," he said. "The people are ready for me — someone without a lot of political baggage." In a recent poll that Jordan includes in his campaign literature, he was listed as the top candidate. The majority of those polled, however, had not decided which candidate to support.

Jordan, who is married and has four children, is also an ordained minister in the Universal Life Church and Church of Gospel Ministry.

"I expect to be a nominee," Jordan said.

## Miller vows to protect local business interests

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At age 34, Brad Miller is "the first of his generation to run for statewide office," said Ken Goldwasser, press secretary for the Miller for Secretary of State campaign.

"This is an important race for the future of the N.C. Democratic Party," Goldwasser said. "(Brad) is from a different mold. He represents a new type of candidate. He has a great deal of experience within the Democratic Party. The party has a new, progressive wing and Brad represents this wing."

Miller, a 1975 UNC graduate, obtained a master's degree from the London School of Economics in 1978 and earned a law degree from Columbia University in 1979. He was chairman of the Wake County Democratic party from 1985-87 and has been a member of the N.C. State Democratic Executive Committee since 1985. He is now on leave from the Raleigh law firm of LeBeuff, Lamb, Leiby and MacRae.

Miller's platform stresses the need

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to protect N.C. businesses from hostile takeovers, Goldwasser said.

"It's a multi-faceted position. The secretary of state is responsible for ... regulating the requirements for small businesses (to protecting) shareholders from corporate raiders," he said. "The average voter does not think about how corporate takeovers affect him. Brad would like to see the management of N.C. corporations be able to look to the future instead of having to look back over their shoulder out of fear of hostile takeovers."

Miller would work with the state's small businesses to create new opportunities and new jobs. When the state helps small businessmen, they help the state by increased hiring, Goldwasser said.

"Stable businesses provide steady jobs, and steady jobs support stable families. We can't afford to have jobs

hanging in the balance of corporate gamesmanship," he said.

Miller wants to expand the role of the secretary of state, said Anderson Little, a Chapel Hill attorney and member of Miller's steering committee.

"Brad has been progressive, meaning that he is willing to look for new solutions to problems. (He) will be a much more active and energetic secretary of state than we have seen before," he said.

"We're talking about someone running for a branch of state government," said Roscoe Reeve, former chairman of the Orange County Democratic Party and also a member of Miller's steering committee. "This office functions at a legal level. Brad is going to go a step further in how effectively that office will deal with corporations."

"Mr. Miller is trying to make the office more active," Goldwasser said. "It's time to change the role of the office. Corporate law is changing, and the office needs to change with it," Goldwasser said.

# ArtsCenter director resigns; task force to study organization

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Jacques Menache, founder of the ArtsCenter in Carrboro, released a statement Wednesday that said he was resigning as executive director due to a decision made at last Thursday's meeting of the ArtsCenter's board of directors.

At the meeting, the board decided to form a task force to study the relationship between the ArtsCenter and Main Street Partners, the group that presently leases the building. Menache is a partner in the group.

"I felt the board had lost confidence in my ability to lead and administer the ArtsCenter," the statement said.

Nevertheless, Menache said his resignation is in no way connected with his involvement in Main Street Partners.

He said he believes his position with the group benefited the ArtsCenter, since the group was responsible for purchasing a facility for the new ArtsCenter that would have been

otherwise unaffordable.

"It really appeared some people did not trust Jacques," Board Chairman Joel Carter said. But Carter said those feelings did not alter his own support of Menache and his vision for the ArtsCenter.

The task force has initiated a self-examination to clarify misunder-

standings and to establish a more formal structure for the organization. Carter referred to some inconsistencies in the organization's records, such as decisions made without a quorum.

The Board offered Menache a two-week vacation, since he had never had one, Carter said. "We really messed up there," he said.

"These concerns are not all Jacques' fault," Carter said. "He is hard-working and is extremely devoted to the ArtsCenter."

Bett Wilson, spokeswoman for the ArtsCenter, said Menache had made great contributions to the organization. "He successfully brought it (ArtsCenter) from a one-room painting class to its present status as a thriving arts complex, complete with an art gallery, two theaters, class-

rooms and much more." The five-person task force will continue its study of the organization in preparation for the next board meeting on April 25, when a new management plan will be adopted.

Carter said, "I think we'll discover that some things are very unclear. Roles simply have not been defined."

Wilson said the ArtsCenter has been operating under financial stress and plans to promote a closer working relationship between staff members and board members to secure a sound financial foundation for its new fiscal year.

But board members have not dismissed hopes for Menache's return. Carter said, "The first action the board will take at the next meeting will be to get Jacques back."

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