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SPECIAL ISSUE POLITICS AND EMPOWERMENT

Rodney Sumler, Phoenix publisher, talks about his political involvements and how his political views have been used to virtually destroy him in the last of three interviews by Patricia Smith-Deering on page 3.

Many Forsyth County blacks register and don't follow through by exercising their right to vote. Patricia Smith-Deering presents some reasons why in her commentary on page 7.

Political empowerment is critical to solving many of the problems faced by the black community. Some Triad area community leaders present their views on how best to bring about that empowerment in Roxanne Covington's story on page 9.

North Carolina's historically-black colleges and universities have Herman Gist to thank for millions of state funds. Roxanne Covington reports on his work and his candidacy on page 21.

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