

## WHAT NEXT???

At last the process is complete. George Herbert Walker Bush will become the 41st President of the United States this week. After a long campaign, costing hundreds of millions, the real celebrating finally begins. The cost for this week's activities—a mere \$25 million. Somehow we missed receiving our invitation (must have been lost in the mail) so we'll have to stay home, drink a Pepsi, think of what might have been, and keep looking for our Super Bowl tickets. We know they must be in the mail!!

Seems James C. Quayle, the father of Dan Quayle is still upset over the media attention paid his son during the campaign. He, of course, feels the attention was biased and unfair. We would expect nothing less from a good father. He should support his son.

And we also share something in common with James C. Quayle. We too were upset—but it was when we discovered George Bush chose Quayle as his running mate!!

Dan Quayle has four years to grow into his job. Given Quayle's interesting history he will more than likely be a sitting duck for not only the media but for comedians as well. At least this should not hurt Bush too much. Everyone is allowed one mistake.

Sometimes North Carolina Democrats are hard to figure out, then again maybe not.

Seems some Democrats are not above working with the Republicans, especially when this helps Democrats to get their way. A recent case in point: Liston Ramsey had served four terms as Speaker of the N.C. House of Representatives and desired another term. A few Democrats felt Ramsey was too heavy-handed and did not

give them fair consideration, so they met in secret, developed a strategy, sought and received support from the Republican members and voted Ramsey out. All of this was done in the name of openness and fairness.

Meanwhile, in the N.C. Senate, the Democrats were not concerned with fairness. Apparently control was the issue. Heavy-handedness did not matter as the Democrats voted to strip the incoming Lt. Governor, Jim Gardner, of the power to make committee appointments. Democrats voted to change the rules so the pro tem of the Senate, a Democrat by the name of Henson Barnes, would make committee appointments.

When talking about Democrats it often seems the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing. More to the point, Democrats apparently become concerned with fairness, heavy-handedness, etc. when their welfare is involved. Little wonder the voters desert the Democratic party when leadership is needed; the people don't know where or what the Democrats stand for; they once were known as the 'party of the people!' More often than not they seem to have become the 'people who party.' Democrats have become very good at games, but isn't that what politics is all about?

This week we celebrate the one year anniversary of WHAT NEXT???

In looking back at the year, we again must acknowledge Mr. John L. Godwin. In January 1988 Mr. Godwin met with us and the idea of WHAT NEXT was born. He felt this was important and we have felt an obligation to continue. While realizing Mr. Godwin might not agree with everything we write in this space, we know he would demand we continue.

## THE COACH'S CORNER

BY KEN JOHNSON

*John Thompson's Walking Out*  
A new NCAA ruling requiring freshmen receiving athletic scholarships to achieve a minimum score on college entrance exams has disturbed John Thompson of Georgetown University and many more coaches as being unfair as it requires a 2.0 average in high school, a "C" average, and 700 on the SAT test or 15 on the ACT test. Here again, as I have said many times in this column "Testing has become an end in itself

and not a means to an end." Athletics require so much time outside the class room and the colleges are demanding winners since the public will not support losing teams and the NCAA along with college administrations is trying to have their cake and eat it. They want the big money but they are truly using the "slave morality." And not giving the kids a break. The philosophy is in reality that of the "athlete-student," not the "student-

athlete" as they would like to think it is. They think they have amateur athletics, but it costs about \$15,000 a year to go to Duke. Also, the "selective ethic" is sadly lacking in their thinking.

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## THE READERS' FORUM

### A Serious Look At The Past Year And Some Suggestions For 1989

To the Editor:

Where do we go from here? In the year 1988 we say many things take place, some good, but more bad than we care to remember. But remember: we must...we dare not forget now...in fact, ask yourself how can we forget 1988? We have all been touched in some way by the events of 1988. We lost some battles along with some great leaders...We must never forget them...nor what they stood for. But take heart! We still have among us even greater leaders because they learned from the best. If only we will open our eyes and see them for what they are. The old saying still holds true: "All that glitters is not gold." That is so true in our fair county of Robeson. The drugs are still here and by now the State of Florida really wants the name of one of their beloved cities back. Never were we meant to keep it. We have no room for it.

We really want to see some big time drug dealers taken off the street...not just the little man. They can be replaced in the blink of an eye so the circle will go on. Wake up, people. Just take a good look at your own kids. Things are not as well as they should be.

Remember: God really does help those who help themselves. Not is the time to start helping yourself. Take a look back and let's not make the same mistakes as before. Let's expect more, and work toward getting it. There should be no excuse for not cleaning up Robeson County. It belongs to the people and it is our job to help see that it gets done the right way. The year of 1988 may be gone, but many of our troubles remain. Now is the time to start acting like a responsible person. Keep in mind those among us who put their lives on the line by standing up and fighting corruption in 1988. They too have a tale to tell, and there are truly some among us.

1989 is the year to see if we stand on our own two feet, or if some one is still holding us up? Where do you stand? Or better yet, are we able to stand without some one telling us how to stand...Or that we have to do it their way. Now is the time to make your move. The cards are on the table. Oh, don't forget to remove the Joker.

Helen Oxendine  
Pembroke, NC

## A LETTER FROM THE CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE

To the Editor:

Success lies not in the abundance of the things which we possess. But in recognizing and acknowledging the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, maker (Creator) and Strength. Worldly possessions can never be the Source of true Happiness. Money, cars, houses, lands, fancy clothes, etc. are only substances that have been granted to us to aid us in our work to the glory of God as we go through this earthly life. For we, as Christians, are looking for a better life that is filled with only love, peace, joy and glorious bliss in the new Heaven on earth. A place where God Jehovah in the Person of Jesus Christ shall reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Where all sorrow, pains, sicknesses, trials, tribulations and troubles will cease. A place where our days will be filled with worship, honor and praise to the One God, Creator and Maker of us all—JEHOVAH.

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Father in Heaven, Maker of the Earth and Universe. I hallow your Holy Name. Let your Holy, Righteous Will be done on this earth now in me as your will is done in the Heavens above. Forgive me now the wrong I have done

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Martha Ann Malloy  
Maxton, NC

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