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NNPA meets in the Twin City

By JOHN HINTON
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Shirley Chisholm, the first black person to run for president, and Cheryl McNair, the widow of space shuttle astronaut Ron McNair, will appear during the National Newspaper Publishers Association's 46th annual convention, which began Wednesday in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Chisholm, 61, who also was the first black woman elected to Congress, will speak at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon Thursday in the Hyatt Winston-Salem, said Steve Davis, executive director of the NNPA.

A Democrat, Mrs. Chisholm was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from New York City's 21st District in 1968. She unsuccessfully sought the Democratic nomination for president in 1972.

Mrs. McNair, whose husband was one of seven crew members killed in the explosion of the space shuttle Challenger on Jan. 28, will accept an award on his behalf at a 12:30 p.m. luncheon in the Hyatt on Friday. McNair was a North Carolina A&T State University alumnus.

More than 200 black publishers and newspaper executives were expected to attend the convention, which ends Saturday.

Also on the agenda is Dr. Lee Monroe, higher education adviser for Gov. James G. Martin, who will speak Thursday at a 7 p.m. dinner, said Chronicle Publisher Ernest H. Pitt.

"I am pleased that the NNPA chose Winston-Salem to have this conference," said Pitt, whose newspaper is the convention's host. "We have the kind of city that will make them feel welcome. We intend to give them good Southern hospitality."

The theme of the convention is "The Power of the Black Press."

"It is significant that we chose this theme," Pitt said. "The Please see page A15

NOT THE ONLY BAD GUY?



LIBYAN DICTATOR Moammar Khadafi isn't the only villain in the frayed relations between his nation and the United States, says columnist Tony Brown on page A4; so is President Reagan (photo by The Associated Press).

Bus accident raises question of conduct

Teacher: Rowdy students distracted driver

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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The school bus accident that injured 35 Old Town Elementary School students on June 6 has caused one teacher in the city-county school system to question conduct on the school buses.

School officials, however, say that student conduct on the buses is not a major problem.

Annette Beatty, a first-grade teacher at Southwest Elementary School, said last Thursday that the accident was not entirely the fault of the 16-year-old bus driver.

'Misbehaving On The Bus'

Miss Beatty said part of the blame should lie with the students.

"My concern is with the parents, the public, and the school officials who had everything to say about the accident," she said. "Nobody has put the blame where it should be: on the children."

"If the children had not been misbehaving on the bus, the accident would not have occurred," Miss Beatty said. "I would not like the public to get by by putting it all on the bus driver."

"Even the (school) board members, which disappointed me more than anything, looked at the age of the bus driver, rather than the conduct of the children."

Miss Beatty was referring to several board members who cited the need for more adult bus drivers following the accident.

Not A Question Of Age

"The solution does not lie in getting adult bus drivers," she said. "We have adult bus drivers, and students still get expelled

from school.

"It's not the age of the bus driver. We need to look into the conduct of students and put some of the responsibility on them. If we don't, we give them the license to endanger someone's life. Innocent people could lose their lives because of someone who is hard-headed and doesn't listen."

According to a State Patrol report, the accident occurred around 2:20 p.m., when James Greg McCormick of 6274 Tobaccoville Road, the driver of the bus, attempted to make a left turn at the intersection of Amelia

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Drive and Enfield Drive without slowing down.

All 35 students on the bus were injured when the speed of the bus caused the driver to lose control.

The report says the driver had stopped before the accident to try to restore order on the bus.

Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, assistant to the superintendent, said that she does not feel that the sentiment among school officials is to blame the bus driver.

"School officials are not blaming the driver," she said. "A great deal of sentiment and concern has been expressed on his behalf. He comes from a family of very responsible school bus drivers. I feel that the irritability of the moment and having to deal with young children contributed Please see page A2

Lots at stake for blacks in city budget

By JOHN HINTON
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The proposed city budget of \$145,509,860 includes five areas that especially affect the black community, aldermen and city officials said last week.

"The budget impacts on the black community in a very positive way," said Virginia K. Newell, the East Ward alderman and chairman of the Board of Aldermen's Finance Committee. "It will respond to everyone's needs."

The committee reviewed the every item in the proposed budget for fiscal year 1986-87 last week. The aldermen will hold a public hearing on the

budget on Thursday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. and consider its adoption.

Allocations for community development, protection, transportation, human resources and recreation and culture are especially important to the black community, Mrs. Newell said. "There is no facet of the budget that is lily-white," she said.

The proposed budget requires no increase in property taxes or water and sewer rates, City Manager Bryce A. Stewart said. But the city budget could be affected by a second round of federal budget cuts imposed by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings law, he said.

"We are concerned about how Gramm-Rudman Please see page A3



The Bonners: Looking for work (photo by James Parker).

Hunting for jobs

By JOHN HINTON
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Calvin Bonner realizes that finding a job in Forsyth County may be difficult.

"I never really had to face looking for a job before," said Bonner, a 17-year-old graduate of Glenn High School. "I guess finding a job may be hard, but I will keep looking."

His mother, Paula J. Bonner, works as a receptionist for the city-county schools during the school year. School ended last week, and she finds herself unemployed as well.

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N.C. Republicans playing dirty at the polls, says black lawmaker; GOP denies it

By The Associated Press

RALEIGH — The GOP's ballot security program has racial overtones, says one black lawmaker, but state Republican leaders say there is no intent to intimidate voters or target precincts because of racial composition.

A 23-page handout on ballot security used last week in a training session for GOP candidates and campaign workers included a county-by-county and precinct-by-precinct list of areas that were targeted in 1984 by the North Carolina Republican Party.

In the 68 counties studied by the GOP, targeted precincts contained 45 percent of the minority voters and 10 percent of the white voters.

In the state's larger, urban counties, the portion of black voters targeted was even greater.

"I'm not surprised," said Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake. "It surely takes on racist overtones. It says much of their attitude toward black voters." State GOP Chairman Bob Bradshaw said he was not aware of the

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—REP. DAN BLUE

specific precincts targeted or which ones would be targeted for the 1986 general election.

Bradshaw, a Charlotte lawyer, denied any intent to intimidate voters or that precincts were selected because of racial composition.

"It is simply to be sure that those entitled to vote, vote; no one who is not entitled does vote; and that all votes cast are counted, and those votes that are not cast are not counted," he said.

"I think the whole ballot security program really extends to every precinct and every county in the state," Bradshaw said. "I would hope our objective wouldn't be any different from the Democratic Party's or the boards of elections," he said.

In 1984 the state Republican Party used a variety of techniques to control voter fraud. The techniques included posting warning signs in specific precincts and using returned campaign post cards to challenge voter eligibility.

"In every election, thousands of votes are cast by persons who are not legally eligible to vote," the handout said. Last week's briefing Please see page A15