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Summers is honored by ministers



Revised proposals cause stir among city officials; Wood stands up for taxpayers

Little adds special touch to her teaching

Aldermen meet; Wood confronts city manager on annex design



By ANGELA WRIGHT Chronicle Managing Editor
The Board of Aldermen heard many issues Monday. They discussed at length the ordinance amending sections of the city code relating to street improvement assessment rates.

ly to remember the climactic words of Alderman Wood. Wood rebuked city manager Bryce A. Stuart for submitting a new, unauthorized proposal for the coliseum annex which would cost more than twice the

Lawrence Joel Coliseum for \$3.95 million. Last week city officials submitted plans for a structure which would cost \$8.35 million to the finance and public works committees of the Board. Wood was recuperating from surgery last week and had her first opportunity to discuss the issue with city officials Monday.

Wood Stuart

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Robeson Co. officials address racial problems

By The Associated Press

LUMBERTON -- Blacks, whites and Indians in Robeson County must work to repair racial injustices that led to the Feb. 1 siege of a local newspaper by two members of the Tuscorora tribe, officials said Saturday.

Locks said. "Blacks have let other blacks and whites turn us against Indians. Indians have let other Indians and whites turn them against blacks. It's time we joined together as one group

and put color aside. That's the only end to this problem. Locks said he did not condone the use or threat of violence. "What we need is not bullets. What we need is ballots," he said. "If we would register, then vote our convictions, we would elect those people who are right for us. We don't need guns. We

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Cleaver arrested for burglary

OAKLAND, Calif. -- Former Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver, whose best-selling book "Soul on Ice" was published 20 years ago last Friday, is in trouble with the law again. Cleaver, already free on bail on cocaine possession charges, was arrested last Thursday for allegedly burglarizing a house that is under renovation, according to police.

Farrakhan: Blacks redeemers

BUFFALO, N.Y. -- Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan told a congregation of 600 last week that God let Afro-Americans suffer four centuries "to put us in a position to be the redeemers of the Earth." Blacks have been persecuted, he said, not because they are black but "so that the world would come to know that he is God." He likened blacks to the Hebrew nation, which, according to the Bible, was allowed to suffer "so that God would raise a prophet among them, God would raise a nation as a suffering people."

Mass. students hold protest

AMHERST, Mass. -- An estimated 200 black students took over the New Africa House last Friday at the University of Massachusetts to protest an attack on two students, the latest in a series of racial incidents at the school.

The protesters, black students who are not part of any previously existing organization on campus, were demonstrating against racial tensions that have once again surfaced at the school. Ten students were injured in a racial clash following the final World Series game between the Boston Red Sox and New York Mets on Oct. 27, 1986.

Jackson finishes 4th

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) -- An old-fashioned whistle stop campaign was part of the effort that carried Jesse Jackson to a fourth-place finish in the New Hampshire primary Tuesday.

Riding through the New Hampshire Lakes Region in a 1930s train, Jesse Jackson told supporters at four whistle stops to get the country "back on track" by voting for him. Jackson said after the primary that he had proved that he could broaden the base of his campaign and that he expected to win as the presidential campaign moved south.

Jackson, who stood on the back of the red caboose in Plymouth, said the challenge of this generation is to overcome "economic violence." "Most poor people in America are not on welfare," he told about 300 rallyers. "They work every day; and when they get done working, they're still poor." "We, the people, can win," he said. Jackson reiterated that message to Laconia, Tilton Please see page A3



Hatcher

Jim Hatcher supports nephew

By ANGELA WRIGHT Chronicle Managing Editor

The recent 10-hour siege of The Robesonian newspaper office building by two Tuscorora Indians was especially significant for a local man who is running for a seat on the County Commission.

Jim W. Hatcher, a Democrat candidate for County Commission, is the uncle of Eddie Hatcher, one of the men who held 17 people hostage at the newspaper a few weeks ago.

"Eddie stood up for justice," said Hatcher. "He's the type of person that likes to see everybody treated equal. He had tried to get something done about the injustices down there and when that failed, he took matters into his own hands."

Hatcher said that although he did not condone the actions of his nephew, he believed his nephew had good reasons for what he did.

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THIS WEEK CLASSIFIED B14 EDITORIALS A4 FORUM A5 OBITUARIES B9 PEOPLE A6 RELIGION B6 SPORTS B1 QUOTABLE: "As 'Super Tuesday' approaches, we would all do well to remember the sacrifices made for the right to vote. One person who made the ultimate sacrifice was Medgar Evers, an Afro-American from Mississippi." PAGE A4

N.C. Supreme Court outlaws jury selection based on race

By ANGELA WRIGHT Chronicle Managing Editor

The local law firm of Kennedy, Kennedy, Kennedy and Kennedy recently litigated a case which has led to a major North Carolina Supreme Court civil rights decision. The ruling prohibits the rejection of prospective jurors on the basis of race in civil cases.

In 1986 the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed the exclusion of jurors because of race in criminal cases. This latest decision now assures that jury selection will not be based on race in any trial in the state of North Carolina. The decision stems from the

case of an Afro-American High Point woman who died of carbon monoxide poisoning in her public housing apartment. Mary Magdalene Jackson was found dead in her apartment on February 19, 1978. Soon afterward city officials dismantled the chimney flue to her heater and discovered a dead pigeon, a bird's nest and other debris blocking the chimney pipe.

A little more than a year before Jackson's death, three other residents of the same low-income housing project died of carbon monoxide poisoning when the chimney flue for their apartment Please see page A12

Brawley representatives say they'll cooperate on investigation

By DAVID BAUDER Associated Press Writer

ALBANY, N.Y. -- State Attorney General Robert Abrams will meet early next week with lawyers for a black Dutchess County teen-ager who maintains she was sexually assaulted by six white men. That was agreed to Thursday by four representatives of Tawana Brawley. They told Gov. Mario Cuomo following a 3 1/2-hour meeting that they were willing to break the stalemate that had stymied the investigation of the assault since it occurred in late November. The four representatives said

they'd been assured by the governor that Abrams, designated by Cuomo last month to act as special prosecutor in the case, will be "personally involved" in the investigation. "We decided to put aside any long-term disagreements that we may have," said the Rev. Al Sharp. "Today was a day of engage rather than outrage, and today we reaped some benefits." Before the meeting with Cuomo at the state Capitol, the four representatives had refused to allow Miss Brawley or her family to cooperate in the probe, saying they didn't think the aide Abrams had picked to head the investigation, John

Ryan, had the proper experience necessary in civil rights matters. Miss Brawley, now 16, claims

she was repeatedly raped and assaulted by six white men, one of whom flashed a police badge.

After disappearing for four days last November, she was found in Dutchess County partially clothed

and smeared with excrement. "Nigger" and "KKK" had been scrawled on her body.

Local family member speaks

By ANGELA WRIGHT Chronicle Managing Editor

The family of Tawana Brawley is "totally frustrated" with a judicial process that (three months later) still can't tell them who abducted the 15-year-old Wappingers Falls, N.Y. youth, raped and brutalized her, scrawled racial obscenities on her body and left her for dead.

One local member of the family, Debbie Stockton, says there are a lot of unanswered questions in the case. Her now 16-year-old cousin said she was abducted by two white men, who showed her police badges. The case has drawn the attention of comedian/TV producer Bill Cosby who offered a \$25,000 reward for information leading to Please see page A2



Stockton

At a press conference Thursday night in New York City, Abrams welcomed the decision by the Brawleys' lawyer, Alton Maddox Jr., to cooperate, calling it "a very critical step in moving this investigation forward." At the same time, he staunchly re-affirmed his faith in Ryan and the team of prosecutors and investigators working on the case. Maddox said Miss Brawley will not attend the meeting with Abrams next Tuesday because Please see page A2