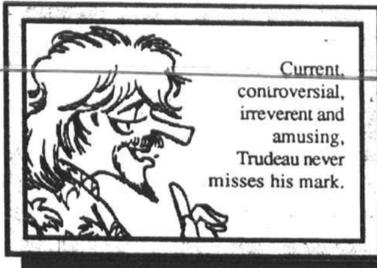




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## Haitians charge U.S. with racism

NEW YORK (AP) — Haitian immigrants on Monday condemned the repatriation of their countrymen as a racist betrayal of the freedom and justice they came here for.

"Had we been any other country — white or Spanish — we would have had a chance," said Florence Comeau, a spokeswoman for the Haitian Affairs Committee in Brooklyn, where most of New York's 300,000 Haitians live. "The Cubans can come in any time. The Cubans are people, the Haitians are people, but one is light-skinned and the other is not."

The deportation of 10,000 Haitians from the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, began over the weekend. The refugees had been detained there since they began fleeing their homeland last fall when the democratic government of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted by a right-wing military coup.

The Bush Administration denied the Haitians political asylum in the United States, arguing that they were fleeing poverty, not repression. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed last week, paving the way for the deportation.

"These people think America is a country of freedom, and every day they are talking about Statue of Liberty," said Jean-Marc Joseph, a staff member at the

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## Minority group seeks to amend NCNB lawsuit

GOLDSBORO, N.C. (AP) — A Goldsboro minority group is asking a federal judge to amend its \$10 billion lawsuit against NCNB to include its merger partner, C&S/Sovran Corp., as a co-defendant. The group also wants to add two plaintiffs to the case.

The North Carolina Communities Empowerment Socio-Economic Corp. filed the \$10 billion suit against Charlotte-based NCNB in September.

Shareholders of NCNB and C&S/Sovran Corp., which had headquarters in Atlanta and Norfolk, Va., approved the merger of the two into NationsBank in October.

The request by the Goldsboro group to amend the lawsuit would also add two black business women, Hilda Parker of Goldsboro and Henreitta Mathis Canty

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## 12th District contenders



**Larry D. Little**

Age: 41

Hometown: Winston-Salem

Occupation: Attorney, professor at Winston-Salem State University.

Strategy: Has good name recognition within Winston-Salem. Will need to mobilize a large, grassroots level of voters to compensate for his lack of name recognition outside of Winston-Salem. Will play up his political activism against his lack of experience in state government.

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**Melvin L. Watt**

Age: 57

Hometown: Charlotte

Occupation: Partner in the law firm of Ferguson, Stein and Watt.

Strategy: Possibly the most articulate candidate. Will capitalize on his state-wide contacts through Harvey Gantt and his good reputation for effectiveness developed during his brief time in the Senate.

Education: B.S. degree in Business Administration from UNC-CH (Phi Beta Kappa); law degree

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**Earl F. Jones**

Age: 42

Hometown: Greensboro

Occupation: Supervisor, Guilford Community Action

Strategy: Will draw on his popularity within the Piedmont Triad to overcome his lack of name recognition throughout the state. Will capitalize on work with local anti-poverty programs to compensate for his lack of experience in state government.

Education: B.A. in political science, NC Central;

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## New black District candidates gearing up White candidate may emerge

By SHERIDAN HILL  
Chronicle Staff Writer

As final lines are being drawn for the state's new 12th district, five Democratic contenders — all black — are tossing their hats into the ring, but the possibility of a white candidate emerging can not be ruled out.

The district snakes through the state along I-85 and I-40, and will be one of the longest districts in the state. Legislators waited in vain this week for U.S. justice officials to approve the state's plans for new congressional and legislative districts.

Where are the voters?

As now proposed, the North Carolina counties with the most voters are Mecklenburg 162,136 (106,476 black); Guilford 135,395 (73,234 black); Durham 91,518 (54,175 black); Forsyth 53,174 (40,078 black).

Will a Republican run?

The 12th district is expected to be about 86 percent Democrat. With only 14 percent Republican voters, it would be difficult for a Republican to get elected.

Will a white Democrat run?

Insiders say that if the black candidates stay above-board in their campaigning, chances are

small that a white candidate will emerge. The trick is that they have to go into each other's political backyards to woo voters — and they'll have to win them by playing up their own strengths, not their contender's weaknesses. The black candidates must run clean campaigns. If one of them starts slinging mud, the door may swing open for a white candidate to emerge. The district is expected to be almost 58 percent black, but whites traditionally turn out in larger numbers at the polls. If a strong white candidate comes forth and conditions are right, a white Democrat could be elected.

When will the districts be final?

The General Assembly adjourned Jan. 24 after passing its second congressional redistricting plan and sending it to the Justice Department for approval.

Under a bill enacted Monday, redistricting plans approved by Thursday would have office-seekers filing from Feb. 10 through March 2 — the same period adopted in December, when lawmakers moved it back by a month.

Any plans still in question after Thursday would have the opening date for filing moved back to Feb. 17. Local elections and any plans for offices approved by the Justice Department would go forward on Feb. 10.



**Barbara K. Phillips**

The former assistant superintendent for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system says she is undecided about running.

"If the Legislature can wait until February fifteenth [to finalize plans for the district], then so can I."

Phillips has good name recognition in Winston-Salem. Of the five candidates, Phillips is the only one lacking experience as an elected government official. Rumor has it that Phillips would like to run for Rep. Annie Kennedy's seat if Rep. Kennedy does not seek re-election.



**H.M. Michaux Jr.**

Age: 61

Hometown: Durham

Occupation: Senior partner of Michaux and Michaux law firm. Licensed real estate broker.

Strategy: Most well-known of all announced candidates. Will stand on his years of experience in state government as his best credential for serving the 12th district.

Education: B.S. from N.C. Central, studied theology and biochemistry at Rutgers University, law

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**ON THE AVANT-GARDE**

By TANG NIVRI

## America! The negro of the international world

The Japanese... well they do have a point don't they? They must have his a nerve somewhere, stepped on somebody's toes, called somebody's maaaa aggy!

Why else are Americans so upset with recent statements calling into question the work ethic and integrity of the American worker?

From what I hear, people all over this land and country have started to come to work on time, keep their lunch breaks short, and are even willing to stay a few minutes late after work — just to make sure that the job gets done and gets done right.

It's as if the American worker is looking over his shoulder for the proverbial television news crew who will stop to ask him if he is any good at what he does. Hoping to get caught on videotape doing his job right, wanting to prove to the Japanese — once and for all — that he ain't ignorant! Imagine that.

As Dr. Ada Fisher of Chicago recently put it, "America has become the Negro of the Intern-

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## Cook Middle School profiles black professionals

### City's entrepreneurs share success stories with students

By YVETTE N. FREEMAN  
Community News Editor

Students at orfe of the local middle schools recently had the opportunity to hear the success stories of some of Winston-Salem's African-American entrepreneurs and business people in celebration of Black History Month.

The program "Black Profiles" was held at Cook Middle School Monday, Feb. 3, to expose the students to positive African-American role models in the community.

Maxine Freeman, the school media coordinator who initiated the program, said the purpose of the event was "also to share with them (the students) some positive information about making wise choices concerning making the right friends, making good grades, and setting goals for themselves."

The program was in the form of a talk show with the panelists being interviewed by Andrea Bush, the school guidance counselor, followed by a question and answer session with the students. The guest panelists included Rudy

Anderson, vice president of Ambassador Builders; Renita Thompkins, attorney; Ed McCarter, co-owner of Special Occasions; Leroy Allister, owner of Randolph's Accounting and Tax Service; Cynthia Allister, owner of Scholar Aid Ltd.; Ernie Wade, director of Minority Affairs at Wake Forest University; Chandler Lee, owner of Classic Cadillac Classic GMC Truck, Inc.; and Lee Cameron, a radio personality with WKZL radio station.

During the program, each of the panelists told the students how they reached their current positions in the business world and how getting an education was important in attaining their goals.

According to Freeman, the program, which was a collaborative effort of the media staff and the guidance department, was a complete success.

"I think it was very successful according to the feedback I received from teachers and students," she said. "In one instance, a student said that he had heard all of this information before but that he felt this particular panel of



Maxine Freeman (left), media coordinator and Andrea Bush (right), guidance counselor, coordinated the program "Black Profiles" at Cook Middle School in celebration of Black History Month.

speakers really meant what they said."

Freeman expressed her appreciation to the guest panelists for their participation, and Leon Henry of WMQX radio station and Contract Office Furnishings for their assistance in the production of

the program. She added that hopefully all of the students in the audience also appreciate the efforts of those who participated in the program and will take to

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