

Election '92 Update

Candidates putting campaigns together

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White Republican files for black district

It's time to think again if you thought the election of a black candidate for the new black-majority district was a sure thing. A white man has filed, and his chances may be better than you think: the 12th district has a voting age population that is 53 percent black. Since there are six black candidates, the black vote will be widely split. To further compound the issue, statistics show that if equal numbers of blacks and whites are eligible to vote, more whites will actually turn out to pull the lever.

The new 12th Congressional District has been called "the I-85 district" includes parts of ten North Carolina counties, stretching from Durham County in the north to Gaston County in the south.

J. Max Kent (R) is the former chairman of the Rowan County Republican Party, and ran unsuccessfully for county commissioner in 1971. He is the owner of Kent Development Corporation, a commercial real-estate business. He is a past member of Civitan Club, toastmasters International, Salisbury Optimist Club.

Kent pledges to change the present health care system by introducing legislation that would cut the monthly premium cost by 50 percent. He would "cut out the middle man insurance company . . . and put a ceiling on law suits of \$25,000."

State Rep. H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, Jr. was in town recently to announce his candidacy for the new 12th District. Michaux is a Democrat from Durham and was the first black U.S. Attorney appointed to serve in the South. Although many have complained



Kent



Michaux



Watt



Kennedy



McKoy

about the long, winding path of the district, Rep. Michaux said it was "beautiful, not ugly. It's congenial and harmonious."

Michaux, an attorney and real estate developer, cited crime as a key problem. He proposes to take 30 percent of the federal defense budget, about \$150 billion, he said, and put it into human resources.

Melvin Watt, a Democrat from Charlotte, has filed for the 12th Congressional District. Watt served from 1985-86 in the N.C. Senate where he says he became known as "the conscience of the Senate." He was campaign manager of Harvey Gantt's campaigns for City Council, Mayor of Charlotte, and U.S. Senate campaign against Jesse Helms. He is a part owner of East Towne Manor, a 120-bed/board and care

facility for the elderly and handicapped which he helped develop in 1989.

Watt has practiced law with Ferguson, Stein, Watt, Wallas, Adkins & Gresham since 1971.

Other filings

Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy (D) is seeking a sixth term representing the 66th district. Rep. Kennedy practices law in Winston-Salem with her husband, Harold L. Kennedy Jr. and her two sons.

Rep. Kennedy is responsible for the bill that created districts for school board members to ensure black representation on the all-white board.

Henry McKoy, the deputy secretary for programs of the N.C. Department of Administration, has

filed for Labor Commissioner. McKoy, a Republican, says his twenty years of management experience and his decade of working with advocacy groups makes him the most qualified candidate for the job. McKoy received his B.S. degree from N.C. A&T University, and has attended executive seminars at UNC-Chapel Hill and at Harvard University. He condemns the present labor commissioner, John Brooks, for "bullying board members, badgering and intimidating citizens he is supposed to be serving."

McKoy cites his history of advocacy for the underdog in public and private sectors, and says, "enforcing the law alone is not enough. We must create a culture of safety."



City of Winston-Salem NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM

The Board of Aldermen will consider proposals to amend the City of Winston-Salem Zoning Ordinance as shown below:

DATE: March 16, 1992 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Board of Aldermen Chamber, City Hall

a) Proposal to amend the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Winston-Salem and Forsyth County for Mill Creek to allow for the construction of the Bethabara Parkway. The proposed amendment is for Mill Creek from a point approximately 1,000 feet downstream from Shattalon Drive to a point approximately 400 feet downstream from Bethabara Road.

b) Proposal to amend the Flood Insurance Study (FIS) for Winston-Salem and Forsyth County for Bethabara Branch to allow for the construction of the Bethabara Parkway. The proposed amendment is for Bethabara Branch from a point south of the intersection of Woodcreek Road and Woodsong Lane at the Old Mill Bridge to a point approximately 200 feet downstream from the Old Mill Bridge.

Prior to the hearing, interested persons may obtain any additional information which is in the possession of the City/County Planning Board in that office at City Hall on weekdays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interested citizens will be given an opportunity to be heard.

All requests for appropriate and necessary auxiliary aids and services must be made, within a reasonable time prior to the hearing, to Angela I. Carmon, the City's ADA Coordinator, at 727-2056 or 1-800-735-8262 for Voice to TDD or 1-800-735-2962 for TDD to Voice.

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Marie Matthews, Secretary
to the Board of Aldermen

TRACKS!

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Coretta Scott King, widow of Dr. King, will attend the opening event.

Goodlow said the show will incorporate 14 characters, all played by King. The stage will be set with six screens that will include video and slides of the characters King will portray. An occasional slide and voice tracks of Dr. King will appear. Goodlow said the idea to make TRACKS! began with King wanting to do something in honor of her father and his philosophies.

"Yolanda came to me and said she wanted to do something in honor of her father. She wanted to do something other than a lecture, but as an actress," Goodlow said.

TRACKS! focuses on urgent concerns of the '90s, including, single parenting, physical disabilities, substance abuse and lack of social and political identity. The situations each character will face, Goodlow said, can only be dealt with by realizing that in order to be complete as a person, you must connect yourself with self-love, to others through selfless love and to a higher spiritual level through spiritual love.

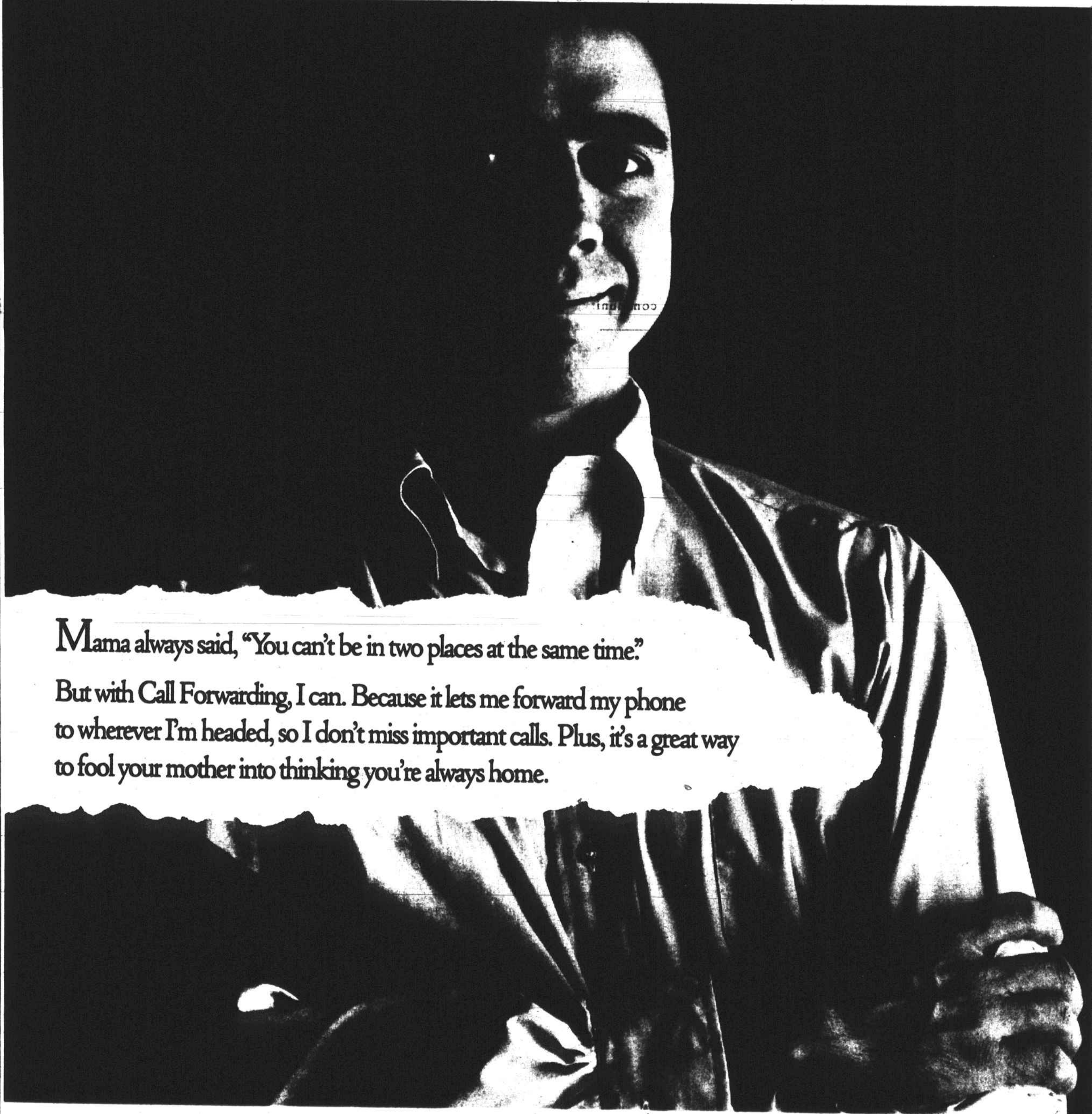
"These are the same philosophies (Dr. King) taught," she said.

"The play deals with issues that we dealt with during Dr. King's time that are still prevalent now; race, politics, religion. What it's saying is that all of these things have been laid down for you. The foundation has already been put down, we just have to follow it," said Goodlow said. The productions next stop will be at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and then in Atlanta, Ga.

King, the oldest daughter of Dr. King and Coretta Scott King has spent many years as an actress, lecturer and producer. She graduated Smith College in Mass. and received a bachelor's degree in Theatre and African-American Studies and a master's in theater from New York University. She is the founding member of Christian Theatre Artists and co-founding director of NUCLEUS, a performing arts company. She has traveled around the country as an actress and a lecturer.

Goodlow said the show is still seeking corporate and community support to make TRACKS! a success.

"I'm really depending on the community to help us pull this off," she said.



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