

# Hunt seeks to open records of juvenile offenders



Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.

Lawmakers, law enforcement officials and community leaders picked the Forsyth County Commission Meeting Room for Governor Jim Hunt's Oct. 22 public hearing on juvenile crime and justice. Members of the Governor's Commission on Juvenile Crime and Justice joined Hunt and cabinet members Richard Moore, secretary of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, and Secretary of Administration

Kate England at the roundtable discussion. In order to develop a new plan to fight juvenile crime, Hunt has orchestrated a series of public meetings and site visits around the state. He plans to take an even firmer stance against youthful offenders. "A lot of people start talking about juvenile crime, they want to do this, that and whatever for the juveniles," said Hunt. "I'm more concerned with protecting every man, woman and child." In order to insure protection of citizens, Hunt said, law enforcement officials

need to be unhindered by the current restrictions of juvenile law. Confidentiality laws that shield the identity of offenders 16 years old and younger need to be rethought, said Hunt. Law enforcement officials should also be able to access an offender's previous record and use it as a prosecution tool in court. As laws stand now, a minor's past record can only be used in the sentencing process, and cannot stand as evidence during a trial. To circumvent these laws, Forsyth County has devised a network that

would link different agencies' inter-department communications. For example, if an offender was under the Department of Social Services, there could plug in the youth's name to access files from the police department and other agencies. While this information still cannot be used in court, the "Jason Newsome" named after a sample offender, cuts down on the confusion and duplication of services that Winston-Salem Police Chief

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## Alumni spend \$9 million in city

Some black businesses owners want to know where the money goes

By SHARON HODGE  
Special to THE CHRONICLE

Homecoming at North Carolina A&T State University is a major event in Greensboro. But gridiron fans aren't the only ones with reason to cheer.

"There's more to homecoming than school spirit," observes the Greensboro Area Convention & Visitor's Bureau in the fall issue of its publication "Destination Greensboro." When the dust on the football field settles, more than \$9.3 million will have been spent, making the event a boon for the local business economy.

Some 40,000 people converged on Greensboro last weekend. Most of them had money to spend. But how many of them patronized business establishments owned by black men and women?

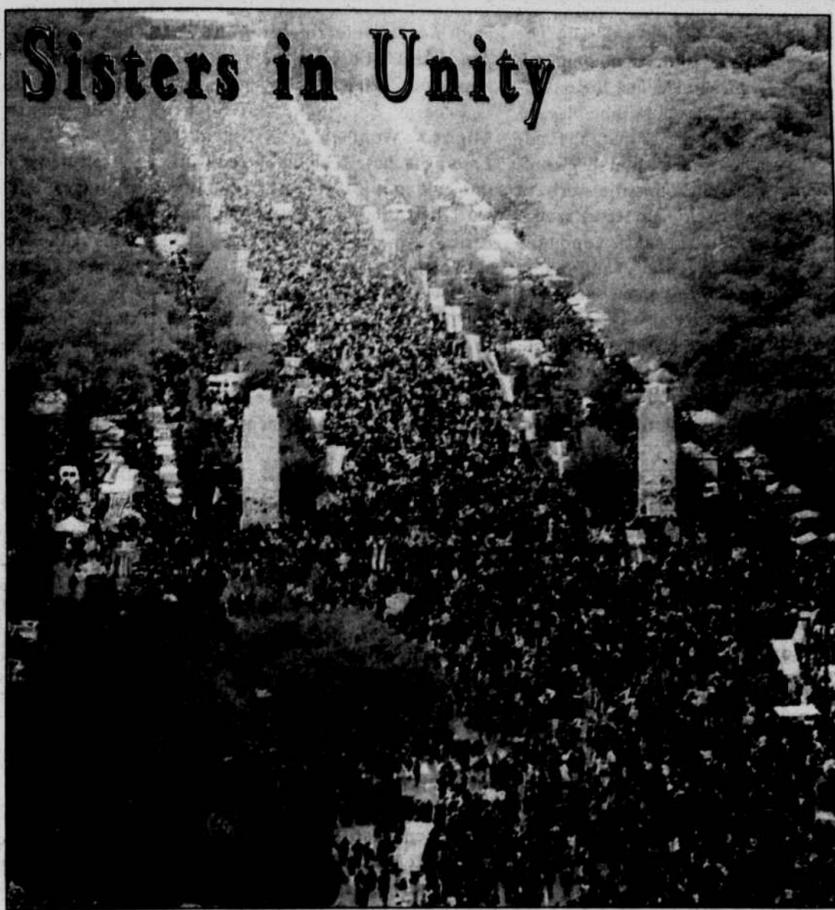
"We have no way of knowing whether the money is spent with black businesses, Hispanic businesses, Asian or any other kind of business," says Mable Scott, director of Public Information at A&T. "Homecoming benefits the entire Greensboro community."

Not everyone agrees with that assessment, however. Gerard Morrison is one of the skeptics. Morrison, a senior at A&T majoring in agribusiness, says someone needs to track the money. The reason no one has followed the money so far, he contends, is because the public will see that black businesses don't benefit.

"Most of the people coming to homecoming don't spend

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## Sisters in Unity



(AP Photo/Chris Lane)

Hundreds of thousands attend the Million Woman March on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia, Penn., Saturday, Oct. 25. The black women, undaunted by light rain, walked through the city to show solidarity and draw attention to issues they say are ignored by some mainstream women's groups. At upper left is the Philadelphia Museum of Art. (see inside Community Focus section for local coverage.)

## Candidates say black community needs better jobs

By SHARON HODGE  
Special to THE CHRONICLE

It's not enough to bring new jobs to Greensboro, insist some black city residents.

They want elected officials to make sure the east side of the Gate City gets a fair portion of those jobs, as well as some of the retail stores and offices that provide goods and services. From the mostly vacant Carolina Circle mall to the poverty-stricken Florida Avenue corridor, the predominantly black sections of Greensboro are starving for economic development.

"We have to go all the way to west Greensboro to get the things we need," said the Rev. Joseph Venable.

Venable made his remarks last week to city council hopefuls attending a candidates forum held at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church. The gathering, which attracted about 40 people, was sponsored by the Greensboro NAACP. Venable and others in the audience named jobs, transportation and housing as the primary issues black residents want the City Council to consider.

Regarding jobs, manorial candidate Cameron Cooke pointed to the increasing employment opportunities available at the Piedmont Triad International Airport, located on N.C. 68. Cooke, a lawyer and chairman of the Greensboro Convention and Visitor's Bureau, said that if elected he would continue efforts to bring more employers who pay living wages.

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## Bey challenges Burke for Northeast ward

By BRIDGET EVARTS  
THE CHRONICLE Staff Writer

Collecting the 450 signatures he needed to be included on the ballot as an independent candidate for the Northeast Ward alderman seat was old hat for Rasheed Bey. As a member of the Local Organizing Committee, he signed up men to "get on the bus" to the Million Man March in Washington, D.C., two years ago.

Several years back, Bey pushed to have the city officially celebrate Black History Month all year long. This

spring, he canvassed Winston-Salem to encourage such a resolution by the state legislature.

Bey counts his 450 signatures as votes on his side. If that turns out to be true, Bey already has about the same number of votes he received four years ago, when he lost a bid as the Republican candidate for the Northeast Ward.

Bey said he ran as a "Booker T. Washington" Republican. "It was a historical appeal and reverence for our ancestors who were Republicans," said Bey. But his loyalties are to no party.

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## CANDIDATES' FORUM



Rasheed Bey



Vivian Burke



Diana Cotton



Nelson Malloy

## Malloy's political style subtle but effective

By ENGLISH BRADSHAW  
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Nelson Malloy, who is running for his second term as alderman of the Northwest Ward, is not your typical public official. Upon meeting him, one gets the impression that he is not really on top of the issues. There is a warm-up period when he begins conversation in his soft-spoken and reserved manner. He has been called inarticulate, and some say that he occupies his position because of his physical condition. Nothing can be further from the truth.

Malloy entraps you, pulls you into his conversation and gives you a "good ole fashion" common sense explanation of the issue at hand. Impatient listeners will miss a great deal of his presentation.

During his conversation with this reporter, he was interrupted several times by people calling to ask for various kinds of help. One call in particular commanded his utmost attention. It was a 20-minute collect call from an inmate requesting Malloy's attention to a certain matter.

When it comes to government insti-

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## First black astronaut to be honored, at last

BY HEATHER LALLEY  
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Robert Lawrence was such a perfectionist that when his report card came back with three As and one B, he wanted to hire a tutor.

It's that same quest for perfection that pushed the young Chicagoan — in an era when blacks were still rele-

gated to the back of the bus — to become the nation's first black astronaut.

Now, 30 years after his death in a training exercise, Lawrence's name will be added to a memorial honoring astronauts who died in the line of duty. A bureaucratic technicality had kept his name from being etched in black marble with the 16 others when the Space Mirror Memorial was dedicated

at Kennedy Space Center in 1991.

"Justice has been served," said his mother, Gwendolyn Duncan. "It's finally been served."

It took years of phone calls and letters, including several to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, to get Lawrence's name on the memorial.

"One of our black heroes was being denied his honor," Rush said

Tuesday during a ceremony to announce Lawrence's addition to the memorial. "History had turned its back on Maj. Robert Lawrence. Some 30 years later, after a tremendous struggle and because of a tremendous effort by his family, Maj. Lawrence will get his just dues."

In June 1967, Lawrence and three

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U.S. Air Force Major Robert H. Lawrence Jr., shown in a 1960s handout photo, will have his name added to the Space Mirror Memorial at the Kennedy Space Center Dec. 8, it was announced Monday in Chicago. Lawrence, the nation's first black astronaut, died in 1967 during a training mission.

(AP Photo/Astronauts)