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Journal editorial sparks controversy

Paper says Easley, Gantt campaign on lending is a plot to woo black voters

BY ANGELA BURRUS
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RALEIGH - An editor at the Winston-Salem Journal says the attorney general's effort to increase African American awareness of predatory lending practices boils down to a massive campaign to win black voters.



Easley

In an editorial published last week, the newspaper accused state Attorney General Mike Easley and former Charlotte mayor and two-time U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt of abusing public funds in a series of advertisements about predatory lending that appeared in black-owned and black-oriented media this summer.



Gantt

The Journal accuses Easley of using the ads to gain favor with black voters.

Easley is one of two candidates who have tossed their hats into the ring for the hotly contested Democratic nomination for governor.

"Easley the candidate wants to curry favor in the black community," the column read. "The money should have been spent in the most effective way, possible, however. And the most effective use of those funds has nothing to do with the Easley for Governor campaign."



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John Gates, editorial page editor of the Journal, refused to comment on the editorial, saying the column was "self-explanatory." He added that Easley was "using my money and

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Finger licking good



Photos by Bruce Chapman

Malik Stroud, 2, takes a bite of chicken during a recent event at Rupert Bell Park. The youngster was brought to the park by mother and members of his church, Mount Olive Baptist.

Brown: No proof that Edison will save black kids

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Don't look for Geneva Brown tonight at the Edison Project public forum.

She won't be there. Brown says the extensive research she's done on the Edison Project via the Internet, has shown what she already believes: It's too expensive and its track record is too gray.

"There is not any factual data that suggest that Edison schools out-perform other schools. Some of this may lie in the fact that they are young in operation. The results for most of their schools reveal mixed data on reading and math achievement," Brown said.

After a nine-month hiatus, talk of the Edison Project has

returned to Winston-Salem. The City-County School Board, on which Brown sits, soundly rejected a proposal that would have allowed the New York-based, for-profit company to run an elementary school here.

The vote came after an aggressive push by Edison officials to sell their "educational model" and after several board members visited Edison schools.

But board members left open the possibility of reconsidering the proposal at a later date. Board member Victor Johnson says now is the time to bring Edison back to the table.

Johnson is the brains behind the forum. Tonight, he will bring Edison officials and faculty from one of the Edison schools in North Carolina - Carver Heights

Edison in Goldsboro - together to talk about Edison education and to answer questions from the public.

But round two of Edison's comeback began Tuesday night at a School Board briefing session, where Edison representative Rich O'Neil appeared once again to try to sell the company to the board.

The Edison Project is now Edison Schools Inc. The company has filed paperwork with the Securities Exchange Commission and is in the process of going public, which may add yet another controversial dimension.

O'Neil brought board members to speed on the company. Since the last time he came before the board, Edison has changed drastically. The company now operates 79 schools in 17 states,

28 more schools than it did last year.

In August, the company contracted to run its second N.C. school, an elementary school located in Whitakers, a small town in the eastern part of the state.

O'Neil spent much of his allotted time touting Edison's many unique features. He talked about the national full-time principal recruiter the company has hired to nab the best of the best for its schools. The company has also hired two full-time teachers recruiters, who will travel around the country visiting teachers' colleges.

O'Neil threw out big names like Bill Cosby, whom the company recruited to work in some aspect of one of its national pro-

jects, and Paul Allen, a co-founder of Microsoft, who O'Neil says has shelled out millions to the company to better its satellite learning facilities.

But O'Neil could not give many of the board members what they wanted: irrefutable evidence that Edison is better than the current methods used to educate students.

O'Neil tried this feat by using results of various tests - of various grade levels - from different schools throughout the country.

School Superintendent Don Martin likened it to mixing "apples and oranges."

The most recent results of Carver Heights Edison ABCs tests are promising. They show

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Million Dollar Day:

East Winston CDC to hold event to raise awareness, funds of cafeteria project

FROM STAFF REPORTS

EastSide Cafeteria Million Dollar Day will be held Sept. 25 from 1-6 p.m., at the Aegis Family Health Center (parking lot), 2295 E. 14th St., Winston-Salem.

"The purpose of this event is to give the churches and the community a final opportunity to invest in the cafeteria project," wrote James R. Grace Jr., executive director of the East Winston Community Development Corp., in an Aug. 12 letter to ministers. "Anyone will have the opportunity to ask questions about stock purchases and interact with the development team for answers to any question you may have. This event will be broad-

cast live over three radio stations.

"The board of directors of the East Winston CDC, the Ministers Conference of (Winston-Salem) and David Capital are very pleased to announce the purchase of a seven-acre site to build East Side Cafeteria. Our prayers have truly been answered with the acquisition of this prime location. The road has been a long, but fruitful journey, and we are about to see the end of the road.

"The new site is located in the 1200 block of 14th Street, off New Walkertown Road, across from the Aegis Health Care Center and the BB&T branch bank. This location

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This Week In Black History...

Sept. 9, 1739 - A slave, Cato, leads a revolt in Stono, S.C.
Sept. 11, 1740 - An issue of the Pennsylvania Gazette reports on a "negro" named Simon who can "bleed and draw teeth." It is the first mention of an African American doctor in the colonies.
Sept. 13, 1663 - The first known slave revolt is planned in Gloucester County, Va. The conspirators, made up of black slaves and white indentured servants, were betrayed by other servants.
Sept. 15, 1963 - Four African American girls - Addie Collins, Denise McNair, Carol Robertson and Cynthia Wesley - were killed in a bombing at 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala.

Frye makes history - for third time

State's first black justice and legislator takes charge of N.C. Supreme Court

BY ANGELA BURRUS
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DURHAM - Judicial officials, legislators and local residents watched history being made Tuesday as Justice Henry Frye became the first African American to lead the state's highest court.

"I will faithfully and impartially perform the duties of my office to the best of my skill and my ability, according to office, so help me God," he said. "We do have a future and the best is yet to come."

Gov. Jim Hunt appointed Frye the 25th Supreme Court chief justice last month after Burley Mitchell, former chief justice, announced his retirement.

It's the second time Hunt and Frye have made history. Sixteen years ago, Hunt appointed Frye an associate justice, making him the first

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