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## Men vying for open spot on county board

*Incumbent Walter Marshall says some are using his stance on Atkins two years ago to hurt his re-election chances*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Election years always bring uncertainty. But this election season, the county commissioners' race in District A has one of the few sure things: there will be at least one brand new commissioner elected from the district in November.



Marshall

Parmon dropped out to run for an open seat in the N.C. General Assembly.

Incumbent Walter Marshall, who with Parmon, is one of two blacks and one of two Democrats on the Board of County Commissioners, is running for his second full term on the board. He first became a commissioner after replacing the late Mazie Woodruff in the mid-1990s. Beaufort Bailey, who, like Marshall, has served on the city-county School Board, hopes to get back into politics with a win in the race. He is a Democrat.

John Davenport, a 33-year-old city native and engineer, is running in his second election in four months. He lost to Northeast Alderwoman Vivian Burke in November.

"I was very encouraged by that last race. I got a lot of support and I have even more this time around," said Davenport, who garnered almost 35 percent of the vote to Burke's 65 percent.

Davenport, a Republican, says he is running again so soon because he is committed to leadership. He says the Board of County Commissioners, with its many varied responsibilities, is more in line with the kinds of

issues he is concerned about. Davenport wants to shape the county's economic landscape by promoting issues such as business and job development. Davenport said he also wants to ensure that the school system keeps its vow to county residents.

"I want to make sure school bonds are spent exactly how they are supposed to be," he said.

Bailey says he has always been an advocate for those who have the least. He will not drop that title if he is elected a county commissioner, he said.

"I have always fought for the underdog...I want to work for schoolteachers, custodians and other employees in the county," he said.

Bailey said he also wants to help bring more businesses to the county. After several years out of the political spotlight, Bailey said friends encouraged him to run for commissioner. But Bailey said the desire to run was always there.

"I just needed a little encouragement because I always wanted to run," he said.

Marshall said he wants to finish what he has already begun, including working with city officials to ensure that the county and city are not duplicating services that can be consolidated in some way. Marshall said he is also concerned about health-care issues that have dogged the county for years.

"There are still real health issues in Forsyth County. We have had a high infant mortality rate for a long time. I want to make sure that things improve," he said.

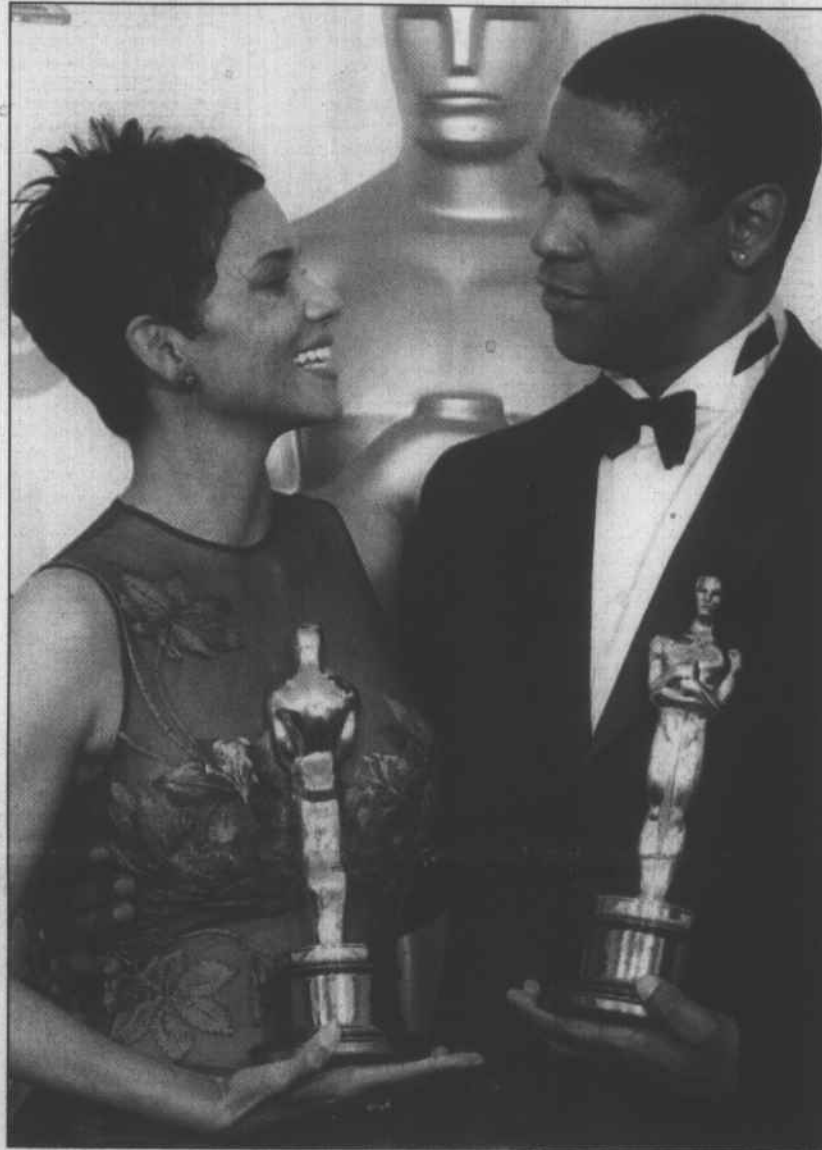
Marshall serves on several boards with county commissioners from across the state and nation. He is co-chair of the state's Association of County Commissioners Human Resource Steering Committee, a position he says he'll use to prevent the General Assembly from adopting programs that will keep needy citizens from resources. Marshall is also an environmental advocate who has served on the National



Davenport

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## Two for the History Books



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Halle Berry and Denzel Washington share a laugh backstage Sunday after they were named Best Actress and Best Actor at the Academy Awards. Berry is the first black woman in the 74-year history of the Oscars to win for Best Actress. Washington is only the second black man to win a Best Actor trophy. The first was Sidney Poitier, who won for 1963's "Lilies of the Field." Berry won for her role in the film "Monster's Ball." Washington won for his role in "Training Day."

## West to speak at Wake

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
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Wake Forest University is buzzing with excitement about an appearance by famed professor and intellectual Cornell West next month.

West will be the keynote speaker at the Multicultural Male Caucus Summit at Wake Forest April 12 and 13.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Multicultural Male Caucus will host the summit to formally launch their leadership development program summit, the first of its kind to take place at WFU.

The summit will conclude with a keynote public address by West titled after the theme of the summit - "Accountability: Am I My Brother's Keeper?" West is a renowned international speaker and professor of Afro-American Studies at Harvard University.

Summit speakers and workshop presenters will include Emmy Award-winning journalist Sandra Guzman, former editor of Latina Magazine; Dr. Illya Wilkerson, WFU alumnus and resident at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro; Duane Davis, founder of Coalition of Black Investors; Jeff Yang, founder of A. Magazine; and Eric Watts, Ph.D. Watts is an assistant professor of communi-

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## Abortion debate has a new twist

*Some say Planned Parenthood founder was driven by racism, not concern for women's rights*

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
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March is Women's History Month and undoubtedly the name Margaret Sanger has been brought up in classrooms all over the nation. Sanger - the highly respected and world renowned leader of the birth control movement and founder of Planned Parenthood - has been praised and held up as a champion for women.

But there is a growing debate about Sanger being triggered by those who believe that her much-celebrated fight to give women control of their own bodies was secretly a plot to control the black population in the 1930s.

After Sanger founded the American Birth Control League in 1921, later renamed Planned Parenthood in 1942, she, along with her fellow white birth control reformers, developed the Negro Project in 1939. It was one of the first massive projects of the organization after its conception.

(The First Planned Parenthood clinic in the United States opened in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1916. In 1937, North Carolina became the first state to incorporate birth control services into a



KRT Photo

Gloria Feldt, the current president of Planned Parenthood, speaks to the media.

statewide public health program, followed by six other Southern states.)

Although Sanger consulted various leaders from the black community - such as W.E.B. Du Bois (a member of the advisory board for the project), Mary McLeod Bethune and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. - still many questioned Sanger's sincerity behind her concern for educating black women and other minorities on their reproductive rights. Rather, dialogue began to surface concerning her ties to the Hitlerian philosophy of eugenics - a means of improving a race genetically - and its relation to her birth control movement.

Juliette Bartlett Pack, founder

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Photo by Kevin Walker  
Mae Rodney, center, the director of O'Kelly Library, and a library visitor look with interest as Philip Merrill shows them vintage photographs from a recently-released book.



## Collector finds pieces of history at every turn

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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Philip Merrill's fascination with history was nurtured by his great-grandmother, a wise, knowledgeable woman whom he affectionately called Nanny Jack.

"I stayed up, under her and she taught me about the old days....When she passed, I kept with it," said Merrill, a nationally known collector of African-American historical

items and a regular appraiser on the hit PBS show "Antiques Roadshow."

Merrill was in town over the weekend, lecturing at a program sponsored by Winston-Salem State University's O'Kelly Friends of the Library. Merrill also did what he does best - examine items for local folks - and told them whether they had treasures or trash.

Merrill's specialty is collecting, searching for and

examining items related to the rich history of blacks in this country. He has parlayed his love of history into his own business, Nanny Jack & Company Inc., which is named for his great-grandmother.

Through the company, Merrill does consulting work for museums, gives appraisals and serves as a broker between those who have valuable historical items

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