

# Fifth District Democrats think cordiality will resonate with voters

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The three Democrats running for the Fifth District Congressional seat hail from different counties. They have spent their lives pursuing different goals, and to some extent, they have different views on hot-button issues. But they all share the belief that a Democrat can win the district, even though most of the registered voters that make up the Fifth are Republican and historically conservative.

"I think we can elect a Democrat," said candidate Jim Harrell. "It is going to take money and organization."

Harrell joined Democratic challengers Roger Kirkman and Andrew Winfrey Monday evening for a forum at the Vintage Theater on Main Street. The event was sponsored by the Forsyth County Young Democrats and designed to allow the three to give their views on a bevy of topics, from NAFTA to the environment.

Harrell, Kirkman and Winfrey — who will face each other in the July 20 primary — have run a gentlemen's campaign compared with that of the nine Republicans seeking the Fifth seat. Monday's forum continued the cordiality.

The candidates didn't attack one another but found a common enemy in President Bush. Winfrey, a 33-year-old former Marine who lives in King, led the charge. He lashed out at the Bush administration's attempt to hold terrorist suspects without giving them any form of legal rights — a practice the Supreme Court had condemned the day of the forum. After proclaiming that the administration had turned the Bill of Rights into the "Bill of Mights," Winfrey told the anti-Bush crowd of three dozen or so that it was time for Democrats to stop playing the nice guy.

"The time for holding hands is over with," Winfrey said.

Harrell, who with 14 years on the Surry County Board of Commissioners, is the only Democratic candidate with political experience, picked at Bush's handling of the war on terrorism. He said the



At 33, Andrew Winfrey (above) is the youngest Democrat seeking the Fifth seat.

Left: Jim Harrell has served on the Surry County Board of Commissioners for several years.



worldwide sympathy the United States had after Sept. 11 should have been used to build bridges, not burn ones that had existed for decades.

"We lost a valuable opportunity after 9-11," he said. "We are not going to beat terrorism single-handedly."

City native Kirkman said he is offended that Republicans have seemingly patented patriotism and religious devotion. He also said he finds it funny that the Patriot Act (which gives the government far-reaching powers to fight terrorism) has the word patriot in it.

"We have lost the rights (that) we had as individuals," Kirkman said.

The candidates were not short

of ideas for creating a better America and Fifth District. Each said they would make job creation a priority if elected. Stating that "desperate times call for desperate measures," Winfrey said he would advocate for a FDR-era New Deal program that would employ Americans for public works projects such as highway and bridge construction. He said he would fund the project with money currently being used to reconstruct Iraq.

Harrell said textile jobs in the state can be saved if only the trade laws already on the books are adequately enforced. If the laws continue to be ignored, he said, jobs will continue to leave.

"We are in a trade war, and we are losing," he said.



Patricia Norris is the city's first black police chief.

## Norris and Lee featured in online women's journal

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem Police Chief Pat Norris and Valeria Lee, president of The Golden LEAF Foundation and former program officer for Winston-Salem-based Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, are featured in the July issue of N.C. Journal for Women. The journal is an online publication for women from diverse backgrounds and is dedicated to those who serve as the backbone of families, organizations, communities, and companies across the state. The articles can be accessed at [www.NCJournalforWomen.com](http://www.NCJournalforWomen.com)

Norris' larger-than-life career path is part of her story featured in the column "Royal Spirit Alive: How to be a Beacon in a 40-Watt World." The monthly column showcases N.C. women who are contributing to the economic vitality of their community. In the article, Norris praises the high-performing team of law enforcement professionals for the contribution they make in creating a high quality of life for citizens. She cites the advice of her grandparents as the source of inspiration for

her willingness to keep opening the door when opportunity knocks. She also shares specific tips for how leaders can focus on continuous improvement.

Her invitation to "come and ride" resulted in N.C. Journal for Women participating in the Ride-Along Program. Specific mention is given to the program and the expanded perspective of life on the beat.



Lee

In the cover story, Lee describes her path to acquiring an acumen for grant-making and becoming a master in the industry as a "series of openings." The article characterizes Lee's contribution to the success of the foundation, which was created by court order as a result of the 1998 master tobacco settlement with cigarette manufacturers, as the "keeper of the flame and beacon of hope" for The Golden LEAF Foundation resources.

The articles were written by Marilyn Sprague-Smith, M.Ed. Her columns appear online in the N.C. Journal for Women, as well as several regional publications distributed throughout the state.

## NCNW

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"In September, the NCNW will travel to Florida to celebrate 100 years of her school. She worked with several U.S. presidents and helped to further the cause of Negro women and their families. This organization has 250 sections in the U.S., and this is the 30th anniversary of the Bethune Recognition Program. God is awesome. Bethune's legacy gives us the fortitude to do what God created all of us to do — help somebody," said Scales.

The N.C. Coalition of NCNW sponsored the fourth annual Bethune Recognition Program in Winston-Salem last year and this year. The N.C. Coalition consists of the Winston-Salem Section, the Capital Area Section, Charlotte Section, Durham Section, Fayetteville Section, Greensboro Section, Northeastern North Carolina Section and the Surry Section. The coalition honored four local leaders — adults and youths — who have contributed to the community in various ways. They were Police Chief Patricia D. Norris, Ivory Paysour, Chanz Christopher Wiggins and Joan Cardwell.

Norris is a native of Winston-Salem. She began working with the city of Winston-Salem in 1976 as an engineering aid in the city's Traffic Engineering Department. She was hired as a police officer trainee and attained the rank of police officer in July 1977. Her promotions through the ranks were as follows: sergeant (1985), lieutenant (1989), captain (1996), assistant chief (2001). Norris was sworn in as Winston-Salem's 12th chief of police on Feb. 27, 2004.

Ivory Paysour, 12, is the daughter of Richard Paysour and Sherri Paysour. She completed middle school at Northwest Middle School. She is

very active in the youth ministry at Shiloh Baptist Church and works with the nurses' ministry. She will attend North Forsyth next year.

Chanz Christopher Wiggins, 13, is the son of Kerry Wiggins. He attends Wiley Middle School, where he serves as Student Council president. A Crosby Scholar, Wiggins is the first African-American to serve as president of Wiley Middle School. He sings with the Wiley Choral Ensemble and is an active member of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church. He is a member of the Youth Usher Board, Male Chorus, Teen Summit, and Male Mentoring Program.

Joan Cardwell is committed to the ideal of fair and equal representation in government. For this reason, she campaigns for voter registration drives, voter awareness initiatives and the like. She is the first woman to be appointed to the Forsyth County Board of Elections. She is the chairperson of that board and a N.C. state certified elections official. She is also the 2004 general chair for the 47th annual Ebony Fashion Fair. She is a member of First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue.

Other state honorees included Sonia Melton Barnes, special assistant to Gov. Mike Easley, and Alicia Jones Chisolm, small business consultant. In addition, Patricia J. Franklin (Capital Area); Judge Yvonne Mims Evans and Britany Houston (Charlotte); Rosetta P. Clark (Durham); Jamie C. Chavis-Lucas, Tamera Alexander and Dr. Blanche Radford Curry (Fayetteville); Ada H. Kee and Chaquondra Williams (Northeastern); and Martha Joyce (Surry) received honor.

Gold Achievers (2004) were Sonia M. Barnes and Joan Cardwell. The Silver Achiever was Sharon G. Anderson. Life Members 2004 were Sharon G. Anderson, Lillie Bracy Booth, Mable C. Bullock, Dr. Chris-



Members of the Winston-Salem Chapter of NCNW hosted this year's Bethune Recognition Banquet.

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tine S. Grant, Lula Harris, Helen Jackson, Pamela Grant Little and Wanda Short. The 30th anniversary Bethune Achievers were Sharon G. Anderson, Sonia M. Barnes, Joan Cardwell, Alicia J. Chisolm, Lena Council and Patsy Whitfield.

Tabitha Moser is the president of the Winston-Salem Section of NCNW. Other local officers of the N.C. State Coalition are Faye Stewart, recording secretary, and Georgia Davis, corresponding secretary.

The National Council of Negro Women Inc. began as an idea of the late Mary McLeod Bethune, renowned educator and statesman, in 1935. The purpose of the organization is "to unite women to secure justice." Since its inception, the organization has grown into a multifaceted, nonprofit organization that works at the local, state, national and international levels. The goal of this group is to "Leave no one behind" and improve the quality of life for women, children and families.



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