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Culp: "Charlotteans Will Go To Polls In Large Numbers Tuesday"



MISS DEBORAH DIANE BROWN
 ...K-Mart Apparel manager

Deborah Brown Is Beauty Of Week

By Sherleen McKoy - Post Staff Writer.

Our beauty for this week is Deborah Diane Brown, an Apparel Manager for K-Mart Department Store in Rock Hill, S.C.

A native of Chester, S.C., Diane graduated from Winthrop College in Rock Hill in 1977. She majored in Fashion Merchandising with an emphasis in Business.

The department that she manages is run much like a lease department, according to Diane. "As Apparel Manager, I am responsible for the hiring and firing of all department personnel, merchandise planning, payroll administration, inventory control and everything else that involves the Apparel Department," she said.

After graduating from Winthrop, Diane moved to Charlotte to work as an Assistant Apparel Manager in the K-Mart Store on Freedom Drive. Later she was promoted to her present position and was transferred to the store in Rock Hill, where after searching unsuccessfully for an apartment there, she decided to stay in Charlotte.

Describing herself as a friendly person, Diane said that she likes to read, dance, listen to music, play tennis, and most of all to sew.

Joblessness Climbs To 6 Per Cent

Unemployment rose three-tenths of 1 percent to 6 percent in August as the ongoing economic downturn began to make itself felt in the job market.

The increase showed "the first statistically significant" rise in overall unemployment since July 1978 when the rate recorded a one-month rise of three-tenths of 1 percent to 6.1 percent, BLS Commissioner Janet L. Norwood told the congressional Joint Economic Committee.

Much of the increase in joblessness last month was due to a sharp jump of 20,000 in the number of worker layoffs.

Unemployment among adult women rose substantially, from 5.5 to 5.9 percent, and for teenagers, from 15.3 to 16.5 percent, while the adult male unemployment rate rose slightly, from 4.1 to 4.2 percent.

Black unemployment remained at a high level, rising two-tenths of 1 percent to 11 percent.

The monthly BLS survey of employment and unemployment showed a continuing rise in the employment of service workers and a slight decline in employment in construction, manufacturing, transportation and utilities.



Candidates Harvey Gantt (Mayor) and Marnite Stanford (City Council at-large) discuss politics on the campaign trail. City primary elections are Tues. Sept. 25. (Photo by Eilene Hanson)

Affirmative Action Means Active Efforts To Cure Under-Representation Of Blacks

by Gerald C. Horne
 Director-AACC

Affirmative action means, among other things, active efforts to cure the under-representation of Blacks at all levels of U. S. society—from doctors to skilled laborers to engineers.

But at the same time we must be aware that Blacks are over-represented in certain areas of U. S. society—and I'm not talking about the National Basketball Association. Like recently deposed U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young, I'm talking about the over-representation of blacks in U. S. prisons—specifically political prisoners.

Recently, the National Conference of Black Lawyers (along with the United Church of Christ—Commission for Racial Justice and the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression) sponsored a delegation of distinguished international jurists who investigated the severe conditions in this nation's prisons and allegations of gross violations of human rights.

The delegation's tour was a follow-up to the historic petition presented to the United Nations on December 11, 1978 by NCBL and the other co-sponsors.

Though reams of news print are devoted in this country to

Democratic Voters Will Decide Between Gantt, Knox

By Eileen Hanson
 Special to the Post

Charlotteans will go the polls in large numbers Tuesday September 25 to select their city's future leaders.

The key primary race will decide who will run for mayor of Charlotte in the November general election. Democratic voters will have to decide between Harvey Gantt, Brenda Hilliard or Eddie Knox as their candidate. Republicans will vote for Barry Miller or Carl Payler.

In the at-large City Council race 7 democrats are running for four slots. They are Dave Berryhill, Betty Chafin, Franklin (Stuff) Durham, John Harding, Willie (Bill) Payne, Marnite Shuford and Herbert Spough, Jr.

There is no contest on the Republican side of the City Council ticket.

Two district seats on City Council are being contested in the primaries. In District 2 current councilman Charles Dannelly faces Sylvia McCall Jordan. In District 6 James Breneman faces Sandy Judson. There are no primary contests in Districts 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7.



Eddie Knox
 ...Popular candidate

All voters regardless of party affiliation will have an opportunity to vote on two bond issues, \$8,175,000 to expand and extend the sewer system and \$3,825,000 to expand and extend the water system.

Election Supervisor William Culp expects a large voter turnout in Tuesday's primary.

"I anticipate 45-50,000 voters or about 30 per cent will go to the polls," said Culp. A usual primary turnout is 20 percent. "This race has gained more attention than usual and we have a large number of new voters," according to Culp, who says 6,000 have been added to the rolls in recent weeks.

About 2,500 of those new voters are black, giving the city a total of 28,019 black voters, 18 percent of the total.

"This substantial increase is due in part to the coordinated efforts of the Vote Task Force," said Culp.

The non-partisan Vote Task Force held voters registration drives in several black neighborhoods throughout the summer around the theme, "Come Alive and Vote."

The Task Force will provide rides to the polling places on Tuesday for anyone who needs one. Voters should call 375-9537. Volunteers are also needed to staff phones and give rides.

The City's 87 voting polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 25. Curbside voting will be available for the handicapped if they can get someone to bring them to the curb outside the poll.

All other voting will be by machine. Instructions are available at every voting poll, and voters may request assistance from a friend, a relative or judge.

For information about where to vote, contact the Elections Office 374-2133 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

It is not too late to register for the Nov. 6 general election. The deadline is Oct. 8. Registration is available at the Elections Office, 710 E. 4th

Street, the Mobile City Hall, or any branch of the Public Library, Mechanics and Farmers Bank or First Union Bank.

Local Youth To Appear In New Alex Haley Series

by Valerie Lynch
 Post Staff Writer

Hollywood Scouts for the CBS mini-series "King of the Hills," chose 10-year-old Garrett Nash of Charlotte as one of the finalists to appear in Norman Lear's Production of the new Alex Haley series.

Garrett, along with Craig Barris, of Monroe, Simon Kahn and Rance Arron, Jr. of Charlotte have been to Durham for further competition with four other North Carolina residents for a film clipping that has been sent to Norman Lear. Garrett said after looking at the clips, "I think I might have a good chance at getting the role. We're still waiting for the results."

Over 280 boys were in competition Labor Day at WBTV's studio for the roles of Booker T. and David. Garrett said that he really didn't want to go to the studio for tryouts but his mom insisted. The eligibility requirements were that these boys be aggressive and energetic and possess charisma to catch the audience's eye. Booker T. should be a black boy and David, should have blonde hair with blue eyes. Both stand 54 inches tall.

Mrs. Addie Nash, Garrett's mother said, that as soon as she heard about the Hollywood Scouts being in town her son was admitted to competition. "He wasn't happy about it at first but now that he's a finalist his feelings have changed."

Vote Task Force To Stage Gospel Sing Rally

Under the banner "Promote that Vote," the Vote Task Force will hold a Gospel Singing and Rally on Sunday September 23 at Amay James Presbyterian Church, 2400 West Blvd. beginning at 4 p.m. The public is invited.

After leading a successful campaign that registered 2,500 new black voters in Charlotte, Task Force is now working to get that vote out for the Sept. 25 primary elections.

According to Task Force vice chairman Lonnie Graves,

Charlotte Business League To Hear Coleman Young Here October 20

By Eilene Hanson
 Special To the Post

The Honorable Coleman A. Young, Mayor of Detroit and Vice Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, will be the guest speaker at the second annual Awards Banquet of the Charlotte Business League, October 20.

The dinner will be held at Radisson Plaza Hotel Ball room. A dance will follow the program. Tickets are \$20.

Samuel Young, Jr., program chairman for the dinner said Coleman Young was selected as keynote speaker because he represents energetic leadership in the revitalization of one of America's largest inner city areas. Maybe he'll give us some ideas on how to get more black involvement in the resurrection of Charlotte.

Under Coleman Young's leadership Detroit has undergone some major changes, including the building of Renaissance Plaza, a large shopping and business area designed to attract people back into the center city area.

The League will also induct five new members into its Hall of Fame, begun last year as a way of recognizing the outstanding achievements and contributions of individuals to the City of Charlotte. This year's awards will be to those who made their contributions during the 1940's and 1950's.

The nominees will be announced in October 18 edition of The Charlotte Post.

The Charlotte Business League was organized two years ago to eliminate the isolation of black businesses, from the business community at large, to stimulate black business opportunities and to eliminate racial discrimination. It has also worked to educate black business persons through its educational program. The League was active in securing more minority business involvement in the new airport expansion. William "Bill" Cunningham is president of the 75-member organization.

Last year's dinner, attended by 350 people, featured Atlanta's Mayor Maynard Jackson. Organizers hope to draw a crowd of 500 this year.



Samuel Young Jr.
 ...Program chairman



Courtesy is too cheap for some people to be interested in it.

Pastor of Amay James Church is Rev. M.A. Cochran.