

# THE CHARLOTTE POST

"The Voice Of The Black Community"

YOUR BEST  
ADVERTISING MEDIA  
IN THE LUCRATIVE  
BLACK MARKET  
CALL 376-0496

Volume 7, Number 7

THE CHARLOTTE POST - Thursday, September 24, 1981

Price: 30 Cents

## Little Rock Future Up In The Air?

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer  
As vice-chairman of the Afro-American Cultural Center, Harvey Gantt would like to see the Little Rock AME Zion Church become the new center. Although the building, located at Seventh and Myers Streets is presently occupied by the Little Rock congregation, when members move to their new church now under construction, the City will be left with the responsibility of approving a use for the structure or authorizing its demolition. Gantt will recommend to City Council that this church, which was built over 90 years ago by the Little Rock congregation and embodies black culture and history, should be preserved and converted into a larger shelter for the Afro-American Cultural Center which is presently housed in Spirit Square.

"If it becomes a reality some portion of the cost will be borne by the black community," Gantt stressed. And "the black community will raise most of the money for the project," he added. During urban renewal the city bought the church building from the Little Rock congregation, with the intent of tearing it down and widening the streets, Gantt said. Since that action is no longer needed because the streets can be widened without destroying the church, the City Council is open to suggestions on uses for the building.

## Freedom Walk To Be Held

### Here October 3

A FREEDOM WALK will be held Saturday, October 3, in support of the Voting Rights Act. The 15-mile walk-a-thon, sponsored by the Charlotte Equal Rights Council, will begin at 7:30 a.m. at West Charlotte High School on Senior Drive.

"We will be walking in the footsteps of Martin Luther King Jr., Medgar Evers, the four little girls in Birmingham, and hundreds of others who died in the struggle for the vote and political representation," said Ken Bailey, chairman of the ERC.

The 1965 Voting Rights Act, passed after the historic Selma to Montgomery March, extended the right to vote to millions of blacks and poor whites across the South. It eliminated the poll tax, literacy tests, property requirements and other barriers erected to bar blacks from the ballot box.

Key sections of the Act will expire in August 1982 unless Congress moves to extend them. The pre-clearance sections, requiring states with a history of voter discrimination to clear changes in election laws with the federal government, are considered the heart of the Voting Rights Act.

## TURTLE-TALK

Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else.



LOVELY ABBY MCCREE  
...CPCC student

## Abby McCree Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer  
Talent is one blessing of Abbey McCree's that doesn't go unused. Ms. McCree can sing, dance and model and is presently studying Computer Science at Central Piedmont Community College.

But wait, that's not all Ms. McCree is interested in. Actually she is also interested in helping others and to her, working in the church is one way her desire can be quenched.

As a member of Greater Providence Baptist Church, where Rev. Fred Gibson is the pastor, Ms. McCree sings in the Adult Choir, is an adult usher, is president of the Young Missionary Department and a Sunday School teacher for 4, 5 and 6-year-olds.

"I enjoy helping others," she began, "in all the ways that I can. I believe in being a leader because I feel like I can do the job." She is choreographer and dancer, along with Iwanda Harderick for the Pazazz Production II nine-member dance group. She also models for LeCocomotion, Signature Talent, and Trim. She attended Trim modeling school and is now working at LeCocomotion as general assistant.

During the evenings Ms. McCree is busy studying her data processing subjects. "The Computer Science field is broad and there are various branches to choose from," she revealed. This is one reason she chose this major.

But her dreams are to become a professional model, preferably for the popular magazine "Ebony."

Dancing and singing are enjoyable pastimes for her Cancer beauty. She also ex-

## Cuts May Close

### CPCC's School For The Deaf

If Central Piedmont Community College administrators have their way, 50 deaf students, one-third of whom are black, won't have a place to study. Budget cuts will eliminate the school's program for the deaf.

"After December 31 they won't have any place to get a college education in the state," according to Jimmy Brock, a CPCC student who is working on their behalf. Two campus groups are attempting to secure support from government officials and concerned citizens to maintain their cause and get the decision overturned.

The Federation of Campus United Support and See CUTS Page 6

presses herself through poetry. "Life," "What Is It To Be Me," and "No One Understands," are a few of her freelance works. Ms. McCree also enjoys hair and barber styling.

Ms. McCree has received much recognition for modeling and her many church activities. Also, as a student at Olympic High School she received certificates for track, basketball and volleyball.

"I believe in self-improvement both physically and mentally," Ms. McCree explained. "Another thing about me is that I like being by myself but then I also like to talk. I like to give guidance when needed also."

Her favorite entertainer is Stephanie Mills. Her favorite person is her three-year-old son, Alvin. "He is energetic and understanding. He keeps me up and I often look to him to keep me going."

There is one aspect that somewhat disturbs our beauty. "Women need to receive higher positions in the job market," she contended. "If they are given a chance, many are capable of completing the job—they just don't have the opportunity."

Hopefully the talents Ms. McCree possesses will not go unnoticed. But chances are she's not about to let that happen.

## Here Saturday Morning

# Gethsemane AME Zion Church

## To Observe Missionary Day

The women at Gethsemane AME Zion Church, located at 531 Campus St., will observe their Missionary Day Sunday, September 27.

Speaker at the 11 a.m. service will be Dr. Willie H. Bobo of Spartanburg, S.C. Dr. Bobo, a reading and French teacher in the Spartanburg City Schools, is a member of Metropolitan AME Zion Church in that city.

Among her many areas of service in the General Church, she presently serves as president of the Missionary Society; member of the Board of Trustees; president of the Department of Conference Workers in the Palmetto Conference; and Regional vice-president of the Ministers' and Laymen's Association, Seventh Episcopal District.

From 1971-76, she served as official correspondent to the World Federation of Methodist Women for the

## 40 Indicted In Food Stamp Fraud

Special To The Post  
...NORFOLK, VA. - A large scale investigation into illegal food stamp trafficking throughout southeastern Virginia ended Tuesday with indictments and arrests of 40 persons in Norfolk, Newport News, Portsmouth, Hampton, Virginia Beach and Suffolk.

"Operation Sanderab," a major undercover investigation by combined federal state and local authorities, was disclosed today by Norfolk Police Chief Charles Grant at a press conference. Grant said food stamps were illegally exchanged for cash and were used to buy cars, stolen guns, television sets, stereo equipment, clothes, tires and drugs, including heroin and marijuana.

The investigation was initiated last March by the Office of Inspector General U.S. Department of Agriculture, and proceeded in cooperation with the U.S. Attorney, Eastern District of Virginia; U.S. Marshals Service; Virginia Commonwealth attorneys;

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and police departments throughout the Tidewater area. Undercover agents of USDA, teamed with local police, to exchange food stamps for various stolen property, narcotics and contraband.

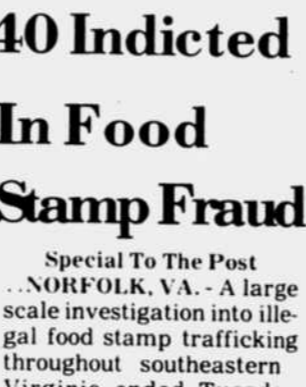
These undercover efforts not only involved crimes in the food stamp program but federal firearms violations and resulted in police solving numerous burglaries and thefts in local jurisdictions as well as in states as far away as Mississippi and New Jersey.

See 40 Page 8



George E. Battle Jr.  
...Gethsemane pastor

tern team at the United Nations, representing the Methodist women of North America; was a member of the National Board of Managers of Church Women United at the Triennial assembly held at Purdue University in 1977, and served as the seventh General Superintendent of the Buds of Promise (Juvenile Missionary Unit) for eight years. She has traveled extensively representing



Charlie Dannelly  
...District 2



Ron Leeper  
...District 3



Harvey Gantt  
...At-large member

## Dannelly, Leeper, Gantt Win

"We need Harvey Gantt Back" voters appeared to say Tuesday when they cast their ballots and chose the former mayoral candidate as the top vote-getter in the City Council at-large primary.

The city primary and countywide sales tax referendum drew only 117,411 voters representing 9.4 percent of the 185,219 registered, according to Bill Culp, Mecklenburg election supervisor.

He called this the lowest turnout in more than a decade for an election with candidates.

Among the eight Democrats vying for City Council at-large nominations, architect Gantt, 38, led with 10,000 votes.

Gantt ran close to incumbents Dave Berryhill and Herbert Spangh Jr. in the predominately white districts, but support by a wide margin in the black precincts helped him capture the top spot.

If Gantt can retain top position in the November 3 election, he will likely become mayor pro-tem, who presides in the mayor's absence—a place reserved for the Council's top vote-getter.

Berryhill, 46, a real estate agent was second with 7,384 votes. Spangh, 51, a life insurance salesman, garnered 7,117 ballots, and Democratic party worker, Pat Patton, 61, was fourth with 4,982.

The winners will compete with Republicans, Lee Ray Epps, Jim Hutchinson, Sue Myric and Ed Peacock in the November balloting.

Losing Democrats in the race were Brenda Hilliard with 3,242 votes, Geri Marie Jordan with 1,580, Rickey Reid who had 1,538 and Willie Payne with 1,264.

Five of the city's seven districts had Democratic primaries.

Two-term incumbent Charlie Dannelly easily defeated Sylvia Jordan with 2,115 votes to her 379. In two-thirds of the district precincts voters overwhelmingly endorsed Dannelly by more than 300 votes in some precincts over 40-year-old businesswoman Jordan.

Durham, 51, runs a moving company while Marsh, 32, works for a consulting firm.

Neither Dannelly, 58, principal of Quail Hollow Junior High nor Leeper, 36, assistant manager at B&B Supply Company, Inc. will face any Republican opposition. They will again serve two-year terms on City Council.

Districts two and three are the predominantly black districts.

Although 65 percent of the general voter population cast ballots supporting removal of the \$10 cap on 1 percent of county sales tax, blacks did not endorse it as enthusiastically.

Black precincts voted 57 percent for 43 percent against with 1,706 affirmative votes and 1,267 negative votes.

# Voters Elect 3 Blacks

## Food Stamp Trafficking Exposed

## Be Alert For The Menace On The Road - Drinking Drivers

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

Be alert for the menace on the road...it's the drinking driver. Studies conducted for the Governor's Highway Safety Program reveal there are not enough police to patrol over 76,000 miles of North Carolina roads and highways, 4 1/2 million registered cars and 91,000 pick-up trucks. Sober citizens who report possible drunken drivers are doing themselves and others a favor.

Even with DUI (Drinking Under The Influence) arrests rising, police are catching only a small percentage of drinking drivers on the road, indicate national studies.

"In the average community only one in every 2,000 impaired drivers is actually arrested on any one night. Overall, less than one percent of licensed drivers in any location (who are DUI) are arrested each year," according to studies compiled for the Transportation Department.

A concerned citizen need only identify the vehicle driven by an intoxicated person, giving license number, car model and location.

"Unfortunately too many people do not want to get

### First in a series

involved or they are in too big a hurry to get on with their business," says Col. Edwin Guy, a former highway patrol commander and present coordinator of the Governor's Highway Safety Program.

"By not reporting a drinking driver—the sober citizen could unknowingly be contributing to a serious accident, possibly involving a friend or neighbor," he continued.

Col. Guy described some easily recognized symptoms:

--Driving on the wrong side of the road

--Weaving in and out of traffic

--Running off the pavement then jerking back onto the road

--Driving much below the speed limit

--A slumped driver behind the wheel

--Exaggerated movement to the right when meeting oncoming traffic

--Crossing the center line on curves

Citizen involvement is the key to getting drinking drivers off the road, Col. Guy said.

"However it is done, involvement by responsible citizens is the key to getting

the drinking driver off our roads," says Col. Guy. "This situation is so bad that every driver has got to be concerned."

The National Highway Safety Administration reported that "five to ten percent of weekend nighttime drivers have blood alcohol concentration equal to or greater than 10 percent."

In North Carolina, a driver showing a .05-.09 percent BAC (Blood Alcohol Content) in a breathalyzer or other test is considered an impaired driver; one with a BAC of .10 percent is judged intoxicated.

Drivers who think they can disguise alcohol on their breath by eating onions or using mouthwash are doomed to disappointment and its consequences.

The machine measures only alcohol in the body's blood. Breath odors have no effect on the machine.

Refusal to take the test is viewed as admission of guilt. Under the state's implied consent law a person agrees by accepting a North Carolina driver's license to submit to a breathalyzer test when requested to do so by a police officer who suspects the person's ability to drive is impaired.

The BAC will be affected by the kind of beverage consumed, how fast, person's body weight and how much food was eaten.

When the series continues next week, we will explore how much alcohol is safe to consume when one plans to drive and the factors that influence alcohol absorption.

## City To Host Symposium

The Charlotte Civic Center and the Diehl Recreation Center will be filled with workshops, exhibits, a job mart, consumer products and services and recreation September 24-26 as part of Charlotte's International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP) Symposium. The event is being sponsored by the City of Charlotte.

The Symposium will bring together disabled and non-disabled citizens, organizations, businesses, employers and advocates for one of the key events of North Carolina's IYDP year observance.

The Symposium will be officially opened on Thursday, September 24, at 10 a.m. by Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox.