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LOVELY JANENE FREEMAN
...Catholic High senior

Charming Janene Freeman Is "Outgoing And Friendly"

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Short in stature but tall on courage and ingenuity stands our 12th grade beauty Janene Freeman.

"I consider myself outgoing, outspoken and friendly. I love to talk to people and meet new people and I love to do things to help others," offered Ms. Freeman.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James and Ann Freeman our beauty attends Charlotte Catholic High School. There she is active in taking on tasks that indeed come to the aid of others.

"The group Big Brothers and Big Sisters at school that I am a member of helps undergraders in the orientation when they come in for their freshman year. We help them with their problems," she explained.

A member of the Pep Club, Ski Club and Science Club, Ms. Freeman is also president of the school's band. She is also a Candy

Third Ward Celebration Set

As older homes are being restored and new townhouses occupied in Charlotte's Third Ward neighborhood, residents have begun planning a celebration to be held next month. Everyone in Mecklenburg County—or anywhere else—who wants to share the fun and see this growing Uptown Charlotte neighborhood is invited.

The Committee to Restore & Preserve Third Ward, Inc. is sponsoring "A Third Ward Extravaganza - Celebrate!" on Saturday, July 10, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Third Ward's Fraizer Park.

Celebration sponsors are seeking artists, performers, vendors and community groups who may be interested in setting up displays or entertaining at the celebration.

For further information, call Celeste McCullough at 374-7402; or Patricia McNair, 376-1700; or write NCNB Community Development Corporation, One NCNB Plaza, TO3-8.

TURTLE-TALK

Nothing makes some people go into debt like trying to keep up with people who already are.

Tuesday's Primary Void Of Political Drama

7 Black Candidates Seek Office

By Mac Thrower
Post Staff Writer

On a scale of exciting activities, this year's primary election races in Mecklenburg County would probably rank somewhere between collecting Calvin Coolidge commemorative stamps and artificial insemination.

Well, maybe the campaign has been a little more stimulating than that, but, basically, it's been a quiet election year thus far locally, with very little significant debate over issues and no dramatic clashes between candidates—unless you consider the "mud-slinging" antics of several candidates for sheriff to be dramatic rather than comic.

The major political drama was provided, not by the candidates, but by the U.S. Justice Department, which kept candidates and potential candidates in the dark about the primary date by rejecting several redistricting proposals from the N.C. Legislature before the issue was finally resolved in early May. The primary election day wound up in the middle of summer vacation, and since primary elections usually fail to attract large turnouts anyway, few voters are expected to forsake their tans for a visit to the voting booth.

Competition in most races has been limited: there is neither a Democratic nor Republican primary for the Ninth District U.S. Congressional seat, for example. In fact, there are no Republican primary contests for any offices in Mecklenburg.

With the N.C. Legislature now in session, the handful of challenges in the House and Senate races have had little opportunity to debate incumbents. There has been some disagreement among candidates over Governor Hunt's proposed budget, but ERA looms again as the most emotional issue—state Senator Jim McDuffie, who voted to kill ERA in the Senate two weeks ago, is once again facing the wrath of women's groups.

The County Commission and School Board races have been low key this year, too. The candidates have avoided controversy, and the races for other offices have received most of the pre-election attention.

With the quiet campaign and many voters on summer vacation, Mecklenburg Elections Supervisor Bill Culp is expecting a very light turnout, around 20 percent of eligible voters—that would mean less than 40,000 total voters. Culp said that the lack of "hot issues" will be less of a factor in black precincts, where he expects the interest in black candidates will cause the turnout to be higher (25 to 28 percent) than the overall turnout.

Regardless of whether 50 or 50,000 people vote, though, one fact remains for all registered voters to see SEVEN on Page 14.

United Black Fund Week Scheduled

This week has been declared "United Black Fund Week" by the District of Columbia City Council.

Citing the United Black Fund's early struggles to "secure equitable participation for black people" who had been denied participation in charitable fund raising and dispensing, the Council lauded the 10-year-old partnership campaign of the United Black Fund and the United Way, noting that UBF is "the only black fund raising organization in the nation to establish a partnership with the United Way for fundraising." The Fund's president-founder is Dr. Calvin W. Rolark, editor of the Washington Informer newspaper.

Complimenting the partnership's growth from \$13 million to over \$28 million in just 10 years and UBF's growth from two member agencies 13 years ago to the present 52, the resolution categorically states, "...the United Black Fund is the only successful black fund raising group of its kind in the United States."

The unique Council recognition coincides with the 10th annual victory celebrations of the United Black Fund, to be held June 24 at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. The festivities begin with a 7:30 a.m. pre-luncheon workshop entitled "Energy and You," co-sponsored by the Potomac Electric Power Company and UBF.



"No more can you call me a toddler! I've graduated from Day Care!" And here they are, the graduates of Irvin Park Day Care Center. From left to right are (front row): Joan Latrisha Price, Lameak Tillman, Felicia Beatty. (Left to right

Jesse Jackson Urges Blacks To Target White Businesses

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, national president of Operation PUSH (People United to Serve Humanity), is issuing a plea to black entrepreneurs across the country to compile a list of white firms who do business in the black community but who refuse to trade there and bring it with them to the 11th Annual National PUSH Convention, July 13-17, in Charleston, S.C.

The black community's demand for its rightful and fair share of the private economy will be the major programmatic thrust of the five-day confab, whose theme is "Black America: An Economic Common Market."

According to Rev. Jackson, "The black community's \$150 billion in annual disposable income must be used as a lever of liberation. Major corporations whose annual net worth is measured by the black community contribution to its margin of profit will be examined, and those who do not reciprocate proportionately with economic development—jobs, franchises, service contracts, etc.—and with scholarships and other charitable contributions, will be targeted for our PUSH for Economic Justice Campaign."

"Blacks have some extremely powerful tools with which to fight — most immediately, their dollars! We are absolutely neces-

sary to the American economy. We spend more than \$150 billion a year more than that spent by all but eight nations in the world. In many consumer industries, black consumers are more than the margin of profit; black consumers ARE the business."

Following an economic "withdrawal of enthusiasm" campaign announced on the closing day of the 1981 Operation PUSH convention in Chicago, a trade agreement with signed with Coca-Cola, USA. In it the corporation pledged to establish 32 black-owned wholesalers within a two-year period. To date, 20 have been started. Coca-Cola, USA also fulfilled its pledge to appoint a black director when it named Donald McHenry, former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, to its Board of Directors.

On March 16, 1982, Operation PUSH and Heublein, Inc. signed a covenant which will generate approximately \$360 million worth of economic activity in the black community and will generate about 9,000 new jobs for blacks.

Other priority agenda items at the 1982 PUSH Convention include renewing a strong Voting Rights Act, increasing voter registration, education, with particular emphasis on the PUSH-EXCEL Program, and international affairs, specifically the incarceration of Haitians in American concentration camps.

Rev. Jackson will deliver his convention keynote address on Wednesday, July 14, 8 p.m., "Economic Justice Day," in the Auditorium of the Charleston Civic Center. The annual PUSH confab will kick-off on Tuesday night, July 13, with a gigantic Pre-Convention Gospelfest featuring The Hawkins Singers, Wintley Phipps and the PUSH National Mass Choir.

Persons wishing to participate in the convention should contact Operation PUSH, Convention Office, 930 E. 50th St., Chicago, Ill. 60615, 312-373-3366 or toll-free 800-621-1558.

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Striper at Memorial Hospital.

A member of Gethsemane AME Zion Church where Rev. George E. Battle Jr. is pastor, Ms. Freeman enjoys her duties as Associate Trustee and participating on the Intermediate Choir. "I like to do the best I can no matter what...Do what's important to you, but not just for your own gain. Do something also for others," Ms. Freeman acknowledged.

Ms. Freeman plans to attend either Carolina or UNC-Charlotte after she graduates. "I'd like to major in business and incorporated, learn about computer analysis and become a business manager. Eventually I would like to own my own business, she revealed.

One person in the life of our beauty who has both inspired and set a patch of undaunted scruples is her mother, Ann Freeman. "I admire my mother for all

Ann Herron Grabs Second Place

Charlotte, N.C. 28255.

Ms. Jessie McCombs Slips By Ms. Gale Miller As Churchwoman Campaign Heats Up!

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

With hard work and perseverance Ms. Jessie McCombs managed to squeeze Ms. Gale Miller out of first place and is presently holding the top position with 385 points in The Post's second annual Churchwoman of the Year contest.

Giving her some stiff competition is Ann Herron, a churchwoman candidate for Metropolitan United Presbyterian Church who is currently maintaining second place with 200 points.

She is being vigorously pursued by Ms. Leatha Short, Grier Heights Presbyterian churchwoman candidate who is in third place with 185 points.

The former first place churchwoman candidate, Gale Miller, has dropped to fourth place with 145 points.

Mrs. Lula Watson of East Stonewall AME Zion Church, Mrs. Gladys Massey of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church and Miss Bonita Peay of Greater Galilee Baptist Church are all tied for fifth place. In sixth place is Ella Miller of Greater Provi-

dence Baptist Church with 70 points.

The remaining churchwoman candidates, the churches they represent, and their point values are as follows: Viola Buyers, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, 55 points; Patricia Leak, Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 50 points; Della Kiber, Catawba

Church, 40 points; Florence Gillis, University Park Baptist Church, 30 points; Hattie Harris of Chappell Memorial Baptist Church, 25 points; and Cola Gilchrist, Pentecostal Temple, 10 points.

This week Patricia Leak, Gladys Massey and Florence Gillis are featured.

Although a new member of Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Mrs. Leak is proving that she is as dedicated and as committed to the upbuilding of God's kingdom as any long-term member.

Already she has affiliated herself with the Usher Board, the Toddlers' Sunday School Class, Vacation Bible School and the Dedication Journal Committee.

Her love of meeting people, talking and willingness to work are a few of the reasons why she feels she was selected to be Grace Memorial church-

woman candidate.

When she is not in the church Mrs. Leak enjoys spending time with her husband, James Leak and daughter, Ashley Nichole and playing softball, running and sewing.

Mrs. Leak is employed by the Barclay American Commercial Company.

GLADYS MASSEY
For some people their achievements speak well of their character. Mrs. Gladys Massey is one such person. A member of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, Mrs. Massey was voted "Churchwoman of the Year" in 1981 and 1982.

Such an honor did not come through idleness. Mrs. Massey divides her time between two demanding positions - Church Clerk and Director of the Sunday School.

For the past 20 years she has been employed by the Employment Security Commission and was former Director of the Youth Work Experience Program. Presently she demonstrates her work expertise as Placement Supervisor.

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Sheila Connor, coordinator of The Charlotte Post's "Churchwoman of the Year" campaign, presents weekly prize to Ms. Jessie McCombs. Ms. McCombs assumed the leadership position in the contest with the highest total subscription sales last week.