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Ben Hooks May Run For President?

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Gigantic Voter Registration Drive Initiated



Lovely Tina Jackson Our Beauty Of The Week

Tina Jackson Is Multi-Talented

By Teresa Simmons Post Staff Writer As a member of the National Honor Society, the Student Council, the band, plus three sports teams, our beauty, Tina Jackson, is one who can easily be called aggressive and multi-talented. A rising 9th grader at Albemarle Junior High School Ms. Jackson has set some pretty rough immediate goals to accomplish. Her long range ambitions, concerning her career for example, have not been completed. But she does know that, "I want to be the best at what ever I am doing in life. I do know that I would like to continue my education after high school." Miss Jackson participates in three sports at Albemarle Junior High School: volleyball, basketball and track. Last school term she received the "Most Valuable Player" award in basketball. One of her goals in 1984 is to make All-Conference in basketball and to receive the Monogram Award - a special award for participating in three sports. Her hobby is also sports related. "I enjoy swimming and I plan to get my life guard license as soon as possible. "Presently she is helping to teach swimming on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the YMCA Day Camp on Beaties Ford Road. She is an extremely athletically inclined individual. "I guess it came from playing with my big brother who is now 15." Miss Jackson's brother is LaMak Jackson. She is the daughter of Wanda Jackson and the late George Jackson. Miss Jackson also enjoys attending her church, Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church. She is now serving as corresponding secretary of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. Being an active person Miss Jackson states that she has never liked to sit around. "I have always wanted to do something. I volunteer to do a lot of things." She believes that goals set can become goals accomplished. Debbie Allen, the multi-talented actress of television's "Fame" program has impressed Miss Jackson because of her ambitions to succeed. "I have read in EBONY about Ms. Allen and about the high goals she has set for herself. What is even better is the fact that she reaches her goals." Our beauty's favorite person is her mother, Wanda Jackson. "She's always pushing for me to do better until I can do it myself.



As a rule, the man who knows what he is talking about has littlest to say.

Drive To Set Tone For Carolinas

By Karen Parker Post Staff Writer North Carolinians for Effective Citizenship (NCEC) have selected Charlotte as the site for the largest voter registration drive in the state. Pat Gill has been selected as the project coordinator. She is the voter registration and education project director for the Citizens Leadership Foundation based in Chicago. Working through organizations like NAACP, SCLC, League of Women Voters, A. Philip Randolph Institute, Carolina Community Project, Conservative Council of N.C., Grassroots Leadership Project, Institute for Southern Studies, NOW of North Carolina, N.N. Association of Educators, N.C. Common Cause, N.C. State AFL-CIO and the Rural Advancement Fund, and other local organizations and churches, Gill stated, "The goal is to register 2,000 people within two weeks. When the registration booths close at 5 p.m., August 29, we want to have 2,000 people listed on the books," Gill explained excitedly. Registration has already been held at the South Independence Food Stamp Office, Edwin Towers, uptown Charlotte, Pitts Drive, Charlottetown Terrace, Sunridge and Provident Square housing developments. See GIGANTIC Page 12



DOLLARS MAKE SENSE - Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), holds a Susan B. Anthony silver dollar and a two dollar bill - the denominations the NAACP is urging blacks around the country to use exclusively during the upcoming Labor Day Weekend to dramatically demonstrate the spending power of black Americans. Called "Black Dollar Days," the demonstration - conducted through the Association's 6 regional offices and 1,800 branches - urges black citizens to secure silver dollars and two dollar bills from banks prior to the holidays and to use them between September 1-5, 1983. By spending money in these denominations, Hooks has said, the power of the black dollar will be clearly demonstrated and this knowledge will lead to new job and business opportunities for blacks. (Photo by Bryan Bertheau - Times Picayune-States Item)

Billions Of Dollars Bypass Hands Of Blacks

By Charles E. Belle Special To The Post Since the first of the year, the new issue common stock securities market has been raising a record one billion dollars a week. The new issues market is for those companies first making stock available to the general public to be purchased in parts by way of common shares. It is the first time someone other than the initial founders, friends and financial high risk takers can take part in the equity or ownership of a company. It calls for a bit of a celebration, since the founders finally walk away with a chunk of cash, usually a few million dollars or more, as do the financial risk takers, commonly called venture capitalists. The public is provided an opportunity to share the expected future profits of a successful company. See BILLIONS on Page 4

NAACP Head To Force Political Concession?

By Tony Brown Special To The Post "I started off in January thinking about this (a black presidential candidacy). I thought of running myself. But I decided not to run because this is not the year to do it and I'm gearing up my mechanism to think about running in 1988 if we don't come out right in 1984," NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks reveals as he threatens a NAACP-led symbolic political protest in the 1988 presidential elections. The statement is made on "Tony Brown's Journal" in an upcoming program on the nation's public television stations (PBS). Hooks and the NAACP have consistently opposed a Black presidential candidacy in the Democratic Party primary race next year, but for the first time, he is now threatening to use his personal popularity and position as head of the nation's largest civil rights organization (more than 1,700 local branches with 450,000 members) to force political concessions from the Democrats for the black community. "Tony Brown's Journal," the longest-running, top-ranked, Black-Affairs television series has been sponsored by Pepsi-Cola Company for nine consecutive years. Televised nationally on public television (PBS), the program will be seen in this area on WTVI, Channel 42, at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 20. The 1984 elections, however, is not the year for a black symbolic protest, Hooks asserts, because "I don't think that a black person has a ghost of a chance of winning in 1984." His latest announcement is based on a "strategy that would open up the Democratic Party more fully-to galvanize attention of black voters." But, he adds, Afro-Americans are too sophisticated to need a black presidential candidate to stimulate their going to the polls in 1984. "I don't think we're that dumb." What television viewers will see is a man freed from internal politics who is now fully in charge of the NAACP. On his differences with NAACP Chairman Margaret Bush Wilson, he asserts that he now has "the powers" to run the organization-for the first time since he became the executive director. Obviously irritated by the criticism of some black writers in white newspapers, the NAACP leader called them "so-called blacks" who "verge on stupidity." He added: "They wouldn't ever be heard from unless they attack black institutions. I accuse them of selling out the black community." In a direct reference to Kenneth Clark who wrote in the New York Times that the NAACP was a "Black separatist organization," Hooks said that "he has despitely used us" Clark himself insisted, Hooks asserts, that a previous meeting from Andrew Young's dismissal from the United Nations' post be limited to "blacks only." "I think some of them (black writers for white publications) are really white supremacists; they would really like to see white folk in charge of everything," Hooks tells Tony Brown. The NAACP head is also ruffled about the misplaced credit that some are getting for voter registration. Hooks points to the recent NAACP drive which registered 30,000 Black voters in Mississippi. But, he says, Bradford Reynolds, Reagan Administration civil rights attorney general, while singing "We Shall Overcome" and registering only 111 black citizens in the same state "makes headline news."

SCLC To Sponsor Buses To March On Washington

Members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference will sponsor buses to the March On Washington celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom March. According to Carrie Graves, coordinator for the SCLC chapter in Charlotte, at least five buses will leave from the Westover Shopping Center on West Boulevard by 11 p.m. Friday, August 26. The buses will arrive in Washington, D.C. Saturday morning, in time for Charlottians to get prepared for the August 27 March. The buses will return to Charlotte Saturday evening. A round-trip fare to the March is \$35. Because seats are expected to fill fast, Mrs. Graves suggested people pay their money well in advance. All money is payable at the Equal Rights Council office, located in the Westover Shopping Center. The March On Washington, utilizing the theme, "Jobs, Peace and Freedom," is expected to attract millions of Americans from all walks of life. Notable speakers and attendants include Coretta Scott King, Martin Luther King III, Stevie Wonder, Joseph Lowery, Jesse Jackson, Benjamin Hooks and many other black national leaders.

First Lady Of Charlotte Talks About Being Married To Mayor Eddie Knox

By Karen Parker Post Staff Writer Almost everyone knows how busy Mayor Eddie Knox is from day to day. They somehow always manage to hear about the proclamations he has signed or the last banquet at which he was the keynote speaker. Working closely by his side is First Lady of Charlotte, Mrs. Frances Knox. She too is a visible figure representing the mayoral office at functions sponsored by such groups as The Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, or special teachers groups. But not often are her responsibilities or appearances publicized. After viewing Mrs. Knox's role in Charlotte, The Post will spend a few weeks focusing on the mayoral candidates' wives and their role in the political process to which their husbands are dedicated. Mrs. Knox explained she has several obligations



Mrs. Frances Knox A visible figure being wife to the mayor. Besides teachers meetings and meetings with the Commerce, she must

sometimes serve as hostess to other politicians and their spouses from around the state. "That requires everything from making speeches to coordinating fashion shows," Mrs. Knox beamed. In spite of her around-the-clock schedule she sincerely stated she has experienced many more joys from being First Lady than she has sorrows. The special moments which Mrs. Knox recalled included visiting underprivileged families on Christmas Eve and adding spirit to their homes. She doesn't like to just know that poor people's homes are being insulated; instead, Mrs. Knox is always instrumental in the weatherization program in Charlotte. While Mrs. Knox and her entire family are busy working in the community, she makes certain she gains more knowledge from each experience. See FIRST on Page 4