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D.G. Martin To Keynote MCD Convention

D. G. Martin, recent Ninth Congressional District candidate, will be the keynote speaker at the Mecklenburg County Democratic Convention on Saturday, April 13, at 1 p.m. County Chairman Hugh Campbell announced. The convention will be held at Garinger High School. Heading the convention's agenda will be the election of a new County Democratic Chairman and other officers. Mecklenburg County's members on the State Democratic Executive Committee will also be chosen. "The County Conventions are important to all Democrats in North Carolina," Campbell noted. "We will choose the Party leadership that will lead us in the 1986 election and gather to strengthen our organization."

Dr. Patricia Ashley Replaces Proctor As JCSU Speaker

Due to a conflict in schedules, advertising executive Barbara Proctor, will be unable to deliver the keynote address during the "Women in Urban America" symposium on Saturday, April 13, at Johnson C. Smith University. Dr. Patricia A. Ashley of Charlotte and principal of Piedmont Middle School will be the speaker replacing Proctor. Dr. Ashley has worked in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System for 10 years. Before becoming principal at Piedmont Middle School, she was the director of student services for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. Ashley has also worked as a counselor with the Wake County Schools and as a teacher with the Durham County Schools. In 1970, she received her B.A. in history from Duke University; in 1972 she received her masters in guidance and personnel services from North Carolina State University and her doctorate in counseling and psychology from North Carolina State in 1974. Ashley is very active in community and civic affairs. She is the current chair of the Mecklenburg Women's Commission; member of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Art Commission, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee, Leadership Charlotte (Class III) and the Chamber of Commerce Government Action Committee; Founding Board for Dial-A-Teacher and a provisional member, Charlotte Junior League. For more information on the "Women in Urban America" symposium, contact Mrs. Nay Howell at 376-1077 or Mrs. Hattie Leeper at 376-1088 weekdays.



Monjya Bynum Earned many achievements

Monjya Bynum Cherishes "Cheerleaders Awards"

By Jalyne Strong Post Staff Writer Monjya Bynum describes herself as "a person who likes to set goals and go after them." Possibly, that's how she's received such honors as the U.S. National Leadership Merit Award in 1985, the All-American Academic Award in 1985, and one of the Most Valuable Cheerleaders awards of 1985. Fifteen-year-old Monjya is a ninth grader at Northeast Junior High. In school, she participates as a member of the Junior Honor Society, the Explorers Club, and the Eagle's track team. She plays the clarinet in the school's band and she is one of the head cheerleaders. "That's many achievements for a young lady and though Monjya appears to be extremely studious, it isn't all hard work for this beauty. Math is her favorite subject in education. "I'm curious about the basic conceptions," she comments. But what she likes best about school is, says Monjya, "Socializing, being around my friends." Friends are important to Monjya. She says, around strangers she's shy. "But around my friends I can let it all out," she admits. "That's why I like cheering. It's a chance to jump up and down and yell," she adds. Monjya loves cheerleading. She's been active as one for eight years in all. It looks like a lot of fun to most spectators, yet Monjya informs, "It takes a lot of concentration and ability. People don't realize how hard it is." She also tells that cheerleading has been officially designated as a sport. Her aspiration as of this moment, she claims, is to be an interior decorator. "I like fashion and coordinating different colors," she reveals. Monjya also admits, "I'm one of the rare teenagers who keep their room neat. I tend to be very organized. Disorganization makes it too hard to find things quickly." For relaxation, Monjya enjoys talking on the phone. Her conversations involve "girl chit-chat and gossip. I also enjoy walking around the neighborhood with my friends and reading fiction and romance novels," she explains. "Traveling with my family is another favorite activity. We take several trips during the summer and I get the chance to see places outside of Charlotte," says Monjya. She has journeyed to Canada, New York, Atlanta, Washington, D.C., the Bahamas, and California. "Traveling to these many places also allows me to decide where I'd like to pursue a career," she points out. Presently, Atlanta looks promising to Monjya. "I like Atlanta. It's not too fast and not too slow. Plus I have relatives there from whom I could get some home-cooked meals," she smiles. "I can't cook." Monjya also enjoys music. She listens to the radio when she's not watching television or talking on the phone. And the person she likes to hear most is Prince. "When he sings you can tell that he's really into it," she describes. "He shows what he feels. When I finally saw 'Purple Rain,' Prince had my heart." Others with claim to her heart are her parents. About her mother, Thelmatia Bynum, Monjya says, "She's out going and has a great personality. She has a lot of courage since she's not afraid to stand up for what she believes. She's always there when I need her." See MONJYA On Page 3A

Minority Business More Sophisticated And Bigger Than Ever

Special To The Post Albany, N.Y. - "Every year more minority-owned enterprises are challenging well-established businesses for corporate dollars and winning," Stanley S. Scott, vice president and director of corporate affairs for Philip Morris Inc., said recently. Addressing the New York State Black and Puerto Rican Caucus Legislative Weekend as chairman of the workshop on "Minority Entrepreneurs - How To Do Business With the Fortune 500 Companies," Scott told the group: "American corporations spent \$6 billion with minority firms during 1983, according to the National Minority Business Council. Minority-owned businesses are getting bigger, better and more sophisticated." Scott, who served as chairman of the development committee of the New York State Advisory Council for Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises, said also that Governor Cuomo has charged the Council with strengthening the links between large corporations and businesses owned by women and minority group members.



Stanley S. Scott PM vice president

principle. Now it is your turn to provide these qualities," Poole said. Philip Morris learned the value "of doing business with minority banks and suppliers in the early sixties," Poole said, "and we knew that a company like ours didn't stand a chance without the support of America's emerging and expanding black, Hispanic, and Asian communities - they are important markets to any business." Further, "it became obvious that our business activities have got to make social sense and our social activities have got to make business sense," Poole said. On the following morning, during the Philip Morris-sponsored Business Advisory Council Breakfast, Scott presented special awards for outstanding service to the Caucus to deputy assembly speaker Arthur Eve, a Caucus founder, and assemblyman Angelo Del Toro, past president of the Caucus. The awards were Steuben glass figures of the New York state animal, the beaver. State Senator Leon Bogues, the current Caucus president, in turn presented Scott with a Steuben glass figure of the state fish, a trout.

School Counselor Says: Academic Performance Not The Only Factor Considered For Scholarships

By Audrey C. Lodato Post Staff Writer Sophomore year in high school is not too early for college-bound students to begin seeking information about the availability and requirements of scholarships and other financial aid, according to Jo Williams guidance counselor at West Charlotte High School. "Juniors and sophomores should begin to find out what is available and when they come up," Williams recommends. "Many scholarship

opportunities are available, but students need to take a lot of initiative in finding out about them." She points out that many of the larger and more prestigious scholarships have application deadlines early in the fall, so students really need to learn about them a year ahead. Academic ability and performance are important factors in the selection process of most of the large and prestigious scholarships, but

other factors are also considered, Williams relates. Besides a student's grade point average (GPA), also taken into account are the degree of challenge in the courses taken and the kind of school and community activities the student is involved in. "It's better to be very active or a leader in one or two activities," notes Williams, than to simply be a member in 15 organizations. Participation in organized sports has become increasingly important, she says, because that indicates physical vigor. Among the more prestigious scholarships listed by Garinger High guidance counselor Walter Porter are the Morehead (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), the Edward Crosland Stuart Scholarship (Davidson College), the Reynolds Scholarship (Wake Forest), and the Bob Allen Scholarship (Appalachian), which goes to a Mecklenburg County high school graduate. The National Merit and National Merit for Minorities are based on PSAT scores (from tests taken in 11th grade). As Porter explains it, National Merit acts as a talent search, with colleges and universities contacting finalists and making scholarship arrangements. While only the top three to five percent of students get the majority of the academic scholarships, according to Williams, there is money available from a variety of sources, and this is where "students need to be more assertive in finding out what is available." Besides academic scholarships, there are those geared toward students who have specific or unusual talents or abilities, such as sports, music, or the arts. Porter notes that NC State's engineering school offers scholarships specifically for minority students. Students are ranked by SAT scores, class rank, and GPA. Another minority scholarship is sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League and is based on an essay. Women in Communications offers See ACADEMIC On Page 15A

Spiritual Warfare Citywide "Seeking To Save The Family Crusade" Begins Sunday

The spiritual warfare we endure seems to be aided moreso by the Holy Spirit now than ever before. Adding to the weaponry will be the city-wide "Seeking To Save The Family Crusade" sponsored by the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association of Charlotte. The crusade begins Sunday, April 14, at 5:30 p.m. with services continuing Monday through Friday, April 19, at 7:30 nightly. Sessions will be held at West Charlotte Senior High School, 2219 Senior Drive. Nationally known Rev. Dr. Clay Evans, founder and pastor of Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., will serve as guest evangelist for the week. Rev. Evans started Fellowship Church in 1959 with only five members. Today, the church has nearly 6,000. Rev. Jesse Jackson joined the church in 1965 and now serves as one of Rev. Evans' associate ministers. Rev. Evans grew up in Brownville, Tn., before moving to Chicago during the late 1940s. He attended the Chicago Baptist Institute, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, the International



Rev. Dr. Clay Evans Guest evangelist

Bible Institute, and holds two honorary doctor of divinity degrees. He is chairman emeritus of "Operation PUSH," president of Ministers Broadcast Alliance, board member of the National Baptist Convention USA, member of See SEEKING On Page 12A

