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North Carolina To Help Poor

Raleigh - North Carolina will have an additional \$2,471,866 to help poor and disadvantaged people get skill training and jobs under the Job Training Partnership Act, according to S. Thomas Rhodes, secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development.

All of the state's 12 service delivery areas (SDA's) that administer the Job Training Partnership Act locally will share the funds for meeting the required minimum number of performance standards set by the U.S. Department of Labor. The funds, an incentive grant to SDA's that exceed the standards, will be used to plan new programs and to expand existing ones.

There are seven performance standards. For adults, they include how many were placed in jobs, how much each placement costs, the average starting salary and how many welfare recipients were placed. Youth standards are employment rate, successful completion of youth-oriented programs and the cost per completion.

Service delivery areas are Alamance County, Buncombe County, Catawba (a consortium of Cabarrus, Lincoln, Rowan, Stanly and Union counties), City of Charlotte-Mecklenburg County, Cumberland County, Davidson County, Central Piedmont (a consortium of City of Durham-Durham-Orange counties), Gaston County, City of Greensboro City of High Point-Guilford County, Wake-Johnston Counties, Winston-Salem-Forsyth County, and the Rural Service Delivery Area.

Black-Owned Business Up By 30 Percent

The number of Black owned businesses increased by more than 4,000 - 39 percent - between 1977 and 1982, according to the U.S. Commerce Department's Census Bureau and the North Carolina Office of Minority Business and Management Services.

The report shows that in 1982 there were 10,477 Black-owned businesses, up from 7,400 in 1977. Gross receipts for all Black-owned businesses increased 49 percent from \$5.6 billion in 1977 to \$12.4 billion in 1982.

In 1977 slightly over 80 percent (60.62 percent) of North Carolina's 10,477 Black-owned businesses were firms without paid employees ("mom and pop" operators). In 1982 the percentage of Black-owned firms with no paid employees had increased to almost 87 percent (86.81 percent). Nationally, 83 percent of 231,285 Black-owned firms in the U.S. had no paid employees in 1977. By 1982 almost nine out of 10 of 239,239 Black-owned firms (89.81 percent) had no paid employees.



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Nicole Berry
...Favorite subject is math

Nicole Berry Likes To Do Regular Teenage Stuff

By Jayne Strong
Post Staff Writer

Fourteen-year-old Nicole Berry is a ninth grader at Ranson Junior High School. She's already looking forward to graduating next year and going on to high school. Why? "To get an education," Nicole says.

Presently, her favorite subjects are math and the sciences, especially chemistry. These interests are sure to be relied on when Nicole becomes the nurse she aspires to be. She's not quite sure about the reasons she wants to be a nurse. "I've just always wanted to be one," Nicole points out. "I want to help a lot of people out." When she becomes a nurse, Nicole says, she may also work part time at a MacDonald's. Fourteen is still an idealistic age.

For fun, Nicole likes to do regular teenage stuff. "I like to talk on the phone, go to the movies and have a good time riding around," she describes. One of her favorite movies so far is the "Goonies." "It was right silly," Nicole critiques.

Of course Nicole goes to the movies at Queenpark along with what seems to be a million other Charlotte teenagers. What's the attraction? Nicole tells, "To see the young men."

This pretty young lady also likes shopping. "I like big shirts, mini skirts, bright colored sweaters and necklaces and bracelets," she lists. And, she loves dancing to the music of the one and only Doug E. Fresh. "I like the beat," she smiles.

Skate Palace is the place to be if you like the beat, too, according to Nicole. It's where teenagers can limber up by skating and then dance to disco afterwards.

If she could have whatever she wanted right now it would be a car Nicole readily admits. She can't drive and is too young to get a driver's license but, "I can't wait," she enthuses.

Possibly that's one reason this week's beauty says she doesn't like being 14. She explains another

Gantt Caravan

The Gantt Campaign announced that on Saturday, October 26, it will hold a caravan through City Council District 1, 2, and 3. The caravan will depart from Mayor Harvey Gantt's home, 517 N. Poplar St., at 11 a.m. and will make several stops through the districts between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The stops will be at Greenville Center, 1330 Spring St.; Bity Bount Center, 3201 Beatties Ford Rd.; West Charlotte Center, 2600 Kendall Dr.; Dalton Village Fish Fry; and Amay James Recreation Center, 2425 Lester St.

reason by noting, "Because I don't look like I'm 14. Sometimes I look older, sometimes I look younger," Nicole laments.

One thing Nicole does like is being the youngest in her family. She has an older brother, Kelvin, who's 21 and an older sister, Tonja, 20. Nicole mentions that though she and her brother fight she loves him alot. In describing her sister, Nicole claims, "She's crazy. But we get along pretty good." About being the baby of the crew, Nicole admits, "I like it, I'm spoiled."

Her mother, Bobbie, spoils her, Nicole confesses. "She does more for me than anyone else," she adds. Her mother, Nicole asserts, is the person she most admires.

Perhaps, Nicole's mother follows the advice Nicole would give to adults on dealing with their teenage children. She suggests, "Listen to us and try to understand us more each day. See how we feel."

This week's beauty attends Rockwell AME Zion Church.

At-Large Candidate

Al Rousso: "Champion Of The Underdogs"

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

As top vote-getter in the Democratic primary for at-large City Council seats, Al Rousso says that, if elected, he would "stop, look, and listen, and then do what I think is best for the city of Charlotte."

Rousso, who is owner of Brownlee Jewelers, may be the local champion of "the little people" and small businesses. Rousso is no stranger to fighting the powers that be for what he believes to be right.

He says a lot of people in Charlotte haven't gotten a fair shake. "I have seen people displaced, who didn't have the funds to fight for their rights. I would fight for the little man. I am from 'little people,' and I understand the small person's problems," he states.

One of the main issues Rousso has been addressing as the campaign progresses is that of city expenditures. There must be ways, he reasons, of cutting expenses as other cities have done.

An opponent of a payroll tax, Rousso comments, "I'm against another burden on the tax-paying citizens of Charlotte. The city should look into ways of saving as a business would do." A payroll tax, he insists, would fall heavily on wage-earners, "who are already strapped," would adversely affect businesses who would be saddled

If Bond Issues Are Approved

Richardson Urges Equal Treatment For West Side

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

There is a push on to win the support of voters on the west side of Charlotte for bonds which, at least on the surface, appear to primarily benefit other areas of the city and county.

State representative from District 59, Jim Richardson, while coming short of urging west side voters not to approve the bonds, does want them to stop and think before making their decision.

His concern, he says, is local government's commitment to the west side of town; or, perhaps more to the point, a perceived lack of commitment.

While admitting that the bonds are for projects which are needed, he protests that the east side "always gets priority, while the west side is neglected."

There are still areas to the west without water and sewer, he points out, and that lack of services is what keeps development from occurring. He wants to see an equal commitment on the part of elected officials for the west side of town.

Richardson recalls that a number of years ago during an early airport bond issue campaign, the black community's initial lack of support eventually led to greater minority inclusion in the project. "When black or west side communities have hung back, then officials have given greater priority to their needs and concerns," he remarks.

It's just this sort of trading, "one-hand-washes-the-other," that Richardson wants to see happen regarding the current bond issues. "On the west side of town, people understand and sympathize with the water and road problems in the southeast," he declares, "but we expect them to support efforts for the west side."

Top priority issues in the west, in Richardson's opinion, include the completion of water and sewer lines to spur development, and the active encouragement of development by elected officials and the Planning commission. A lot of what has been approved for the west side are not given priority, but are part of



Jim Richardson
...State representative

five- or 10-year plans, he notes. Although he admits that Dr. Jay Robinson, superintendent of schools, has made a good case for the construction of four of the proposed new schools in the southeast, Richardson fears the burden will fall primarily on inner city children to be bussed out rather than for children in the southeast to be bussed in.

Additionally, without increased development in the west, the shift in population base may make it economically unfeasible to maintain all of the schools currently operating on the west side.

Richardson would like to see explored the possibility of building some of the new schools closer in, although he admits land costs could be a prohibiting factor. What he wants to avoid is "an undue burden" being placed on one segment of the community.

Other proposed projects to benefit from bond money include an incinerator and several swimming pools. Of the incinerator, he states that one of the more likely sites

would be at a closed landfill on Statesville Road. "That side of town has paid its dues as far as having dumps," he comments.

Of the pool project, he says, "Fine, but is it above development of the west side of town?" Then he reiterates, "All of these are things the city or county needs, but I question the priorities."

Besides development for the west side, Richardson wants to see a greater commitment on the part of local government to support minority and women businesses. "The private sector does a better job of giving business to minorities and women than government does," he remarked.

Pointing out that the decision makers who could determine city-county policy regarding women and minority business are the same officials who are involved in the bond issues, Richardson would like to see some give and take resulting in a stronger commitment on the part of government toward doing business with minority and women enterprises.

for a few more years. "It put us on the brink of our credit limit," he states, and may ultimately mean more taxes because of other needed projects.

Growth, Rousso believes, can be directed with incentives, such as tax breaks, lower-interest loans for housing, and greater city-developer participation.

"The entire scope of this campaign," he summarizes, "is growth, taxes, and traffic."

The primary front-runner adds that he would investigate "why certain areas of town are treated as step-children." After exploring the problem, he would push for giving more neglected areas priority. "If they were neglected, they should be on top of the totem pole," he declares.

Al Rousso is a native of Montgomery, Alabama. He came to Charlotte in 1946 as a clerk for Brownlee, which he bought 15 years ago. His civic involvements include membership in the Jaycees; troop committee chairman and Life Scout for Boy Scouts of America; board of directors of Holy Angels Nursery; president, vice president, treasurer, and board member of Temple Israel; and regional vice president of United Synagogue of America.

Rousso would bring to City Council 39 years of business experience in Charlotte. He is firmly committed to

uptown Charlotte, where he kept his business while others were fleeing to the suburbs. His original store has expanded to four locations.

This businessman considers himself quick to learn and a good manager. "I would consider every angle before I cast a vote," he remarks. A large part of government, he adds, is common sense, with specialists available for direction in making informed decisions. "You can apply business sense to the running of the city," he claims. "Our budget of almost \$300 million has to be watched more closely than in the past."

"I look into every area before I do something. I can be an astute Council member," he adds.

Rousso and his wife, Doris, have four sons, two of whom are in the jewelry business in Charlotte. The other two are commercial artists living in Atlanta and New York.

Sailboard Regatta

Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation Department and All-Star Sports will co-sponsor a Sailboard Regatta at Ramsey Creek Park on Lake Norman Sunday, November 3. The regatta is open to all classes of sailboards and there is no entry fee.

Registration is at 1:30 p.m. with races starting at 2.



Al Rousso
...Popular businessman

with the responsibility of additional tax-keeping procedures, and might discourage new businesses from opening here.

The candidate would like to see a re-ordering of priorities. The traffic situation he calls atrocious and thinks monies spent on other projects should have been used to alleviate Charlotte's traffic problems.

A new coliseum, he believes, is something the city can live without