Blacks Should Dismiss Party Labels, Grear Says

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Yet both support the idea of blacks utilizing ticket-splitting --- the process of a voter who's

registered with one party voting for one or more of the candi-dates of the opposing party ---for a purpose. Says Hughes, "To vote for a candidate based on that candidate's party affilia-tion is not necessarily in our

best interest.
"My overriding interest in politics is to improve lives in the black community. Being a Democrat, is not my main objective in life," she adds.

Case point, both Garner
Grear and Hughes have pledged their support to Edward Garner

Grear, who claims, "a lot of mainline black Democrats plan to support Garner. "A lot of people do not support this bi-partisan initiative," says Grear. "But the fact is, many black Democratic leaders are

"We characterize this as the

most controversial race," says

abandoning the best interest of black people for the best interest of the Democratic Party.
"I thinks that's sad. I think we should have black candidates in both parties and all elections.

"My objection is we are voting for people who have no commitment to our survival and growth.

"Part of the reason we want Garner showcased at the rally is so he can be judged on what he stands for --- not on party credentials.'

Through the hoped-for elec-tion of Carner, Grear and Hughes see the opportunity of

integrating the N.C. State Council for the first time,"which has been exclusively an all-white,

male group," says Hughes. Neverthelss, it remains that ticket-splitting is untried terri-tory among black voters and the black electorate's strong alle-glance to the Democratic Party will be a hard nut to crack.

Grear maintains that allegiance, nonetheless, is based on a lie. "A lot of Democratic, black and white, candidates have expressed to the black community that we are not capable of split-ting the ticket. They say it's too complicated. That's a lie and it is insulting and humiliating. "Twenty-five years after the Voting Rights Act and they are still

saying to blacks that we are too dumb to split-tickets. "Yet, blacks have been involved in ticket-splitting for years. Single-shot voting is a form of ticket-splitting. You hear no protest from black Democrats about that, because it is self-serving.
"At the rally we must dispel the

notion that blacks can't split the ticket. As a result of the debate generated by the whole scenario, black people will be better off,"

Even though Grear, Hughes and the NCBLC, plan to intro-duce the use of the controversial practice of ticket splitting to N.C.'s black electorate at the rallies, they maintain that their purpose remains to unify the black vote. "We're trying to avoid conflicts within the black com-munity in regard to the activi-ties we'll be involved in up until November," says Grear.

"After November, regardless of the outcome, we want to still be united as the black community."

The NCBLC was organized in 1976 as a statewide organization which would consolidate the civil rights gains of the past into a new and different thrust for black political influence. You Can Learn Something New Each Week In The Charlotte Post

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Justice System Failed Ex-Doctor: Brother

hampering the release of court transcripts. Wayne Mallory feels those records hold the key to a

Jr., a black Republican running

for the office of State Auditor.

"The way I've heard it, it may be three weeks or three months" before the transcripts are released. "We feel there are enough inconsistencies (for a new trial to be ordered)."

Organizations like the Ministerial Alliance in Fort Valley and the Philadelphia Christian Alliance, based in the Mallory family's hometown, have raised money to help with legal fees, which are expected to top \$100,000. Blacks have also taken to the streets, protesting the outcome of the trial and the long wait for an appeal.

The strain of the ordeal has been most difficult for the family, especially Vincent's parents, Vincent G. and Mamie.

"It's taken a heavy toll on the family," Wayne Mallory said. "It's been hard on everyone. It's been a mental and financial strain

Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has

none on his 38-person staff. With Sen. Terry Sanford, D-N.C., blacks hold eight of 36

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., has three blacks on a staff of 50. Sen. Ernest Hollings, D-S.C., also has three on a staff of 31.

Hollings, chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, also has a committee staff of 51 members that includes 15

blacks. Among them: Staff Director Ralph Everett, the highest-ranking black in the Senate.

While blacks head the staffs of two of the Carolinas' 21 law-makers --- Rose and Rep. Robin Tallon, D-S.C. --- other top-level

positions are rare.
For example, Rep. Alex McMillan R-N.C., has a staff of 14 that includes two blacks. Both work in the 9th District, where one is

an office manager and the other

black staffers reflects demo-

In the sprawling 5th District of north-central South Carolina,

blacks make up 29 percent of the

population. They also make up almost a third of the staff of Rep.

Piedmont, blacks make up less than 10 percent of the 10th Dis-

trict's population. None serve on the staff of Rep. Cass Ballenger,

Ballenger's top aide, Max Veale, says it's because none have ap-

plied. "It's not because we dis-criminate," Veale said. "I'd be tickled to death if we had a

Renee Carter, Tallon's press secretary and one of seven blacks on a staff of 15, said the Carolinas "don't fare unfavora-

bly when you consider the rest of

the country. Their hiring

records are probably compara-ble to hiring records all across

the country."

Critics like Amelia Parker, ex-

ecutive director of the Congressional Black Caucus, call it "an

institutional problem." She argues that staffs should reflect their member's constituency.

sents the diversity of our com-munity, so should the staff,"

said Ms. Parker, a Charlotte na-

Evans Kick-Off

Yvonne Mims Evans, candidate for District Court Judge, will hold a rally to kick-off her

fall campaign on September 8, 5:30 p.m., at the Afro-American Cultural Center, 401 N. Myers

This is also a volunteer re-cruitment meeting. Everyone is

invited to attend.

Rally, Sept. 8

"Just as the electorate repre-

In North Carolina's western

John Spratt, D-S.C.

To some extent, the number of

handles constituent services.

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from the beginning."

Wayne Mallory said Vincent has held up well and is visited frequently by relatives who come in from Philadelphia. Wayne visits at least twice a month, with the most recent last

week. Vincent was "in pretty good

tive and graduate of Johnson C. Smith University.
"Clearly it is an important ... to have advocacy within an office It's important that there are

spirits," Wayne said. "We talked about general stuff, how the family's going, how the job's go-ing and just a little bit about the

In the end, people from Fort Valley to Philadelphia have ral-lied to aid Vincent Mallory be-

Blacks Scarce On Congressional Staffs

director, says it's been hard for blacks to get a foot in the door.
"It's a Catch-22, with the Capitol Hill experience line that we all have to use," she says. "But to get Hill experience, you've got to work there."

Marva Smalls, Tallon's administrative assistant, or staff

people there who represent the spectrum of issues and perspec-tive of those whom you serve," Ms. Parker said. Second Congressional

Black Caucus Meets

Special To The Post

By Frazier Blackwell
The 2nd Congressional District Black Caucus convened Saturday, August 22, in Oxford, NC. President Frazier Blackwell presided.

The honorable Mickey Michaux Jr. challenged the group to keep Dr. King's dreams alive. He compared the black vote to the sling-



lot to slay the monster of racism which is currently holding back

that Governor Jim Martin and the Republicans are filing suits in court to deprive ten blacks of licans are claiming to be reachmillion appropriated by the short session of the N.C. Legislature to stimulate the black econ-

Senators Frank Ballance and Ralph Hunt spoke about the political gains and the many black elected officials in North Carolina. They also emphasized the need to use the newly gained po-litical power to bring about economic growth and a better way of life for the black citizens in North Carolina. Mr. Willie Lovett, chairman of

Black Affairs in Durham, was adamant about the fact that some Democratic Party officials are taking the black voters for granted. A special committee was appointed to take the con-cerns of the Black Caucus directly to the Democratic leadership.

Caucus co-chairman Bruce Lightner, and Central Regional coordinator Charles Dunston explained the programs for get-ting more black registered to

The district Caucus will hold its next meeting October 8, at the Central Children's Home in Oxford, NC, at 10 a.m.

Leaders from other black dis-tricts around the state will be invited to attend this meeting.

Black Firefighter Wins Bias Suit Against Waynesville Department WAYNESVILLE, N.C. (AP)

Town officials disagree with a federal ruling that Waynesville discriminated against a black firefighter fired last year, but say the town will negotiate a settlement to present for these last. settlement to prevent further legal action.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission agreed last week with Carl Bryant's claim that he was dismissed from the fire department be-cause of his race. The EEOC is seeking Bryant's reinstatement and more than \$7,000 in back

Town officials say Bryant, a firefighter since 1984, was fired in January 1987 because of unjustified absences. His dismissal followed a 10-day suspension for absenteeism that Bryant did

"Mr. Bryant was repeatedly talked to by the town manager for his failure to come in on

time and stay on the job," town attorney Frank Queen said Wed-nesday. "The fellow just didn't come to work."

Bryant says he presented doctors' excuses to account for his absences, something white employees often failed to do.

The EEOC agreed, saying in an Aug. 18 letter that Waynesville "discriminated against the charging party by harassing him and discharging him because of his race in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964."

Queen acknowledged that the town's seven other firefighters sometimes failed to account for their absences, but said Bryant was absent much more "with

Representatives of the EEOC from Charlotte will meet with Queen in the next month in search of a solution agreeable to both parties, Queen said.

cause they feel that he had no motive to kill Fields.

"A person like him wouldn't have a reason for killing some-one," Wayne Mallory said. "He was a successful black in the

was a successful black in the area. It wasn't like it was for money or anything like that."

Contributions to Vincent Mallory's appeal effort can be mailed to the Philadelphia Christian Alliance of Third Christian Church Defense Fund, 6639 Wayne Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19119.

Town Meeting With Black Elected Heads

The Black Elected Officials will hold a Town Meeting, Sunday, September 11, 1988, 4:00 P.M. at Faith C. M. E. Church, located at 457 Wellingford Street.

The Town Meetings are held in order to allow citizens to interact with Black Elected Officials and be informed by them of information, legislation, govern-ment policies and other areas of

We urge all concerned citizens, who want to be more informed,

to attend and participate.
For more information call Clara Williams at 399-2274.

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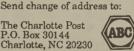
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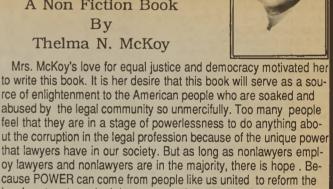
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the fulfillment of the dream.

Michaux informed the group

shot that the Biblical David used to slay

Goliath. He Michaux urged black voters to use the bal-

opportunities to be elected to judgeships. He also pointed out that Gov. Martin and the Repubing out to black voters while they are refusing to release \$2