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News And Notes From Charlotte And The Rest Of The World.

### A Candlelight Prayer Vigil

Charlotte's murder rate is rising, and so is a grass-roots effort to curb it.

A citywide candlelight prayer vigil will be held Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. in the parking lot of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Education Center at 701 East Second St.

Adams Outdoor Advertising will donate signs to the "Stop The Killing" drive sponsored by The Crusade and will unveil the first of them at 6:15 p.m.

Names of Charlotte's homicide victims will be listed on a special memorial board at the park.

### Leadership Award

Frank Edward Emory Jr., a graduate of Leadership Charlotte, has received the 1991 Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association for Community Leadership.

Community Leadership presents awards annually to honor graduates of its member programs who in the estimation of their local community leadership organization, exemplify the spirit, goals and highest standards of civic commitment.



Emory

Community Leadership is made up of 370 leadership development organizations in 47 states, Washington, D.C., Great Britain and Australia.

### Colleges Hold Meetings

A couple of N.C. colleges will sponsor meetings next week.

The Johnson C. Smith University Charlotte Alumni Chapter will hold its monthly meeting Nov. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in conference rooms B&C in the University Union.

The undergraduate admissions office of N.C. Central University will host a recruitment reception the same night from 7 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Center at 230 College St.

Topics to be discussed include student aid, scholarships, academic programs and athletics.

### Muslim Sisterhood

The Dept. of Women's Affairs of the Institute for Islamic Involvement will host its annual women's conference Nov. 16 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Carl Russell Recreation Center in Winston-Salem.

The conference's theme is "The Muslim Sisterhood: Assessing Our Roles and Realizing Our Potential."

The conference fee for adult women is \$20 and \$12 for girls. Non-Muslims are welcome to attend.

For information, call (919) 748-0756.

## Numbers Favored Majeed

By Winfred B. Cross  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

This year's election pulled an average turnout but few surprises.

Republican Richard Vinroot became Charlotte's new mayor by defeating friend and Democrat Al Rousso. Nasif Majeed became the first councilman from new-



Vinroot out city-wide. It was Majeed's third at-

tempt at public office. It was Broome's second attempt at office.

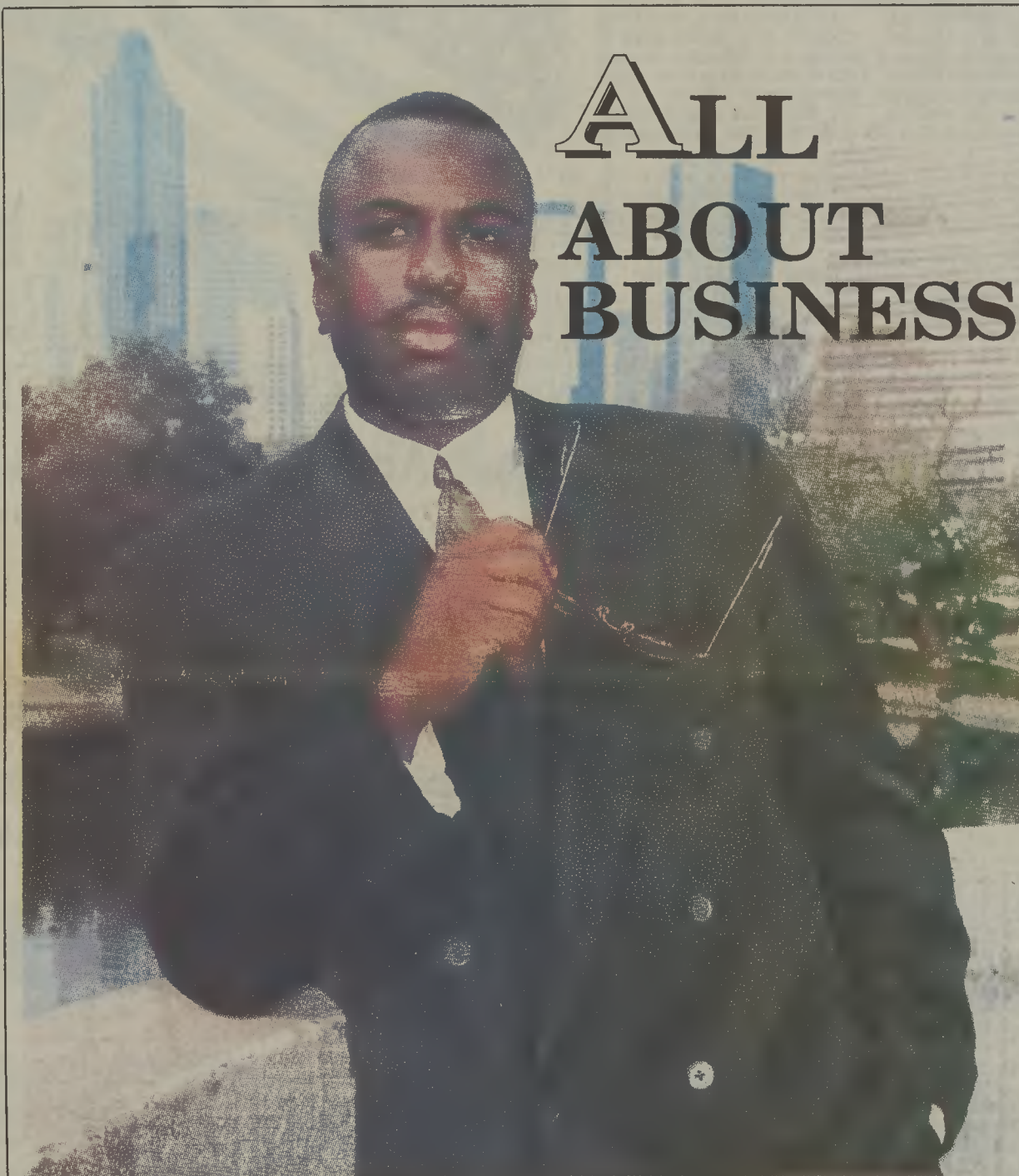
"We were doing some positive things. We had gotten our message out there to let the people know what we were doing more so than the last time," Majeed said shortly after his victory. "We had some strong supporters in the new District 4 and we

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ly-redrawn City Council District 4 by defeating Republican Darryl Broome. About 35 percent of the registered voters turned out city-wide. It was Majeed's third at-



District 4 opponents Nasif Majeed (left) and Darryl Broome shake hands after Majeed was declared the winner.



## ALL ABOUT BUSINESS

### Link Between Corporations And Vendors PROFILE

MALCOLM GRAHAM

By Herbert L. White  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Three years ago, the Carolinas Minority Suppliers Development Councils were at a crossroads.

The organization, made up of corporations and minority vendors in both states, was in debt and the corporate community was losing interest. The death knell to some was the promotion of 25-year-old Malcolm Graham to executive director after Cecil Brandon was fired.

They were wrong. Graham turned CMSDC around, bringing in new members and erasing the organization's debt. His efforts haven't gone unnoticed, with the National Minority Supplier Development Council citing the local group as the organization of the year. Now 28, Graham remembers the doubters circled like buzzards ready for his tenure to die.

"When I first started, I was the youngest executive director of all the 47 councils nationwide and...the organization had just fired my predecessor," he said. "So I really inherited the whole bag of worms, being 25 and head of an organization that wasn't living up to its mission statement."

With the challenge firmly in place, Graham set about rebuilding confidence in CMSDC. The non-profit organization aggressively recruited large companies and encouraged them to contribute money to programs. Minority vendors were encouraged to join and additional staff were hired to implement programs, including the annual minority trade expo, one of the largest in the U.S.

"At first it was just me and an answering machine," Graham said.

CMSDC coordinates activities between 515 minority-owned businesses and 151 See GRAHAM On Page 2A

## Retired Court Justice Wins NCCJ Award

FROM STAFF REPORTS

WASHINGTON--The accolades keep rolling in for retired Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

The 83-year-old Marshall received the Charles Evans Hughes Gold Medal from the National Conference of Christians and Jews in a private ceremony Wednesday at the Supreme Court.

Ira A. Lipman, chairman of the NCCJ National Executive Board and Gillian Martin, president of the Conference, made the presentation, which is given for "courageous leadership in governmental, civic and humanitarian affairs."

Marshall, appointed to the nation's highest court in 1967 by former president Lyndon B. Johnson, was the first African American to serve on the body. Another Black, Clarence Thomas, succeeded him this month. Marshall is considered the foremost civil rights lawyer in the U.S.



Marshall in the 1960s



Scenes from Namibia's independence celebration will be part of an exhibit next week at the Afro American Cultural Center. The country's ambassador, Tullamen Kalomoh, will be a special guest at the exhibit, the first time an official from an African nation will visit a Black community in Charlotte.

### Ambassador To Visit Charlotte Namibia's Kalomoh

By Herbert L. White  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

It's a rarity to find ambassadors from foreign countries in Charlotte, but one will be here next week for the opening of an art exhibit.

Namibian Ambassador Tullamen Kalomoh will help open "Faces Of Change" Nov. 11 at the Afro-American Cultural Center. The center is located at 401 N. Myers St.

"Faces Of Change" is a photographic look at the nation during its independence last

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