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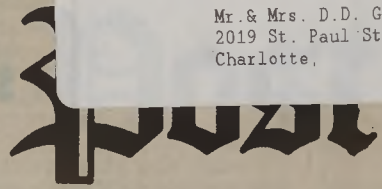
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Saviour's Day In Georgia



Farrakhan

The Nation of Islam is spending its big day in the state of the religion's founder.

The Nation founded by Elijah Muhammad will celebrate Saviour's Day Oct. 18 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. Minister Louis Farrakhan is scheduled to address an expected crowd of 70,000 people at the annual event.

This year's Saviour's Day will observe the 95th birthday of Nation of Islam founder Elijah Muhammad.

Franchising Seminar

Minorities who want to own franchises can get a few pointers next weekend.

The Minority Business Development Agency will sponsor a franchise orientation seminar Oct. 17 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Adam's Mark Hotel at 555 S. McDowell St. The Charlotte seminar is one of 12 to be held across the U.S. to educate minorities on how to obtain franchises.

The seminar is free. For more information, call 1-800-222-4943.

NCCU Alumni To Meet

The Charlotte Chapter of the N.C. Central Alumni Association will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 at the Kappa House at 5409 Beaties Ford Rd.

All alumni are invited to attend. For more information, call Sylvia Casey at 549-1531 after 6 p.m.

ECHO For Storm Relief

A Charlotte group is raising money to help relieve the suffering brought on by Hurricane Andrew.

The Excelsior Club Humanity Organization (ECHO) contributed \$642 through the United Way for victims of the storm, which devastated Florida and Louisiana.

Contributions are still being accepted by ECHO members. For more information, call the Excelsior Club at 334-5709.

Candidates' Forum

The Charlotte Women's Political Caucus, the National Organization of Women and the Charlotte Business and Professional Women's Club will sponsor a candidates' forum Oct. 14 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at the corner of 1001 Queens Road and Moorehead Street.

Format for the event is an informal question and answer session. The forum is free. For more information, call 542-9873.

Spike Lee's Visit Sets Davidson College Abuzz

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST



Lee

Motion picture director-activist Spike Lee has created a stir in Mecklenburg County.

Lee, whose "Malcolm X" will open nationwide on Nov. 20, will be at Davidson College's Love Auditorium Oct. 21 for "A Rap Session with Spike Lee." Tickets, at \$8, will be on sale to the public through Oct. 16. They can be purchased from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at the Davidson box office in the college union or by calling 892-2135.

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By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST

About 1,000 members of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church are closing out a week of discussions on the denomination's future.

Delegates from around the world were in Charlotte for worship and fellowship at Little Rock AME Zion

AME Zion Church Wraps Up Charlotte Conference Today

Church and the Adam's Mark Hotel. North Carolina is home to one of the largest concentrations of AME Zion members, which numbers about 1.5 million in the U.S. An estimated 50,000 live in the Charlotte area.

The strength of those numbers is reflected in the local leadership, starting with the Rev. James Samuel of host Little Rock. Senior Bishop Ruben Speaks of Salisbury

heads the denomination's Board of Bishops and newly-elected Bishop George Battle of Charlotte is one of six new members on the 12-member board.

While members debated issues ranging from pensions for retired ministers to the merits of U.S. presidential candidates, there's an eye on the future. The church will celebrate its 200th anniversary in 1996.

SAGA OF AN AMERICAN FAMILY

'Roots' Author's Estate Sold Away As Family Tries To Settle Debts



Photos/ALEX HALEY ESTATE

Alex Haley's Tennessee farm home was part of the author's estate auctioned last week.

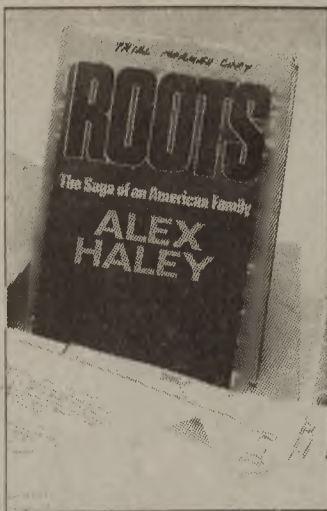
By Vanessa Greene
POST CORRESPONDENT

As Alex Haley's only son, Bill Haley always figured he would inherit his father's estate.

He was wrong. Last week, all of Alex Haley's possessions, including his farm, his 1975 Pulitzer Prize, even his eyeglasses, were sold at auction.

Having neither the legal authority to stop the sale nor the money to bid, Bill Haley watched helplessly as his father's belongings were auctioned to the highest bidders during a three-day period.

"My father was an artist, See HALEY On Page 2A



The "Roots" manuscript was also auctioned off.

Biographer Defends Haley's Works, Life

By Vanessa Greene
POST CORRESPONDENT

Alex Haley was a complicated man whose personal life and literary career were mired in controversy.

Public revelation of his financial shortcomings, three marriages, his strained relationship with his children, and an admission to plagiarizing several major passages in "Roots" will provide fodder for the late author's critics.

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THE 1992 ELECTIONS: N.C. Senate District 33

Jim Richardson Runs To 'Save' District

By Winfred B. Cross
THE CHARLOTTE POST

This was supposed to be the year N.C. Sen. Jim Richardson hangs up his political aspirations and returns to private life.

But it's not. Richardson is running for a fourth term in the senate and his reason is simple -- people know him.

Richardson changed his mind because redistricting changed the racial makeup

of Senate District 33. It's still mostly black, but not by much.

"I kinda talked myself into running again because I have some name recognition. I have some visibility that a new person won't have so I'm going to run to save the district," Richardson said. "It's been a minority district and its getting closer to not being one. I think it's important because there will be issues that will not be brought up by a white senator, not that he

would be racist, it just wouldn't be brought up.

"It's the same argument I had in the General Assembly about the 12th district," he said. "Mel (Watt) will address some issues that would not be addressed by a congressman in the 9th district. And I feel the same way about house or senate districts that are minority districts."

"Richardson served one term in the state house and is finishing his third term in See INCUMBENT On Page 3A



Richardson

Robert Pittenger Presses For Change

By Madelyn L. Hooker
THE CHARLOTTE POST



Pittenger

Republican candidate for N.C. Senate District 33 Robert Pittenger has never run for public office before.

But he does have a plan.

Pittenger, originally from Texas, has been in real estate acquisitions for 20 years.

So what encouraged this businessman to make the career change?

"What really encouraged me to run was the excitement about a district that embraced the whole community. I want to bring to the table business expertise that could help address the See PITTENGER On Page 2A

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