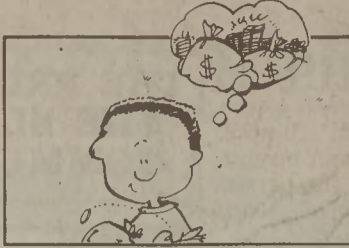


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News And Notes From Charlotte And The Rest Of The World.

NAACP Offices Are Firebombed

The NAACP is under attack on the West Coast.

Last week, the civil rights organization's Tacoma, Wash. branch was firebombed. Tuesday, the Sacramento, Cal. branch was also hit. Police have no suspects, but the NAACP isn't fazed.

"This has not worked before and it will not work now," said Don Rojas, the NAACP's director of communications. "We have instructed our offices nationwide to increase their security while at the same time continuing their important work without let-up."

Hair Care Magnate Dies

The founder of one of the largest black-owned businesses in the U.S. died Monday.

Nathaniel H. Bronner Sr. of Atlanta, founder and president of Bronner Brothers hair-care products, died of a heart attack at Southwest Hospital and Medical Center in Atlanta. He was 79.

Mr. Bronner had been a patient at the facility since suffering an earlier heart attack in May, a family member said.

Bronner Brothers, founded by Mr. Bronner in 1947, had sales of \$19.5 million in 1992, ranking it 72nd on Black Enterprise magazine's list of top 100 black-owned businesses.

Bronner Brothers also created programs to provide clothing and shoes for poor children and scholarships for underprivileged students who wanted to enter the cosmetics industry.

Hidden Valley's Annual Festival

The Hidden Valley community will celebrate its second annual festival in September.

And you're invited to participate.

The festival will be held Sept. 4 at Sugar Creek Recreation Center at 943 West Sugar Creek Rd.

Vendors interested in participating should call 598-3988 before Aug. 15.

Fraternity Jam For Scholarship

A Charlotte fraternity is hosting a party to help young people get an education.

Phi Beta Sigma is sponsoring a party Friday from 10 p.m.-3 a.m. at the Emerald on West Boulevard. Entertainment will be provided by DJ A.D. III.

Donations are \$5 and proceeds from the event will benefit the Sigma Beta Club Mentorship Program and scholarship fund. The Sigma Beta Club consists of 35 young men between 12 and 18 years old.

Donations can be made to Sigma Beta Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 221612 Charlotte, N.C. 28222.

Race To Succeed Scarborough Seems Set At 2

By John Minter
POST CORRESPONDENT

A youthful newcomer is competing against a two-time loser for Charlotte City Council's District 3 seat.

The newcomer, Democrat Patrick Cannon, is a 26-year-old finance company employee making his first



Cannon

run for political office. Cannon first registered to vote Sept. 21, 1992, but says he became active in his community after returning to Charlotte two years



Scarborough

ago. Roosevelt Gardner, 40, a restaurant manager, is trying for the third time to win the seat. He lost to incumbent Ella Scarborough in 1987 and 1991.

Scarborough is vacating the seat to run at-large. The filing deadline is Aug. 6.

In the 1987 race, Gardner ran as a Republican, but changed his registration in 1989 back to the Democratic Party.

Gardner said he thinks his opponent will make his former Republican registration an issue in the campaign. "It doesn't remain on the voters'

minds... but my opponents, that's what they are building their campaigns around, and not the issues," he said. "I hope people will look at my record."

"When I joined the Republican Party, I thought I could make a difference in services African Americans received, Gardner said. "I found out I

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Real-World Experience



PHOTO/CALVIN FERGUSON

Elizabeth Burton (standing) conducts a computer class at Project LIFT as Tyvonne Moore, Tara Baxter and Keisha Hooper (left to right) participate.

Work To Learn, Learn To Work

Mecklenburg Program Gives Students Both Sides Of Equation

By Robin B. Redfern
THE CHARLOTTE POST

"I am somebody!"

This is the affirmation that starts off the day for students of Project LIFT (Linking Instruction with Fundamental Training).

LIFT is a summer program offering "Learning and understanding effectively through developing verbal, written, and communicative skills with a combination of job-seeking techniques," says Elizabeth Burton, a site coordinator with LIFT. She feels that is "important to know that (they) are independent of 'textbook knowledge'; they instruct with innovative techniques."

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Project's Aim: To Ensure Loan Applicants Get A Fair Chance At Approval

By Robin B. Redfern
THE CHARLOTTE POST

NationsBank Corp. has decided to take a look over its shoulder to make sure loan applicants aren't turned down because of discrimination.

Hugh McColl, chairman, president and chief executive officer of the Charlotte-based bank, says "a second look is always healthy, both for the increasing the bank's ability to generate loans and for enhancing the consumer's ability to obtain credit."

NationsBank and the National Urban League announced Tuesday a union they feel will create a unique loan review process that enables bank customers to receive "a second look" at their loan applications.

The Urban League's Comprehensive Credit Counseling Service will team with review boards in each of the 18 cities designated to help loan applicants understand the borrowing process and strengthen their credit position.

Applicants who may have been turned down in one of

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Saying No To Integration In The U.S.

African Americans Are Finding Comfort Zone With Institutions

By Sharon Cohen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS - Michele Davis has endured racial slurs and snide remarks about quotas. But there's a place, she knows, where she can bask in pride and escape prejudice.

Inside her church, the pastor, the music, the congregation and the worship style are black. Inside, she doesn't have to keep her guard up. Inside, she can study black history and speak candidly about the indignities she faces simply because she is black.

"I can be myself," she says. "Sometimes when I have problems, the pastor tells me how to deal with these things without even knowing me. ... You gain confidence. You're not going to be torn down and you can deal with the racism you have to face."

Separate by choice. Not anti-white, just pro-black. Three decades after the bloody civil rights battles for equality and against Jim Crow, the legal barriers may be down, but psychological ones remain and many blacks in America have concluded integration is not the

answer. "Black people knocked on the doors of the churches, of the private clubs, of schools where they told they were not wanted," said Ernest Newborn, interim pastor at Faith United Christian Church, Davis' parish. "By the time the doors were opened, many of them lost interest in going through."

"I don't think lots of blacks are interested in integration just for the sake of integration," he added. "They're interested in opportunity - equal opportunity."

Faith United has an unusual arrangement: It shares a building and staff with University Park Christian Church, a white congregation. Two ministers - one black, one white - perform separate Sunday services.

"It's a sign of the world invading the church with its agenda," said the Rev. Leon Riley of University Park, who notes that both congregations worship together on special occasions and have joint activities.

Ironically, Newborn and his family belong to an all-white church. But, the pastor said, blacks "want to have something of their own."

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Kudos For Louise Sellers

Mecklenburg county commissioner chairman Parks Helms embraces community activist Louise Sellers last week during a roast for Sellers in Charlotte. A few hundred of Sellers' closest friends and supporters attended the roast uptown.

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