

Farrakhan urges involvement

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Before Farrakhan's speech, Collins once again portrayed herself as an unfairly accused victim of a racist news media, calling herself "just a little person ... just a sister from the east side of Detroit" and comparing her reelection contest to a "holy jihad." She said her home has been broken into and said she cannot pay her bills because checks sent to her in the mail have been stolen.

"I have come under some of the most vicious and racist and vile attacks ever seen upon an African American woman since Harriet Tubman," Collins said. "I don't know what to do. I don't know who is against me. ... I'm going to tell you why - it's about power."

One Detroit political analyst called Collins' courting of Farrakhan "a brilliant move" that was sure to resonate with

many voters in the 15th District, 90 percent of which is in Detroit.

It will be hard for all the others to combat that," Mario Morrow said.

A large part of Farrakhan's speech was a passionate and broad message about the power of the vote, particularly for blacks.

He also urged those at the rally not to feel angry at state Rep. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, by most accounts Collins' most serious challenger and an old friend of the congresswoman.

Collins' other Democratic challengers are: funeral home executive and former congressman's son Douglas Diggs; freshman state Sen. Henry Stallings, who has been accused of using his campaign funds for personal and business expenses; defrocked judge Leon Jenkins, who has been practicing law in

Los Angeles; state Sen. George Hart, who does not live in the district; and political unknown Godfrey Dillard, an attorney.

Farrakhan, the subject of much controversy, brought thousands of men to Washington in October for the Million Man March. He also launched a nationwide voter registration drive last month.

But he has been accused of being anti-Semitic and was criticized sharply by U.S. officials this year for trips to "rogue" countries, including Iraq, and visits with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

Inez Wynder, 58, welcomed Farrakhan's words, believing he was encouraging blacks to vote for whomever would best serve their needs, regardless of race.

"He's a leader and a teacher," Wynder said. "He doesn't talk against other people. He wants us to think."

Kee hosts gospel convention

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"We try to deliver positive and realistic messages to people," Kee said. "When people leave this convention, I pray they will take away some good values with them."

During the convention there will also be a live videotaping session of Kee's single, "Stand." The taping will take place 7 p.m. Saturday in Owens Auditorium.

There will also be a variety of workshops for the youth to attend.

"We have professional clinicians at the convention to talk to the youth about everything from investing their money to facing problems they are having," he said.

Kee, who has performed several concerts in Charlotte said: "This year's convention will not be as similar to the concerts I have done in the past. In the past the concerts have been focused around 'John' and I am trying to kill that a little bit and let these programs be about the kids."

"I think the youth who attend the convention will carry away with them what it

means to be able to dream about their futures and know that they have an eternal friend to help them.

"This convention says that instead of traveling to Japan

or Europe to minister, we are actually bringing our ministry home," he said. "We are using activities like this convention to get to these kids and help them."

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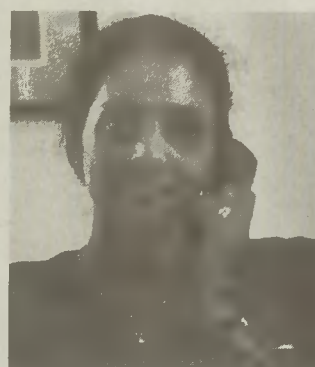
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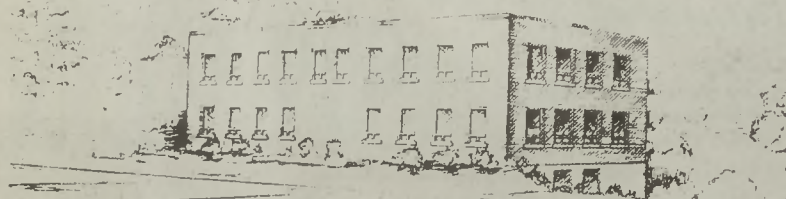
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