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40 years after Little Rock



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Hecklers, including Hazel Bryan, jeering at center, follow Elizabeth Eckford as she walks away from Little Rock's Central High School Sept. 4, 1957. Eckford was turned away by Arkansas National Guardsmen, who were instructed by Gov. Orval Faubus not to allow nine black students to enter the school, despite federal court orders. Now 55, Bryan and Eckford met Monday, Sept. 22, 1997, for the first time since that troubled time.

Charlotte experience difficult

By John Minter
THE CHARLOTTE POST

In September 1957, while federal troops were escorting nine African Americans into Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., Dorothy Counts was walking a gauntlet of cursing and abusive children and adults into Harding High School in Charlotte.

Counts, now Dorothy Counts Scoggins, made the two-block walk from Cedar and Fifth streets to what is now Irwin Avenue Elementary School alone.

"I was just surrounded by

kids," she says. "Adults were telling them what to do. They were chanting out remarks. 'Go home.' 'Go back to Africa.' 'Go back, nigger.' They were spitting and throwing things.

"There was no police protection at school at all. Nor was there anyone from the school on the outside to assist me to make sure I got in safely. Not even at the door."

Young Dorothy's time at Harding was brief — just four school days; five counting a day she missed due to illness. The physical abuse and name-calling constant. Teachers did not call on her in class. White class-

mates spit in her food at lunch.

On the fifth day, Scoggins, then 15, asked her father if she could come home for lunch. Her brother had been dispatched to pick her up with. When Scoggins got to her locker, someone had broken in and vandalized it. Then someone hit her in the back and in the head. When she got

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Scoggins

Central High crisis opened new chapter in race relations

By Chris Reinolds
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Ernest Green, one of the nine blacks who integrated Central High School in 1957, said Tuesday he applauds Little Rock residents for facing up to their history.

"Most historians say that we can't look at our history until we've had three or four generations pass on. In some cases it's painful to look at history when it's very close in front of your face," Green said at a meeting

of the Little Rock Rotary Club.

"I think if Little Rock can stand self-examination concerning race relations, then certainly there's room for this country to examine itself and put this issue further and further and further behind us."

Over the weekend, the Central High Museum and Visitor Center opened across from the school.

Green, 56, was the first black to graduate from Central High School, in 1958. He is now

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Few primary surprises

By John Minter
THE CHARLOTTE POST

The next Charlotte City Council could very well be dominated by Republicans, though three black district representatives seem assured of keeping their seats.

District 3 council member Patrick Cannon won handily (1,340 votes to 237) over challenger Yvette Sayles in Tuesday's Democratic primary. Cannon has no opposition in the Nov. 4 general election.

Neither District 2 representative Malachi Greene nor District 4's Nasif Majeed had primary opposition. Majeed has no general election opponent and Greene will face Republican Steve James, who beat African American Rickey Reid in Tuesday's primary.

African American Democrat Ella Scarborough is not seeking reelection to the at large seat she won four years ago. Instead, Scarborough says she will run for her party's U.S. Senate nomination next year.

That leaves only African American Kyle Stefan Winston among four Democrats in the at large council races. But a strong Republican field, including incumbents Don Reid and Lynn Wheeler and former Mecklenburg County Commissioners' chair Rod Autry could easily take three of

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PHOTO/CALVIN FERGUSON

Leonard "Preacher" Harris had a hopeful look after casting his vote Tuesday in Charlotte's Democratic primary.

Million Woman March focuses on pressing issues

By Arlene Edmonds
THE PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE

African American women from around the country will converge on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway Oct. 25 for the Million Woman March. Part of the mission for the march is to help black

women regain control of families, strengthen the foundation of the community and acknowledge the strengths that exists within the collective voices of these families, organizers said.

Weekly community-wide meetings are being held to plan, strategize and mobilize women for this

historic event.

The first neighborhood satellite office opened two weeks ago in the northwestern sections of Philadelphia. They hold meetings every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

When the office of state Rep. LeAnna Washington, D-Phila., held its second annual

Wadsworth Day, Tabiyah Ngozi, public relations coordinator for the MWM, was also on hand to greet the community.

"This is an event which will bring our issues to a global level," said Ngozi. "We are encouraging sisters from around the country to bring their issues. We as females

are always concerned about our children, our families, health and medical care and education. That's why it's important that for this day we bond together at the Million Women March and bring your platform the international

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Title VI focus of Oct. 7-9 workshop

By John Minter
THE CHARLOTTE POST

A workshop next month in the Charlotte area will discuss what businesses and government agencies must do to comply with Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act.

Title VI says minorities cannot be excluded from an activity receiving federal funds.

Organized by the N.C. Black

Chamber of Commerce, the Oct. 7-9 workshop will bring together business leaders and African American groups, including legislators from North and South Carolina.

The event will be at the Radisson Grand Resort in Fort Mill, S.C.

"I feel the momentum is going fairly well," said organizer Troy Watson, executive director of the Black Chamber of Commerce. "I think it is going to set the stage for what's going to happen going forward."

Watson said the shift to focus on Title VI comes as affirmative action laws are being attacked

across the country.

A citizens referendum in California and court ruling in Texas have already disband affirmative action laws and more than a dozen other states, including North Carolina, are considering similar measures.

Watson said the focus on Title VI was decided upon at this year's National Black Chamber of Commerce meeting. Initiatives are underway in several states, including Tennessee, he said.

"North Carolina is picking up on idea of abolishing affirmative action... and 18 states have adopted the California plan of abolish-

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Army Secretary Togo D. West Jr., right, presents Leroy David, president of S.C. State University, the two gold lieutenant bars and the commission awarded posthumously to James Webster Smith, the first black cadet at West Point. Story, page 10B.



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