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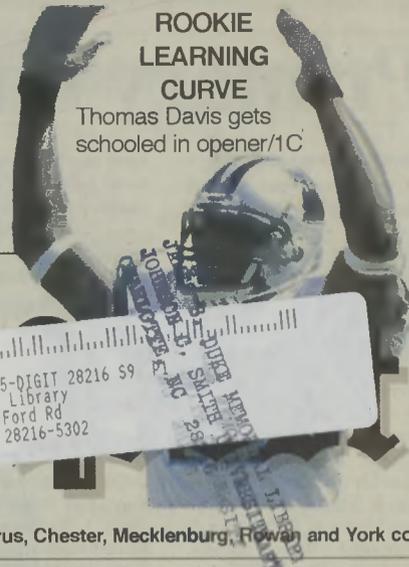
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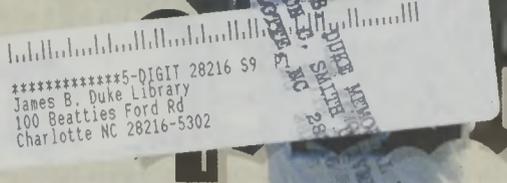
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Farrakhan: Black success is up to self

By David D. Dawson
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Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan's message was clear when he visited Charlotte to promote the Millions More Movement march on Oct. 15. African-Americans must take responsibility for their empowerment.

In a pamphlet called the "Declaration for a Covenant with God, Leadership and our People," Farrakhan states the issues of the Millions More Movement is unity,

spiritual values, education, economic development, political power, reparations, prison industrial complex, health, artistic/cultural development and peace.

Farrakhan, who attended Winston-Salem Teachers College (now Winston-Salem State University) in the mid-1950s, has met with political and spiritual leaders throughout the country to ensure that everyone is on one accord.

"I have talked with the Congressional Black Caucus and

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Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan urged African Americans to take responsibility for their own empowerment Tuesday in Charlotte.

Primary lesson: Compete for seats

From City Council to school board, races attract deeper fields

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Call it the political maturation of black Charlotte.

The Sept. 27 primary will give voters a wide selection of candidates in district races where challengers are taking on incumbents, or in the case of City Council District 4, there's a battle royale for a soon-to-be open seat.

"It's a maturity of the black community and maybe it's a feeling that other people are ambitious for those positions," said Ted Arrington PhD, chairman of UNC Charlotte's political science department. "It's a lot of competition. There's more than there used to be. There's more (political) interest in the black community. There are people who not only feel they're qualified, they are qualified."

While black incumbents have historically had a hammerlock on job security, this year's primary has possibilities. The District 3 council race, which has been highly competitive in recent years, pits first-term Democratic incumbent Warren Turner against Joel Ford, an

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Turner

Putting down roots



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Hurricane Katrina survivors looked for employment Tuesday at a job fair at the Charlotte Coliseum. Some former Gulf Coast residents are finding work and enrolling in schools in Charlotte.

Gulf Coast transplants looking to make Charlotte new home

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While some Gulf Coast survivors of Hurricane Katrina are homesick, Larry Hart likes his new surroundings in Charlotte.

Now if he can find Ms. Right. Hart, an electrician whose New Orleans home was washed

away, said, "If I meet a good woman, I might stay here."

Hart has been in Charlotte for about a week and is trying to get to know the city. He said he wants to be able to make his way around without depending on others, because he knows the welcome mat will be rolling

up soon.

"I mean, (New Orleans evacuees) aren't used to people telling them what to do. Many of us were self-sufficient. This is New Orleans, baby. We do what we want to do."

And what Hart plans to do is get a job in Charlotte, save

enough money to buy a car and insurance then head back to the Bayou, if for nothing else than to see what he has left.

Lyle Barthelemy, 17, who lived in St. Benard Parish, La., said Charlotte is going to be his new home. He's enrolled at

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With Delai firing, there's no Jaye in WBAV's day

Jaye Delai, who was hired by WBAV-FM to battle the nationally-syndicated "Tom Joyner Morning Show," was fired last week.



PHOTO/CALVIN FERGUSON

A.M. host trailed syndicated Joyner

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If you're looking to put a little Jaye in your day, he won't be on WBAV-FM.

Morning host Jaye Delai, who was hired last year to compete with the nationally-syndicated "Tom Joyner Morning Show" on WQNC was fired Aug. 29.

WBAV Operations Manager Terri Avery said the station will make adjustments with its on-air personnel. "We have Gene Knight, who has been in the market for over 25 years and Bea Thompson," she said.

Avery wouldn't say why Delai and the station split, but it may have some-

thing to do with the dismal showing WBAV had in the spring Arbitron rankings.

Since 2004, WBAV has been trying to keep WQNC from dominating the urban adult contemporary market. Joyner's defection from WBAV sparked a switch in listener loyalties.

WBAV's ratings have declined each quarter, dropping from a 3.6 market share in summer 2004 to 3.2 percent of the market this spring.

WQNC's market share has also dropped but Joyner's ratings keeps the station slightly ahead of WBAV.

But even without Delai, Avery said their morning show does something that Joyner's show can't.

"We're live and local and in the community and that's something the competition can't do," she said.

Kati Haycock, one of the nation's leading child advocates in the field of education will serve as the keynote speaker for the ninth annual Charlotte Post Best Awards.

The banquet will be held Sept. 23 at the Adam's Mark Hotel with a reception at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 and can be reserved by calling The Post at (704) 376-0496.

The banquet raises funds for The Charlotte Post Foundation, a non-profit organization. The foundation has distributed over \$115,000 in college scholarships to African-American students from public and private schools in Mecklenburg County.

Haycock is director of The Education Trust, an advocacy group for young people, especially the poor and racial minority groups. The Trust also provides hands-on assistance to urban school districts and universities that work together to improve student achievement, kindergarten through college.

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