

Should Bush Drop Quayle?

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An Analysis

The polls show Vice President Bush in the lead, but citizens are uneasy about Dan Quayle. If the electorate had its druthers, it might easily opt for a Bush-Bentsen coalition for the best comfort zone. As it is, doubts persist about the 41-year-old Hoosier just a heartbeat away from the Oval Office. Why the misgivings?

The citizens sense that Quayle has not suffered enough. They perceive him as a spoiled brat who tried to use

his family wealth and influence and buy his way into power and position. The record needs to be clear on this next point. When comparisons are drawn between Jack Kennedy and Dan Quayle, it must be stated that Kennedy was no Poor Richard either, and while moral comparisons are always invidious, Senator Jack was full of fun and frolicked around with "Rat Pack" celebrities that were not exactly known for their Sunday School attendance.

Still, Sen. Quayle comes across as superficial, with historical amnesia,

with perfumed, programmed, media messages. Quayle is also perceived as a good guy, but too much of a baby-

good guy, a fraternity pal, who enjoys a good time, but not a man with the "chut:pah" (proper stuff) to lead the

but on weighing the possible fallout from a perceived "bad decision," the vice president will probably ride the storm out utilizing the best of damage control. But there is one caveat: If Dan Quayle stumbles too much, that is, if he really shoots himself in the foot, and the political sharks smell blood, then even the low-key George Bush would have to take young Dan Quayle to the political woodshed or outhouse and spank him right out of the ticket, damage control or not.

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In other words, the best political strategy is for Sen. Quayle to fly close to the ground for the remainder of the hunting season.

faced baby boomer, who really is not up to making the tough decisions that the White House requires. Again, a

republic. Bush, on the other hand, knows this in spite of his public pronouncements,

Mugabe Honored As President

BY DANIEL MAROLEN
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NEW YORK, N.Y.—Robert Gabriel Mugabe, president of Zimbabwe and leader of the world's more than 100 non-aligned countries, is Africa's rising and shining star. Not only does he head Zimbabwe and the nonaligned countries of the world, but he plays many other roles on the African continent and in global affairs.

Recently, when Pope John Paul arrived in southern Africa on a 10-day tour, Mugabe welcomed him. On that occasion, the pope praised him for having made Zimbabwe an example to all Africa in advancing racial harmony and ending hunger in Zimbabwe. By saying those words, Pope John Paul uttered a truism and confirmed that Mugabe was an exceptionally capable leader of whom Africa should rightly be proud.

Mugabe was presented the Africa Prize for leadership from the Hunger Project, a global non-profit organization, recently at New York's Hilton Hotel. On that occasion, too, speaker after speaker reiterated and confirmed the pope's wise statements about Mugabe's versatility and able leadership of a multiracial nation as well as sensible economic management of an 80-year-old country in a troubled region threatened by apartheid. Mugabe has proven himself a wise and able leader of which all mankind must, like it or not, be proud or acknowledge.

The Africa Prize for Leadership honors African leaders who show great qualities of statesmanship, coupled with humanism.

In a jam-packed ballroom at the Hilton Hotel, Ms. Joan Holmes, global executive director of Hunger Project, and Javier Perez de Cuellar, (See MUGABE, P. 2)

Rep. Price Says Schools Helping Erase literacy

Fourth District Rep. David Price recently hailed literacy classes conducted by Wake Technical Community College and local businesses as the model for North Carolina and the South in resolving the workplace literacy crisis.

"Here in Wake County, employees can earn their high school diplomas by attending adult education classes two nights a week at the job site," Price said. "Working through Wake Tech, companies like Universal Bedroom Furniture and Athey Products have improved their productivity while helping employees improve their lives. These are the kind of innovative programs that we need to duplicate to increase the number of high school graduates and to ensure that we realize the potential of economic development in human terms."

"These programs bring to life the public-private partnership urged by the Sunbelt Caucus study," Price said. "They demonstrate how government and the private sector can work together to help real people solve real problems."

Price spoke at a press conference focusing on local solutions to regional workforce illiteracy problems, as outlined in the study issued last week by the Congressional Sunbelt Caucus. The study, "Meeting the Economic Challenge of the 1990s: Workforce Literacy in the South," was initiated by Price last fall after a congressional subcommittee hearing in the Research Triangle Park highlighted the need for better education and training for tomorrow's workers. The report documents the cycle of undereducation and underemployment in the South, and lays out policy (See LITERACY, P. 2)

Civic Leaders Named To Campaign Efforts By Commissioner Long

Insurance Commissioner Jim Long has named two prominent Raleigh civic leaders to head his campaign for re-election.

Long named as campaign manager longtime friend and supporter Mickey Hanula. A lifelong Democrat, she and her husband operate the popular "Player's Retreat" restaurant in Raleigh.

Since Long took office in 1985, Ms. Hanula has served as director of the Insurance Department's Seniors Health Insurance Information Program, an agency which trains volunteers statewide to counsel the elderly on insurance issues.

On partial leave of absence to pursue her campaign duties, Hanula commented, "I feel so strongly about what Jim Long has done for North Carolina that I'm spending whatever time and energy I can to persuade our citizens to vote to continue those policies."

Named as co-manager is Ralph Campbell, Raleigh city councilman and active Democrat. Campbell has served as a plan auditor with the state Health Benefits Office since 1986.

Active all his life in black affairs, Campbell was elected to



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the Raleigh City Council in 1985 and re-elected in 1987. He serves on the council's law and finance, police affairs, and downtown committees. He chairs the real estate committee.

Campbell says of the Long campaign, "There is no more worthwhile activity than helping to make sure Jim Long is allowed to continue as insurance commissioner. He has brought a breath of fresh air to the Insurance Department and sound policies to the people of North Carolina."

In making the announcement, Long observed that his campaign "is in the best hands possible. Mickey and Ralph know what I stand for and they know how to get that message across to the voters. I'm very pleased and grateful that they've consented to serve."

Two Shelters Receive Relief For Homeless

Federal funds totaling \$15,500 have been granted by two agencies to help local organizations working with the homeless. The Federal Emergency Management Agency came up with \$9,500 and the Stewart B. McKenny Act granted \$6,000 to be channeled through the state.

The monies will be used for mass shelter, utilities, rent, equipment and supplies to agencies working with the homeless.

After the money has been appropriated, the agency receiving it must show within 180 days that the funds have been used toward achieving the goals outlined in their grant proposals.

Rev. Reather Whitley of the Lydia Baptist Emergency Home in Raleigh, said, "I consider this a Godsend. We have purchased a dishwasher, a new electric range and a few other essential items to upgrade and continue the vital service we provide."

"The range was something we desperately needed to prepare the food we serve at our facility."

"Also, for two years Ms. A.J. Fletcher of the Fletcher Foundation

wrote a check to the Public Service Gas Co. the first week in December to pay our heating bill for the year.

"There were months when we did not know how or if our rent or light bill could or would be paid. However, we thank God for the people that saw our troubled waters and came to assist us, such as Dr. Larkin Rossiter, acting academic dean of Shaw Divinity School; Bishop Mary Nesbitt, pastor of Deliverance Cathedral Church; E.I. Clancy of Clancy and Theys Construction Co. and the ever-faithful Ms. Fletcher."

Rev. Whitley said that Lydia does not receive any money from the Wake County Department of Social Services, nor from the City of Raleigh.

The facility offers food, two meals per day including breakfast for residents and dinner to anyone and a food package to go for any needy individual or family. Clothes, shelter, counseling, a senior citizens program and employment referral service are also available.

Residents living in the facility can stay from one night to more than 90 days, depending on the circumstances and individual needs.

Denied Medals, Honors

Army Studies Heroes In War

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—A review of the Army's records of black World War I and World War II service members were recognized by individual awards for heroism, none was awarded the Medal of Honor.

Some 1.5 million blacks served in the world wars. DioGuardi and Rep. Mickey Leland, D-Texas, have led the quest (See BLACKS DENIED, P. 2)

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"Research will be difficult because of the passage of time and the destruction of so many records in the fire at the National Personnel Records Center in 1973," Assistant Defense Secretary Grant S. Green, Jr., said in a letter released last Thursday by Rep. Joseph DioGuardi, R-N.Y.

"I assure you, however, that the Army will be as objective and fair as possible in their research and conclusions," Green wrote.

Carlucci agreed late last month to undertake the study, after prodding by congressmen seeking posthumous Medals of Honor for two black servicemen, according to another letter released by DioGuardi.

"It is clear that unjust discrimination existed during World Wars I and II that could have extended to individual decisions leading to the awarding of medals in recognition of heroic actions," Carlucci wrote on Sept. 30.

"As you know, while there were a



THE JOINT SPONSORS of the reception that attracted more than 1,000 persons to the Washington Hilton Terrace during the Congressional Black Caucus' 18th Legislative Weekend gather for a quick talk. They are, from left, Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.), Rep. Kweisi Mfumo (D-Md.),

Rep. Mervyn M. Dymally (D-Calif.) and chairman of the caucus; John L. Moorhead, vice president, marketing services, for the Pepsi-Cola Co.; Ronald Harrison, director of marketing relations, Pepsi; and Michael E. Green, manager of black marketing, Pepsi.

Attempted Rape

Police Seek Attacker

Woman Says Assaulted On Street

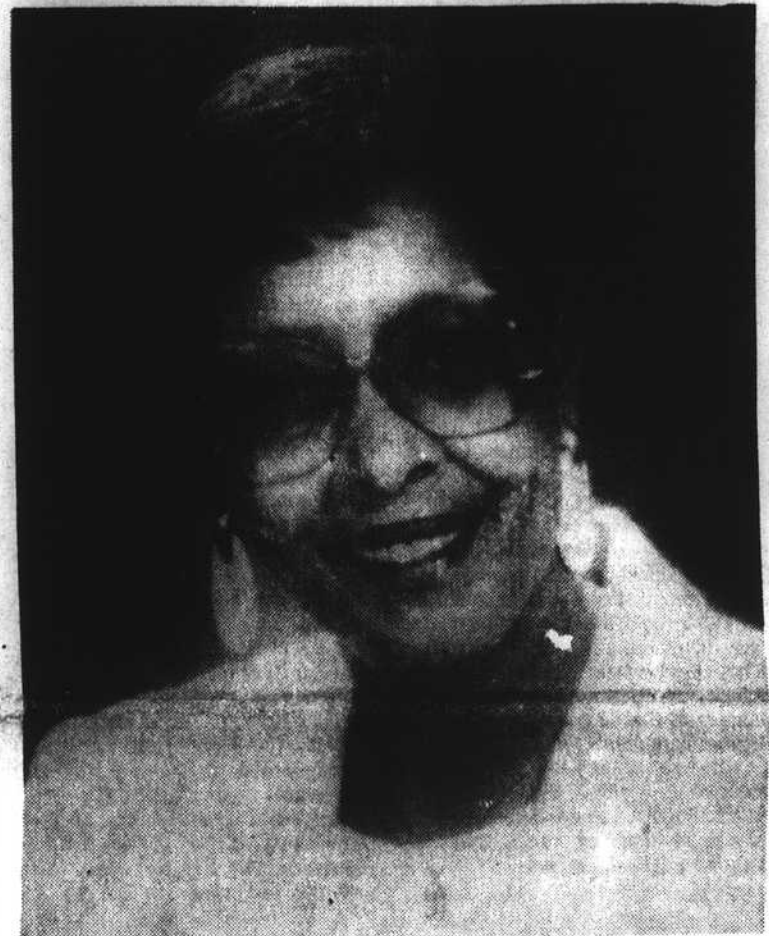
Crime Stoppers of Raleigh is asking for help to find the man who attempted to rape and sexually assault a woman on Sept. 19.

That evening at approximately 10 p.m., a black male followed a black female from 317 S. East St. to Chavis Way at Lenoir Street. Raleigh police report he invited her to a party and then attacked her, grabbing at her clothes and attempting to rape her. He was armed with a four-inch pocket knife.

The woman fought him, scratching him on the face and hands. A passerby saw the couple wrestling and called out, scaring away the assailant, who fled on foot.

The suspect is described as being in his late 30s, about 5'7" to 6'2" tall and weighing 190 pounds. He had short hair and wore a blue and white striped shirt during the attack. Suspect will have had scratch marks on his face and hands and scars on the left side of his stomach.

Anyone who can provide helpful information to solve this crime or any other crime is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 834-HELP. Callers need not give their names or testify in court, and a caller could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for the information given.



NEW PRESIDENT—Deiores J. Smith of Youngstown, Ohio, was named by the Board of Directors of the Winston-Salem Urban League as the organization's new president and chief executive officer. She will assume her new duties on Jan. 2, 1989.

Wake Teachers Funded For Creative Projects

More than 26,350 students will be involved in 86 curriculum projects at 44 schools this year, thanks to proposals submitted to the Wake County Education Foundation by their teachers. The foundation will award \$24,900 in small grants to the teachers Oct. 8 at the Woman's Club of Raleigh.

Awards will be presented by Ms. Clifton C. Benson, Jr., chairman, and James W. Smith, foundation presi-

dent. Members of the Board of Education, directors of the foundation, volunteers who will support the projects from the Woman's Club and Wake County PTA Council, and principals of participating schools will also attend. High-school students serving on the foundation's Student Committee will be hosts.

Contributions from the Kaiser Permanente Foundation, Woman's Club of Raleigh, Rotary clubs of North Raleigh and Crabtree, Wake County Homebuilders' Auxiliary help to support the Creative Grants program, originally funded by the Junior League of Raleigh in 1984. Since then, \$125,000 has been used by more than 400 teachers to involve 58,000 students in a variety of learning modules ranging from the creation of a high school's outdoor environmental (See TEACHERS, P. 2)

Falana Links MS, Fillings

GREENSBORO (AP)—Loia Falana says the fillings in her teeth may be to blame for her problems with multiple sclerosis, and she came here last Saturday to talk to others who blame the malady on mercury poisoning.

The singer spoke briefly during a national environmental conference, telling about 40 people from health and environmental groups around the country she would lend her support to spread the word—that mercury poisoning from fillings may be the cause of multiple sclerosis.

"I have a great desire to go into the world and run my mouth," she said.

(See FULANI, P. 2)

Infant Mortality On Increase Across N. C.

State Department of Human Resources Secretary David T. Flaherty last week announced that the infant mortality rate in North Carolina rose by 4.3 percent in 1987. Contributing factors include an increase in the number of premature births, a decline in sufficient prenatal care, and an increase in births among high-risk mothers.

Figures compiled by the State Center for Health Statistics show that the number of live births in North Carolina increased from 90,228 in 1986 to 93,481 in 1987. That increase in the number of births was also accompanied by an increase in the number of infant deaths: from 1,049 in 1986 to 1,134 in 1987.

These figures represent an overall increase of 85 infant deaths between 1986-87, raising the infant mortality rate from 11.6 deaths per 1,000 live births in 1986 to 12.1 in 1987.

"Thirty-eight of the 85 additional infant deaths documented in the last year are due to the fact that there

were more births in the state," said Flaherty. "The remaining 47 deaths are due to an increase in the infant mortality rate."

Flaherty said infant mortality rates have generally declined in North Carolina for the past 10 years. In 1977, the rate was 15.8 and declined to an all-time low of 11.6 in 1986. However, during this period the rate rose on two occasions. In 1978, it rose to 16.6 (a 5.1 percent increase), then declined to 13.2 in 1981. It rose again in 1982 to 13.7 (a 3.6 percent increase). Compared to these earlier increases, the 4.3 percent increase in 1987 was a moderate one.

"It is critical to note, however, that this 1987 increase may not be followed by future declines," Flaherty continued. "Extremely premature infants are now more common as is a lack of prenatal care. In addition, we have fewer physicians practicing obstetrics, especially in rural areas."

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