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## Upwardly Mobile Professionals

# GOP Under Bush Attracts New Black Voters

BY JESSICA LEE  
Special to The CAROLINIAN  
Rick Williams, owner of Milwaukee's Famous Amos Cookie Studio, persuaded nine of his friends to spend \$500 apiece to dine on a lunch of cold cuts.

A selling point: seats right in front of the guest of honor, President Bush. Traditionally, many blacks have favored the Democrats. But Williams, 38, his friends and other black, upwardly mobile professionals are taking a new look at the Republicans.

"There's a nucleus of African-Americans in this town who have said we are no longer going to let it be taken for granted that all African-Americans are going to be Democrats," Williams says.

Williams' comments—echoed by black professionals at other Bush stops—are seen by Republicans as a reflection of Bush's popularity.

"He's clearly well received in the black community," says Mary Matalin of the Republican National committee. "I do think we're (the

party) making great strides."

Bush is trying to broaden that appeal. In Chicago, where Democrats have dominated politics, he made a special pitch to minorities: "I am here today to throw open the doors to the two-party system. I am inviting

Chicago to return to the party of Lincoln!"

Republican lawyer Todd Miles, 36, says Bush's appeal is working for two reasons:

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## Public Hearing Requested

# Judge Defends Conduct Charge

## Violating Lawyers' Ethics Code

A Wake County District Court judge who testified before the Judicial Standards Commission on an improper conduct charge waived confidentiality and became the second judge in the commission's history to request a public hearing.

Judge Stafford G. Bullock defended himself against a charge of improper conduct during a trial when he ordered a lawyer, Richard N. "Gus" Gusler, into custody. Because the courtroom lacked a holding cell, the bailiff handcuffed Gusler to a chair for about 45 minutes.

Testifying before the commission, Bullock said that if he had to do it over he would issue formal contempt proceedings against the lawyer. During the proceedings in Wake District Court, in March 1989, Bullock never issued a contempt citation before ordering the bailiff to take custody of Gusler.

Bullock said Gusler provoked the incident by asking to withdraw from a case and repeatedly refusing to give a reason and telling the judge "do what you have to do."

Gusler said that giving a reason would have meant disclosing confidential information about his client and violating the lawyers' ethics code. Bullock said he had not asked for details, but for a reason. He said he needed a reason to allow the attorney to withdraw and after reaching an impasse ordered Gusler into custody and warned he would take other measures against him.

Bullock told Gusler that he would not in the future grant continuances for him, appoint him to represent indigents or accept his recommendations and would require his clients to plead guilty or not guilty as charged.

The county's chief District Court judge, George F. Bason, later ordered that none of Gusler's cases be taken before Judge Bullock. The order remains in effect and the Judicial Standards Commission continues disciplinary proceedings against the judge initiated by special counsel, James J. Coman, who said the judge's actions amounted to conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

The proceeding became the first for the commission in public in a decade when Bullock requested a public hearing.

The commission members include judges, lawyers and non-lawyers and has not announced its decision that could recommend that the Supreme Court censure or remove Bullock.



CONGRATULATIONS—Friendly officer, Clarence Williams of the Raleigh Police Dept., is seen giving congratulations to proud father Linwood Chavis and son Garcon Williams is riding Mr. McGee, named by Willie York, the father of the former Mayor Smodes York and developer of the first shopping center in this area, Cameron Village. (Photo by James L. Ghoz, Sr.)

## N.C. Counties Eligible For \$1 Million Grants To Ease Poverty

WINSTON-SALEM—The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation recently announced a major new initiative, the Opportunities for Families Fund, designed to help move poor families from dependency to self-sufficiency.

Following a two-stage, year-long grants competition, the foundation will select up to five counties for grants up to \$1 million each to implement structural reforms and improvements in their comprehensive efforts to help poor and dependent families.

All 100 counties in North Carolina are eligible to apply for the grants, and the grants competition is open only to county governments in North Carolina.

The Opportunities for Families Fund represents one of the largest initiatives in the 54-year history of the foundation.

"The purpose of the Opportunities for Families Fund is to encourage counties to rededicate themselves to fundamental reform and improvement in their efforts to help poor families escape the clutches of poverty," said Thomas W. Lambeth, executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

Mary Mountcastle, a trustee of the foundation and chair of the committee that developed the OFF initiative, said, "By establishing the OFF pro-

gram, the foundation is offering county governments the chance to rethink how public and private services are delivered to their citizens, what gaps in services exist, and how better to meet the range of needs that families in poverty have.

"The demographic data are alarming—illiteracy, infant mortality, teen pregnancies, and welfare dependen-

cy all run rampant," Ms. Mountcastle said. "The human tragedy is in the housing projects of every city, the back roads of every farm community, and hollows of every mountain hamlet. Poverty and dependency are everywhere around us in North Carolina. They extract a growing toll on the lives of our citizens and on the

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## Inside Africa

# Mandela Thanks America For Support

BY LARRY A. STILL  
Nelson Mandela "is visiting the United States through the generosity of the American people," Roger Wilkins, national visit coordinator, said in Washington at the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Church before the world-popular African National Congress deputy president arrived in New York to begin a 10-day, eight-city tour of the country.

He is coming "to thank the American people for their crucial support over the years (and) he is asking for continuations of sanctions until there is a new constitution and one-person, one-vote in South Africa," said Lindwe Mabuza, chief U.S. representative of the ANC. "A third goal is to raise financial support... to pay for his visit, and for humanitarian projects in South Africa, many of which are currently supported from ANC funds," Mabuza added. She estimated the cost of the trip at \$400,000 to \$500,000.

In addition to raising funds for expenses, organizers hoped to raise millions of dollars to aid the ANC liberation struggle and support educational and charitable programs for the victims of racist apartheid, according to officials. Funds were raised at public events costing \$5 to \$25 and at receptions and dinners costing \$100 to \$2,500, Mabuza said, in addition to sale of licensed Mandela memorabilia and promotional material such as tee-shirts, photos and posters. Ms. Winnie Mandela attended most of the receptions.

Decisions on the visit were made by a national executive committee which consisted of Mabuza, Wilkins, TransAfrica executive director Randall Robinson, artist-activist Harry Belafonte, Rev. Jesse Jackson and labor leader William Lucy, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union, which

led major labor organizations in helping to sponsor the Mandela tour.

After arriving in New York to be welcomed by Gov. Mario Cuomo and Mayor David Dinkins with a ticker-tape parade, a City Hall reception and Harlem meetings with African-American leaders, Mandela addressed the United Nations, met with President George Bush at the White House, spoke at a joint session of Congress and had breakfast with the Congressional Black Caucus in addition to visiting Boston, Atlanta, Miami,

Detroit, Los Angeles and Oakland. He was welcomed by local reception committees headed by black mayors in most of the cities.

The massive activities ranged from ecumenical religious services, a Yankee Stadium rally, meetings with corporate presidents and anti-apartheid activists to a visit to Dr. Martin Luther King's grave, receiving honorary degrees from historically black colleges and universities, including St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, and attending Hollywood

receptions and union visits.

However, Mabuza cautioned that the schedule was "subject to change and reduction as health, logistics and security considerations are examined in further detail." A physician travels with the 72-year-old Mandela, but he is not ailing, Ms. Mabuza emphasized.

The national Mandela reception committee comprised prominent Americans from many fields such as

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RECEIVES PLAQUE—Above left: Dr. Marion Phillips, the newly installed president for Eta Sigma Chapter, congratulates Dr. Dudley E. Flood, right, the Chapter's outgoing president. Dr. Flood received a Distinguished Service Award plaque from the group.



SELLING OF MANDELA—During his visit to America, the deputy president of the National African Congress, Nelson Mandela, was the target for legitimate and other

commercial practices from the sophisticated to the simple. This vendor was selling Mandela medallions along the streets of Washington, D.C. last week. (Photo by Yehli Sabir-Calloway)