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## Jarrett To Challenge In District C Race

FROM CAROLINIAN  
STAFF REPORTS

A businessman and martial arts expert has filed for election to the Raleigh City Council District C seat as "a contribution to the well being of the community."

Thomas Jarrett, owner of TJs Enterprise and a graduate of Roosevelt University with a degree in business administration, will face Ralph Campbell, Jr., who is seeking a fourth term.

"I feel the voters should always have a choice," Jarrett told The

CAROLINIAN this week. "My reason for running is my way of contributing to the community. I am not out to build dissatisfaction for the voters. I don't need to, for those who are dissatisfied already know the reason."

Jarrett, a taekwon do master for 25 years and national champ for 1973 and 1974 said, "I think I would make a better city councilman for District C simply because I have more to gain by fighting against the injustices we have in Southeast Raleigh. There are people fighting for the greater good

outside City Hall. With them on the outside and me on the inside, I believe we can get some necessary things done. "There is no secret that African-Americans compose the majority of voters in District C," Jarrett said. "For this reason I feel that we could be better represented. All one has to do is open their eyes and look around. What gains have you seen that have benefited African-Americans from Mr. Campbell's tenure as city council representative for District C?"

Candidates also filed for the city at

large seats, including J. D. Lewis, 71, who grew up in Raleigh and is familiar to residents for editorials he delivered at WRAL-TV from 1978-1988.

He began his broadcasting career with Capitol Broadcasting in 1948 as a part-time radio announcer and today is the company's director of minority affairs.

Lewis said his friends urged to him to run for the council for years, but that he had declined because of possible conflicts with his editorials.

Charles C. Meeker, a former two-

term council member has also decided to run and will face incumbent Ann S. Franklin, school board member, Henry C. Knight and Lewis.

Knight, earlier had announced that he would not seek another term on the Wake Board of Education. "I also said that I was not ready to stand on the sidelines politically and would be interested in seeking an at-large seat on the Raleigh City Council, if the opportunity presented itself," Knight

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THOMAS JARRETT



FRANK ROBERTS

## Frank Roberts School Board Candidate

FROM CAROLINIAN  
STAFF REPORTS

A former educator and community activist entered the race for a seat on the Wake County Board of Education under the campaign banner of the "Choice For Change" in District 4.

Frank Roberts, a graduate of North Carolina Central University in Durham, former teacher in Wake County Public School system for 30 years and popular talk show host for Let's Talk on WLEF Radio, filed for the District 4 seat on the school board and promised a full exposure of the educational issues that require a responsible change of representation.

Roberts faces Dr. Charles V. Holland, a two-term incumbent, who is also seeking reelection this fall and retired educator, Harriet Bryant Webster, who served the system as a teacher, classroom management specialist and administrator for 32 years.

Roberts said he will focus his

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Formerly Hospitalized Man

## Shoots Wife, Kills Self

Incident Shock To Halifax Ct.

Richard Edward Davis, 54, a Raleigh man who three weeks ago had been talked out of committing suicide shot and critically injured his wife, then drove to a funeral home where he worked and killed himself, according to police records.

Police officers were called to 905 Wilmington Terrace in the Halifax Court apartment complex near downtown Raleigh about 11:50 a.m. They found Joann Taylor Davis, 49, lying on the steps of a nearby apartment.

Davis also fired at his wife's son, after running away from the shooting scene.

Mrs. Davis was shot at least twice with a .32-caliber handgun. She is listed in critical condition at Wake Medical Center.

Police said Davis had shot the woman inside the couple's apartment, chased her outside and fired another shot, then drove away.

It was reported that Mrs. Davis' son, and an 8-year-old grandson had been inside the apartment at the time of the shooting.

Police found Davis' van in front of Seagraves Funeral Home at 605 W. South St. Officers blocked off the road, walked toward the van and found Davis dead from a bullet wound in his head.

Davis had a history of mental problems and had been in and out of the hospitals. Three weeks ago, officers had talked him out of committing suicide in front of the same funeral home, according to police.

According to neighbors the couple had been having trouble for several months.



## N. C. Attorneys Back Away From Job Discrimination Suit Battles

GREENSBORO (AP) — Only glaring instances of job discrimination are likely to stand up in court, though the odds are the cases won't make it that far, North Carolina lawyers say.

"Unless you have a letter or memo that says we don't hire (black people), you can't win," Raleigh attorney Travis Payne told the Greensboro News & Record. Six Supreme Court rulings in 1989

made it more difficult for minorities to win job discrimination suits and increased the burden of proof on plaintiffs in job-bias cases.

Meanwhile, rising costs are keeping many cases out of court. Just to get a case to trial can cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000, excluding full attorneys' fees.

"How do you ask a person who has just lost their job and they have a family to feed and face losing a home and car, if they are capable of investing \$20,000?" Payne said.

The higher costs are also turning off lawyers. "If we lose we don't get paid. With that in mind, you want to feel confident of some likelihood of success before you take a case," said Winston-Salem attorney Griff Morgan.

The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which prefers arbitration to legal action, offers little recourse, attorneys say.

"EEOC is almost worthless," Payne said. "This is a low-budget way and for most employers, being sued by EEOC isn't a threat. This only costs them a little time and money and EEOC finds discrimination in only a minuscule of cases."

But Ron Arrington, director of the regional commission office in Charlotte, said the EEOC is encountering the same problems attorneys have trying to prove job bias based on gender, age or race.

The commission last year filed 524 lawsuits, an increase of 38 cases from the year before. But the agency has a backlog of about 45,000 cases that haven't been investigated.

Employees have the right to continue the case with a private attorney regardless of the commission's decision.

If they win a case, employees can collect back pay. But they cannot collect money for damages incurred because of the loss of the job or seek to punish the company for its actions.

## Roberts Pk. Unveils New Look Here

BY JAMES GILES  
Staff Writer

City of Raleigh officials and community residents dedicated a new gymnasium during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at a park in Southeast Raleigh which has been estimated at \$647,000.

Improvements continue for Roberts Community Center project which began in 1986, shortly after the Raleigh City Council adopted a master plan for the property purchased from the Gatlin Estate.

The park and community center are located in East Raleigh, approximately two miles from the Civic Center on E. Martin St., and named in honor of Nicholas Franklin Roberts, who was a dean of theological studies at Shaw University in 1918.

Victor Lebsack, project manager for Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department said the cost of "the park project is estimated at \$647,000. Improvements included the new gymnasium for basketball, volleyball and shuffleboard, relocation of the entrance and office, new showers and minor renovations to the building as well as additional parking. Also relocation of the picnic shelters and improvements to the outdoor basketball court and ballfield."

The 7.2 acre park has two spacious picnic areas equipped with picnic tables and is shaded by tall pine trees. One picnic area is equipped

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## Incubators Show Bus. Upturn

Business start-ups among the state-supported small business incubators indicate an ease in the economic constraints of the past year. "We can certainly tell that the economy is recovering," said Debbie McLean, manager of the Regional Small Business Incubator in Ahsokie. Ms. McLean, who reported a marked decrease in the number of inquiries from prospective tenants in late 1990 and early 1991, has seen that situation reverse during the last two months.

"We have two new tenants, and another industrial prospect," she said. "We also have a current tenant who may need to expand in August. We expect to be one hundred percent occupied by September!"

Meanwhile, at the other end of the state, Jack Harmon, Manager of the McDowell County Small Business and Development Center, has only one available space after adding several new tenant companies in recent weeks. "I am a big advocate of small business incubation for economic development," he said.

"During a year when many industries were struggling with the recessionary economy several state-supported incubators were expanding. The Greensboro Business Center, which anticipates relocating into 30,000 square feet of the newly renovated Revolution Center by August 1st, has been deluged with inquiries and has a number of prospective business tenants that are at various stages in the admissions

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## Dropping Out Of School Costly Option For Children & Adults

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports  
Although the dropout rate in North Carolina is the lowest in state history, 4.6 percent of all 7-12 graders, about two busloads of students, still leave schools every day and don't return.

Last year in North Carolina 23,000 students in grades 7 through 12 dropped out.

"Each student who drops out is a tremendous loss in terms of potential and money," said Bob Etheridge, state superintendent, who has made cutting the state's dropout rate a priority of the Department of Public Instruction.

"The cost is always tremendous to the individual students and to society," he said. "In the future, that cost will skyrocket. That is why I believe we must do everything possible to ensure that students stay in school."

But there is also good news about the dropout crisis, especially in Wake County.

Over 100 students who participated in Wake County Communities In Schools proved that kids stay in school when the help they need to solve their social, academic and health problems is put within their reach.

Communities In Schools piloted programs last school year at Garner Senior High, North Garner Middle School, East Wake High and Zebulon Middle School. Year-end results showed that 95 percent of the CIS students stayed in school when the

help they need to solve their social, academic and health problems is put within their reach.

"Our year-end results show that 95 percent of the CIS students in our four pilot school sites stayed in school," said Debby Bine, executive director of CIS. "Next year we will be working with 300 students. Lots of kids are suffering and their families. We are trying to help."

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services -- from businesses and social service organizations -- into the schools to work with educators to meet students' needs. Such services as health care, drug counseling, job preparedness, tutoring and mentoring are offered.

This "prescription" for student success has spread CIS -- known also as Cities In Schools -- into 53 communities serving 33,000 students in 19 states to become the nation's largest non-profit dropout prevention program.

Millbrook High School has been

selected as the newest site for Wake County Communities In Schools for the 1991-92 school year. The Millbrook CIS program will serve approximately 30 students who will benefit from the coordinated delivery of health, social, education and other community services at the school site.

The typical high school dropout in North Carolina is a white 16 or 17-year-old who has missed so many days in the school year that he or she

is likely to fail that grade anyway.

The typical drop is, by no means, the only dropout. One fifth of all dropouts are black males; 15 percent are black females. White males make up 36 percent of all dropouts, white females 25 percent. The percentage of black males and American Indian students dropping out is higher than their overall percentage in school enrollment, prompting educators to concentrate special efforts at keeping these students in school. Blacks

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### NEWS BRIEFS

CLASS REUNION

Members of Washington High School class of 1951 are planning their 40th anniversary. Those who know of the address of students from the class of 1951 should contact Ms. Gertrude Pope at 829-1849.

MINORITY BANKING

In a show of support for minority banking institutions, The Prudential has announced that it will increase the credit line in its Minority Banking Program from \$36 million to \$50 million. The unsecured credit line will be available for a three-year period from 52 minority-owned and operated banks.

HEALTH COORDINATOR

Park Medical Center has appointed P. Renee Engleking, as Worker's Compensation Program Manager. The center specializes in occupational medicine and in addition to the worker's compensation program, provides corporate physical examinations, DOT driver's examinations, drug and alcohol screening, executive physicals and international travel service.

COMMUNITY MISSION

Community Mission seeks community support in helping the homeless and handicapped with donations of checks, clothing, furniture, refrigerators, stoves, canned foods and other non-perishable items, which may be picked up from any location in the Triangle or brought to 2044 New Bern Ave.

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