

## CANDIDATES

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Senator, or General Assembly member. Local government decisions may have as potentially rewarding or devastating an effect on our lives as state and federal policies. The largest constituency of possible and probably voters are in the pews on Sunday mornings.

4. Believe half of what you see and little of what you hear. All of us have had challenges in life that have bent our backs, and knees, but the good news and victory lies in overcoming, forgiving and repairing. If one person assassinates the character of any candidate, isn't it reasonable to assume that the other side should be known too? Some people and sadly even in the black community, are positioned to sway your opinion.

My last points have to do with rhetoric and issues.

Asking the candidate what he or she would have done in a particular situation had they been in the office being sought may serve to only give you the popular answer. The incumbent will offer you either an explanation or an excuse. Try to get a broad view of how the candidate will consider handling a variety of concerns — not just a single issue.

One school board member cannot build a school in Southeast Raleigh, and one city council member cannot singlehandedly build a new road or lower our property taxes. Some realistic issues are:

How will you, as a school board member, address the inequity that exists in the public school system? How will you address the issue of how poverty affects a child's learning? Tracking? Testing? Dropouts? The limited number of black administrators? Reduce and replace ignorant teachers whose discriminatory practices stifle the growth, creativity, and potential of our innocent youth? Scholarships? Workforce preparation? Racism? Increase parental involvement?

As a city council member, what will you recommend in safeguarding the jobs of city personnel that are ripe for privatization proposals, such as garbage collection? Will you question the extremely low number of black department heads? How will you monitor and address citizen complaints? Guarantee that construction and rehabilitation projects and dollars planned for Raleigh are equally distributed to minority businesses?

There will be a tremendous strain on these candidates and their families as they use the next two months to encourage you to take a closer look at the needs of your community and the fact that your first, and best contribution, is to vote! Once in office, the council and school board members will need your advice, support and willingness to serve on boards and commissions. But until that time, do a little homework. If not yourself, give an assignment to a student in your home, church or community to gather information on each candidate. And while the youth are researching for you, pull out that checkbook and write a minimum of three good checks: one for a city council candidate, one for a school board candidate, and one for a subscription to this newspaper — your best bet for extensive and fair coverage of these races!

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## INSIDE AFRICA

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covert funding?

Despite concerted global opposition over the years, the regime has stubbornly refused to end apartheid. This must not be lost sight of. And no compromise must be made with apartheid or its perpetrators. Hence, President George Bush's recent lifting of sanctions must be opposed tooth and nail. It was based on a misplaced rationalization that did not correctly assess the realities of the South African situation. De Klerk

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couldn't have been rewarded when:

(1) he was himself the head of the party that practices apartheid; (2) Botha's "Tricameral Parliament" still totally excludes all blacks, the preponderant bulk of the population; and (3) all nine Bantustans, with their millions, are still inmates of those concentration camps and cheap labor reservoirs, etc., etc.

Is apartheid dead, as de Klerk's propagandists say? Surely not. The above facts show that apartheid is alive and strong. To emphasize this, not a single African enjoys the vote, or election to any elected office in the land. As de Klerk's administration moves toward the end of its term, not a single black person participates in municipal, provincial or national government. But de Klerk continues to confuse the situation by permitting the apartheid-oriented factions to fight each other in "hostels," "homelands" and "townships." De Klerk could have used the millions of money spent on covert funding of Inkatha and their subsidiaries to bring about meaningful democratic change in South Africa. This would have brought about freedom, justice, law and order, and speeded up the floundering constitutional negotiations which are now stalled.

It is now precisely 18 months since ANC's President Nelson Mandela was freed from jail to participate in constitutional negotiations. But, have any negotiations taken place? No. De Klerk and his stubborn and obstinate Afrikaner jingoes continue... to dilly-dally with the reform process. Mandela considers himself betrayed. He is morose, perplexed and disillusioned. No wonder he recently spent a week cruising in the Caribbean.

All that de Klerk and his racist stalwarts have done since Mandela's release, was to continue the covert funding of RENAMO in Mozambique, which has reduced that country into wastelands. All that the Boers have done in this time was to fund groups that opposed Namibian majority rule or economic sanctions imposed against South Africa. Thus, the southern African picture is totally bleak today. The region has taken it on the chin, and the recent revelations of further covert actions continue to delay full democratization of the mineral-rich subcontinent of Africa. Even President Bush's lifting of the economic sanctions against the racist regime, and the termination of the Olympic Games ban are failing to resuscitate the country's image and chances of readmission into the global society of nations.

Oh, mankind, brace for the storm! Continue the noble fight to end apartheid! With vim and verve, fight on, and ignore President de Klerk's deceptive reforms—subterfuges. Join hands and end covert fundings and genocide. Apartheid is a crime, it must die.

## SET ABLAZE

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W. Horton St. in Zebulon where she stays with her mother. When I got there she was in a rage. She asked me for some money. I told her I didn't have any. She knew I got paid that day. She got mad. I told her I was getting ready to go because I did not have time for any trouble and problems. I started walking toward the door. I got out the door, half way to my car and I turned around and she was coming out the door. She went in the backyard of the house. I turned around again and she had a jug coming toward me with it. She hollered and screamed 'I'm going to pour this gas on you.' I panicked because I didn't know what state of mind she was in. At that time I tripped over a tree stump in the yard. And when I was down on the ground she was going to pour the gas on me. I got up and started running to the car. When I got to the car and tried to get in, I dropped my keys and then she dashed the gas on me and said: 'I'm going to set your a-- on fire!'. Then she got a piece of paper and lit it with a cigarette lighter and threw it on me, setting me and the car on fire. I was running around trying to put the fire out and taking my clothes off. I got out of all my clothes except my bra and at that time my hair caught on fire and she came over and helped put the hair out.

"I stayed in the hospital a month and two weeks. I had a non-career parttime job with the post office and it will be a year before I can return to work. I have no source of income nor insurance benefits. I'm presently staying with my mother."

The chief said officers had recovered underclothing with a gasoline odor on it and a partially filled gasoline can in the yard of Ms. Richardson's house, where she lived with her mother.

Ms. Richardson is being held in Wake County Jail on \$50,000 bond.

## ENRICHMENT

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(formerly the N.C. Health Manpower Development Program) has helped more than 400-students who want careers in the health professions, according to B. Lorraine A'ston, associate director.

Nearly half of the 82 students who completed the summer program between 1988 and 1990 have been accepted to academic programs in allied health, dentistry, medicine, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, physician assistant, public health and

veterinary medicine.

All five Triangle students received awards at a closing ceremony July 26. Keynote speaker was Eva Clayton of Littleton. She is a former director of the UNC program, founder and president of Technical Resources International and a Warren County commissioner.

Floyd and Mizelle received certificate of merit awards in organic chemistry. Riley also was honored with a certificate in physics.

Wolicki received awards for highest overall academic excellence, highest academic excellence in organic chemistry, highest academic excellence in quantitative skills, and certificate of merit awards in physics as well as anatomy and physiology.

Dr. Marion Phillips, associate dean of the UNC School of Medicine, received a plaque recognizing his contributions to the program throughout its history at the closing ceremony.

The Summer Enrichment Preparation Program is funded by a grant from the Health Careers Opportunity Program, part of the Office of Disadvantaged Assistance in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## HARD TIMES

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cludes single-parent homes. The second category is pregnant women who have no other children living with them and who are in at least their sixth month of pregnancy. The last two groups, "AFDC-Incapacity" and "AFDC-Unemployed Parent," involves two-parent households.

The two-parent households have extra requirements to meet. "AFDC-Incapacity" is available to households where one or both parents are incapacitated. Parents are considered incapacitated when physical or mental impairment substantially reduces their ability to support or care for their child. The incapacity must be expected to last at least 30 days. Meeting this standard is much easier to do than meeting the requirements of Social Security disability benefits.

"AFDC-Unemployed Parent" is available to two-parent families if the principal wage-earner:

- Has been unemployed for at least 30 days;
- Is unemployed or working less than 100 hours per month;
- Applies for and accepts any allowed unemployment benefits;
- Is not disqualified for unemployment benefits due to misconduct;
- Accepts any bona fide offer of employment or training for employment made within 30 days prior to receiving AFDC; and
- Has a recent connection to the labor force.

This category is relatively new to North Carolina and is not being used by all who are eligible. As of April 1, children whose parents meet the above requirements should receive "AFDC-Unemployed Parent" benefits, whether the parents are married to each other or not. Previously, the parents had to be married to each other in order to receive these benefits.

In all four categories, the family receiving the AFDC payment must meet several income and asset eligibility requirements. The family can have no more than \$1,000 in countable assets; not counted are full value in a home and \$1,500 in a car. The family must not make more than a certain amount of income; the amount of AFDC varies according to how much income a family makes and the number of people in the household. For example: a four-person household can have no more than \$594 countable income and still receive AFDC assistance.

People who feel they may qualify for AFDC or another benefits program should contact their county Department of Social Services. Every person has the right to apply for public benefits, and every person has the right to apply for AFDC and/or Medicaid on the same day.

## NAACP JUDGED

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requiring the Department of Education to conduct speedy reviews of discrimination complaints.

And at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, where Thomas was named chair in 1982, he continued his policy of disobeying court orders. He reduced the number of settled cases and brought the discrimination complaint process to a slow crawl.

Before Thomas took office, 43 percent of complaints to the EEOC resulted in a settlement. The average benefit to complainants was at least \$4,600. Within months after Thomas took over, the number of settled cases dropped to only one-third, and the average benefit was reduced to \$2,589. The length of time to process individual charges had increased from five months to nine months—almost twice as long as the year before.

A study by the General Accounting Office found that under Thomas' direction, a large percentage of the cases closed by the EEOC had not been fully investigated.

And a congressional investigation found that the agency changed its method of operations to make it more difficult for the victims of discrimination to win relief.

Finally, while Thomas was EEOC

## WILLIAMSTON WHISTLINGS

BY JOYCE GRAY

WILLIAMSTON—Ms. Catherine Outerbridge is pleased to announce that her family reunion was a smashing success. The family gathered at the home of her eldest daughter, Mamie Lee McCoy, and her husband John, in Columbia, S.C.

Accompanying Ms. Outerbridge were her daughters, Ms. Clara Rhoe and Ms. Alice Moore of Newark, N.J., and their families. Representing Washington, D.C. and Oxon Hill, Md. were Ms. Magaline (Cookie) Outerbridge Wilson and Ms. Ernestine Tillery and her family. Also attending were nine grandchildren, three granddaughters-in-law, 10 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and well-wishers. The grand and great-grands came as far away as Denver, Colo. to pay homage to the lovely matriarch of the clan.

The Fourth was spent at Weston Lake on Fort Jackson, S.C. A great time was had by all and the rest of the weekend went equally as well. Plenty of love was given and shared by everyone.

Dorothy L. Hughes, playwright, whose masterpiece play is "Resolutions," will be the guest speaker for the Women's Day program on Sunday, Aug. 25, at 11 a.m. at the New Fellowship Christian Church in Williamston. New Fellowship Christian Church is located behind D&L Furniture Co. on Hwy. 64 West, Williamston.

"I Surrender All"... It's an exciting, moving comedy.

A mother struggles to raise a daughter as a single parent. A two-act musical drama presented by Tidewater Gospel Drama Guild, Lindbergh O. Willis, founder and director, Saturday, Sept. 28, at 8 p.m. at Martin County Auditorium, Williamston. Tickets are on sale at D&L Furniture, 792-3174, Carters Union 76, 794-2305 or any New Fellowship Choir member. \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. Sponsored by New Fellowship Christian Church, Lula S. Brown, pastor.

For bookings call (804) 843-0953, L.O. Willis.

A special prayer is being said for baby Shaun Duggins who was born July 3 and has been found to have a heart problem. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Duggins, III of Williamston.

On the sick and shut-in list: Ms. Artie Manson, Ms. Grace P. Smithwick, Ms. Betty S. Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Human, Alton Bell, Ms. Marie Biggs, George Anthony Perry, Ms. Rachel H. Lyons, Jesse Bell, Ms. Lucy Perry Brown, Joe Biggs, Robert Lee Brown, Ms. Christine Council, Ms. Armaza C. Roberson, Frederick Bennett, Ms. Roxie West, Ms. Anabel Best, Ms. Rosa Best, David B. Feggins, Ms. Mattie H. Perry, Ms. Mamie Keyes, Sam Brown, Ms. Leda M. Duggins, Ms. Devie Hill, Thomas Hill, Raymond Rease, Ms. Daisy H. Biggs, George Roberts, Herman Johnson, Ms. Zara Chance and Ms. Doris R. Duggins.

Sherick Moore of Plymouth, Ms. Esther Roberts and Ms. Pauline Brown. Calvin Rodgers and Jesse Rodgers of Williamston. Rudolph Wilkins and Ms. Elizabeth W. Wilkins in Roper.

Looking well and responding, "Yes!" when asked if he was taking good care of himself since being discharged from Pitt Memorial was Robert Peele, Sr. Rumor was Mr.

chair, the agency failed to process 13,873 age discrimination complaints filed by older workers within the legal time period. As a result, the claims were dismissed, leaving the workers powerless to pursue their complaints. Congress had to pass legislation reinstating their claims.

Throughout his career, Thomas has tried to avoid being labeled because of his race. He has asked the world to judge him, like Martin Luther King, not on the basis of the color of his skin, but on the content of his character.

The NAACP gave Thomas what he wanted. On the basis of his record, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization voted to oppose Clarence Thomas' nomination to the Supreme Court.

Thomas' supporters had argued that he represented black America's only chance to keep a black judge in Thurgood Marshall's seat.

"That's not our job," an NAACP member said. "George Bush can nominate another black candidate if Clarence Thomas loses. He nominated another white man after the Senate rejected Robert Bork; he can nominate another black to take Thomas' place."

## THIS WEEK

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volumes of poetry, short stories and dramas in his lifetime and received the NAACP's Spingarn Medal in 1960.

Peele loves to be on the back with a fishing rod in his hand regularly.

Checking up on Jerome Aikens, who was discharged from Pitt Memorial on July 29 (he says by begging the doctor) wasn't just what he wanted to hear from me at the time, but I sent him the message. "Be thankful to God that you can hear this big mouth after the ordeal and surgeries you've been through." He found out for himself about pains, being disabled and folks who were always busy.

We say a special prayer for his daughter, Ms. Jonathan Williams of Brooklynn, N.Y., who was hospitalized and underwent surgery as soon as she returned home after visiting her father. She was reportedly doing well.

Still in Pitt Memorial at this writing, hoping to be discharged today, is Ms. Leroy Outerbridge (Lucy).

One of the first persons Niam Nichols inquired about upon arriving at my home was Ms. Sally Faison of Duplin County. "Ms. Sally," whom we NAACPers have admired for years, was on the bus to California in 1990 with the aid of a walker and everyone on board gave her whatever assistance possible, but Niam being a youth, moving quickly most of the time, got to her side first. She has been admitted to a nursing home when her health failed so much after suffering a stroke.

Back from Michigan, excited over seeing so many family members who had not been attending the family reunion previously, is Ms. Mary Alvannie Woolard. She says the trip was fine; however, while there her grandson, Destin, 10, suffered a broken nose in a freak accident.

Ms. Woolard's family in Ann Arbor was so delighted that she won the Martin County NAACP Mother of the Year title that she is now the C.C. Keyes Family Reunion Mother for

1991, too. Just what is T.K. Woolard saying about all of that? He is just smiling.

The two of them haven't had time yet to take that trip she won in May.

Visiting her for the first time within 11 years was her nephew, James Daniels of Capital Heights, Md., who also decided to visit a sister in Elizabeth City for the first time before leaving North Carolina. Guess we are wondering what's got into "Bro" these days.

A couple of folks were annoyed that they missed being at the Martin County NAACP Branch meeting when Cleophus Moore spoke last Sunday on benefits for disabled veterans and their survivors.

N.C. State NAACP Executive meeting will be in Siler City, New Improvement Center, Aug. 24. All branch presidents are invited to attend. There will also be a focus on the black conference there that day. For more information, please contact the state executive director.

The members of St. James Baptist Church thank everyone who participated and/or contributed to their "NAACP Day" program on Sunday, Aug. 11.

The Nichols family will have a day of celebration on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24-25, honoring the safe return of Maj. Annie M. Daniels from Operation Desert Storm. The event will take place at the Jamesville Community Center.

We heard that Demetria "Dee Dee" Trapp was spending some of her summer school vacation in the "Garden State."

I was concerned about the health of Ms. Diane S. Payne when I met her in the lobby of Pitt Memorial Hospital, but I have been informed that she is fine now.

## First Citizens Bank Title Sponsor Big Sweep '91

First Citizens Bank has been named the title sponsor for Big Sweep '91, the nation's largest statewide waterway litter cleanup. The Sept. 21 event will now be called the First Citizens Bank Big Sweep '91.

The bank has made a financial and volunteer commitment to the September cleanup. Financially, First Citizens Bank provided much of the funding that is making this ever-expanding waterway cleanup possible.

Logistically, 328 First Citizens Bank branches in 169 cities and towns are serving as distribution points for the dissemination of brochures describing the event, and listing cleanup locations. Brochures will be available after Sept. 3.

First Citizens Bank employees will be joining other volunteers throughout the state on Sept. 21 to sweep litter from North Carolina's beaches, lakes, rivers and streams.

"We're extremely pleased to have First Citizens Bank become a part of Big Sweep '91," says Big Sweep coord-

inator Lundie Spence, UNC Sea Grant's marine education specialist. "We're happy that they are concerned about environmental issues, particularly the problem of litter in our state's waterways.

"By joining our cleanup effort, First Citizens is helping Big Sweep '91 make a commitment to the people of North Carolina to reduce waterway litter," Spence says. "That's a commitment of which to be proud."

First Citizens Bank has a history of support for environmental events such as litter cleanups. The bank is one of the largest supporters of the Adopt-A-Highway program coordinated by the N.C. Department of Transportation.

If you would like to know more about First Citizens Big Sweep, contact the Sea Grant office in Raleigh at 515-2454. If you would like cleanup locations, call the MCI toll-free hotline at 1-800-27-SWEEP or drop by a branch of First Citizens Bank after Sept. 3.

## Nebraska Historian's Essay Omits Minorities, Scrapped

OMAHA, Neb. (AP)—A Nebraska historian's essay about statehood has been scrapped from the state's 125th birthday book for leaving out racial and ethnic minorities and women, Lt. Gov. Maxine Moul said.

The state's anniversary commission rejected the piece by Grand Island historian Bob Manley because it reflected neither Nebraska's racial and ethnic diversity, nor the contributions of women to the state, said Ms. Moul, co-chairwoman of the commission.

"I was absolutely stunned when I read in the [commission's] minutes that there was one author, and that it was a conventional economic, political historian," said commission member Roger Welsch of Dannebrog, a Nebraska author and humorist. "Nobody wants another book of numbers, dates and rich white men."

Manley was commissioned to write for a coffee-table book planned as a money-raiser for Nebraska's 125th, or quasiquintennial, anniversary of statehood next year, Ms. Moul said.

His job was to write a history of statehood for the book, which was to be made up mostly of photographs. He submitted it in June, but it did not find favor with the anniversary commission, called the Q125 Commission.

American Indians objected to the essay, and the commission leaders agreed with their objections, said state Sen. Scott Moore of Seward, a co-chairman of the commission.

"The concerns of the commission were that it was not inclusive of the diversity of Nebraska," Ms. Moul said.

The commission, faced with an Aug. 2 deadline (the group wants it out by Christmas), scrambled to find answers. They asked Manley to change it to include minorities, Moore said.

"He thought that it wasn't his business," Moore said.

Manley said the commission was free to add other information to the book.

"My suggestion was that they ask the native Americans to submit stuff of their own," he said.

Ms. Moul said the piece may be resurrected later in the quasiquintennial year as part of a collection of historical articles.

Manley, a former professor of history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Scottsbluff's Hiram Scott College, specializes in Nebraska history. His doctorate is from NUL.

"I was asked to write it," Manley said. "I wrote an essay that I wanted to write and that would be appropriate for Nebraskans to read. They found it unsatisfactory. And I accept that."

In the essay's place will appear photographs of people in the Nebraska Hall of Fame, Ms. Moul said.

The piece Manley submitted was factual and interesting, Ms. Moul said. Scrapping it was "no reflection on Dr. Manley and his credentials or anything like that," she said.

"If we had been in an ideal situation, we would have been able to include authors other than Dr. Manley," she said.

Moore proposed just that.

Welsch said he objected to any plan that would have included the Manley piece. Although he respects Manley's work and reputation as a Nebraska historian, Welsch said, he "believed fire" in opposition to the article at a commission meeting in July.

"He gave us exactly what anybody would have expected of him, but it doesn't contribute anything to 20th century Nebraska."