



MEDICARE DIRECTOR

HHS Secretary Louis Sullivan has named William Toby, Jr. as acting administrator of the federal agency that directs Medicare and Medicaid programs.

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FRIEND OR FOE?

Don King's reputation has suffered a knockout after allegedly taking millions of dollars from former ring champion Mike Tyson.

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When Martin Luther King, Jr. led the first Selma-to-Montgomery March in 1965, they passed through Lowndes County, where no blacks were registered to vote. But Stokely Carmichael had already started a voter registration campaign there, and chosen a symbol for his new party—the black panther.

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Wake Schools Revise Carnage AG Program

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A revision for a proposed program for academically gifted children scheduled for Carnage Middle School this fall has been approved by the Program Committee of the Wake County School Board and parents who originally opposed the plan say that now it's on the right track.

"Some compromises have been reached that will make the AG Basics program a fairer offering for all children than it was before, but we are still going to monitor it carefully," said Yvonne Lewis Holly, spokesperson for several concerned Carnage parents.

It was April 20 when several African-American parents of Carnage students, community leaders, and former and current elected officials packed into a public hearing of the school board to voice opposition to the program designed to give special and exclusive attention to high achievers.

Wake school officials said the demand for such a unique program was so great that they needed to expand it to Carnage to deal with the need, but opponents argued that based on a current AG program at Ligon Middle School, black students would be unfairly overlooked to qualify because the testing procedures were racially biased. It would create a "white school within a school" because the program would separate AG students from their

counterparts, and a "social and academic elitism" would develop because funding and learning resources assigned to the AG basics program would not be made available to other students at the school, critics said.

Many African-American community leaders objected to public tax dollars paying for the "private school" education of a select few without guidelines that allowed all children an equal chance of being considered.

N.C. Democrats Choose Convention Delegates

Democrats in all 12 of the state's congressional districts met at dis-



CLARENCE LIGHTNER

After the hearing, District 4 Representative Harriet Webster recommended, and the board approved, that the program committee take another look at the AG Basics program.

Last Tuesday, after much discussion, the program committee decided to revamp the proposed plan so that it could "meet the needs of all students in an equitable manner."

According to Wake school administrators, the revamped AG instructors, the revamped AG instruc-

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trict conventions last weekend to decide delegates to the Democratic National convention this July in New York.

North Carolina has a total of 93 delegates to the national convention, which will be held July 13-16 at Madison Square Garden in New York City. Of those 93, 55 were selected at district conventions, along with another 18 at-large delegates.

Clarence Lightner, a former mayor of Raleigh and now a vice chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party's executive committee, is chairman of the party's delegate-selection committee.

Party rules dictate that half of the delegates from the state be women. State party officials also prefer that at least one-fifth of the delegates be minorities to adequately reflect the state's racial makeup.

Delegates to the national convention are determined by the percentage each presidential candidate received in the May 5 presidential primary. Delegates are awarded by congressional district.

A presidential candidate must receive 15 percent of the vote statewide and in the district to be eligible to earn congressional-district delegates.

To be a delegate at the national convention, one must begin running at the precinct or county convention level. Aspiring delegates must declare a preference for a candidate and then be approved by the respective presidential campaign to run at the district and state levels. Delegates can also run as uncommitted delegates.

Aspiring delegates go through several rounds of voting at the district convention to become a delegate to the national convention.

The district conventions will also select members of the state party's Council of Review as well as citizens

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Eva Clayton Ready To Run Off Against Jones On June 8

BY CASH MICHAELS
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The name "Clayton" sure is getting its share of newspaper ink lately.

Former Warren County Commissioner Eva Clayton, who emerged from a large group of candidates to run a strong second in the May 5 Democratic primary for the First Congressional District, has called for a runoff against frontrunner state Rep. Walter B. Jones, Jr.

Observers say that because voters in this newly created majority black district will be choosing between a seasoned African-American politician and the son of a longtime white congressional representative who has strong name recognition, this contest will be tough and too close to call until after the June 2 runoff.

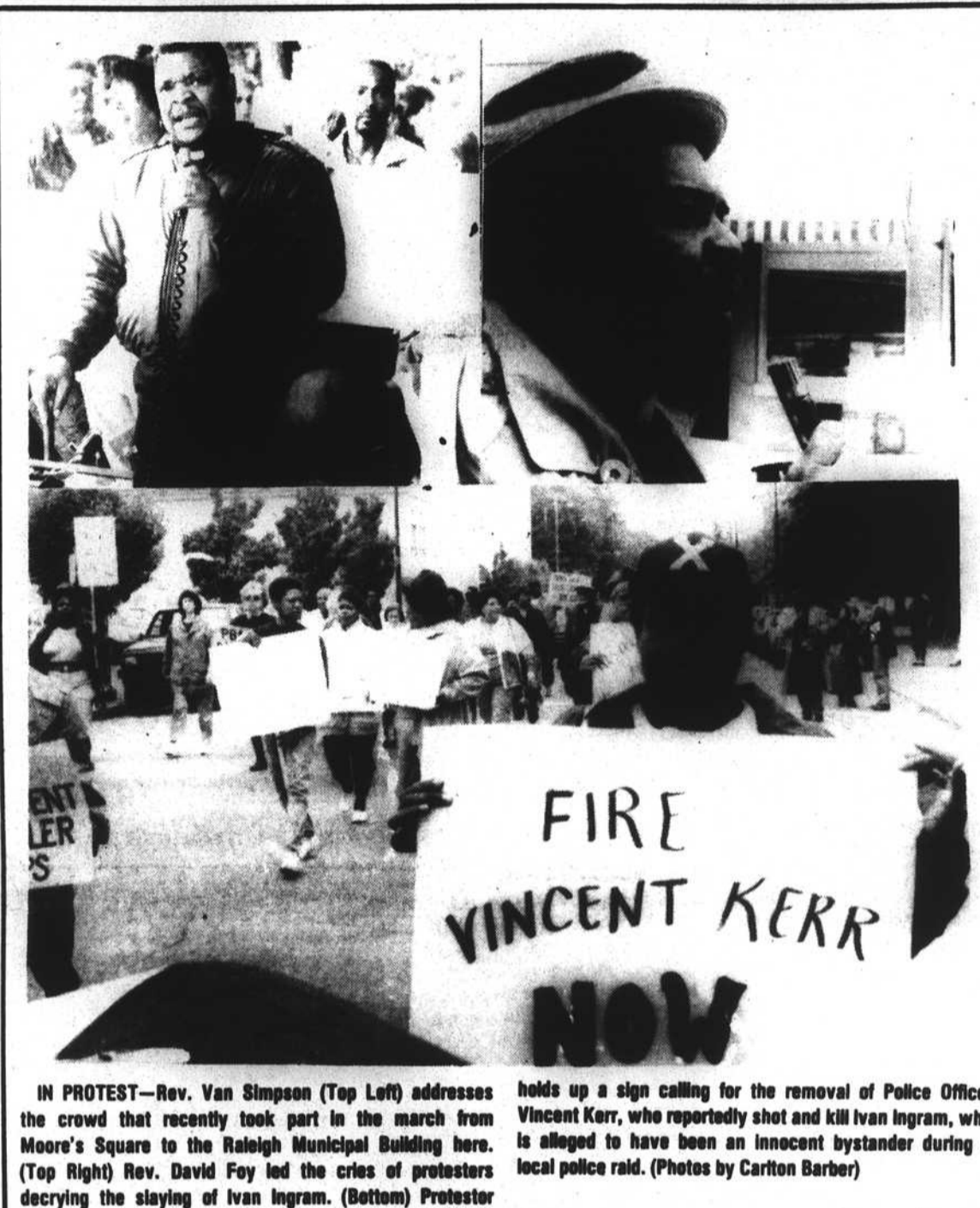


EVA CLAYTON

Enter another notable Clayton who says their campaign is more than ready for the challenge.

That other Clayton is attorney Theadsius Clayton, Jr.,

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IN PROTEST—Rev. Van Simpson (Top Left) addresses the crowd that recently took part in the march from Moore's Square to the Raleigh Municipal Building here. (Top Right) Rev. David Foy led the cries of protesters decrying the slaying of Ivan Ingram. (Bottom) Protestor holds up a sign calling for the removal of Police Officer Vincent Kerr, who reportedly shot and kill Ivan Ingram, who is alleged to have been an innocent bystander during a local police raid. (Photos by Carlton Barber)

No New Programs To Provide For Increase In Jobs For Workforce

BY CHARLES E. BELLE
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"There's a sure-fire way to double your money: fold it in half and put it in your pocket." The president is in need of doubling America's productivity, if not its money. Making a stab at it once a year with the federal budget is not the best any president can do around this time of year.

You may not know exactly how much money the president has to play with each year when he presents his national budget to Congress, so we will tell you. It's whatever figure he and his advisers can agree on after adding on some fixed expenditures like Social Security and other transfer payments.

These transfer figures are merely the spending of money that mostly came in by way of a specific tax or assessment. Everything else is up

for grabs. Spending how much and on what are the issues, since more taxes to raise funds are fatal in an election year.

Also needed in an election year are more jobs. A more productive economy will create more employment. Every elected official is charged with creating a more and better productive U.S. society. Since the president is the No. 1 elected official, he has the No. 1 responsibility.

The Federal Reserve Board of San Francisco in last month's last weekly newsletter clearly enunciates the proper policy for the president to follow. It states, "to sustain its productivity growth performance over the long run, the United States must pursue policies that will foster greater capital formation, increased investment in the

infrastructure, expanded research and development expenditures, improved educational quality, and entrepreneurial activity."

The president with the consent of Congress proposes to spend the highest amount for defense of \$331.8 billion than either the House or Senate plan.

A review of the approved president's new budget does not even dip in these directions, but caters to continue overfunding for death. Dedicating excess dollars to the defense budget for maintaining a "new world order" by being the

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NCAE Hits Budget Proposal

Directly Affecting Children

"NCAE is completely dismayed at Gov. Martin's recent budget proposals," said NCAE President Rose Marie Lowry. "His proposed cuts will directly affect children in the classroom and the instructional program in our schools. Education in North Carolina will not survive another round of cuts called for by Gov. Martin."

Lowry was most disappointed in Gov. Martin's proposal to delete all new funding from the Basic Educa-

tion Plan. BEP is scheduled to receive \$29 million in 1992-93. That money would be used to hire 963 additional classroom teachers and expand the instructional program, especially in grades K-3.

"Continued funding for the BEP is imperative to improving the quality of education in the Tar Heel State," added Lowry. "Those teaching positions must be filled in order to reduce class size, a problem that is dramatically growing."

Recent data released by the Department of Public Instruction shows that more than 7,000 class-size overages were reported at the end of the second school month this year. That figure is an increase from 511 classes that reported overages two years ago.

"The alarming jump in class size is cause for concern," Lowry stated. "Research shows that class size affects both the quality and quantity of teacher time devoted to improving student achievement. As a principal and former teacher, I know from personal experience that class size is a major factor in how well children learn."

Lowry said she is tired of hearing Gov. Martin and legislators criticize the BEP. "The commitment was made to the program in 1984 and lawmakers have a responsibility to follow through with that commitment," Lowry said. "As the practitioners, we have seen the benefits of the BEP and realize its potential in providing an equal and quality education for every child in the state in

order to do that, the BEP must be fully funded and allowed to operate properly."

Lowry also expressed dismay at Martin's salary proposal for public school employees. Instead of funding the third year phase-in of the teachers' salary schedule, Martin proposed a two-percent pay increase for all state employees.

"The educators of this state want what was promised to them and what they deserve, in the way of salaries," said Lowry. "We are calling on the General Assembly to direct any funds available to achieve full funding of the third year phase-in of the salary schedule plus the experience step."

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Community Calendar

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

Interact needs caring, compassionate men and women to counsel and advocate for battered women and children, and rape survivors. Training will begin in July. For more information, please call 828-7501.

PRESENT YOUR RESUME

"Workforce '92," a joint effort between the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and Wake County Public Schools, will be held Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Raleigh Civic Center. This is a county-wide job fair for graduating seniors who plan to enter the labor market full-time after high school. Prior to the event, students attending will submit a skills checklist, outlining courses and skills they have learned both in vocational classes and on the job. They will also submit resumes. Employers will submit a skills checklist as to desired skills for entry-level positions, as well

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