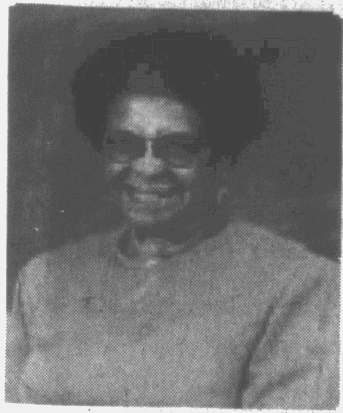


COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs Beatrice Maye

Audrey Chapman, author of *Getting Good Loving*, says, "As black folks we often have to face some of life's most difficult challenges. Yet we cannot afford to become discouraged. We must develop a cultural worldview of what black love is-not let ourselves be defined by traditional Eurocentric notions of romantic passion." Love of your neighbors, love of your family, and love of yourself all require the same qualities: patience, understanding, respect, trust, honesty, and a willingness to sacrifice for the good of the entire relationship. We as African Americans have great personal power and the ability to be creative. Our ancestors knew how to make the most out of very

little resources and we must capitalize on the legacy. Love was never a resource we were short of. Blacks have always had an abundance of caring and a profound sense of community. Collectively, black men and women need to recognize that we can decide to spend our time together in a confused state or a loving one. We do not have to allow myths and stereotypes about ourselves and our relationships to determine the shape and texture of our future together. Audrey Chapman is a nationally known figure in the area of male and female relationships.

10 Commonalties That Effect A Man's Personality in Different Ways:

1. Most men have been to being directed and influenced by women. Men grow up to become dependent on women for compassion, nurturance, and direction.
2. Most men crave being the center of attention. The deep-rooted need for attention is why sons, husbands, become jealous of their wives' career or even the birth of a child.
3. Men need to feel important

and do well in their work. Most men are boastful and life to brag. Work brings a satisfaction to men when they enjoy what they do. Happiness at home and at work is very much interrelated for most men. 4. Most men are preoccupied with sex. Most men equate sex with manhood. One of the reasons men fear growing old is his fear of impotence. Men having trouble showing feelings and emotions, so sex means intimacy for most of them. Men find it hard to express their feelings so sex provides an outlet for him to confront his emotions and express them to his wife in the most private setting. 5. Most men have competitive spirits. They want to lead and be the aggressor. 6. Most men try to hide their feelings and emotions. Men equate manliness with being strong, rational, and in control. 7. Men handle stress differently from women. Having a woman to depend on can help a man deal with stress. Some men bottle up their feelings and emotions through alcohol and drugs. All men desire to be in control or at the head of something. Beside every

great man is a woman who listens, understands, supports, and encourages her husband when he is under pressure. 8. Most men have a desire to be providers and protectors of women. A man's needs to be the provider and protector is a reason that he feels insecure when his mate becomes successful in her career. Failing in the roles as providers and protectors is a serious blow to a man's ego, causing mental anxiety and self-esteem problems as well. 9. Most men, believe it or not, have "eggshell" fragile egos. As strong as they try to appear, men bruise very easily. Many times it takes a woman to help him to regroup or make a comeback. 10. Most men are "boys" at heart. Men really do mature slower than women. Many men never fully mature until they are about forty years old. A woman must be skilled at handling a man's ego is not everything and that connecting to his spiritual self is most important. From: "Inside Ever Great Man...is a Great Woman" by Kitty J. Pope

GOOD THOUGHTS

"Self portraits are usually colored."
 "It is better to wear out than to rust out."
 "A little white lie soils quickly."
 "Even a goat does his best work with his head."
 "If you have your feet on the ground, you can't fall very far."
 "Love is blind; friendship tries not to notice."
 "Of an unspoken word, thou are master. The spoken word is master of thee."
 "Adversity causes some men to break, others to break records."
 "Take time out. Don't take it out on your kid."
 "You have to do a thing to learn how to do it."
 "Don't even slam a door, you might want to go back."
 "The trouble with work is it's so daily."
 "Variety is the spice of life; but monotony provides the groceries."

"Let the other fellow talk occasionally. You can't learn much listening to yourself." Coleman Cox
 "If you sow kindness, you will reap a crop of friends."
 "Character is a victory, not a gift."
 "Be pleasant until ten o'clock in the morning, and the rest of the day will take care of itself."
 "Most young people think they are natural when they are only unpolished and rude."
 "The aim of education is to enable a man to continue his education" John Dewey
 "Perseverance is failing 19 times and succeeding the 20th."
 "A mile walked with a friend has only one hundred steps."
 "You can always do more through push than you can do through pull."
 "When everything else fails, read the instruction."
 "Education is the only lever capable of raising mankind."
 "He who plants thorns must never expect to gather roses."

Reflections

GET OUT TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7th



Suetta A. Jones

Condoleeza Bush —
 What's Up With This Sister?

Did she really slip up at a public function and refer to George Bush as "my husband?" Say it ain't so, Condi. This sister seems to be on a personal mission to take us into war again, this time with Iran. With an arrogance only equaled by her "Husband", the Babe of Birmingham struts her stuff around the world, wagging her finger at heads of state like they are her children. In her latest threat, (oops) I mean peace mission, she tells Iran that the US will only sit down to talk if Iran stops all production of nuclear materials. That's real cute, Condi. Why should the Iranians do exactly what you told them to do in the first place? And, if they submit to your demand, why should there be any talks at all? I have said it before and just for good measure I will say it again. For a person as intelligent as our Secretary of State to be infatuated with a dunce is one thing, but for her to defend "His Ridiculousness" is something else again. I don't know how any moral and righteous person could support this guy. All of this craziness rests in the lap of our vaunted Secretary of State, the sister who received the NAACP President's "Medal of Honor" so to speak, and the Sister who claims her Birmingham roots where four little girls were killed by a bomb during

church services. One of these girls supposedly was Condi's friend. Can Condi pull us out of this mess in Iraq, Afghanistan, Iran, and North Korea as Israel and the Hamas-led Palestinians renew their war against each other? Can she call upon her distinguished bravery to settle these issues? Can she use her power and influence to move us beyond the daily threat of "nuclear" war and bring us back to the calm, prosperous, and peaceful days prior to her "husband's" arrival on the scene? Will she go down in history as one of the most talented public officials who worked for and defend the worst president we have had? Will Condi, our sister, whether she realizes it or not, go down in flames with the Bushites — and with the rest of us as this world moves closer to annihilation? Will she preside over our economic demise, as she smiles in admiration for her "husband"? Who knows the answers to these questions? We will just have to wait and see, but I suggest we prepare ourselves for even tougher times. We are in the midst of something we have never before witnessed. The greed among the Bushites is off the charts, the value of a US soldier's life is at an all-time low. We have spent nearly a trillion dollars in Iran and Afghanistan, much of which cannot be accounted for, or doled out in no-bid contracts to Haliburton and other

corporate thieves. All of this and we cannot, or will not provide the armor needed by our troops on the battlefield. Can you imagine having to solicit money from citizens to buy extra padding for our soldier's helmets? How sad is that? I don't know what Condi's next move is going to be, but I do know that we are in a big mess, much of which is caused by her two-fisted, cowgirl swagger around the world. We could attribute her behavior to her association with the biggest buffoon ever to hit the political stage, but I think she's too smart for that. Maybe it's the way George holds his arms out as he walks, as though he's about to draw down on someone; maybe it's his west Texas, rolled-up sleeve, plain-talkin' drawl that keeps her interested; could it be his childlike characteristics that bring out Condi's motherly instincts? Maybe it's his cowboy boots that turn her on so much. Face it Condi, contrary to "Fifty Cent's" claim that George Bush is a gangsta, ya boy is a punk, a spoiled brat, a scared bully who sacrifices the lives of young soldiers to strut his stuff on the world stage, and then hide behind the skirts of a sister. Maybe you should consider a divorce, Condi. Extracted from an article by James Clingman, former editor of the Cincinnati Herald Newspaper Submitted by Suetta A. Jones

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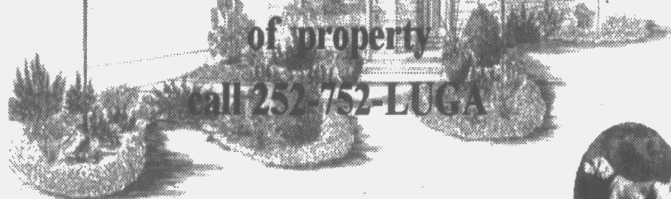


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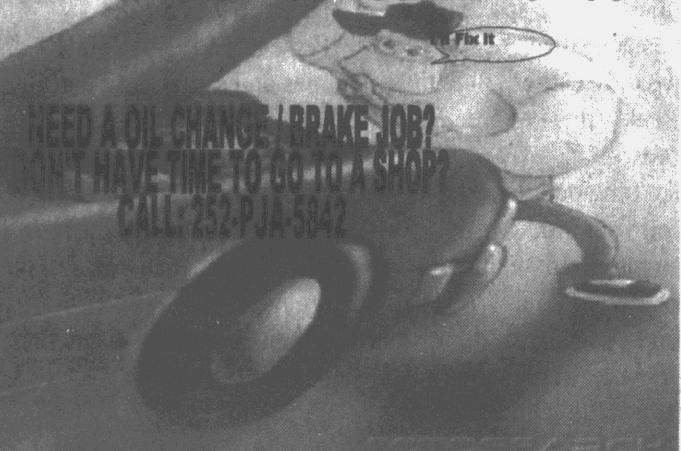
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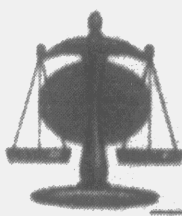
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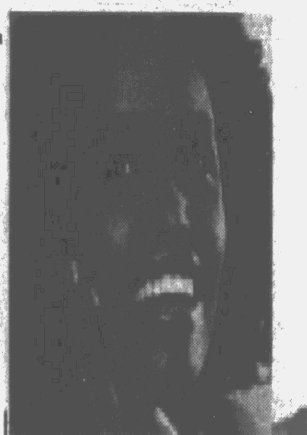
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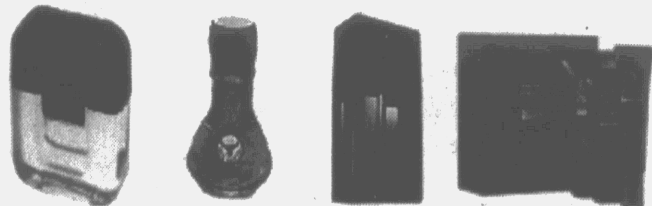
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Grant funding for 2007-2008 is restricted to Pitt County and will not be awarded for medical research. Only government entities or non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status are eligible for funding.

The grant period is for July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008.

Letters of intent should include the following

- Brief organizational history
- Project description; include target population
- Explanation of how the project addresses the program's focus areas (listed above)
- Dollar amount being requested
- Copy of 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status

Letters of intent must be received by November 10, 2006. Submit letters to the address below.



Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation

Community Benefits Grants Program
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AFRICAN AMERICAN LEGENDS BY THE MINORITY VOICE NEWSPAPER

Biography of John Hope Franklin



John Hope Franklin is the James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of History, and for seven years was Professor of Legal History in the Law School at Duke University. He is a native of Oklahoma and a graduate of Fisk University. He received the A.M. and Ph.D. degrees in history from Harvard University. He has taught at a number of institutions, including Fisk University, St. Augustine's College, North Carolina Central University, and Howard University. In 1956 he went to Brooklyn College as Chairman of the Department of History; and in 1964, he joined the faculty of the University of Chicago, serving as Chairman of the

Department of History from 1967 to 1970. At Chicago, he was the John Matthews Manly Distinguished Service Professor from 1969 to 1982, when he became Professor Emeritus. Professor Franklin's numerous publications include *The Emancipation Proclamation*, *The Militant South*, *The Free Negro in North Carolina*, *Reconstruction After the Civil War*, and *A Southern Odyssey: Travelers in the Ante-bellum North*. Perhaps his best known book is *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African-Americans*, now in its seventh edition. His Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities for 1976 was published in 1985 and received the Clarence L. Holte Literary Prize for that year. In 1990, a collection of essays covering a teaching and writing career of fifty years, was published under the title, *Race and History: Selected Essays, 1938-1988*. In 1993, he published *The Color Line: Legacy for the Twenty-first Century*. Professor Franklin's most recent book, *My Life and an Era: The Autobiography of Buck Colbert Franklin*, is an autobiography of his father that he edited with his son, John Whittington Franklin. His current research deals with "Dissidents on the Plantation: Runaway Slaves." Professor Franklin has been active in numerous professional and education organizations. For many years he has served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Negro History*. He has also served as President of the following organizations: The American

Studies Association (1967), the Southern Historical Association (1970), the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa (1973-76), the Organization of American Historians (1975), and the American Historical Association (1979). He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Fisk University, the Chicago Public Library, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association. Professor Franklin has served on many national commissions and delegations, including the National Council on the Humanities, from which he resigned in 1979, when the President appointed him to the Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. He has also served on the President's Advisory Commission on Ambassadorial Appointments. In September and October of 1980, he was a United States delegate to the 21st General Conference of UNESCO. . . Among many other foreign assignments, Dr. Franklin has served as Pitt Professor of American History and Institutions at Cambridge University, Consultant on American Education in the Soviet Union, Fulbright Professor in Australia, and Lecturer in American History in the People's Republic of China. Currently, Professor Franklin serves as chairman of the advisory board for One America: The President's Initiative on Race. Professor Franklin has been the recipient of many honors. In 1978, *Who's Who in America* selected Dr. Franklin as one of eight Americans who has made significant

contributions to society. In the same year, he was elected to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. He also received the Jefferson Medal for 1984, awarded by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. In 1989, he was the first recipient of the Cleath Brooks Medal of the Fellowship of Southern Writers, and in 1990 received the Encyclopedia Britannica Gold Medal for the Dissemination of Knowledge. In 1993, Dr. Franklin received the Charles Frankel Prize for contributions to the humanities, and in 1994, the Cosmos Club Award and the Trumpet Award from Turner Broadcasting Corporation. In 1995, he received the first W.E.B. DuBois Award from the Fisk University Alumni Association, the Organization of American Historians' Award for Outstanding Achievement, the Alpha Phi Alpha Award of Merit, the NAACP's Spingarn Medal, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 1996, Professor Franklin was elected to the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame and in 1997 he received the Peggy V. Helmerich Distinguished Author Award. In addition to his many awards, Dr. Franklin has received honorary degrees from more than one hundred colleges and universities. Professor Franklin has been extensively written about in various articles and books. Most recently he was the subject of the film *First Person Singular: John Hope Franklin*. Produced by Lives and Legacies Films, the documentary was featured on PBS in June 1997.

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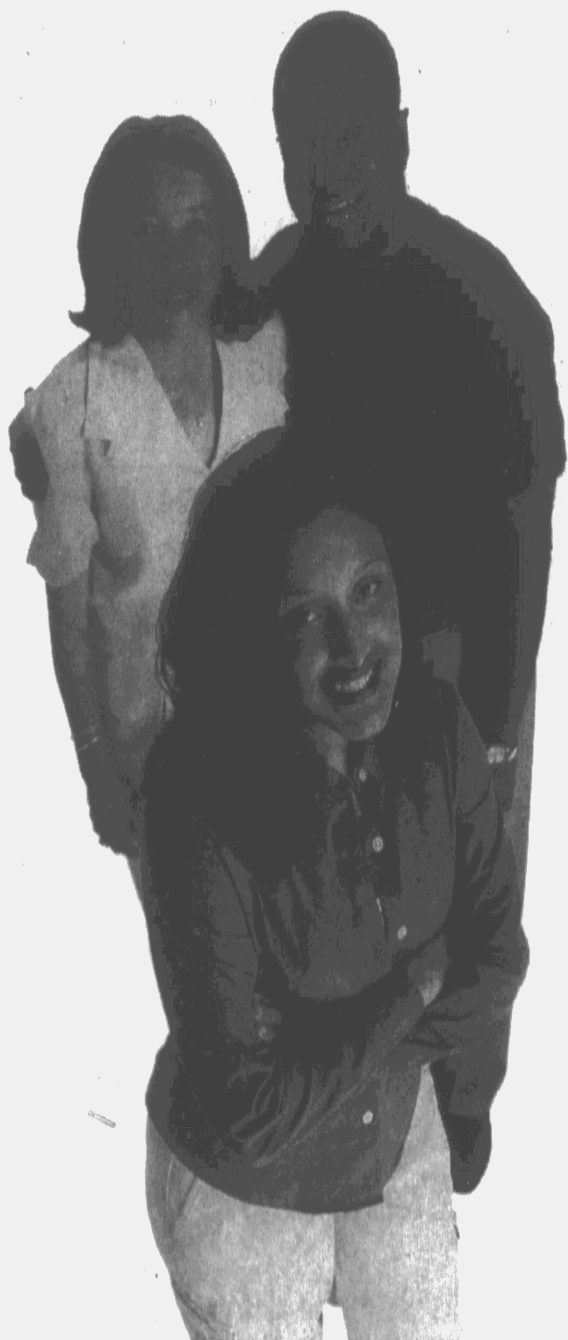
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OUR VOICE, 'ELECTION DAY 2006'

by EDITORIAL STAFF
The Wilmington Journal

In just over two weeks, voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, November 7th for the all-important mid-term Congressional elections. The balance of power in both the House and the Senate is up for grabs, as voters determine whether the country should stay the course, or go forth in a new direction.

Here in North Carolina, there are several important local, county and statewide races voters will be asked to make choices in. This week, we'll focus on judicial candidates for the NC Supreme Court and the NC Court of Appeals.

These are non-partisan races, which means that you must vote for each judicial candidate separately from your other choices on the ballot. If you straight ticket vote (and we really hope that you do not), please make note that you still must vote for your judicial candidates separately.

On Election Day, polls open at 6:30 a.m., and close at 7:30 p.m. One Stop early voting begins today in New Hanover County, ending Nov. 4 at 1:00 p.m.

The state's two highest courts of law are where historic decisions of jurisprudence are made. This week, we proudly recommend several candidates for seats on the judiciary who have proven to be outstanding jurists who know the law, and fairly apply it with without fear or favor.

NC SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE SARA PARKER

A distinguished legal career spanning over thirty years, NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Sara Parker is the first woman ever to lead the state's highest court. The Charlotte native is a 1969 graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law; served in private practice until 1984, and then was appointed to the NC Court of Appeals that same year, where she was later elected twice.

In 1993, Justice Parker was elected as an Associate Justice to the NC Supreme Court, where she has remained. In February 2006, Gov. Mike Easley appointed Parker to become the High Court's Chief Justice, where she has served with dignity and distinction.

Among the many honors and recognitions for her tireless work for women and the poor, Justice Parker earned the NC Association of Black County Officials Humanitarian Award in 2003.

State Supreme Court justices serve eight-year terms. We proudly endorse this experienced, knowledgeable and devoted jurist for re-election, NC Supreme Court Chief Justice Sara Parker.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE PATRICIA TIMMONS-GOODSON

There is no question about the heart, experience and commitment to justice of NC

Associate Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson. No matter what her career successes, this able jurist has never forgotten her roots, family or community, and continues now, long after Gov. Easley appointed her to the state's High Court last January, to share her vision of justice in communities across the state.

Justice Timmons-Goodson is the first Black woman ever to serve on the NC Supreme Court, and only the fourth woman overall to do so.

The Florence, S.C. native is a 1979 graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law. Timmons-Goodson began her legal career as a prosecutor, and then later in private practice, until she was appointed as a District Court judge in 1984. She held that post, winning election after election, until Gov. Jim Hunt appointed her to the NC Court of Appeals in 1997.

Timmons-Goodson retired from the Appellate Court in 2005, until Gov. Mike Easley chose her to make history on the NC Supreme Court in February 2006.

Justice Timmons-Goodson has made all of us proud with her achievement and commitment to truth. She has our overwhelming endorsement for election on Nov. 7.

RACHEL LEA HUNTER FOR NC SUPREME COURT

She is certainly flamboyant, most definitely controversial. She called herself "Madame Justice," and proclaims her independence from the political machine, keeping her faith in the common sense of the people.

Attorney Rachel Lea Hunter is a "take-no-prisoners" fighter who believes the criminal justice system should serve the people.

A native of Monroeville, Pa., Hunter earned her law degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1988, graduating in the top third of her class. She served as a judicial law clerk until January 2001, when she joined a law firm in Durham, where she presently practices.

"We have a two-tiered system of justice in this country," Hunter told the NC Bar Association Convention last June. "There is one brand of justice for the rich and powerful (Dick Cheney and Patrick Kennedy are recent examples). There is another if you are poor or African American or a member of some other minority."

"A system of justice that favors the rich and powerful cannot long survive and we need to restore justice to all people so that they can once again have confidence in our courts."

Hunter is young, but she long experience in researching judicial opinions and issues, in addition to her noble commitment to making the judicial system work for all people, makes her a unique choice for the NC Supreme Court.

We wholeheartedly endorse Rachel Lea Hunter.

JUDGE ROBIN HUDSON FOR NC SUPREME COURT

"Fair and impartial."

That is the trademark of NC Appellate Court Judge Robin Hudson, a candidate for the NC Supreme Court. Judge Hudson holds the distinction of being the first woman to be elected to the NC Court of Appeals without first being appointed by a sitting governor. She has served since January 2001, and in 2004, was honored by the NC Academy of Trial Lawyers with the Outstanding Appellate Judge Award.

Judge Hudson has a distinguished legal career spanning over 30 years.

After earning her law degree from the UNC-Chapel Hill in 1976, Judge Hudson built her legal expertise as a staff attorney for Legal Services; assistant appellate defender, private practice as a partner in her own firm; and chair of the NC OSHA Review Board from 1994-2000.

In addition to her duties on the Court of Appeals, Judge Hudson is also coordinator of the state Appellate Court mediation program.

The people are well served to elect dedicated and experienced leadership of the high caliber of Judge Robin Hudson to the NC Supreme Court. She has our endorsement.

JUDGE ROBERT HUNTER FOR NC COURT OF APPEALS

Few candidates for a judicial seat get the mountain of endorsements that NC Court of Appeals Judge Robert C. Hunter has received. Everyone from the NC Police Benevolent Association to the state's major newspapers all agree that Judge Hunter has brought a consistent record of fairness, independence and balance to the court.

Now he's vying for a second term.

"My reputation as a judge is one who will listen to and consider carefully all sides and decide cases according to the law. I bring no personal or political agenda to the court," Judge Hunter says on his website. "I strive to render opinions that are fair and just for all North Carolinians" The Marion, NC native earned his law degree at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law in 1969. Hunter served as an assistant District Attorney in McDowell County from 1969-70, later going into private practice there until 1994.

Hunter was elected to the NC House representing the 49th District from 1990-98. In 1998, Hunter was appointed to the NC Court of Appeals by Gov. Jim Hunt, winning election to the post in November of that same year.

Judge Hunter brings a wealth of judicial and legislative experience to the table, in addition to a passion for fairness and justice.

We endorse Judge Robert Hunter for re-election to the NC Court of Appeals.

JUDGE LINDA STEPHENS FOR NC COURT OF APPEALS NC Appellate Court Judge

Linda Stephens says her agenda on the bench is simple: work hard, judge fairly, listen impartially, approach each case and each issue with an open mind and treat all parties before the court with respect.

That's the philosophy Judge Stephens promises to continue if she's elected to a full term.

A 1979 graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law, the Woodruff, S.C. native served as a judicial clerk for a state Appellate judge for one

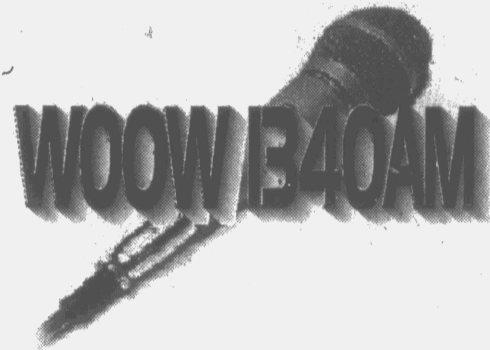
year, followed by a four-year stint as a Deputy Commissioner for the NC Industrial Commission.

Stephens later joined a prominent law firm, eventually becoming a partner in that firm.

In 2006, Stephens was appointed to the NC Court of Appeals by Gov. Easley. She was also named one of the

Top 50 women lawyers in the state by Super Lawyers Magazine, as well as being listed, for the eleventh year in a row, in Best Lawyers in America.

Judge Stephens brings the right attitude, purpose, experience and dedication to the law to her job, and she should continue. That's why we heartily endorse Judge Linda Stephens for the NC Court of Appeals.



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September 11, 2006

To All Laborers and Believers of the Nation of Islam and Supporters,

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Last year, 2005, five years after a major operation in November 2000, I had a colonoscopy to examine the colon to make sure that no other complications had risen. At that time, the probe did not detect any significant change in the condition of my colon, but early in 2006, I began to have pain in the anal area, similar to the pain that I had in 1998-1999.

On my trip to Cuba to learn of disaster management preparedness, I spent most of my time there being examined and tested by some of the finest doctors in Cuba. They discovered an ulcer in the anal area, similar to the ulcer that I had in 1998 - 1999 that almost caused the loss of my life. The doctors in Cuba felt that my health at that time was near perfect, except for that ulcer; but from that time, March 2006, I have been steadily fighting serious pain and infection. In the last month, I had lost nearly 15 lbs. and over the last six weeks, I have lost over 20 lbs. So, I decided to go back to the hospital at Howard University to have my original doctors assess my condition.

I was thoroughly dehydrated, anemic, and low in protein, albumen, and iron. Although I have some of the finest cooks who always prepare the finest meals for me, I was in a seriously nutritionally depleted state, because the pain that I was in took away my appetite. The Howard University doctors discovered serious infection and inflammation, which is presently being treated, and now I am forced to do what is necessary to restore myself nutritionally. Otherwise, my present condition could be life threatening.

Therefore, in this period of testing, I am postponing indefinitely all engagements, meetings, and appointments so that I can concentrate, with Allah's (God's) Help, to bring myself back to a state where I maybe able to continue to serve the rise of our people. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad in the days of His serious illness said, "My illness is a test for those around me? This is a test, not only for me, but it is a test for the members of the Nation of Islam, as well.

In this period of testing, you can prove to the world that the Nation of Islam is more than the charisma, eloquence, and personality of Louis Farrakhan. In this period of testing, you can prove that the Nation of Islam is under-girded by an idea that represents the Kingdom of God on Earth, an idea that can never be uprooted, never be destroyed and can only increase its power, effect, and influence over the hearts and minds of the people of the Earth. In this period of testing, you can prove that the Nation of Islam, a body of people submitting to the Will of Allah (God), is more than the physical presence of any individual, and that it will live long after I and we have gone, because it is rooted in an idea that comes directly from Allah (God) Himself.

I will be available to give guidance in any major situation that may arise, but I would prefer that the Executive Board of the Nation of Islam help to solve the problems of the Nation, without asking me. Then, at this time of testing, it will show me that you are ready to move beyond personality to live and function on the principles that make personalities attractive.

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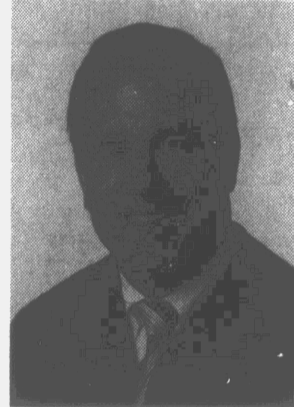
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Bridge in Selma, Alabama, en route to the state capitol in Montgomery, persuaded the President and Congress to overcome Southern legislators' resistance to effective voting rights legislation. President Johnson issued a call for a strong voting rights law and hearings began soon thereafter on the bill that would become the Voting Rights Act. Congress determined that the existing federal anti-discrimination laws were not sufficient to overcome the resistance by state officials to enforcement of the 15th Amendment. The legislative

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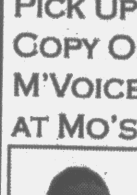

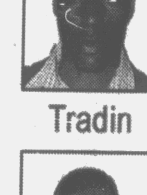






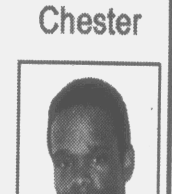
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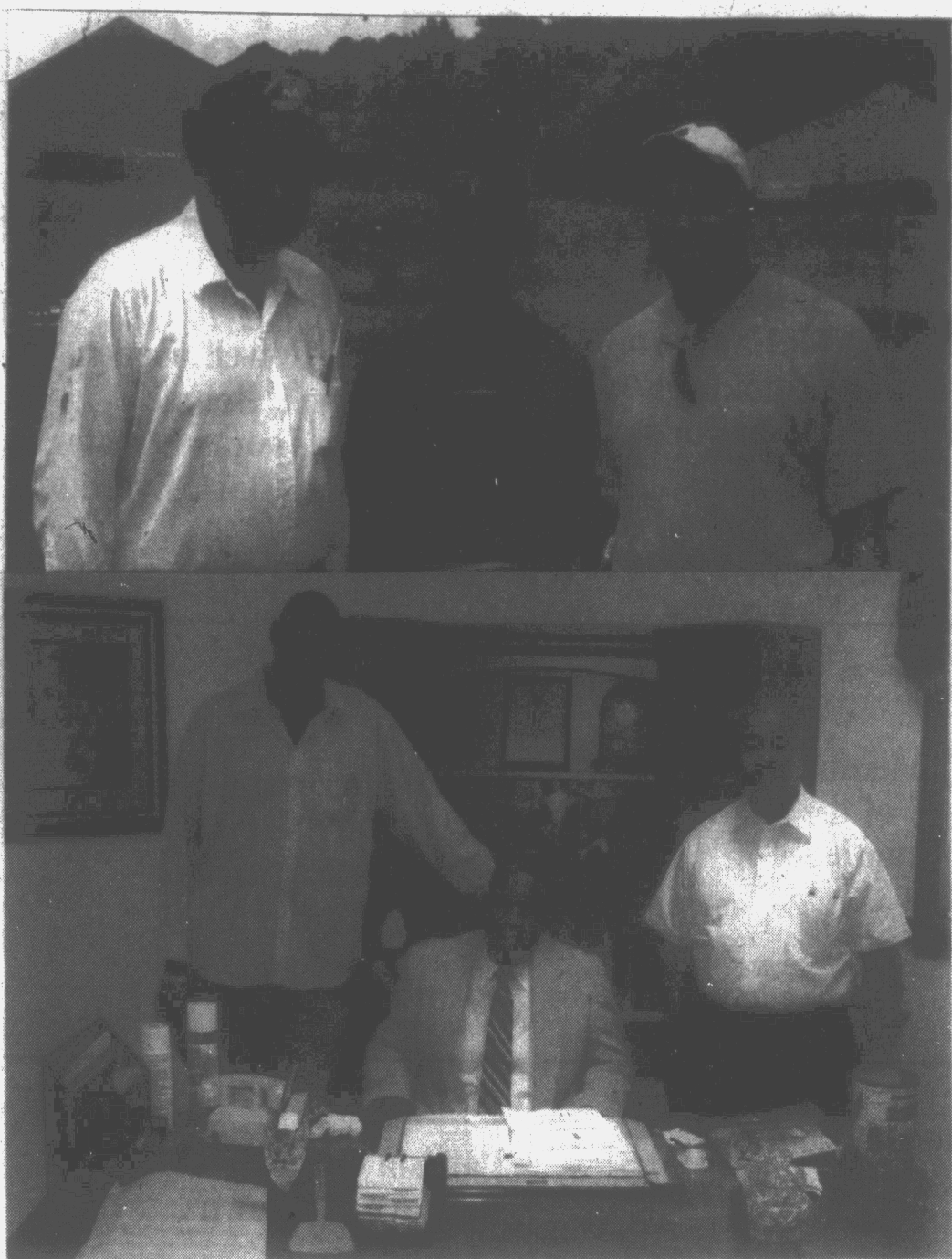
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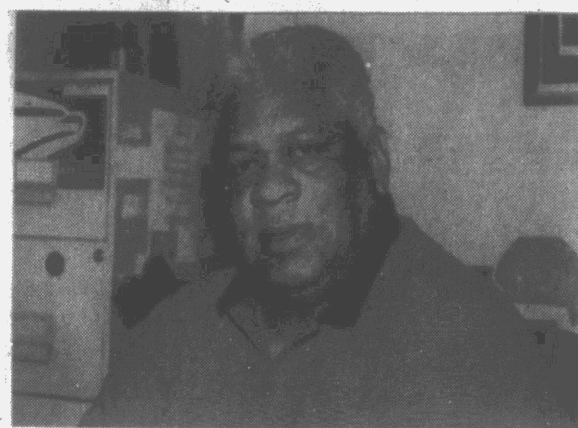
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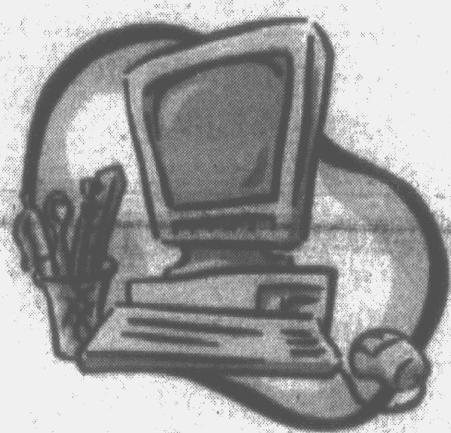


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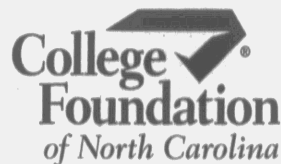
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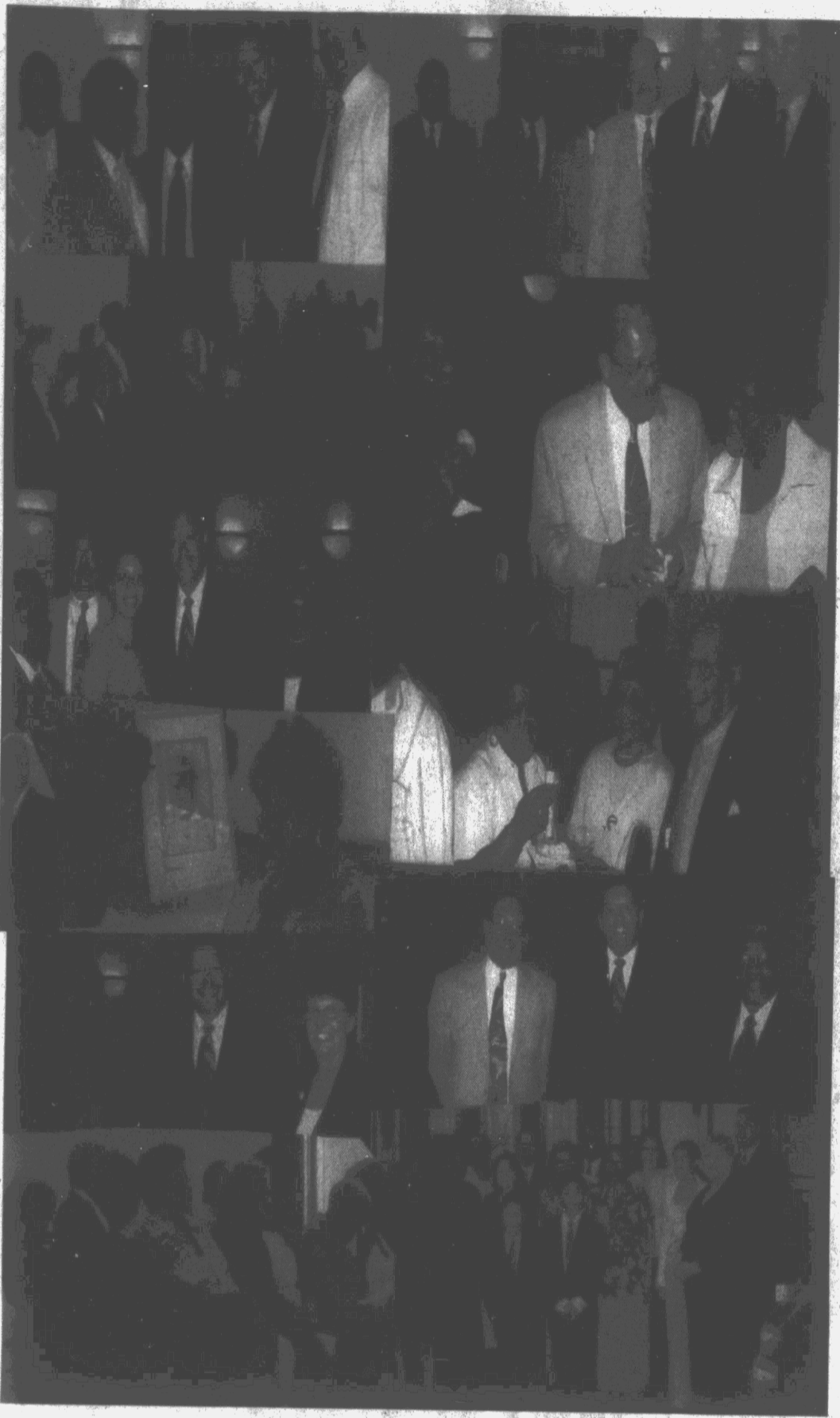


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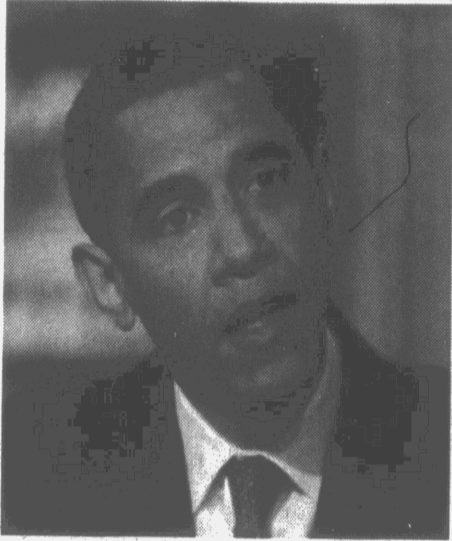
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Obama ponders presidential

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Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) is pondering a run for the Democratic Party nomination for president in 2008. Obama recently appeared on the front of the Oct. 23 edition of *Time* Magazine and talked about a possible bid on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Oct. 22. He has published his second



policy at the George Mason University School of Public Policy, said he has mixed feelings about a possible run for president by Obama. "I am conflicted on this," Fauntroy told the AFRO. "I really don't think he is ready to be president."

"However, he has never been more popular than he is now so he needs to take advantage of his popularity." There is a school of thought in political circles that one should serve as a governor because the presidency is an executive position. Fauntroy noted that of the last six presidents, all but George H.W. Bush have served

as a governor. Obama served as a state senator in Illinois before running and winning a seat for the U.S. Senate in 2004. Conventional wisdom would say that he lacks the type of experience needed to make a credible president.

Fauntroy also says that the political dynamic is changing, and a prospective president needs more than domestic experience.

"We really need a president who has foreign policy experience and that cuts against Obama," he said. "The ideal candidate would be someone who has served as a governor and a U.S. senator. That person would be a real powerhouse." Obama said in the Russert interview and other media that he would weigh his options after the Nov. 7 elections.

book, *The Audacity of Hope*, in which he talks about his views on domestic and foreign policy as well as his upbringing and how it influenced his decision to go into public life.

When asked by moderator Tim Russert on "Meet the Press" about being a U.S. senator for two years and whether he was ready to be president, Obama said: "Well, I'm not sure anybody is ready to be president before they're president. You know, ultimately, I trust the judgment of the American people that, in any election, they sort it through."

When Russert presented Obama with a videotape of an interview conducted on Jan. 22, in which the freshman lawmaker said that he would not run for president in 2008, he said:

"Well, that was how I was thinking at time." He said "yes" to Russert when asked whether "it was fair to think about whether he was running for president in 2008."

Obama has been campaigning around the country to help the Democratic Party win control of the U.S. Senate. He has appeared in Virginia for James Webb, who is running against incumbent Sen. George Allen (R) and in Maryland in the open seat vacated by Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D) for Rep. Benjamin Cardin (D).

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Endorsements

Organizations

The following organizations have endorsed Justice Timmons-Goodson for the Supreme Court of North Carolina:

- Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People
- North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers
- North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys
- North Carolina Association of Educators
- North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys
- North Carolina Police Benevolent Association
- North Carolina State AFL-CIO
- North Carolina State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police
- North Carolina Troopers Association
- Professional Fire Fighters and Paramedics of North Carolina

The following Newspapers have endorsed Justice Timmons-Goodson for the Supreme Court of North Carolina:

Winston-Salem Journal: "The Journal prefers judges with a demonstrated judicial demeanor, strong character, deep intellect and a commitment to fairness. We support judges of moderate view who understand that a judge's role is to apply the law, not create it".

Greensboro News and Record: "Timmons-Goodson is a sound choice because of her long experience and exemplary record."

The News and Observer: "The state Supreme Court needs the perspective and wisdom of the three candidates with valuable experience on the bench... That style of deliberate patience, born of longer legal and life experience, helps give Timmons-Goodson the edge..."

The Charlotte Observer: "...the life experience Justice Timmons-Goodson brings is also valuable to that court, and to the state."

Asheville Citizen Times: "She has more judicial experience than any other candidate for the Supreme Court except Sarah Parker. Timmons-Goodson's longer experience and excellent service earn her the right to remain on the Supreme Court."

THE MINORITY VOICE NEWSPAPER IS PROUD TO JOIN IN WITH THESE ACCLAIMED NEWSPAPERS TO SING IN UNISON VOTE FOR JUSTICE TIMMONS-GOODSON

Justice Timmons-Goodson running statewide to keep her N.C. Supreme Court seat Court's only African American on ballot Nov. 7th

Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson is on the statewide ballot November 7 to keep her seat on the N.C. Supreme Court.

She is currently the only African American on the state's highest court, and is the only African American running for statewide judicial office this year.

Appointed to the Supreme Court in January by Governor Mike Easley, Timmons-Goodson will serve a full eight-year term if elected in November.

"I respectfully and prayerfully ask for your vote to keep me on the Supreme Court of North Carolina," said Justice Timmons-Goodson, "and I thank you for your

consideration and your support."

Timmons-Goodson brings more than 21 years of judicial experience to the Supreme Court, more than any other candidate for Associate Justice. She started her long career as a prosecutor and a legal aid lawyer in Fayetteville.

She was appointed by Governor Jim Hunt to the District Court bench in 1984. She was elected to that position three times - in 1986, 1990 and 1994.

She served on the District Court bench for twelve and one-half years before going to the state Court of Appeals, where she served for eight and one-half years. She was the first African-American woman to be pop-

ularly elected to the state appellate court.

The Supreme Court Justice has been married for 21 years to Dr. Ernest Goodson, a Fayetteville orthodontist.

They are the proud parents of two teenage sons. The Goodsons are active members of First Baptist Church, Moore Street, in Fayetteville.



N.C. Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson

NOTICE

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Voting a straight ticket Won't be a vote for Timmons-Goodson

Voters need to be aware that in order to vote for Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson to keep her seat on the Supreme Court, they must vote on the separate judges' ballot!

Voting a straight part ticket will not cast your vote for Timmons-Goodson.

"You must vote on the nonpartisan judicial ballot, and that will be separate from the regular ballot for Congress, state legislative and local races," explained Timmons-Goodson.

The judicial ballot also will not show party affiliations. Timmons-Goodson and the other Democrats who are running for statewide judicial offices will not be identified as being Democrats because the election is nonpartisan. Timmons-Goodson's opponent is a registered Republican.

Last three African Americans To run for Court lost

The last three African Americans who ran for election to the state Supreme Court lost their statewide elections.

It is important that this does not happen to Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson in 2006!

Justice Timmons-Goodson is the fourth African American to actually serve on the Supreme Court, but only former Chief Justice Henry Frye of Greensboro was ever elected by voters in a statewide election to the position. Justice Frye was defeated in his bid in 2000 to keep his seat as Chief Justice. Justices Jim Wynn and G. K. Butterfield were appointed to the Supreme Court, but were unsuccessful in their elections.

Justice Timmons-Goodson is the only member of the Supreme Court who is African American. If elected in November, she would be the first African-American woman ever elected to the state's highest court!



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