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Sources: McCain may visit area at primary

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BY PAUL B. JOHNSON
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TRIAD – Sen. John McCain may stump in Winston-Salem early next month during the North Carolina primary as part of a campaign swing through the state, sources tell The High Point Enterprise.

McCain, R-Ariz. and the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, would visit North Carolina May 5-6, according to the political sources, who asked to



McCain

remain anonymous. The campaign visit also would include a stop in Charlotte, the sources tell the Enterprise.

A spokesman for the McCain campaign said Thursday that campaign officials couldn't comment on reports that McCain would visit North Carolina in early May.

McCain last visited North Carolina almost a year ago. He attended the Coca-Cola 600 NASCAR race in Concord May 26-27, his campaign reports.

McCain's visit would take place as voters go to the polls in the primary. North Carolina has become a key state in the Democratic presidential nominating



battle between Sens. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Barack Obama, D-Ill.

Obama, who has visited North Carolina three times, was in Raleigh and Greenville Thursday. Clinton, who has campaigned in the state four times, will be in Winston-Salem today for a 6 p.m. event at Wake Forest University's Wait Chapel.

In the general election, Republican presidential candidates have prospered during the past three decades in North Carolina. The last Democratic presidential nominee to carry the state was Jimmy Carter in 1976.

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Police issue murder warrant

Inside...

2008 homicides in city. **2A**

ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT

HIGH POINT – The victim of a shooting outside a southeast High Point convenience store last week has died, and police were searching Thursday for his suspected killer.

Kenneth Ron Howard Jr., 24, died Wednesday at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, six days after being shot in the back outside Tommy's Self Service at 604 E. Grimes Ave., according to High Point police.

Detectives have drawn an arrest warrant charging Bruce Edward Wilson, 25, of 1219 Carolina St., with murder, police said. He had not been located as of late Thursday.

Wilson has ties outside the Triad and detectives placed information in a national law-enforcement database for wanted suspects, said Lt. Mike Kirk of the police department.

"Right now, we're just going to kind of have to wait until the information gets out and see if we can get some feedback on it," Kirk said. "We've exhausted everything we can do locally, but there's always the chance he may turn up at the Howard Johnson shack up with somebody."

Wilson is believed to have fled the scene of the shooting, which occurred around 5:30 p.m. April 10, in a car, according to police.

Howard, of Randolph Street, was shot outside the store, stumbled inside and was found lying on the floor by responding officers. He was not an employee of the store, and a motive for the shooting remains unclear, police said.

Wilson should be considered armed and dangerous, police said. This was High Point's third homicide of 2008.

Anyone with information is asked to call High Point Crimestoppers at 889-4000.



Wilson

WHO'S NEWS



Alison Jones is office manager/executive assistant at the National Conference for Community and Justice. She has extensive administrative experience, as well as volunteer experience with the Jaycees, Delancy Street and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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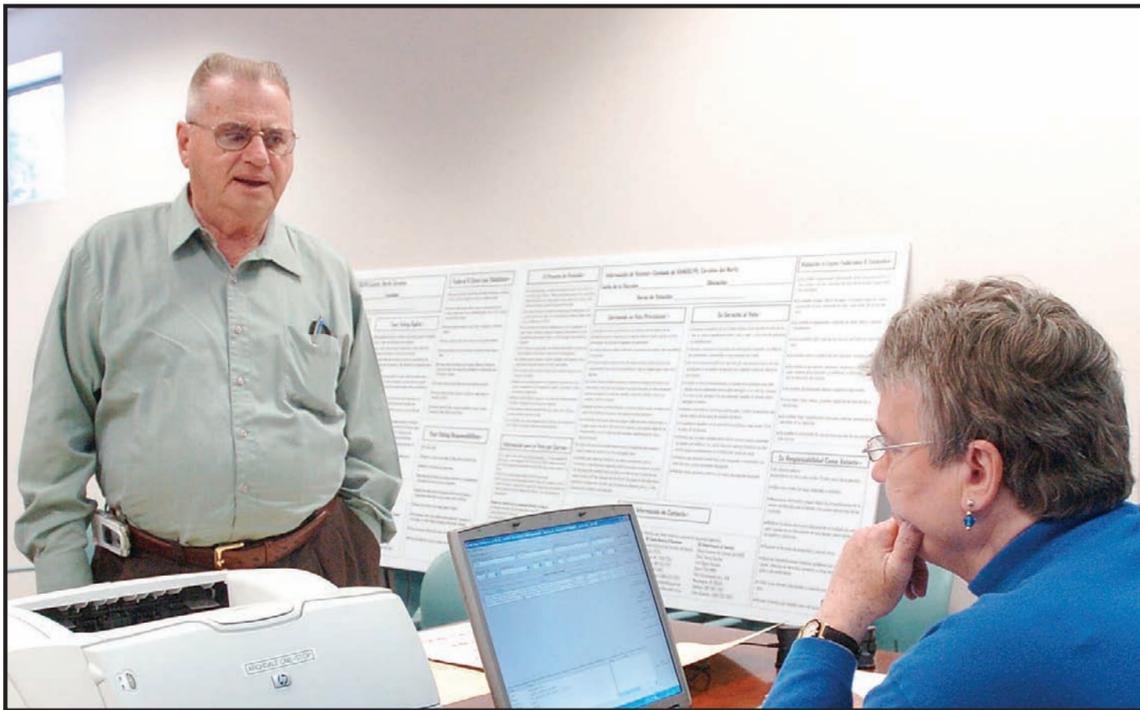
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Casting an early vote



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Charles Keefe (left) waits as Ida Williams looks up his name on the first day of early voting at the Archdale Library Thursday.

Ambitious vision unveiled for Washington Drive area

BY PAT KIMBROUGH
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HIGH POINT – Consultants unveiled an ambitious draft concept plan Thursday for revitalizing the Washington Drive area of southeast High Point.

The Washington Drive District Plan is considered one of the most important segments of the Core City Plan that is being developed to help guide growth in and around High Point's downtown areas.

The plan envisions mixed-use de-

velopment by rehabilitating existing buildings and adding infill development along Washington Drive with pedestrian-friendly streetscape improvements that tie in with the neighborhood to the north.

"We do think it's very achievable,"

said Phil Walker of Nashville, Tenn.-based The Walker Collaborative, one of the consultants working with the city to develop the plan. "It can be done, but it's not going to be easy. ... What we want

WASHINGTON, 2A

Leaders launch effort to combat homelessness

BY NICK G. MAHERAS
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HIGH POINT – County and community leaders announced a concerted effort to end chronic homelessness in Guilford County Thursday.

The Guilford County Task Force on Ending Homelessness has come up with a 10-year plan to address it.

"By 2016, we will end chronic homelessness in Guilford County and reduce all homelessness," said Carole Bruce, task force chairwoman.

Greensboro Mayor Yvonne Johnson called the task force an exciting collaboration.

"This absolutely is fiscally responsible and saves us money in the long run," she said. "People are still living under bridges,

AT A GLANCE

On any given day, more than 1,200 homeless people go through shelters in the county.

Sixty-five national cost studies show the cost per person of chronically homeless using the complete array of community and county services can range from \$35,000 to \$150,000 per year.

still homeless, so we still have work to do." Kay Cashion, vice chairman of the Guilford County Board of Commissioners, lauded the effort.

"This carefully prepared plan provides a logical, collaborative approach to solv-

ing chronic homelessness in Guilford County," she said.

County government has joined city governments, corporations, nonprofit agencies and foundations to launch the Partnering to End Chronic Homelessness in Guilford County initiative.

The United Way of Greater Greensboro and the Moses Cone Wesley Long Community Health Foundation contributed a two-year, \$270,000 grant to implement the plan.

The county also received a \$50,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro and a 26-month, \$644,000 grant from the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services for a housing support project.

The Ten-Year-Plan Implementation Leadership Council will execute

the plan. David S. Miller of High Point serves as chairman.

"We will work to help sustain the vision and the momentum of the plan, set the priorities, create the community partnership action team and coordinate current funding with the work to create additional resources," Miller said.

Philip Mangano, executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, noted the federal government has allotted record budget resources to help resolve the problem.

"We're going to ... invest them through a 10-year plan fashioned around business principles, the notions of accountability, results and outcomes," he said. "That's what you're committed to do here."

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