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Supreme Court with extreme conservatives and pursue drastic cuts in programs that affect blacks. Several Supreme Court justices are over seventy and some are rumored to be in poor health, so it is likely the next four years will see some new faces on the Court.

Polls show Representative Anderson running surprisingly well among black voters, although I believe some of that support will melt away. The Anderson alternative functions as a vehicle for a protest vote, but on Election Day it is likely that many people will decide that only two men have a clear shot at the Presidency and will switch.

And many of those who say they don't like either Carter or Reagan will probably vote for Carter. I suspect that many purists who say they won't vote for "the lesser of two evils" or that "it doesn't matter who wins" will remember the 1968 election, when that attitude led to the election of Nixon over Humphrey.

There is of course another possibility, that many blacks won't vote at all. That would be the most damaging course of all for black interests.

Not voting is a vote against participating in the political process. It's a vote against increased black political influence. It's a vote against making black interests a matter of importance to the candidates. And it's a vote for black powerlessness.

Black voters are sophisticated enough to recognize the dangers of a purist stance, to vote in large numbers on Election Day, and to vote for the candidate whose record and platform offer the best prospects for black people in the next four years.



In wartime, troopers march to the battlefields, while paratroopers leap... dropping from the sky with chutes opening above them like guardian angels... protecting them from the fall.

However, when David Rabe wrote the award winning play "Streamers" he named it for parachutists who streak to their death

trailing unopened parachutes.

"Streamers" a powerful drama and winner of the Best American Play 1976 in New York, will open in the Little Theatre at Clark County Community College Oct. 23.

Set in the early days of the Vietnam War, the play is said to represent the arbitrary lunacy of death.

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rate than senators. But you have to believe that an upheaval in the House is possible when two of the three top Democrats — Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas and Majority Whip John Brademas of Indiana — reportedly are in trouble.

A shift of 30 to 40 seats, which certainly is possible, could produce far-reaching repercussions this year even if it did not change control of the House. If John Anderson's independent bid for president were to deprive either major-party candidate of a majority in the Electoral College, the selection of a president would be thrown into the House of Representatives. Should that occur, it will be the new House, chosen in November, that will make the choice.

And no matter who is elected president, most of the policy decisions on national security, inflation, energy, social programs will come from our increasingly powerful Congress.

At the state level, this

is a more crucial election than usual because the newly-chosen legislatures will be responsible for redrawing congressional (and state) districts. That, in turn, will influence the makeup of Congress and state legislatures for the next decade.

Because they aren't enthralled with any of

the presidential candidates, millions of Americans are talking about staying home on Nov. 4. If they do, they also will forfeit a voice in these other elections that are so critical to the future of America.

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