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## AIDS has claimed thousands of lives of men, women and even children

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is a disease caused by infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Since its discovery in the United States in 1981, AIDS has claimed thousands of lives of men, women, and even children. While the epidemic is worldwide, most of the well-documented cases are in the United States. In this country, the urban areas are most affected. These cities include: New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Houston, Newark, Washington, D.C., Miami, Chicago, Dallas, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Boston, and others. The Black community has felt the most severe impact of the AIDS epidemic. Of the total persons with AIDS in the United States, 25% are Black, even though Black people represent only 12% of the total United States population. Of American women diagnosed with AIDS, 60% are Black. Sixty percent (60%) of the babies born with AIDS are Black, and 53% of the children under 13 years of age with documented AIDS are Black. Nearly three-fourths of the children with AIDS are reported from New York, New Jersey, California, and Florida. No longer can AIDS be erroneously considered a 'gay-white-adult-male disease', but a threat to the health of all Americans, especially Black women and their children.

## "We've Come A Long Way"

BY: DEACON JAMES VINES

So we took off and ran all the way to the west end of town where we lived. I told my friend that I was going home and would see him the next day. I went home and went straight to bed, and by it being so early, my mother came to my room and asked me if I was sick, and I told her I was just tired.

I laid there and didn't get to sleep until early the next morning. I was glad to see day break so I could get up and go some place where I wouldn't have to be bothered by that woman. I just couldn't seem to get the sight of her out of my mind. I got up the next morning, took a hot bath and dressed and didn't even tell my mother that I was gone. It was Saturday and I knew that I had two more days that I wouldn't have to go to the drug store. I went to the corner where we usually hang out and some of my friends were already there. We stood around and talked a while and one of the boys suggested that we go to the baseball game that evening. So we all agreed to meet there that afternoon and go together. The hours passed and we gathered on the corner and decided which way we would go. We knew that if we went Long Street the colored boys would run us and if we went through Norristown the white boys would run us. The baseball park was located in southwest Greenville and we lived on the northwest part of town. So we decided to go through Norristown and take chances on the white boys being gone to swimming. But not so.

Just as soon as we had passed almost out of the area that we considered dangerous, we heard them coming shouting as loud as they could, 'Let's get them niggers.' So we took off running as fast as we could until we were in our territory and when they say that we were they, they turned back. After the game we decided to go back another way. Instead of going back the way we came, we decided to go through Long Street. The closer we got to Long Street we could see some of the boys standing out on the corner waiting for us. They were breaking up bricks and piling them beside the street until we got there. When we go within a few feet of them we heard one of them say, 'There goes those guys from the west end. Let's make them hook up,' one of them said. As they begin to throw at us we took off running. But there was a bit of luck on our side because one of the boys running us was my cousin so they did what he asked them to do and they let us go. My cousin told me not to come over that way again because he may not be able to help me the next time. So we went on our way. We crossed Dickerson Ave. and on to Chestnut Street where we saw a large crowd of white fold gathered together on the sidewalk in front of a small white house sitting back from the street with some large oak trees in the front yard.

We decided to investigate to see what was going on. When we got almost to the crowd we heard a white woman talking to one of the men telling him that she saw a

nigger peeping in her window and he asked her which way did he go and she said he ran that way pointing toward the direction we were going. Then one of them asked her if she would know him if she saw him again and she said yes. By this time a tall man came by on the side of the street and she pointed toward him and said there he was over there. So they took after him and he decided to run not knowing what was happening.

About five or ten of them were behind him shouting, 'Let's kill that nigger.' He probably could have outran them if he had the two bags of groceries down but he knew he was innocent and decided to keep going as fast as he could. He had gotten almost to the northwest side of town when one of the men flagged a car down that turned out to be a highway patrolman. The patrolman got out of the car and asked what was wrong and one of the white men told him they were chasing a nigger that had just peeped in a white woman's window. The patrolman then asked the man which way did he go and he said he went straight up the street where they were standing.

So he jumped in his car and took off down the street. After going about three blocks the man that was riding with the patrolman spotted the man running trying to get home and put his groceries down, but he was no match for the patrol car. He did make it close enough to his home

## Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church: A Good Example

BY: STAFF WRITER

At a time when drugs are running rampant in our community, diseases such as AIDS are reaching epidemic proportions and the role of the Black Church is under fire. The Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church on West Fourth Street in Washington is not slowing down and is taking on the nation's social ills head-on.

Under the leadership of the Reverend David L. Moore, Metropolitan AME Zion Church has gone out into the African American communities of Beaufort County to tackle issues they believe to be detrimental to social, economic and political progress of Blacks in the rural eastern North Carolina counties.

"Beaufort County has never had a Black County Commissioner, a Black School Board Member, . . .," among others, Moore said. "Therefore," he added, "We (community leaders) have sued the county to revamp its election methods to allow Blacks to be elected and we are expecting a ruling from the U.S. Justice Department very soon." He says of the law firm they hired out of Charlotte, "They have the best record" in winning law suits of this nature. In addition to Beaufort County's alleged political inadequacies, there are a number of economic and social ways that have netted the concerns of the Metropolitan Church family.

## Comprehensive land use plan to be discussed soon

The Pitt County Planning Board's Comprehensive Plan subcommittee has scheduled a series of public meetings for the last week in April to present information and solicit comments on draft goals and objectives for the county's first Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The five member subcommittee has been working with the planning staff since

Teenage pregnancy is one of those concerns. "They have already benefitted from the 'Teen Parenting Program,'" Moore said. According to an outline of the Program, "It is designed to provide an opportunity for teen parents and their support systems to come together and begin the process of making the necessary decisions in a responsible and realistic manner . . ." The program further allows teens to receive help from other teens faced with similar problems as well as participate in a structural and informal group discussion led by a trained social worker and as well as others within a speakers bureau.

It would appear that Metropolitan has left no stones unturned when you visit the Church's campus. The entire church family, as it seems, reaches out to try and help every segment of the mostly rural county, and stemming from their commitments are interests from other members of the community.

Ms. Lynn Bolden, now working on her Master's Degree at Yale University, saw a need within the county's public school system and set out to establish a tutorial program. The result of her concerns is now over a year old and is known as the Metropolitan Tutorial Program. Attendance has grown in excess of thirty now eager students, despite a severe lack of funding. The Program is scheduled each Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school and the students' grades have improved immensely from C's and D's to A's and B's.

In addition to these commitment, Metropolitan has made in the community. They also have a shelter for the homeless that's equipped with cots, blankets and pillows as well as a soup kitchen in a clean comfortable environment. The Smith Reynolds Foundation has helped with funding, but more is needed according to Program officials.

All these programs and other services are continuing even as the

church is experiencing major structural renovations and making plans for its 87th year anniversary.

THE 'M' VOICE is proud to salute the church family at Metropolitan AME Zion Church for its work in the community.



**ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY . . .** Rev. David L. Moore, top, is the pastor of Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church in Washington and he believes most social ills facing African Americans can be eradicated by an enthusiastic and positive commitment from the Black Church and members of the community. Shown below are just some of the fruits of the church's labor. Left to right are: Meyette Grimes, Karen Townes, Lavakini Grimes, Shakila Grimes and Ms. Mary Madden. (See Related Story)

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The  
Mrs. Beatrice  
Maye Column



SOAP OPERA PRAYER—MISS MAYE

Almighty and Eternal God, help us to no longer be the YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS. Help us to remember that we have ONE LIFE TO LIVE. Let us always remain close to You, walking not in RYAN'S HOPE, but in Christian hope, for our destination is heaven, not DALLAS. May mothers and

fathers of our community always say to you, bless and protect ALL MY CHILDREN. Truly, these are the DAYS OF OUR LIVES. And so, AS THE WORLD TURNS and as some of us have to visit THE DOCTORS AND GENERAL HOSPITAL, may we keep You, dear God, as THE GUIDING LIGHT. Then we won't be concerned with a foolish SEARCH FOR TOMORROW,

walking on the EDGE OF NIGHT. For together, dear Lord, we will be able to create and build ANOTHER WORLD.—The Reverend Carl A. Fisher, S.S.J. ABC'S OF LOVE

A-accepting without murmuring and complaining

B-bearing all that others put upon us and forgiving them

C-creative love, thinking positively; a clean heart through the power of our Lord Jesus. Let miracles work for you, a citadel of strength.

For Strength: Ezekiel 26:26-38; Psalms 51; Ephesians 5; Revelation 3:20; Isaiah 40; John 14.

WITH OUR CHILDREN, PARENTS MUST:

1. Have open communication.
2. Be consistent.
3. Give them quality. A special walk in the park, treat them to an ice cream cone.

4. Let them experience God for themselves, taking them to Sunday school, to church, grace before meals, Bible stories to read, have family altar.

5. Give them back to God. Let them grow, but hold open arms, pray constantly for them.

THE EMPTY SYNDROME Because of death, separation or

divorce from your mate either by choice or because Mr. Right has never come along is the perfect time to see God alone again.

Are you going or growing through your problem? Read Proverbs 20:24, 'Man's goings are of the Lord; how then can a man then understand his own way.' Accept your singleness, keep hope alive.

There are three kinds of love: 1. I love you because...2. I love you if...3. I love you in spite of...

Accept each other. Communicate—mean what you say and say what you mean. Look each other in the eyes while talking and form a triangle—God, you, me. Build each other up and make each important. Take priority time with each other.

It is predicted by the year 1990, 63 divorces for every 100 marriages will occur.

SOME FACTS...

1. All children need limits, control and discipline as well as unconditional love and understanding.

2. Every individual has dignity and worth.

3. It's so observable seeing white men love and respect their wives, especially by saying, 'My wife Nancy joins me in wishing you happiness' (or similar recognitions in public), but it's seldom, if ever, that the Black man does that. He does it for everyone else except his wife. Many husbands are selfish enough to say, 'She doesn't do it.' Husbands should set the leadership in the home in supporting the family, in courtesy and manners, in compliments, and in expressing love and caring. God instituted it so.

Children are cold, inattentive, show and express no love or affection, because of what they see

their parents do. Parents are their children's best role models. I can't say that enough. Greeting in the mornings, accompanied by hugs and kisses; likewise at night before retiring, make for warm and loving children. Try it families. I assure you drugs would not be such a problem.

4. What happens to a child before he is ten years old is a lot more important than afterwards. Basic personality traits change little beyond that age. A good solid foundation in those early years really spells the difference between future school success and the lack of it.

5. Two things are bad for the heart—running up stairs and running down people.

6. It's smart to pick your friends—but not to pieces.

7. A friend takes an interest in you—but not a controlling one.

8. If we all said to people's faces what we say behind each other's backs, society would be impossible.

9. Be grateful for your doors of opportunity—and for friends who oil the hinges.

10. There is nothing more terrifying than ignorance in action.

11. One way of making the world better is by improving yourself.

12. Never judge a man's actions until you know his motives.

13. Justice is what we get when the decision is in our favor.

14. One way to curb juvenile delinquency is to take the parents off the streets at night.

15. We herd sheep; we drive cattle; we lead men.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Pitt County Planning Board's Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee (CPS) will host three (3) public meetings to present information and discuss the County's first Comprehensive Land Use Plan. These meetings are open to the general public and all interested citizens are invited to attend.

Background information, land use issues, and goals and objectives relating to the areas of Growth and Development, Land Use, Transportation, Community Services and Facilities, and the Natural Environment will be discussed.

The workshop meetings will be held each night from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. according to the following schedule:

Monday, April 24 — Falkland Elementary School

Tuesday, April 25 — D.H. Conley High School

Thursday, April 27 — North Pitt High School

For more information, please contact the Pitt County Planning Department at 1717 West Fifth Street, Greenville, N.C. The phone number is 830-6319.

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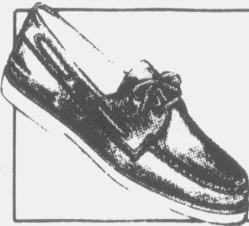
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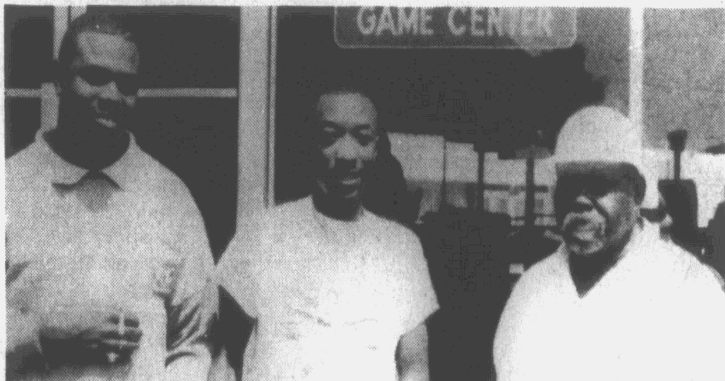
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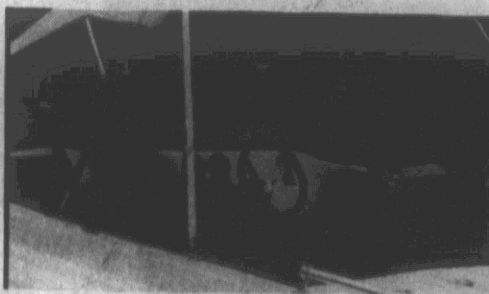


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# ISLAM IN FOCUS

By: Noria Halimah Namaz  
Not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Matthew 7: 21-23.

What iniquity? Who is Christ talking about? Surely he is not speaking of the sincere people who do wondrous things in our society? Who make the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the lame to walk? Surely not the people who lay their hands on you in Jesus anem and ask for your healing? But then, if he's not speaking of these people, why are they so confounded over his not recognizing them? Somehow these people have fallen short in their duty, they have failed to obey God's will. These people are not necessarily sinful people. However Jesus is using them to make a statement that should cause a God fearing person to ponder. In the previous verses before these he speaks of the narrow and straight way that leads into heaven and the broad and spacious path that leads to destruction. He warns of false prophets, and tells us how to distinguish them by their evil fruits. "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." Matthew 7: 16-17. Even if you have been asleep for a 1000 years, you should be able to recognize a God fearing society by its fruits.

Society, like a tree, stands firmly rooted. It begins its life as a small seedling, and grows upward. When it reaches maturity it begins to bear fruit. At harvest time the fruit is picked. If the tree has produced good fruit, you are pleased, if it produced bad fruit, you begin to worry that your tending was careless. You research trying to find the source of the tree's problem, you apply whatever remedies you can. When finally you realize the tree has somehow been corrupted and will never bear good fruit, you cut it down and use its wood for kindling.

Is our society one that bears good fruit? Aside from its fruit Christ tells us to also check jout its foundation. "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock: And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended and floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house and it fell: and great was the fall of it." Matthew 7:24-27.

Now, if guidance of your society was established on a foundation built by God, the fruit of this society will consistently bear good fruit. On the other hand, if the guidance of this society was built on a man-made foundation it will always bear bad fruit. The foundation of men is weak, when the winds of life beat against it, it falls and so will we, if we follow it.

Thus the works of the sincere people are called by Christ, the works of iniquity because they know that the foundation is weak. Their seemingly good works beguile them and us into a false sense of security. But Christ is not fooled by them and says they are not following God's will but are in fact complying with Satan to lead us down the broad way. The way of destruction. O, my people seek knowledge, so that we may find Truth, and by it be set free.

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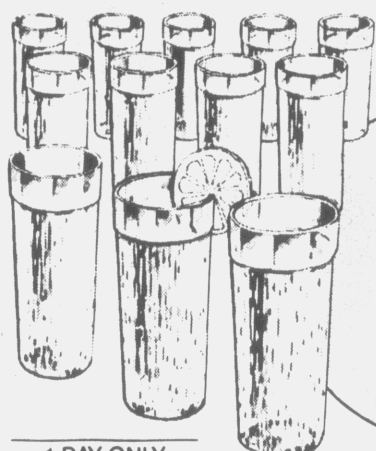
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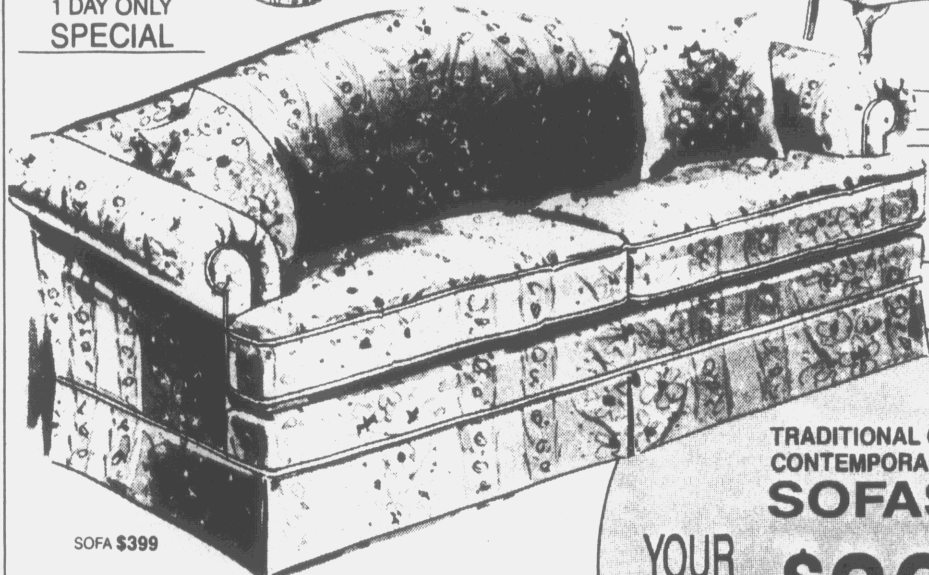


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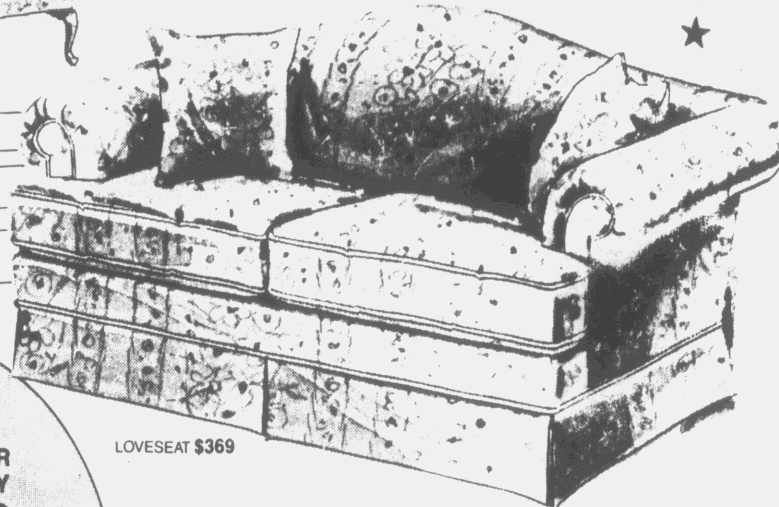
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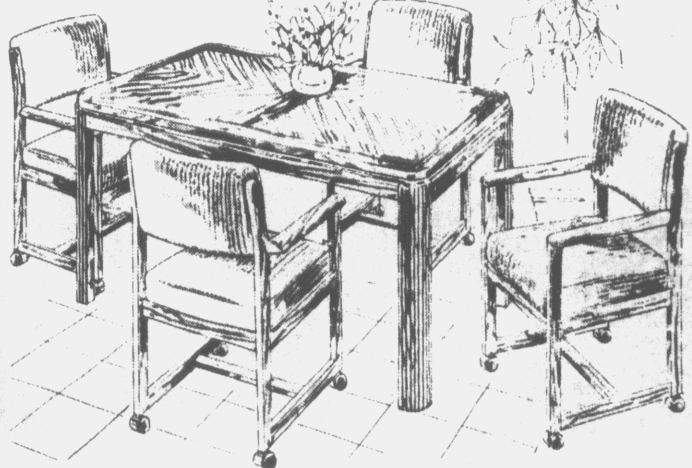


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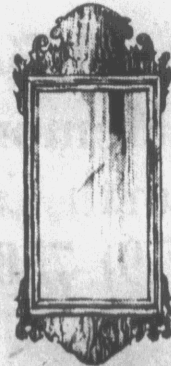


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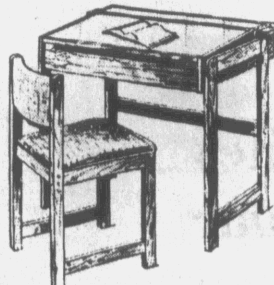
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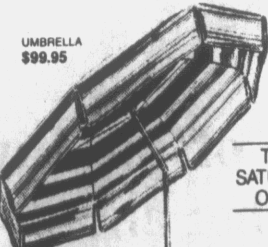
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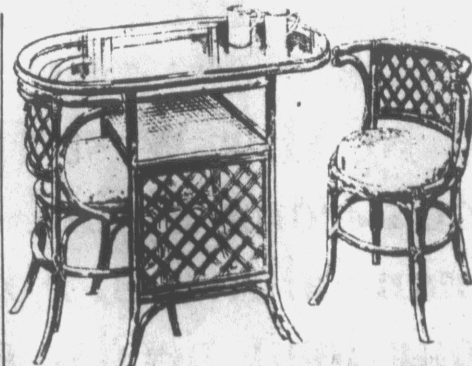
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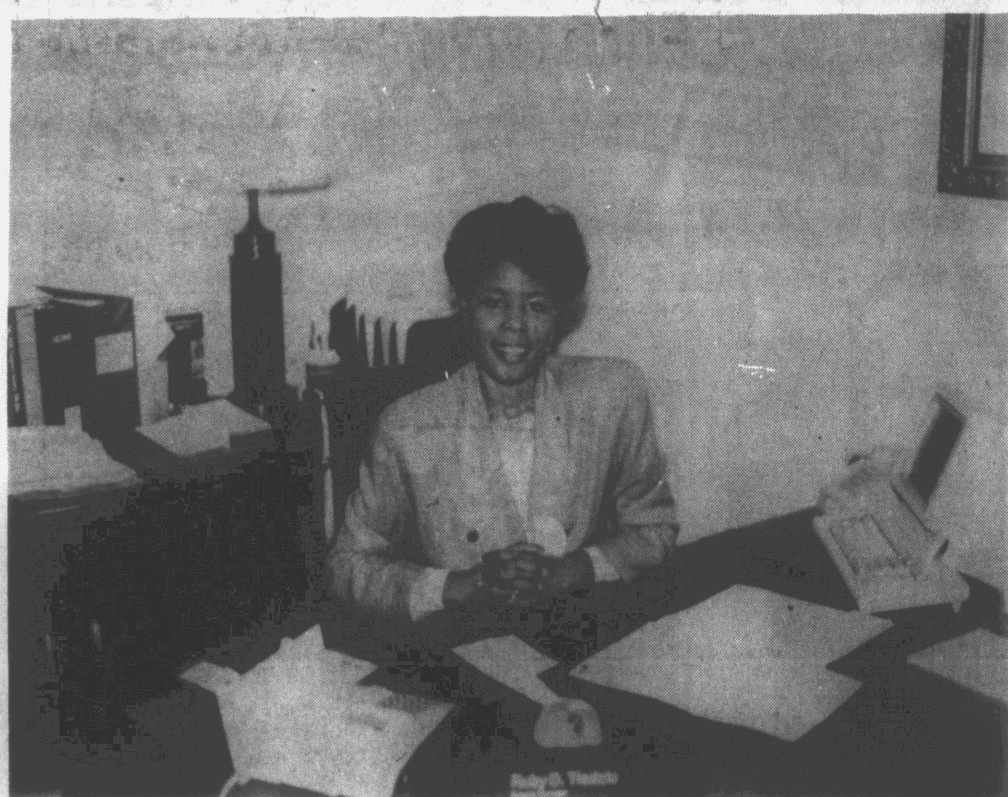


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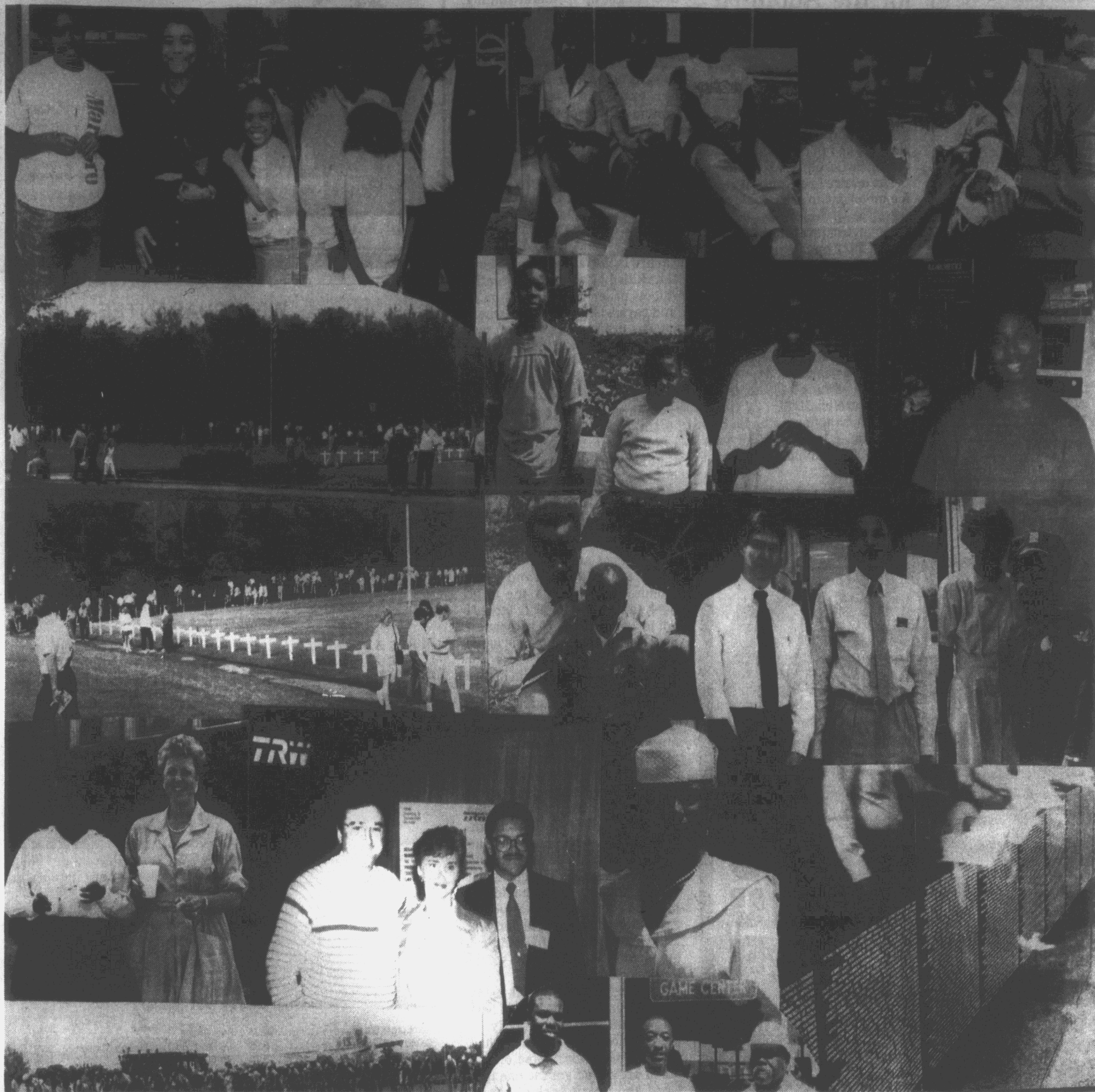
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# Greenville Faces & Places



## Comprehensive Land Use Plan

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September and wants to share its planning information with the citizens of the county.

According to Jeff Ulma, County Planning Director, "The CPS has studied growth and development factors, has identified major land use issues, and has drafted goals and objectives which will form the framework for the rest of the plan. It's time to let the general public review this information and provide comments on the direction being proposed."

The recommended goals and objectives prepared by the Subcommittee have been organized into five topic areas. They include "Growth and Development," "Land Use," "Transportation," "Community Services and Facilities," and "Natural Environment." For each of these categories, a general goal and more specific objectives have been developed. Some of the objectives address such items as management of growth and development, preservation of prime agricultural land, effective land use regulations, aesthetics, protection of natural resources, and provision of adequate public facilities and services. The public meetings are intended to allow citizens to express their opinions about the land use issues to be addressed in the 20-year plan.

"Active citizen participation is needed during this planning process," said Ulma, "and is critical at this stage. If the general public does not get involved now, then the plan will not reflect county-wide opinion, but only the opinion of the Planning Board and its staff. In addition, he continued, "short-term work on a future zoning ordinance, new development requirements, other planning tools, and more detailed land use plans will be developed as a direct result of this long-range plan."

Ed Hemingway, Chairman of the Comprehensive Plan Subcommittee, agrees. "We have gone as far as possible on our own. We have reviewed a great amount of background information."

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G.J. MOORE

WARREN J. BOWMAN JR.

## Moore and Bowman win medals in Tae Kwon Do Championships

East Carolina Tae Kwon Do Academy participated in AAU State Championships held in Raleigh on Saturday, April 1st. Tae Kwon Do, a Korean form of martial arts is growing fast with over one million people in the United States active in the sport.

Overall, twenty-one medals were won by students from East Carolina Tae Kwon Do.

Two of the local winners in the childrens division were: Warren J. Bowman, Jr., son of Mr. War-

ren and Vernida Bowman of Greenville, who won a gold medal in sparring and a bronze medal in pattern form or (Poom See) in the green belt division.

G.J. Moore, son of Garrie and Lavonne Moore of Greenville also won a gold medal in sparring in the yellow belt division.

Overall, there were seven gold, five silver, and nine bronze medals won by students from this local school.

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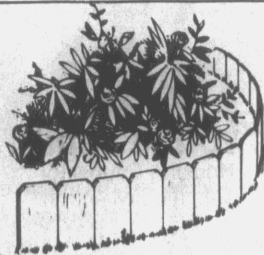


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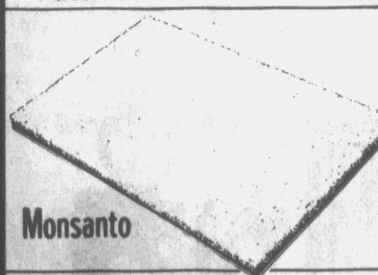
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Monday, April 24, 1989 — 6:00 p.m.  
Third Floor Conference Room - Municipal Bldg.

The Greenville City Council will meet at the above time, date and location to discuss/consider the following:

1. Budget Review - Administrative Offices;
2. Spay/Neuter Ordinance Review;
3. Halloween Committee Report;
4. Annexations Standards;
5. Easement Documents - U.S. Army/Airport;
6. Resolution in Support of Hwy. Bill;
7. City Manager's Report;
8. Report from Council Liaisons to Boards & Commissioners
9. Language Change on Boards & Commissions Appointments Policy

The attachments are available in the City Clerk's Office. The public is invited to attend.

## Orange trash bags for litter pickup will be distributed for the Adopt-A-Highway Program

New orange trash bags, distributed by NCDOT division and district offices to Adopt-A-Highway and other anti-litter groups across the state, are showing up full of trash collected on North Carolina's roadsides.

The orange bags make it easier for motorists to see people picking up trash, and they create a safer environment for volunteers and NCDOT maintenance crews who already wear orange protective vests.

Hundreds of orange bags will be used across the state this month as community service groups and NCDOT maintenance crews participate in "Keep America Beautiful Month In North Carolina."

For more information on how to get these bags, contact your local NCDOT division or district office.

We've Come A Long Way  
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to go between his house and another house. By this time they had caught up with him coming out toward the street where the patrolman told him to halt and turn around and face him. So he turned around and started back toward the officer when he told him to put the groceries on the ground and raise his hands above his head.

He sat the groceries down and as he raised his hands above his head what sounded like a firecracker or a car backfiring broke the silence of the evening. It turned out to be two shots from a revolver that hit the suspect square in the face and in the head that killed him almost instantly. A local undertaker picked him up and carried him to P.G.H. where he was pronounced dead. It was later learned that the man that was killed was in a local grocery store at the time that the incident occurred, but it was too late. The woman who accused him made a death bed confession that she never saw anyone at her window, that she was just trying to keep her husband home. But that didn't help.

After that Saturday afternoon, things were really scary because I was in a situation where the same thing could have happened to me. So time passed and it was Monday and time for me to go back to work at the drug store. I got to work about 8:00 in the morning and after we had gone in the office and given our boss our sympathy, I was called in before we got to work. The dispatcher gave me the order which was on my route and told me it was already paid for and I didn't have to collect it. I arrived at the place of delivery and went on the porch and knocked on the door and a beautiful colored girl came to the door and invited me to come in. I told her that her husband had paid for it and there was nothing for her to pay but she insisted I come in anyway so she could ask me if she had to turn in a tube to get toothpaste and I told her yes. Then she asked me if I could get her some tubes and she would pay me. I told her that I would try. So I left and went back to the store thinking of how I could help this beautiful young lady. I thought about the one that I had at home so I went home on my lunch break and got the one that I had and took it back to her on my way to the store. I gave her the tube and she thanked me and I started out the door and she called me back and told me that she wanted to talk because she gets lonesome home all day waiting for her husband to come home. So I sat down and I noticed that she had pulled off her housecoat and had nothing on but her bra and slip. We sat there for a moment and then she said she needed some company every now and then.

I was beginning to get a funny feeling that I was headed for trouble because the minute I saw her I knew that I was going to like her more than I should because she was a married woman. So she thanked me for the toothpaste tube and told me to come back the next day on my lunch break.

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# Greenville Mayor Ed Carter has been named Citizen of the Year for the Mid-Atlantic Region of Alpha Kappa Sorority

Frances Robertson.

Carter is a 1962 graduate of Virginia State College with a bachelor of science degree in physics. A former captain in the U.S. Army, Carter is now employed as head of administrative services for the Burroughs Wellcome Co. in Greenville.

Carter also is the first and only black to have served as chairman of the Greenville Board of Education and mayor pro-tem of

**MAYOR ED CARTER**

Greenville Mayor Edward Carter has been named Citizen of the Year for the Mid-Atlantic Region of the Alpha Kappa sorority.

This honor was bestowed at the AKA's 36th Annual Regional Conference held March 30-April 2 in Arlington, Va. Carter was selected from a field of candidates representing the sorority's 95 chapters in North Carolina and Virginia.

The award has been presented annually since 1969 to someone in the region who has distinguished himself as a humanitarian, based on accomplishments in the fields of education, community service, family life and political action.

The sorority's Iota Kappa Omega chapter in Greenville nominated Carter, who received the award and addressed the regional membership at the conference banquet on Saturday, April 1. Nearly 1,200 AKA representatives attended the conference. The sorority was founded in 1908 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. More than 75,000 in the United States and throughout the world belong to the organization, whose motto is to be of "service to mankind."

Greenville sorors attending the conference included Jean Carter, Ann Dixon, Rhonda Dennard, Helen Harrell, Ella Harris, Jacqui Hawkins, Gloria Hines, and

## "Work Program holds offenders accountable"

Juvenile offenders in Pitt County have been held personally accountable for their unlawful acts through Juvenile Services Restitution-Community Service Program.

These offenders work at various public service agencies in order to make restitution to their victims and/or to perform community service.

According to Mrs. Sadie W. Applewhite, who is a Program Coordinator, "Not only does the program utilize public worksite, but continues to seek other agencies, organizations, businesses and citizens to be designated as worksites."

Worksites must be approved by the program. This is not a difficult process, however, the program focus on the type of work and quality of supervision provided.

Worksites are needed throughout the county — Greenville in particular, as well as Bethel, Farmville and Ayden to name a few areas.

Actual scheduling of a juvenile is flexible and is usually done at the convenience of the participating worksite.

Occasionally, adult volunteers can be used in offering additional supervision and interaction with the juveniles.

Juveniles who owe restitution earn \$2.60 per hour. Others who perform community service, give a portion of their time and energy to the community without being monetarily compensated.

The primary goal of this program is to hold the juvenile personally accountable for his/her actions, and to provide the offender with an opportunity to begin learning basic skills and traits in employment. Another goal is to offer at least partial monetary compensation to victims of delinquency and to enhance their confidence in the Juvenile Justice System.

Teh program began in Pitt County in 1982 and has expanded throughout Craven, Pamlico and Carteret Counties, all of which are in the Third Judicial District.

Since operation, victims in Pitt County have been paid for damages and losses in the amount of over \$21,400.00.

The program addresses the needs and concerns of both the juvenile and the community, as it strives to strengthen teh ties between the juvenile and his community. It is an opportunity for the community to become directly involved in redirecting the energies and motivations of troubled youth into productive activity. It provides the juvenile of an opportunity to develop a sense of self-worth and community pride by contributing to the community.

Persons interested in the program may call 830-4474 for more information.

Greenville. He is the city's first black mayor and received more votes than any candidate in the city's history in his last election campaign.

tury Social Club, a member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, the City Council's liaison to the Greenville Utilities Commission and the Greenville Human Relations Council.

Carter's other awards include the 1975 Cornerstone Young Man of the Year, the 1977 Omega Psi Psi Community Service Award, and inclusion in 'Who's Who in the Southeastern United States.'

The 'M' Voice proudly salutes Mayor Ed Carter (and congratulations).

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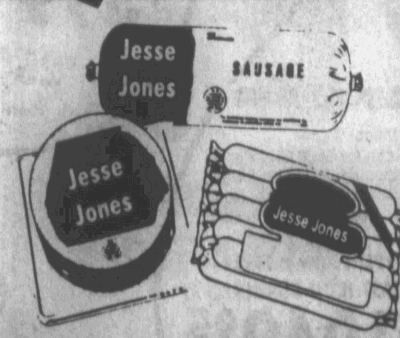
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# Doctor's Corner

By: Cynthia L. Doctor



Much attention has been focused on adolescent mothers and their children. However, adolescent fathers who father children are at a disadvantage as well. Such fathers have less education, lower income, and usually more children than do men who begin to parent in their twenties. Families that are rearing adolescent males as well as the com-

munity as a whole must consider means for strengthening an important part of the African American society—they young male. Many young males, especially in the age range of 15 to 25 years, lack of support and guidance that will prevent early parenthood. Such males may possibly be reared under the philosophy that it is fine to 'sow

a few wild oats.' These wild oats often result in the impregnation of teenage girls. Others may lack support in realizing the importance of educational and vocational goals. Although the reasons for early fatherhood vary, the fact that they often beget children remains with us! According to the Center for Population Options, two thirds of children younger than six in families began by a teen birth are living below the poverty level.

Teenage fathers' impact on their own families as well as the families of the young mother. Unlike the conventional process of family formation that begins with marriage, both families are put in a position of having to decide whether or not and 'how' to incorporate the child and the

father of the child. The father generally must clarify his intention regarding the pregnancy and the child after birth. He most often enters a bid to help support the child. If the bid is accepted by the adolescent and her family, he is accorded rights. Those rights may include visits with the child after delivery. His family may be extended privileges of kinship. In the absence of marriage, if the bid is not accepted or if the father denies responsibility, the father is not allowed to fulfill the parental role. The paternal role is often unoccupied in the truncated family system of the unmarried mother and the illegitimate child. As long as the role is unfilled, the child is not incorporated in an adequately functioning family and is likely to be deprived.

These deprived children are most often the forgotten grandchildren of parents who also choose not to assume responsibility for sons' behavior.

Parents, civic groups, churches, and fraternities must become aware of the needs of the young Black male. All of us can help them in their search for manhood to learn that having a child does not necessarily make one a man or father in the true sense of the world.

## LET'S NOT

In order to raise healthy, well adjusted children there are some things parents should not do. Following are some reasons why it is important not to:

\*Laugh when your child uses bad words. Laughing makes him

think he's cute, and it will encourage him to use more bad words. Day Care Centers, schools and other parents will not be acceptable to such words. Using such words, therefore, will create problems for your child.

\*Argue and fight in the presence of your child. He will learn that problems and disagreements are solved by hitting and yelling.

\*Always take his side against caretakers, teachers, neighbors, friends (and later policemen). Develop skills in listening and being objective in situations involving your child. You will then be better able to help him learn effective means of solving problems.

\*Pick up behind him. Children benefit from learning to accept responsibility for their books, toys, shoes and clothes. If you do everything for him while he is young, he may always put his responsibilities off on others.

## DISCIPLINE

Discipline has a lot to do with teaching your child to cope with the world he lives in. Discipline is an important part of his preparation for learning. A child who is not disciplined is denied the chance to learn how to behave with others. But learning to discipline is one of the hardest parts of parenting.

Disciplinary techniques will vary with the age of the child. Regardless of age, the discipline should be consistent.

Discipline for an infant means meeting his needs. Alleviating distress such as fussing and crying, appropriately handled, allows the young child to trust that his needs will be met. As the child grows older, learn to distinguish between his crying in order to best meet his needs but not to be manipulated.

Firm guidance is necessary for toddlers. Parents must learn to set limits, but also to give toddlers enough freedom to explore.

"No" is an important word to discipline. Use "No" sparingly. Your goal is using no to get your child to react, to stop doing whatever it is you don't like. However, if she hears no every few minutes, it will not be effective. Use "no" a few times a day in an "I mean it tone."

**GROWING AND LEARNING**  
Toddlers play reflects their developing abilities and interests. It also teaches them important things. Children play differently as they get older. Encourage the development of different ways of playing.

Following are some differences in ways of playing for one year olds and two years olds:

A. A one year old may enjoy you winding a music box, but a two year old will try to work the box herself. She will want to turn it off and on when she wants to.

B. A one year old will enjoy you reading to him. A two year old

will want to tell you a story; turn the pages, or take the book away.

C. If you take a toy away from a one year old, she will quickly forget the toy. (One year olds think anything out of sight doesn't exist). A two year old will cry for you to bring the toy back. (Two year olds understand that things exist even when they don't see them).

## PACIFIER TIPS

1. Never tie a pacifier around a child's neck. This can lead to choking.

2. Never use homemade pacifiers. Nipples stuffed with rags or other fabric can be unhealthy and dangerous.

3. Don't buy pacifiers with foreign objects inside such as metal squeakers or rattles.

4. Make sure pacifiers are clean and in good shape. Broken or cracked pacifiers can cause choking, especially if the child falls with it in his mouth.

## SAFETY TIP

Most drugs now come in child resistant containers. Yet, each year hundreds of children still get poisoned. Always put the lids on correctly or the lid's closure mechanism will not work. Child-resistant lids that are used properly will prevent drug poisoning.

## READY, SET, GO!

Parents can do a lot to help their children learn skills important to each developmental level. Go through the following checklists. Determine those things your child can do and those things you need to work on. Consider your child's age in reading the checklists.

## DOES YOUR CHILD KNOW THESE THINGS?

1. Can point to a penny, a nickel, a dime or a quarter?
2. Can point to parts of the body (head, shoulders, arms, stomach, knees, elbow, toes) when they are named?
3. Can pick out the color red, blue, black, yellow, brown, etc?
4. Can recognize a cup, spoon or fork?
5. Can tell his first name?

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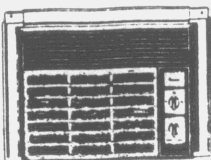
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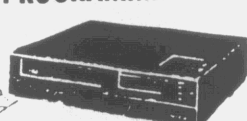
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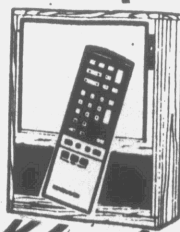
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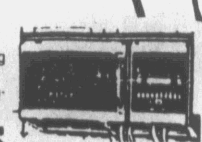
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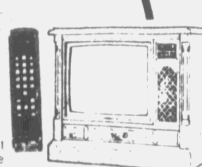
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## AIDS

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Several important factors are offered to explain the wide gap in Black and White rates of HIV infection, including intravenous drug abuse; and heterosexual spread of the virus. Among White males, the spread of the virus has been overwhelmingly (80%-90%) by homosexual contact. Intravenous drug abuse among White males has, in contrast, been a relatively minor factor (5% or less). Among Black males, at least one-third of the AIDS infected persons (34%) have intravenous drug abuse and needle sharing as their primary mode of transmission. Slightly less than half of Black men (46%) are cited as having homosexual contact as their primary mode of transmission. These factors support two important conclusions. First, intravenous drug abuse is far more important in the spread of the AIDS virus in the Black community than the White community. Secondly, since most intravenous drug abusers declare themselves as heterosexual, their sexual partners (Black women) are at increased risk for infection. Furthermore, there exists a significant number of "closet" Black male bisexuals that have never been counted accurately. Black gay activists and the medical community state that the former estimate of 10% is extremely low. These men, some of whom are married, have sexual relations with both men and women, placing both at risk. The number of Black female intravenous drug abusers who are sexually active, further place not only men, but unborn children at risk for AIDS.

When a child is born and develops AIDS, it is an excruciating time. Parents should be tested, and the source of the virus should be identified. Intervention and treatment should begin immediately for those involved. HIV infection can have a variety of effects on infants and children. The family must select a good doctor and program. Hospitals, public health departments, and medical societies have this information readily available. Home care for the young children requires continued learning, sensitivity, and patience. There may be special feeding requirements, hygienic precautions, and care for repeated illnesses and setbacks in development. Assistance from visiting nurses or other agencies may be necessary. If adequate care cannot be provided in the home because it is too overwhelming, or the parents are too ill themselves, placement in foster care should be considered. This is a most difficult decision, requiring support and good judgment for the benefit of the child. Daycare and public school education of the longer term survivors entails other challenges involving the rights of the individual child versus the safety of the general population. The options are still being analyzed and debated by advocates on both sides of the issue.

Like other chronic childhood illnesses, AIDS can change the lifestyle and emotional well-being of the entire family. Most parents and other family members are in a state of shock and disbelief when first told the diagnosis. As the shock and disbelief subside, other feelings may emerge. Guilt and helplessness are among the most devastating. Anger and blaming loved ones is commonplace. Various fears grip all those involved. Fear of telling others, fear of rumors, fear of rejection, fear of spreading the disease, fear of death, and fear of the unknown can paralyze any helpful efforts attempted by caring individuals. Denial is another common reaction, and probably the most dangerous. Denying the realities of the diagnosis puts lives in danger (the child, the parents, the close contacts, etc.). These feelings among families and friends emphasize the need for counselors, clergy, and support groups that are both knowledgeable and sensitive.

At present, the only cure for AIDS is prevention. Prevention is the responsibility of each individual, family, and agency affecting the Black community. Health education, safe sex, and avoiding drugs are the keys to prevention. When teenagers and adults become infected, particularly females, the transfer of the virus to unborn children becomes a serious threat. Testing and conscientious family planning are imperative. The affected children, in turn, require love, patience, support, sensitivity, and competence from all those around them. In essence, the Black community's response to children with AIDS will influence the future of all Black people in America.

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# Comprehensive Land Use Plan (Continued from page 5)

tion and have developed draft recommendations that should allow for a healthy discussion of future growth and land use in the county. Since the plan is to serve the needs of all citizens, we are providing an opportunity for public input."

To date, the first three steps of a seven-phase work program for

producing the comprehensive land use plan have been completed. Following these public meetings, the subcommittee will concentrate on a future land use map and more detailed policies or actions needed to achieve the desired goals and objectives. Additional public meetings will be

scheduled later this year when a draft plan is ready for inspection, and public hearings will be held as the Planning Board and Board of County Commissioners consider adoption of the land use plan.

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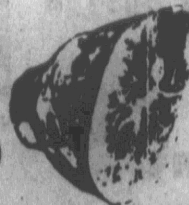
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# This way for Black empowerment — The Black agenda and independent politics



Along with other concerned African Americans, I have been invited to take part in the African American Summit that is being held in New Orleans on the weekend of April 21. In his letter of invitation the general chairman of the African American Summit '89, former Gary, Indiana mayor Richard Hatcher—the first African American to be elected mayor of a major American city—explained that 'an African American Agenda for the next four years and on out to the year 2000, which transcends party and partisan considerations, will be developed at this meeting.' The Summit, he continued, 'will be open to all African Americans of every political persuasion, religious organization, all economic levels, ages, philosophies and walks of life.'

I am very pleased to be taking part in the Summit and in particular to have the opportunity to address the issue of 'Options for the African American Community,' the panel on which I will be speaker. My participation guarantees that the 220,000 Americans—mainly African Americans—who voted for me as an independent Presidential candidate last year, and the hundreds of thousands more who support a Black-led, multi-racial independent party in America, will be represented in this next national dialogue on the Black Agenda, a dialogue that has been taking place in our community for nearly a generation now.

In 1972 the National Black Political Convention met in Gary, Indiana. In his explosive keynote address, Mayor Hatcher, the convention co-chair, handed down a passionate indictment of both the major parties.

'No political party which represents the interests of America's giant corporations, rather than the urgent needs of the people, may enlist Black political power in its support...Hereafter, every political party must make up its mind. It cannot represent both the corporations and the people. It cannot represent both the corporations and the people. As the party chooses, so shall we then choose the party.'

'We say to the two American political parties: This is their last clear chance; they have had too many already. These are not idle threats...The choice is theirs...Those of us still commit-

ted to a political solution may then cross the Rubicon and form a third political movement.'

But despite those words, the convention ultimately rejected the option of building an independent party; instead the delegates opted for the strategy of increasing the number of Black elected officials, focusing their efforts on the Democratic Party.

Jesse Jackson's run for the Presidency in 1984, and again in 1988, renewed a passionate debate on whether and how our struggle for empowerment could be successful solely within the framework of the Democratic Party. The insistence on the part of the white pro-corporate hierarchy of the Democratic Party that Jesse repudiate Minister Louis Farrakhan during the 1984 campaign heightened the feeling in our communities that being in the Democratic Party meant allowing white America to dictate to us who our leaders could be. And 1988, when Jackson was denied a place on the Democratic ticket even though he finished the primary season in a strong second place, further underscored the extent to which the Democratic Party was intent upon denying us a share of political power commensurate with our numbers and our loyalty.

The week of the Democratic National Convention, at which Jackson was unceremoniously dumped by Michael Dukakis in favor of the pro-Contra Texas land grabber, Lloyd Bentsen, was a flashpoint of national debate within the African American

community. Minister Farrakhan held a forum on the Black Agenda at the Wheat Street Baptist Church in Atlanta attended by 4,000 people. He urged Jackson to be a 'champ' and not a 'chump' by standing up to the racism of the Democrats.

Minister Farrakhan invited me to address the crowd; they cheered when I said that Jesse was a brilliant leader but had led us to the wrong place. Minister Farrakhan gave his support to my independent candidacy, sparking a heated debate within the Muslim community over whether or not it should be involved in electoral politics and whether or not that involvement should include independent candidates.

In answering the argument that the Democrats were better for the Black community than the Republicans, Minister Farrakhan said, 'You have no right to support something that you have given so much to and get so little from. You have no right to continue to support it, simply because you feel you suffered under Mr. Bush and maybe you might do better under Mr. Dukakis. Who said so? That's like voting for Lucifer or Satan, you catch hell either way you go.'

I look forward to presenting the independent option at the African American Summit '89. I look forward to intensifying the discussions within political, religious, civic and grassroots circles over which route we must take to our empowerment and the realization of the Black Agenda.



## Tony Brown's Comments

The next season will be my 20th year on national television. But not in all of that time have I presented anything of the gravity of a 4-part series on AIDS that will be broadcast on public TV during the month of May.

Unfortunately, this is not hype. If it were, you would be the same after you see these programs. You won't be.

We start out with 'The First AIDS Whistle-Blower' and the allegation that the AIDS virus is man-made. That charge is made by Dr. Robert Strecker, the first prominent medical expert to challenge the AIDS research Establishment.

Next—'What Causes AIDS?' Dr. Peter Duesberg, the world's top virologist says, contrary to what we're being told, that the AIDS virus does not cause AIDS. The third and fourth weeks will tackle the questions: 'Has the Medical Establishment Failed Us?' and 'Is AIDS a Biological Experiment?'—a summary of conspiracy theories, including a discussion on ethnic weapons aimed at Black people.

One of the unique things about this series is that the discussions will not be limited to the official government point of view. Legitimate questions are raised, such as: Is AIDS a contagious form of cancer? Is it a biological warfare experiment gone bad? Have the laboratory scientists tried to play God and discovered the devil? If AIDS began in Africa, why did it spread first to America, rather than Europe where we have far closer links? And why are AIDS victims dying of sheep diseases and bird diseases and cattle diseases which we'd never heard of before.

The questions alone are enough to make a half-way cynic raise an eyebrow, but increasingly they are being asked by members of the research-scientific-medical establishment itself—men like Dr. Peter Duesberg, the world's leading retrovirologist, co-discover of oncogenes, professor of molecular biology at the University of California at Berkeley and a member of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences and Dr. Robert Strecker whose videotape (Info: 818/506-0508) has forced the AIDS issue to a public debate.

This has resulted, believe it or not, in the first meaningful two-way dialogue within the medical-scientific community on the causes and dangers of this new and strange disease. And, believe it or not, this is the first time the official government AIDS researchers have ever debated Dr. Duesberg and his theory that the HIV virus does not cause AIDS. On the program, Dr. Duesberg offers to inject himself with the AIDS virus to prove his theory. If he's right, government research is going in the wrong direction.

Even the American media has been in lockstep with the opinions of designated government sources—in one case to the detriment of the public's right to

know. For example, on May 11, 1987, the London Times said in a front page headline: 'Smallpox Vaccine Triggered AIDS Virus.'

The story suggested that the World Health Organization's smallpox eradication vaccine program was responsible for unleashing AIDS in Africa. Almost 100 million Africans were inoculated—and possibly contaminated. But all of the American news organizations ignored the reporting of, perhaps, the most important story of our time in one of the world's most credible news sources. You don't have to have a suspicious nature to ask why?

It is also revealed on the series that 27 children in Russia were accidentally given AIDS with a contaminated needle. However, when the American media reported the story it was again guilty of the sin of omission. The fact that four mothers caught the AIDS virus from breast feeding their children was conspicuously left out of the U.S. press.

Therefore, it has become increasingly more difficult to dismiss the Prof. Duesbergs, the Dr. Streckers and the Dr. John Seales of the Royal Society of Medicine in London and to hush up public debate—something many scientists feel unnecessary in the first place.

It would be indeed unfortunate for all of us if we relegated all scientific dissent to the preserve of loonies and conspiracy theories hoping to air their paranoid delusions in public. Freedom of speech is a risk that comes with a democracy.

Some conspiracy theories—such as Watergate won't go away because they describe facts. Moreover, the AIDS conspiracies are kept alive largely because of the history of certain government agencies.

For example, for 40 years, from 1932 until 1972, the U.S. Public Health Service, and later the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, conducted the most atrociously unethical and racist experiment in our history. Black people with syphilis in Tuskegee, Alabama, were intentionally not treated to test the destructive path of advanced syphilis. Even when penicillin was discovered as a treatment it was withheld. During those years, this experiment was reported in 13 major medical journals, read by over 100,000 doctors and discussed at conferences. It was an open secret.

The purpose of our AIDS special is to dispel some of the growing fears and suspicions by creating an open and honest two-way dialogue—and not to automatically accept the pronouncements of official sources as articles of faith.

When science cannot be questioned, it is not science anymore, it is religion.

Tony Brown's Journal TV Series can be seen on public television Sunday, Channel 25 at 1:30 p.m.

## President Cheek issues open letter

**Editorial Note:** Reproduced is a text of a letter from President James E. Cheek of Howard University giving the University view of the problem surrounding the recent sit-in at Howard that focused on the election of Lee Atwater, campaign worker for George Bush. As well as other University-Student problems. This letter appeared originally in the CAPSTONE, a publication of Howard University and is reprinted with permission.

Dear Howardites:

I am writing to keep you abreast of recent developments that have a bearing on the future and direction of Howard University.

As you may know from recent news media reports, Howard students mounted protests over the following issues as they perceived them?

- The election of Lee Atwater, Chairman of the Republican National Party, to the Howard University Board of Trustees;
- The slow processing of applications for financial assistance;
- Inadequate physical security on the campus and its environs;

- The academic curriculum insofar as it appears to them to be too "Eurocentric";
- The lack of an African American Graduate Studies

Program; and

- Needed improvement of physical conditions in the dormitories.

The sequence of events that comprised the protests of recent days started on the morning of Friday, March 3, when the Charter Day convocation was scheduled to be held with Bill Cosby delivering the main address. Student leaders and their followers occupied the stage and all but a few seats of Cramton Auditorium prior to the scheduled ceremony and proceeded to hold a rally espousing their demands.

It became necessary to cancel the Convocation. In a small ceremony held in the James Porter Art Gallery, in the College of Fine Arts, Dr. Cosby was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Dr. John E. Jacob, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and I met with student representative on Saturday morning, March 4, in an effort to address the issues raised by the students. The discussions lasted some six hours. They seemed civil and productive, and we thought that a clear understanding had been reached on all of the issues except that of Mr. Atwater's election to the Board which, at the time, we stated was non-negotiable.

However, on Monday, March 6, approximately 1,000 stu-

dents marched to the Administration Building and occupied the premises, barring external and internal doors. Subsequently, the University sought and obtained a temporary restraining order, directing the students to vacate the building and to refrain from disrupting the normal operations of the University.

When students refused to obey the mandate, local police were called in to enforce the court order on the morning of March 7. However, it soon became obvious that if the police used force sufficient to remove the students, the lives and safety of the students would be endangered.

In consultation with Dr. Jacob, I decided that the students could stay in the building as long as they wished. It was apparent however, that there would be several adverse consequences resulting from a prolonged occupation of the Administration Building, some of which could include a delay in the University's processing of its payroll and possible delays in graduation clearances, as well as in processing financial aid applications.

On Tuesday evening March 7, Mr. Atwater tendered his resignation to Dr. Jacob, which was accepted.

An agreement was signed

with the students on March 9, which included a restatement of several of the issues enumerated on the previous Saturday.

- Extension of the spring semester (1989) class withdrawal date;

- A commitment to explore the possibility of giving academic credit for community service; and

- Assurance that students could directly participate in the trustee nomination process.

Many of the issues brought to the negotiations by the students had been discussed with them previously and had been addressed by the University over the last several months. The University had previously made a commitment to hire more staff and make other improvements to accelerate processing of financial aid applications. Additionally, the Board of Trustees, last September, authorized the University to borrow some \$60 million to renovate student housing.

It is important also to clarify the process by which trustees are elected to Howard's Board. A nominations and degrees committee submits names to the full Board for approval. Any member of the Board (including student trustees) can submit a

name for consideration to that committee. That name is voted upon by the full body by closed ballot.

Contrary to several reports in the news media, I did not nominate Lee Atwater for election to the Board. His name was submitted by the committee to the Board, and the majority of its members voted for his approval. The election of Mr. Atwater came about as a result of our zeal to expand the base of public and private contributions to our University. It was the Board's view, which I supported, the Mr. Atwater would provide a valuable entree to the world of business finance. I am of the opinion that history will vindicate our judgement by his future actions—despite his resignation from the Board.

A university is a place where divergent ideas and concerns can co-exist. The hallmark of Howard University has been its ability, not only to survive but also to thrive while embracing a community of scholars, intellectuals and students whose diversity of ideals, politics and goals may well be unmatched anywhere else in higher education.

It should be readily apparent that the concerns of the students, with but one exception, were shared by my administration in general, and by me in particular.

My concerns for better housing have been manifested in my untiring efforts to gain funding for construction and renovation of dormitory facilities.

Our rapid acceptance of the students demands is clear substantiation of our unrelenting commitment to student rights, education, comfort and participation in the determination of their destiny.

I am particularly proud of the academic and spiritual climate that pervades our campus. I say this because, in an era characterized by individual and collective self-aggrandizement our students, staff and faculty have demonstrated admirable integrity and willingness to sacrifice for the common good. This I admire, for though at times we may disagree on methods and timing, where the welfare of the University is concerned—students, faculty, staff and I are ONE.

What has occurred on Howard's campus is refreshing and has been addressed in an open compassionate and honest manner. We have demonstrated to the world that challenges can and will be accepted and met in a fashion that will continue to catapult our University into the 21st century as a viable and healthy institution of learning.

I shall continue to count on your support. James E. Cheek

## Wife is tired of abuse and neglect



If relationships make you mad, sad or glad, write your Family Therapist, P.O. Box 308, Hollis, NY 11423.

Dear Therapist:

I thoroughly enjoy reading your articles in the Amsterdam News. I find it interesting as well as informative.

I have a problem which I guess is fairly common. I am a 28-year-old woman. I have been married for 3 years to a 27 year old man whom I have known for about 11 years. We first met when I was 16 and he 13. We lived together for several years before we got married.

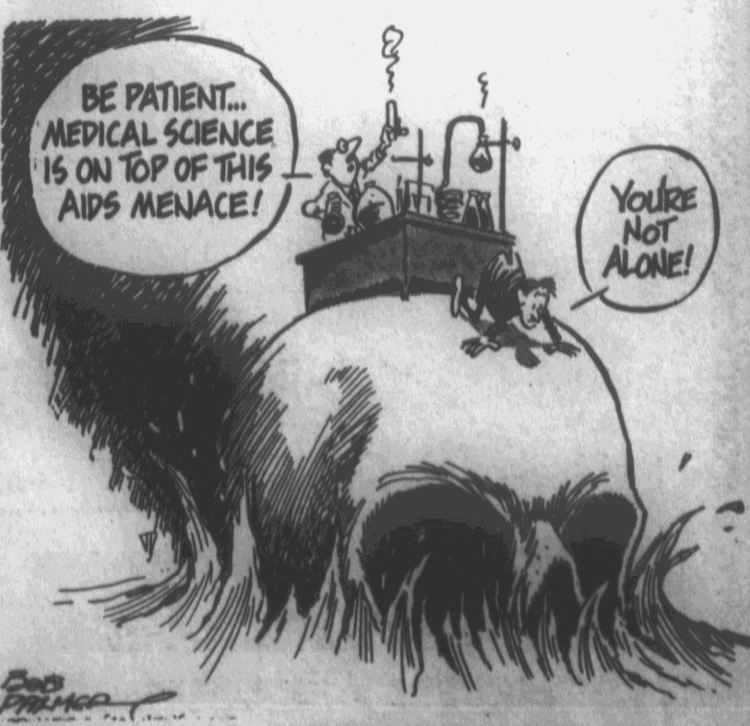
Our marriage and before that our relationship has been very strained. This is due to several problems starting when he obtained employment as a security guard and used an alias. Since then, every job he had held he has used this alias. When I explained how unethical it is he ignores me. Not only is it unethical but as his wife I am not able to benefit from his health insurance as he cannot prove that I am his wife with that alias.

In 1982-84 he began using cocaine, he had drastic mood swings and personality changes. He became increasingly verbally abusive.

Between 1984-88 he became physically abusive. He is now both physically and verbally abusive. I have gone to work with bruises on my neck and arms and have had to lie when people either ask or stare at my bruises out of embarrassment.

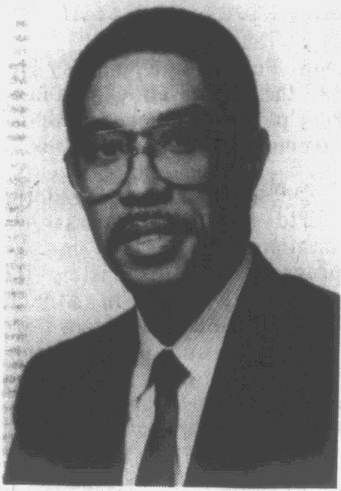
In 1988 I moved out and stayed with my mother for a short period of time. I then started counseling, he reluctantly came. The sessions were once a week at \$40 per session. We went for about two months and he did not pay for one of the sessions. I eventually stopped as this was a burden financially and I did not think it was working as he would be verbally abusive as soon as we leave the therapists office complaining about comments I made during the sessions.

The most recent of our problems is that he is now supporting his relatives financially on a monthly basis. As a result his contribution to our household is minimal and I have been paying practically all the bills. I stopped paying everything except the rent, since the beginning of this year. What's happened so far is that our phone has been disconnected and our cable service turned off. I am





## African—American male plight discussed



DANIEL T. BLUE

The Honorable Daniel T. Blue will deliver the keynote address at St. James A.M.E. Church, located at 402 East Shine Street, Kinston, North Carolina. His address will be delivered at 11:00 a.m. Our theme for this year is 'The Black Man-An Endangered Species.' Representative Blue, a N.C. attorney, represents Wake County in the N.C. House of Representatives.

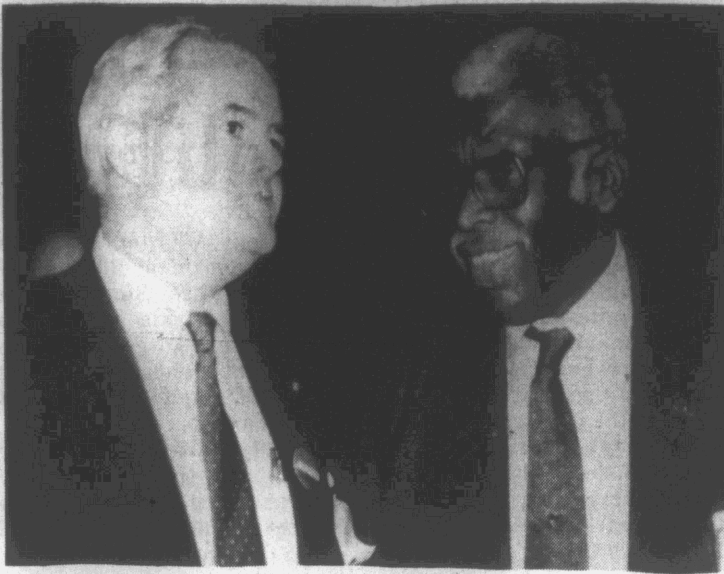
St. James A.M.E. Church will also be sponsoring an 8:00 a.m. breakfast. At the 8:00 breakfast, local individuals will conduct a roundtable discussion on 'The Black Man-An Endangered

Species.' Each individual will give a 3 minute summarization of their views on the Black man becoming endangered and what their solutions are to stop the endangerment. The topics to be discussed are: Education—Mr. Ernest Fleming, a local teacher in the Kinston City School System; Law Enforcement—Mr. Roland Best, a Lt. police officer with the city of Kinston; Politics—Mr. George W. Graham, Jr. Vice chairman for the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners and candidate for 3rd Vice Chairman of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners; Straight Talk—Mr. Don C. Pittman, member of St. James A.M.E. Church; Layman—Mr. Nathaniel Vause, member of Antioch Free Will Baptist Church, Kinston.

A question and answer session will follow each discussion. Mr. Sebron Dixon, Men's Day Chairman will serve as moderator of the 8:00 breakfast.

At the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the choir will consist of all men. The total service is being conducted by men. Reverend F. M. Gabriel is the pastor of St. James A.M.E. Church.

For further information, please contact Mr. Bobby R. Hopkins at (919) 522-0511 ext. 69 or Rev. F. M. Gabriel at (919) 523-0456. The public is invited.



**AN OUTSTANDING CITIZEN . . .** Pitt County Commissioner and President Emeritus of the Pitt County Branch NAACP, was recognized by his fraternal Brothers of the Sixth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. as its '1988 Citizen of the Year.' A graduate of N.C. College for Negroes, now N.C. Central University (NCCU), Garrett pledged to the "frat" his senior year, 1946. Commissioner Garrett and his wife, Clotea, have two sons: Michael and Dennison, Jr. THE 'M' VOICE salutes the veteran civil rights leader. Here Garrett, right, is shown with fellow party leaders while on the campaign trail.

(Voice photo by Jim Rouse)



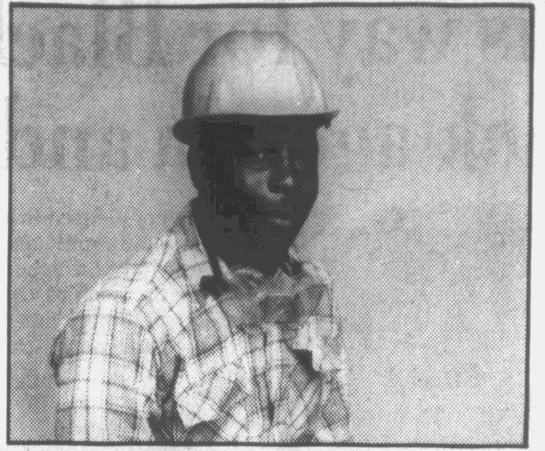
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**THE PAST LIVES IN THE FUTURE . . .** Almost 20 years have passed since the atrocities of the Vietnam War were thrust into 19 year old William "Bill" Sheppard's life. Now as an employee at an area industry, he actively seeks other 'Vets' of that era to help enhance efforts paying tribute to the country's soldiers, both alive and dead.

(Photo contributed)

## Vietnam Veterans Memorial: The Moving Wall comes to Greenville

Perhaps you lost a loved one . . . a friend . . . or a friend of a friend . . . or you were just patriotically curious. Whichever, the case may be, you probably could feel the hurt that the families felt, the disgust the soldiers feel and the moral price the country paid as you read the names on "The Moving Wall." Mr. William Sheppard, better known as "Bill", knows firsthand . . . he was there.

"Veterans from World War I and World War II were greeted as heroes when they came home from the war, but we didn't get nothing by the doors, shut in our faces," Sheppard said as he reflected on what life has been like for him and other Vietnam Vets.

Because so many interested people may not have the opportunity to visit a permanent memorial erected in Washington, D.C., private and corporate Americans joined together to create "The Moving Wall." The Wall houses the names of U.S. soldiers who lost their lives on the battlefields of freedom and democracy in the order in which they were killed.

"Over 1600 North Carolinians lost their lives in Vietnam," Sheppard adds.

"I lost two of my buddies over there and their names are on the wall," he recalls. Mr. Sheppard now resides with his family in the midgettte-Anderson Subdivision of Greenville and works for EVEREADY.

When asked what more, if anything, should be done, Sheppard bitterly claims, "More Blacks and Black-owned businesses should help support (financially) bringing the Wall back (to Greenville) . . ." as he looks over a brochure, "I was hurt when I looked at this here list of sponsors and did not see not on Black business that con-

tributed money to bring it (The "Wall") here . . ."

Sheppard's role as a support unit (1970-71) he says allowed him to witness the hardships those guys suffered. People need to wake up and stop forgetting the man, show some respect and stop shutting the doors in their (Vietnam Vets) faces."

One African-American who served as a Green Beret and whose entire platoon was killed in Vietnam, who wishes to remain nameless, says, "Black folks didn't contribute because the white folks didn't ask." He said they (African-Americans) were not asked because "the white folks wanted to keep all the 'glory' to themselves." The unnamed vet further stated, "They want to leave us (Blacks) out of this war like they did in other wars," he concluded.

Sheppard more optimistically says, "more Blacks should help bring the Wall back year after year so that people will remember and show more respect and stop slamming doors in our faces." "It's a good thing (The 'Wall') to have here every year, because everybody can't go see the one in D.C. This way our families can see it. North Carolina lost 1600 lives in Vietnam, it needs to come here every year. That's why I'm going around to all the Black businesses to help get them involved, too. A lot of Black folks died in that War," he exclaimed.

The Vietnam Memorial is scheduled to leave today at 5:00 p.m. after having been erected on the Town's Common on First Street, since April 14th.

The 'M' Voice salutes the veterans of the Vietnam War.

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