

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA'S MINORITY VOICE - SINCE 1987

Vernon Robinson for State Superintendent

By Lynnette Riddick Vernon L. Robinson, of Winston-Salem, will run for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The theme of his campaign is "Effective Schools for the 21st Century.'

Robinson's experience in both public service and political leadership proves to be the backbone needed to strengthen his cam to choose the public school that paign. Robinson obtained a BS [] best meets their children's educadegree from the US Air Force Academy and MBA degree from the University of Missouri. His years of public service extends from his affiliation with the NAACP as a Life Sustaining Member (1983-90). Also, he was a member of the Winston Lake YMCA Board of Man- schools. Eleventh and twelfth gradagement, the NC Black Leader- ers should be able to enroll as ship Caucus regional Vice Chair, special students at any college or the Advisory Board-Boys Club university if those programs are Unity Cleveland Ave. Homes and ended his years of service as Chair of the Political Action Committee of the NAACP

In his campaign for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Robinson stresses three issue that would improve the educational alternative certification will help system in North Carolina. In point put the best teachers in the class-"Effective Schools Measure Outputs Not Inputs", Robinson declares "Effectiveness should be gauged exclusively on student performance. The education bureau-

dents, judged with mediocre standards used to validate their results. World class standards should be used to set desired levels of competence.

Another point, "Effective Schools Are Most Likely When Parents Choose," Robinson stresses that he supports empowering parents tional needs. "I also support giving teachers more autonomy so that they are better able to create programs that meet the great diversity of learning styles and would encourage school districts to allow teacher initiated alternative stronger than his or her high

The final point of his campaignis "Effective Schools Have the Best Teachers in The Classroom." With this concept in mind Robinson added, "Part-time and full-time room instead of emphasizing teacher education classes. The concept of the master teacher should be implemented and we must also cut administrative overhead at the cracyis producing ill-equipped stu- state and school district levels."

Clifton Hickman Candidate for Pitt Board of Education

In conclusion, Vernon L. Robinson is a man with a mission to hype-up the educational statue of the North Carolina School system. Throughout his campaign Robinson continues to emphasize that it is crucial to make sure North Carolina won't continue to remain in low hopes of attaining education excellence - which is why his words continue to ring "High expectations, hard work and faith.

Letter From The Editor

This is just to inform you of an error made in the February 5-12 issue. On page 5 the pictures of Farney Moore and Bishop Ralph Love were accidentally reversed.

Farney Moore's picture should have been at the top of the page and Bishop Ralph Love's picture in the center.

I am sorry for any confusion caused by the error and my deepest apologies to Commissioner Farney Moore and Bishop Ralph Love. Thank you

Melanie McNeill



ALL SMILES... Shown from left to right are Vernon L. Robinson, Police Captain, Cecil Hardy and Det. Willie Reed.

Clayton Honored as Nation's Top 1992 Women Candidate

Eva M. Clayton was honored as one of the nation's top 1992 Women candidates at a gala reception in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the Women's Campaign, an organization that supports women candidates and recognizes the unique qualities they bring to political office.

"Eva Clayton represents one of our best prospects for incr the number of Women Members of Congress, and we're proud to support her," said WCF Executive Director Jan Danowitz.

"whistle-stop" tour covered five mation proceedings represented an district, and drew enthusiastic support from Elizabeth City to Henderson.

Twenty-nine other women from across the nation shared the spotlight with Eva Clayton, at the Washington affair. They were congressional, mayorial, and gubernatorial candidates which WCF

major cities in the newly-created unpaid advertisement for why we need a fresh perspective — and a female perspective — in the Congress. All of our political barometers tell us that the climate has never been better for electing women to public office," said Danowitz.

> The Women's Campaign Fund, founded in 1974, is the nation oldest and largest political committee serving professional women candidates. In the last election cycle, WCF provided over one-half million dollars in cash and technical assistance to 113 candidates in 36 states — more money to more women than any other organization.

Mr. Clifton B. Hickman has applied for the vacant seat (District B. 1, Seat B) on the Pitt County Board of Education. Hickman has been in Arts degree from Craven Comemployed with the Edgecombe munity College, his Bachelor's and County Department of Social Services for over 10 years.

His interest in serving this community is demonstrated by his in-years, since services began in 1978 volvement with the Greenville Human Relations Council, the Pitt/ County Department of Social Ser-Greenville Sertoma Club, the Pitt/ vices. He also worked with the Greenville United Negro College Edgecombe Department of Ser-Fund Chapter, the South Greenville PTO, and his work with East Carolina University School of Social Work as an Adjunct Faculty Member

Spotlight on Clifton "Cliff" Hickman

Edited by Melanie McNeill FAIRNESS, HONESTY, PER-SONAL INTEGRITY AND AC-COUNTABILITY. Those are the principles that Clifton Hickman has lived by for thirty-right years. Hickman, a New Bern native, is a a member of numerous profescandidate for the Pitt County sional organizations.

Board of Education, District 1, Seat

Hickman received an Associate Master's from East Carolina University in Social Work. He has been a public servant for 13 1/2 as a social worker for the Wilson vices as a supervisor of the child support enforcement program in 81; and was promoted to Assistant Director there in 1990. As the Assistant Director his responsibilities include: 10 major program areas; 106 staff positions and 39 million dollar budget.

Despite Cliff's demanding work schedule, he still finds time to be a husband to his wife Sandra; and a father to their two children, Corey and Comesha. He also is the cofounder and Vice-President of the Jackie Robinson Baseball League; member of the City of Greenville Human Regulations Council and

What's the **Answer**?

1) This month is known as 2) Who is called "the Father of Black History Month"

3) Who is the president of the Pitt County Chapter of the NAACP? What does NAACP mean?

4) Give the names of some Afro-American newspapers and magazines

5) Is there a Black on the Pitt County Board of Education? The Greenville City School Board of Education?

6) Many streets and sections in Greenville are named from Blacks. Name some.

7) After whom is the recreation center in west Greenville named from?

8) What library in Greenville bears the name of a Black?

9) The former Eppes High School in Greenville was named from whom?

10) Is there a monument or

Clayton was honored in our nation's capitol, the day after she announced her candidacy for Representative from North Carolina's First Congressional District. That

of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,

Inc. celebrated the founding of the

the country at the Greenville

Five chapters from eastern

Hilton Inn

sees as talented and energetic public servants

If elected, Clayton would be the first female top represent North Carolina in the U.S. Congress, She would also be the first minority from North Carolina since Reconstruction to serve in Congress.

"The Clarence Thomas confir-

Nation's First Black Sorority Marks Founding

The Iota Kappa Omega Chapter locally, statewide, nationally and internationally by the organization founded in 1908 on the camfirst sorority for black women in pusof Howard University in Washington, D.C. there were 138 sorors in attendance

Mrs. Maxine Black, Mid-Atlan-North Carolina shared in the occa- tic Regional Director from Richsion marking 84 years of service mond, Va., delivered the keynote address. Theta Alpha Chapter from East Carolina University also participated.

Chapters from New Bern, Wilson, Williamston and Kinston were represented. Jennifer King Congleton, a member of the host chapter and chairman of the event served as mistress of ceremony.



FIRST BLACK SORORITY... Shown above from left to right are Mrs. Hines, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Black (Regional Director) and Mrs. Congleton.



2 --- THE"M"VOICE - FEBRUARY 26, 1992 ncerned Parent Expresses Opinion on Discipline of Six Year-Old partment of Social Services on a

To Whom It May Concern: I have heard and read many accounts where Black males are in danger. I had no reference, or, I thought I had no reference until things began top add up over a period of time.

My son, Robert Barnes is Black, six years old and is in the first grade. He us a students at South Greenville School. I would say he

and curious. He loves to go to school at this point.

Some time ago I began to get Disciplinary Referrals from Robert's school. I did not keep them because they were so silly, I could not believe some of them, that a teacher would take time to sit down and go through the process of a Disciplinary Referral Action for



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is an average child, very energetic what had happened. I did keep the enclosed Disciplinary Referral because this one was the last draw. How can a 6 year old Black male be charged with damaged to property and vandalism for eating a green crayon.

This is the kind of thing that starts early in a child's life and is perpetuated over a period of time because these slips are placed in his school record. Each teacher will believe he is "BAD" and therefore he will become what is ex-

DISCIPLINARY REFERRAL

DEAR PARENT/ GUARDIAN: This report is to adv and the corrective action taken are listed below.

South Greenville

respectful to Teacher (s

Disturbing Class-Noisy

Robert ate a

Green crayon. The has no explanation for doing this ast. the only shoulders. his shoulders. Mrs. Alex and Mrs. Kelly talked to Robert.

Did not complete

DETAILS OF INCIDENT

"Mama can't you help me?" and find that parents are helpless to stop this kind of treatment. Kids grow believing there is no one who can help them and their parents can't talk to them anymore because respect has been lost. The teacher's bottom line is always, 'you must not care about your child."

I know there are many other parents out there who are having the same kind of experiences I am having South Greenville School

istered. They had him sitting out in the Secretary's office more than one time because they said he could not go to class. He always properly registered; the school lawyer had to verify that for these teachers.

Now that that situation is over, they want to place him in a "Special Class", because I disagreed, they reported me to the Department of Social Services for Child Neglect. Each time I disagree with the teachers at South Greenville School, I get a call from the De-

referral from the school for "Child Neglect".

The two teachers at South Greenville seem intent on destroying Black families and rights they may have. It seems the Principal come in on the end of this and only relay information the teachers may have. It is as it has always been, the teacher is always right. What happens to family and student rights? "What is going on in Pitt County?"

Sincerely Vina Hassell



pected of him.

I think it is time for the school system to re-examine the message that they are sending out to students, (black males) and take the responsibility for this kind of genocide. Blaming the family does not wash when parents experience situations like this in the school and when their children ask

and other schools here in Pitt County. It is time parents got involved and stopped this kind of genocide of our young children, especially our young Black males. To go on further with treatment at this school:

At one point the school wanted to put Robert out of school becausethey said he was not properly reg-

Thomas B. Brandon, III Announces As **Candidate for Congress**

Work duty

Congressional Announcement Thomas B. Brandon, III gressman in the May 5, 1992, in the May 5 Primary. Democratic Primary. I have given this decision much thought for many years, and I have decided to give the voters of the new First Congressional District a choice for new leadership for the 1990's.

I am a Democrat and will extend my campaign to all the people of the First District. I welcome a full discussion of the issues among the candidates who choose to file.

Many issues remain to be resolved in the Congress of the United States, but jobs, the

attend the Presbyterian Church. I appreciate the opportunity to run and if elected I promise to Today, February 21, 1992, I have serve you to the best of my ability. filed for the office of U.S. Con- I would appreciate your support

Thank you.

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While the issues facing the country seem intimidating I feel that my education, background and experience will enable me, as your Congressman, to help formulate workable solutions to those problems to get the country moving and competitive again. I have practiced law in my home town of Williamston for the last twelve years and was a chemical engineer working in the environmental area prior to that time.

I am married to the former Jane Bell of Windsor, North Carolina, am the father of five children and

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Phillips to Help Direct Clayton Bid Former State Education Chief to Head Clayton Campaign

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Clayton continues to campaign aggressively for Congress from the First District while the General Assembly awaits final Justice department approval of its redistricting plan. "I will continued to direct my energies toward conducting this campaign," Clayton says. "The redistricting process has been long and arduous. The people of this state deserve a speedy resolution to this crucial issue."



server; and Good old common sense.

By Melanie McNeill

she is a native of Bell Arthur. Mrs.

Patrick comes from a family of

twelve that were raised on a farm

and grew up in a two-bedroom

house. She is the daughter of Simon

peter and Aldine Hines Anderson.

worked long hours on their farm

and on their neighbor's farm next

door. Despite it all however, edu-

cation was the most emphasized

thing in the household. In later

years, Mrs. Patrick went on to

graduate and be Valedictorian of

her class from Darden High School;

and obtained her Bachelor's de-

gree in teaching from Elizabeth

Finally, Mrs. Patrick tried her

luck in a different atmosphere.

She moved to New York City where

she obtained her Masters Degree

in Elementary Education from

Teacher's College, Columbia Uni-

versity; and began studies towards

a Doctoral Degree at Columbia

While in New York City, Mrs.

Patrick taught in the school sys-

tem for thirty-four years. She also

founded South ozone park Dance

and Drama Group; served as Vice-

Chairman of the Area Policy Board

for three years in Jamaica, Queens, New York; and was a charter mem-

ber of the Queens Women's Politi-

She is a member of the NAACP;

Kappa Sigma Chapter of Sigma

Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.; and a founder of The Orchids Social and

Traveling Club. Mrs. Patrick has

traveled to Europe, Hawaii,

France, Belgium, and nineteen of

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Elizabeth City State University to Observe Annual Founder's Day

Elizabeth City State University will observe its annual Founders' Day Celebration on March 3, beginning at 10 am, in Moore Hall Auditorium. The guest speaker, Dr. Jimmy Raymond Jenkins. Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University

In recognition of the launching of the University's second-century the Founders Day Committee deemed it appropriate that Dr. Jenkins deliver the Founders' Day address. The Committee is grateful the Chancellor accepted the invitation.

lent role model for the students, faculty, staff and alumni of ECSU. First, because of what he has already achieved as a leader in northeastern North Carolina and secondly, because he also attended **ECSU**

Dr. Jenkins received his B.S. degree in Biology from ECSU in 1965. From 1965 through 1969, he taught Biology and Chemistry at Queen Anne's Country High School in Centreville, Maryland. From 1969 to 1972, Dr. Jenkins studied at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana where he received his Dr. Jenkins serves as an excel- Master's degree in Biology and his

Ph.D. in Biology Education.

Dr. Jenkins returned to his alma mater-ECSU-where he was appointed assistant professor of Biology. After teaching at ECSU for a short period, he was appointed Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and in 1977, after a national search, he was appointed Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty. In 1982, upon the serious illness of then Chancellor Marion Dr. Thorpe, Dr. Jenkins was assigned the task of day-te-day manager of the university. On May 1, 1983, upon the death of Chancellor

Thorpe, Dr. Jenkins was appointed acting Chancellor of the Univer-

sity. On October 14, 1983, after a nationwide search and the application of 130 candidates, Dr. Jenkins was elected Chancellor of the University. Upon his election. Chancellor Jenkins became the youngest Chancellor in the UNC 16 campus system. Dr. Jenkins has the distinction of being the first alumnus to serve as Chancellor of his alma mater

Dr. Jenkins has received numerous awards and honors. He is listed in various Who's Who and he has published widely. He is married to the former

Falcese Moore of Jamesville, North Carolina, now Dr. Faleese Moore Jenkins and they have three children, Lisa, a dental student in New Jersey, Ginger, a college sophomore and Jimmy, Jr., a 10th grader.

A pilgrimage to the gravesites of the University's founding fathers-Hugh Cale, peter Weddick

Moore, and John Henry Biaswill immediately follow the ceremony

A Founders' Day luncheon will be held in the University's K.E. White Graduate and Continuing Education Center immediately following the pilgrimage. A donation of \$7.00 per person is being requested to cover the cost of the luncheon. The public is cordially invited to attend.



By Kenyetta D. Sharpe,11, of Belvoir Elementary School

y Dream in 1992

My dream in 1992 is the have peace like in Martin Luther King's dream. Then everyone can join together in peace and happiness. When King said, "Let freedom ring," it means to let it ring peace in us. No one should fight against each other over anything anytime of the year. People should give and receive respect. Altogether people are not perfect, some think they are. We shall not forget the dream of the great Martin Luther King. He said, "Let freedom ring." It's not the face or the race that keeps us together, it's God's grace and blessings and also the dreams of men like Martin Luther King.

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Head Start is a comprehensive developmental program for children ages 3-5 years old. Head Start is based on the premise that children share certain needs, and that children from low-income families, in particular, can benefit from a program designed to meet those needs. The program operates nine (9) months of the year - September through May. The centers are opened Monday through Friday and the hours of operation are 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Head Start program has been operating in the Martin County area since 1965; Beaufort County since 1977; and in the Pitt. County area since 1985. Funding is received from the Administration for Children, Youth and Families Unit, Department of Health and Human Services.

For More information or to enroll a child, please call Mrs. Mary Lloyd at 919-792-7111 and/or Mrs. Gloristeen Matthewson at 919-792-7478 or come by the Martin County Community Action office on Ray Street in Williamston.

Beatrice Maye Column

Black History Month Quiz Sharpen your skills by researching these questions and learn more about famous African-Americans. Good luck!

Who was Joel Elias Spingarn? What did he do? What is the Spingarn Medal? How often is it awarded? Who won the Spingarn Medal in 1957? Who won it in 1985? In 1958 the Spingarn Medal was given to ten individuals. What did they do?

Why was Rosa Parks arrested? Charles Drew was a famous doctor who did research. What did he do? Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was a famous leader in the

Movement. How many grades did Martin Luther King skip? What were they? How old was Dr. King when he started college? Where did he work when he finished college?

What are the ideals of the Civil **Rights Movement? What kind of** writing did Langston Hughes do? John S. Rock was the first black lawyer to practice before what group of people? In 1966 Emmett Ashford became the first black umpire in what major sport?

Leontyne Price is considered one of the greatest sopranos of her time. What did she so? What do the letters NAACP represent? When was the NAACP organized? What did Frederick Douglas do? Why did Frederick Douglas change his name? Which president did Frederick Douglas advise?

What does Sidney Poitier do? What religious group did Malcolm X follow? Henry "Hank" Aaron led the National League in ____ 1957, 1963, 1966 and 1967.

W.E.B. DuBois, a Harvard graduate, was founder of the _ What two presidents did Booker T. Washington advise? Hiram Rhodes Revels was the first black member of the U.S. _. The 15th Amendment was ratified in February 1870. What rights do the 15th Amendment provide?

Phyllis Wheatley was a famous . She also met President lady George Washington. What kind of doctor is the real William "Bill" Cosby? Jesse Jackson graduated from what North Carolina University? In 1984, he tried to get the ____ nomination for president.

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_, greatest chemurgist. Booker T. Washington as Tuskegee, hired him. He made __ items from the sweet potato; ____ products from the peanut.

Mary Church Terrell, a famous , encouraged the School Board to employ only the best teachers; organized the National Association of Colored Women and became the first president. Carter G. Woodson, a historian, instituted Negro History Week in ___. Ella Fitzgeral was the first ladyin____

_, the first Black American honored by a national holiday, who changed the lives of black and white Americans. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall retired _, became his successor. and

_, in basketball, led the NBA's Chicago Bulls to the franchise's first World Championship. Spike Lee, one of the most recognizable faces in the world of ____. U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services is ____. Raven-Symone is the

precious young star of the is Greenville's first city council woman. _ is the most popular talk show host. The author of the novel "Roots" is _ Who is called "the Father of Black History"? Civil Rights Organizations and Leaders: Name them. To the editor

In 1896 when Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin founded the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs in Boston, Mass., Black women came together to address their specific concerns and to promote the welfare of their people in religion, education, health, employment, and social welfare. Our youth and the Black family have been the central unifying force behind the establishment of Black women's organizations. In 1935, Ollie Chin Porter and other Black businesswomen founded the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's

Clubs. Also in 1935, Mary McLeod Bethune established the National Council of Negro Women.

We have celebrated Black American achievement through Black History Month in February and we celebrate female achievement in march, Women's History Month.

In 1770 Phillis Wheatley became America's first Black woman to publish poetry. No one can review Black female history without recognizing special heroines like exslave Harriet Tubman, known as the greatest "conductor" of the Underground Railroad; her's was a movement of freedom. It was 1911 when Madame C. J. Walker became America's foremost Black businesswoman and ran the highly successful hair dressing empire known as the Walker System. There are countless more outstanding Black women that I have neglected to mention, and those who followed. But when you speak of women committed to service, there is one who must be applauded - Mary McLeod Bethune. Not only did she found Bethune-Cookman College, but she founded the National Council of Negro Women and she was the first Black woman to serve as advisor to a United States President.

Let's think of some of our local Black women who have achieved: Mrs. Lucille Gorham, first Black woman on the Greenville City School Board; Mrs. Mildred Council, first Greenville city councilwoman, Said Saulter School bears the name of a devoted, dedicated school principal, Mrs. Belle M. Atkinson, Carver Library's first librarian; Miss Esther Rich, blind since age six and graduated from Howard University with honors,



Greenville's New Natural Foods Source

and Mrs. Jean Darden, Rose High's first Black assistant principal to name a few.

The issue of poverty, human service, crime, sex, drugs, the paramount issue of equity, are all Black women's issues. Adversity has made the Black woman tenacious, concerned, assertive or aggressive, determined and task-oriented. She has learned to perceive obstacles as opportunities and stumbling

FEBRUARY 26, 1992 - THE"M"VOICE-5 blocks as stepping stones. The Black woman is a "woman for all seasons". She is Black, beautiful and proud.

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WILLING TO HELP YOUNG MEN... As we approach the warm months, Greenville will be blessed with the addition of the new Jackie Robinson Baseball League. Shown above are members of the Jackie Robinson Baseball League at their kickoff at South Greenville Recreation Center last week. To avoid name calling as per league Commissioner McDowell, you name our brothers and win a free dinner for two at Crabby Sam's Restaurant and Seafood. Write to only "The "M" Voice Newspaper, 304 Evans Street, Greenville, NC. Photo by Jim Rouse





Head Start Project Taking Applications

Martin County Community Action, Inc. Project Head Start is now accepting applications for the 1992 Fall Enrollment for children and handicapped children. Eligibility is determined by HHS income guidelines, family needs and handicapping and/or special conditions of the child.

The children are being enrolled to use the full range of Head Start education, health, nutrition, mental health, social services, parent involvement and other program services under a Congressional mandate which provides 10 per cent of Head Start enrollment nationwide for as "mentally retarded, hard of hearing, deaf, speech impaired, visually handicapped, seriously emotionally disturbed, physically impaired, or other health impaired children who require special education and related services.'

services." Head Start is a comprehensive developmental program for chil-

dren ages 3-5 years old. Head Start is based on the premise that children share certain needs, and that children from low-income families, in particular, can benefit from a program designed to meet those needs. The program operates nine (9) months of the year - September through May. The centers are opened Monday through Friday and the hours of operation are 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Head Start program has been operating in the Martin County area since 1965; Beaufort County since 1977; and in the Pitt County area since 1985. Funding is received from the Administration for Children, Youth and Families Unit, Department of Health and Human Services.

For More information or to enroll a child, please call Mrs. Mary Lloyd at 919-792-7111 and/or Mrs. Gloristeen Matthewson at 919-792-7478 or come by the Martin County Community Action office on Ray Street in Williamston.



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By Sergio W. Willis This is a message to the youth: I feel strongly motivated to express my feelings on an often overlooked epidemic.

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Why are you so eager to waste time spreading negativity when there is so much of that already?

You owe it to yourself to learn more about how to accept each other's differences and only then will you be able to spread the love that is so badly needed and will be needed by the next generations to come.

The world is headed for dark-ness unless you, who are the future, preserve this thing God gave us which is called loved. Maybe you don't know as much

about love as you think you do because it's something that's thrown around and misinterpreted. I'd like to thank television and radio for that.

Real love is giving of yourself freely and not wanting anything back in return, it's the only thing that can heal this planet. So, if you want to experience it, teach it to someone in hopes that they'll pass it on!

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By Melanie McNeill A lesson that most of us learn when we are in grade school, was learned the hard way, by a man in Dublin, Ireland. He sat down on a public toilet seat to use the rest room. Apparently some kids were playing a joke, that did not end up as funny as it was supposed to. The man was superglued to the seat, and paramedics had to pull the commode up and carry it with the man glued on to it, to the emergency room.

The moral of the story is to never sit on a public toilet seat, it could wind up a very sticky situation.





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Born in Paramaribo Dutch Guiana, Matzeliger found employment in the government machine works at the age of 10. Eight years later, he immigrated to the United States, settling in Philadelphia, where he worked in a shoe factory. He latter moved to New England, settling permanently in Lynn.

The Industrial Revolution had by this time resulted in the invention of machines to sew, cut, and tack shoes, but none had been perfected to last a shoe. Seeing this, Matzeliger lost little time in designing and patenting just such a device, one which he refined over the years to a point where it could adjust a shoe, arrange the leather over the sole, drive in the nails, and deliver the finished product — all in one minute's time.

Matzeliger's patent was subsequently bought by Sydney W. Winslow, who established the United Shoe machine Company. The continued success of this business brought about a 50% reduction in the price of shoes across the nation, doubled wages, and improved working conditions for millions of people dependent on the show industry for their livelihood.

Between 1883 and 1891, Jan received 5 patents on his inventions, all which contributed to the show making revolution. His last patent was issued in September 1891, two years posthumously.

Matzeliger died when only 37, long before he had the chance to realize a share of the enormous profit derived from his invention. He never received any money. Instead, he was issued stock in the company which did not become valuable until after his death.

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The Mid-East Commission, located in Washington, North Carolina, recently announced that they will be operating the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program in Beaufort, Martin, and Pitt COunties this year. The Summer Youth Program, which is funded under Title 11-B of the Job training Partnership Act, is designed to give economicallydisadvantaged youth (aged 14-21) an opportunity to learn valuable work skills and habits, while providing a source of income to support themselves and their families. Job sites under the program are located at education, governmental and non-profit facilities across the three-county area. Hours of work will vary due to worksite needs however, participants will work a total of thirty-two hours per week during the eight week period of mid-June through early August.

If any student (aged 14-21) is interested in applying to work under the program, they should go by their

school office and pick up an application form (Deadline - April 15). For those individuals out of school, applications can be obtained at your local Employment Security Commission office or at the Mid-East Commission office located at One Harding Square, Washington, North Carolina. Deadline for

receipt of these applications is April 15.



A Salute To Black History Month

We salute the man who made civil lights a reality. His dedication made a dream come true for many. King fought for this dream peacefully and will always be remembered as a man with the courage, to speak out against injustice— and be heard.

To keep Martin Luther King's memory alive, we must remember his dream and strive to achieve equal rights for everyone. His work is not finished wit is up to us to continue the struggle



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In recognition of Black History Month, We honor the contributions Of our nation's African Amercians

Mitchell's Funeral Home 603 North Mill Street Winterville, NC Dr. W. H. Mitchell, owner Black History Month has always meant to me a time we set aside to honor the achievement of those who have, and hare paving the way for the next generations to come. But what does it mean to other young African Americans?

That question weighed heavily on my mind as I walked through the campus of ECU. So, I asked a few of the students for their interpretation of Black History month. Most said the same thing that I said; but, a few had different answers. One young man named Derrick said it should give people an incentive to find their origins, another student agreed with him on this.

Then, another said it should remind us not to forget where we came from and to give something back to our community. Alan Jackson liked to think of this as a time to honor our historic leaders who broke many barriers for us such as Dr. King. I was most impressed personally by that answer. Still, half of those I asked didn't know the answers. That really convinced me in a way that they either didn't know about their history or didn't think it to be very important.

Judging from the shortage of Black males and teachers on the campus that I noticed, I can see why.



History of the Multicultural Center Concept

The Multicultural Center Concept was a result of discussions during a "Community Round-Table Forum." Through a grant from NC Humanities Council, Dr. Mohammed Ahad conducted four community round tables on four cultures: Indian, Hispanic, Chinese, and Mid-Eastern. The program evaluations were glowing and suggested establishment of a

permanent community-based cultural center. The then president of the Pitt-Greenville Chamber of Commerce and other interested persons brainstormed the pros and cons of such an endeavor. The group suggested establishing a small committee and a study group of interested professionals, community representatives, and cultural activists. After exploration

of need, an executive committee was elected, and three subcommittees were appointed to begin the implementation process. The project is incorporated as an independent nonprofit corporation. A seventeen member Board of Directors and six Subcommittees were elected and are active. You are invited to lend your support to this worthy cause.



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