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## Information highway project for rural schools announced

East Carolina University and Sprint/Carolina Telephone announced a new partnership to seek innovative ways of using North Carolina Information Highway technology to improve educational opportunities for rural children.

Participating in the introduction was Gov. Jim Hunt, who spoke through interactive video from Raleigh, showcasing the type of technology that is part of the information highway's capabilities.

Through the partnership, known as LearningNet, ECU is working with two elementary schools in eastern North Carolina to create a pilot program that will generate new products, techniques and procedures to meet the education

needs specific to rural areas.

LearningNet will be the first effort to draw upon the full spectrum of information highway technology to address the education needs of young children.

The project will be directed from the ECU School of Education. University faculty and graduate students will work closely with local administrators, teachers and parents to develop the products and procedures.

The participating elementary schools are Riverview in Hertford County and Roberson in Edgecombe County. Officials from both school districts have identified parent and community involvement in schools and overcom-

ing their schools' social and cultural isolation as crucial to their future success with the children they serve.

Sprint/Carolina Telephone and Spring Foundation will provide \$60,000 in grants over two years to finance the project. Sprint/Carolina Telephone also will volunteer technical assistance for LearningNet, and the partner will be seeking additional resources.

The announcement was made to about 600 educators gathered in Greenville for ECU's annual technology and teaching conference, this year titled "Linking the Classroom to the World."

"The real purpose of the North Carolina Information Highway is

to help bring our state—and all of our resources—closer together," Hunt said. "Not only does this initiative by ECU and Carolina Telephone help equalize opportunities between urban and rural areas, it will also help strengthen our state's Smart Start program by building on our work with pre-school age children."

Smart Start is Hunt's initiative to build public-private partnerships that will eventually ensure that every family across the state has access to quality affordable child care and health care. It is currently being developed as a pilot project in Hertford and 17 other counties.

Information highway technology will provide communication links that allow the transmission of signals — data, video and voice — at speeds currently unavailable over any existing network. For example,

the contents of an entire set of encyclopedias can be transmitted in 4.7 seconds; and full-motion TV will allow video and audio interaction among viewers at multiple sites.

The LearningNet team expects to implement its first efforts in August, when the initial sites of the North Carolina Information Highway go on line.

"We have long taken pride in our influence on elementary and secondary education," said ECU Chancellor Richard Eakin. "We believe that LearningNet is a great opportunity for ECU because it will help us expand our leadership role in education by being a pioneer in the development and implementation of innovative uses of information highway technology in education. This follows the ECU Model Clinical Teaching Program's recent recognition by the Associa-

tion of Teacher Educators as best in the country."

Bill McDonald, Sprint/Carolina Telephone president and chief executive officer, said, "The schools brought to the table their dreams for rural education. Our company and ECU have told them that the information highway can lead to the realization of those dreams."

"Our vision of this partnership is to approach the educational process at its very foundation. We want to use technology to ensure that our young children acquire the reading and math skills that are essential building blocks for success in life."

"As they develop they will be better prepared to take full advantage of the marvelous opportunities that are coming in their lifetime. With LearningNet, we are investing in a better tomorrow for many of our children."

## U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy highlights Democratic celebration

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, the first African-American and the first Southerner to serve in that post, was the keynote speaker for the Democratic Party's annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner on March 19.

During a speech before 1,000 North Carolina Democrats, Espy delivered a fiery message and strongly supported President Bill Clinton's domestic achievements and warned against Republicans who have been "reduced to little more than name-calling" in their attempt to undermine the nation's confidence in his administration.

"The only point I have to make tonight is this: We cannot let them throw us off our game," Espy said. "We cannot let them divert us from our agenda."

As secretary of agriculture, Mike Espy presides over one of the largest and most diverse agencies in the federal government. He administers broad programs to maintain America's safe, abundant, and reasonably priced supply of food

and fiber, while protecting and preserving the nation's soil and water resources.

In addition to managing traditional farm programs, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's mission includes domestic food assistance, research and education, agricultural marketing, meat and poultry inspection, forestry, rural development, and many other areas vital to the lives of all Americans.

Espy told North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives Daniel T. Blue, Jr., and State Auditor Ralph Campbell, Jr. along with farmers and agricultural officials during a visit to the North Carolina Farmers Market that he can't guarantee the federal tobacco tax won't increase. But he vowed to stand behind tobacco quotas, price supports and the other fundamentals on which farmers rely.

"In light of agriculture's importance to North Carolina, we were truly fortunate to have the Secre-

tary of Agriculture to speak at the Jefferson-Jackson dinner," said Gov. Hunt. "His visit gave North Carolina Democrats an opportunity to show support for our farmers . . . who always seem to be under siege from one direction or another."

Espy said the Department of Agriculture is committed to commodity programs, increasing exports and continued support to small farms. "Yes, there is a future for the small farmer in America," he said. "They are vital to the mix."

North Carolina State Auditor Ralph Campbell, Jr. said that he is "encouraged about the active role the Secretary has displayed in dealing with economic development and agricultural issues that are extremely important to our region."

Espy was first elected to the U.S. House of representatives in 1986, where he served on the Agriculture and Budget Committees. He was chairman of the Domestic (Continued on page four)

## Rural Development Bill Introduced By Representative Eva Clayton

On March 24 Rev. Eva Clayton introduced legislation that would enhance rural development by promoting private-sector investment in rural business, housing and infrastructure. The Rural Credit and Development Act of 1994 (H.R. 4129), would provide new sources of credit for rural residents, public services and business enterprises without spending government money or adding to the federal bureaucracy.

"By the beginning of this decade, almost a quarter of all farm households had incomes below the poverty line — more than twice the national average. In my rural 1st District of North Carolina, the average poverty rate is 26 percent," Clayton said in a statement on the House floor March 24 introducing the bill. "Congress must act now to adapt public policy to meet the challenges facing rural America."

Clayton also noted that experience has shown the most effective rural development efforts are locally based, using "specific plans tailored to unique local resources." Her bill "will provide local leaders some of the resources they need to fight this battle—at no cost to the U.S. Treasury," she said.

"The economic well-being of rural America has reached a critical point and deserves our immediate attention," Clayton said. "It is time for Congress to take action to unlock the potential economic power of rural America. In a time of limited federal resources, we in Congress must seize upon the opportunities available to leverage private resources and ensure that existing programs are used to their utmost."

Clayton's bill would broaden the existing rural-lending authority of the \$64 billion Farm Credit System, the nation's oldest and larg-

est financial cooperative, to more effectively serve rural residents. Created by Congress in 1916 to provide a reliable source of credit to agricultural producers, Farm Credit has limited authorities to finance rural water and sewer systems, electric and telephone systems, some farm-related businesses, and certain rural homeowners. H.R. 4129 would update Farm Credit's charter to provide its services to more rural and agriculturally related businesses, rural infrastructure needs, and rural homeowners.

The bill "would employ this es-

tablished delivery network to bring the resources of Wall Street to rural businesses, rural infrastructure, rural housing stock, and much-needed rural community facilities," Clayton said. "This legislation can help rural America realize its potential by providing it with the necessary capital for job creation and economic diversification."

Clayton is a member of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Environment, Credit, and Rural Development which will be considering this legislation in the near future.

## Funds still available for minority farmers

Bert M. Hall, County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) serving Pitt County has announced that funds set aside for the purchase and operation of farms by minority farmers are still available. Also, recent changes in FmHA regulations now allow the agency to consider women applicants as minorities and makes the special targeted funds available to this important and emerging group of farmers.

Hall encourages minority farmers who wish to purchase farmland or who need loans for farm operating purposes to contact the

local FmHA Office to talk about these programs. The local office is located at 403 Old Creek Road, Greenville, North Carolina.

In addition to offering direct farm loans to minorities, FmHA provides loan guarantees for loans being made by other agricultural lenders in the area. "We are making a concentrated effort to be sure that all minorities are aware of FmHA's direct and guaranteed programs so we can serve as many credit worthy farmers in these special groups as possible", Hall added.



Fayetteville Businessman Larry Shaw and U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy

## Carolinas gas prices inch upward still higher prices expected soon

Gasoline prices have increased nearly half a cent a gallon in the Carolinas during the past month and are expected to start climbing slowly upward beginning with the Easter weekend.

The AAA Carolinas Fuel Gauge Report for March found that prices are currently about 5 cents per gallon cheaper than they were last year at this time.

In North Carolina the average price per gallon for self-service, regular unleaded is 99.7 cents, compared to 99.3 cents last month.

In South Carolina, the price is 93.2 cents, up from 92.9 cents per gallon last month. A year ago the average was \$1.043 in North Carolina and 98.3 cents in South Caro-

lina. Nationally, the average price for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded gasoline is \$1.065 per gallon, down from \$1.11 per gallon last year at this time.

Traditionally, the Carolinas enjoy pump prices below the national average. However, wholesale gas prices in the Carolinas have increased an average of five cents a gallon since January.

"This price increase to the dealers hasn't yet hit the retail market in the Carolinas," said Tom Crosby, director of communications for AAA Carolinas. "However, with the beginning of spring, demand increases and prices rise."

The lowest North Carolina price

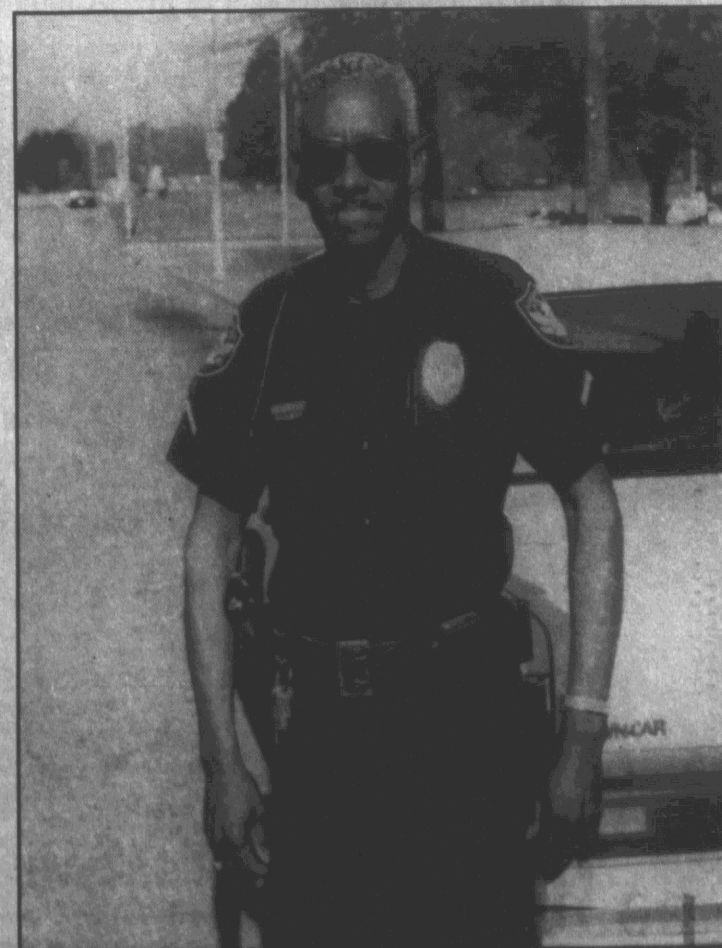
is found in Wilmington with 96.2 cents per gallon and the highest is in Asheville with \$1.027. In South Carolina, the lowest prices is in Spartanburg with 89.9 cents per gallon and the highest is in Greenville with 97.8 cents.

Prices vary in different parts of the two states, due to demand and transportation costs. Prices quoted are from surveys conducted by the Computer Petroleum Corporation of St. Paul, Minnesota.

An affiliate of the American Automobile Association, AAA Carolinas is a not-for profit organization providing more than 590,000 members in the Carolinas with travel, insurance and auto-related services.

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# Walker files for re-election

Reverend Thomas L. Walker, Vice-Chairman of the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners, filed Friday, February 4 for his 4th (four year terms). Walker is the senior member of the board in longevity having service since 1982; he along with the late Reverend J.O. Thorne, were elected to the board as the first African American members.

The forty-five year old Walker is a lifetime resident of Edgecombe County. He is a graduate of George Washington Carver High School in Pinetops, Shaw University of Raleigh, North Carolina and a recipient of a Doctorate of Human Letters from United Christian College, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Further studies at Hampton University in Virginia, University of Miami in Florida and Management Training in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Since his 1982 election Walker has supported many positive changes in Edgecombe County, such as the establishment of Edgecombe County Rescue Squad, the opening of the Rocky Mount Branch of Social Service and Health Department that provides more accessible service to citizens. The building of the new Edgecombe Community College, Rocky Mount campus, improvements to Tarboro's campus, expansions to Tarboro Health Department, the building of a new Edgecombe Nash Mental Health Building. He was a strong advocate for the completion of Highway 64 By-Pass, supported negotiations for Sara Lee, a 30 million-dollar investment with 600 jobs, Cogentrix 100 million-dollar investment and 50 jobs. Numerous other industrial locations and expansions. Walker played a significant role in the resolution of the Nash Rocky Mount school merger and the smooth merger of Edgecombe County school system. With the resignation of Mr. Ellis Williford, as County Manager, Walker and the late Reverend J.O. Thorne led the effort to encourage the Board to hire Mr. Joe Durham as the new County Manager. Walker also serves on the Edgecombe County Development Corporation; Vision 2000 Economic Task Force, and a strong supporter of the Global Transpark project, and is also a strong supporter of the Rocky Mount Edgecombe Community Development Corporation and it's many projects. He believes the community should rally behind the RMECDC as they spear head community development

projects that are in reality, economic development milestones.

Walker states as he reflects upon the future of Edgecombe County, the most important issues are education, economic development and crime. There must be a partnership between government, school, homes and church to redirect our youth toward a brighter future. Economic Development must be redefined if we are to make progress. More emphasis must be placed on the development of small business and expansion of existing businesses. We must work hard to improve the quality of life in our area. We must market our rich historical tourist attractions. Walker is a strong advocate for the building of a moderate civic center, which would enable Edgecombe County to feature various culture, agriculture and family entertainment, which will draw people from as far as the coast and a 100-mile radius into Edgecombe County, creating the need for hotels, restaurants and making the area more attractive for industry. We must be prepared to attract industry that will gravitate toward the Global Transpark project in Lenoir County. During his tenure Walker has continuously supported the agricultural community and feels that one of the best ways to assist farmers is to develop the whole county economically through business and industry to increase the tax base and ease the farmers tax burden.

Walker states that he's been approached several times to run for State Legislative Office, but has chosen to remain on the local level, because he feels that his past 12 years of service are about to blossom into a very positive economic and social growth for the county.

He is married to Mrs. Joyce Norwood Walker and they have two children, Reverend Timothy J. Walker and Attorney Teresa Walker-Mason. They also have two grandchildren.

### Profile of Dr. Thomas Lorenzo Walker

Thomas Lorenzo Walker, a lifetime resident of Edgecombe County was born 44 years ago to Mrs. Retha Thorne Walker and the late Mr. Thomas Washington Walker, the second of two children. His sister is Retha Archer. He is married to the former Joyce Norwood, they have two children, Rev. Timothy Walker and Teresa, grandson "T.J." and daughter-in-law Annette D. Walker.

He is a graduate of George Washington Carver High School, Pinetops; Shaw University, Raleigh and is the recipient of the

Doctorate of Humane Letters from United Christian College, Goldsboro.

Dr. Walker is now serving his third term as Edgecombe County Commissioner. For the past 22 years, he has served as Pastor of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, 652 Raleigh Road, Rocky Mount, where he has implemented a number of educational, community and social programs. He appreciates the opportunities of growing with the community and Ebenezer. Having seen many positive changes in both, he is happy to be a part of the progress in Edgecombe County such as the new Rocky Mount Social Service building and the Health Department, Rocky Mount Edgecombe Community College Campus; Edgecombe County Rescue Squad; the making of the extension of Highway 64 By-Pass to Tarboro; Sara Lee, a \$30 million investment with 600 jobs; Cogentrix, a \$100 million investment with 50 jobs, and several others. His experience and his willingness to serve and to learn will enable Edgecombe County to meet the challenges of the 21st Century as he seeks educational opportunities; new jobs and a change in Social Service programs to emphasize prevention rather than maintenance and better health care.

Dr. Walker is the first pastor to attain 22 years of service at Ebenezer and under his ministry

the church growth has been phenomenal. He has led in such ventures as an 8:00 early Sunday morning service; the building is a two-story, 1000 seat edifice valued over 1 million dollars and recently guided the church in the final phases of renovating the Fellowship Hall (the original church and he encouraged membership to dedicate the building in honor of the name of the first pastor, Rev. Erastic A. Lucas), adding a kitchen and storage facility, adding a new wing of offices, men and women lounges, bathrooms and fountains to the educational center, purchase of several buses, a full-time staff; a bus ministry; a training program for ministers; TV & radio ministry, youth ministry, day care center; Birthday Captains; Bible classes and children's church. He is also the Gospel Program Director and announcer for the "Joy in the Morning" program on WRSV 92.1 FM. He was the first gospel artist to record on the Atlanta International Record label and he is currently on the Melendo label out of Jackson, MS. He's recorded 7 musical albums and two sermon albums. In March 1987 he was awarded a gold album for his smash hit recording of "One Day At A Time".

Dr. Walker gives God all the honor and the glory for his achievements and states, "I am what I am by the grace of God".



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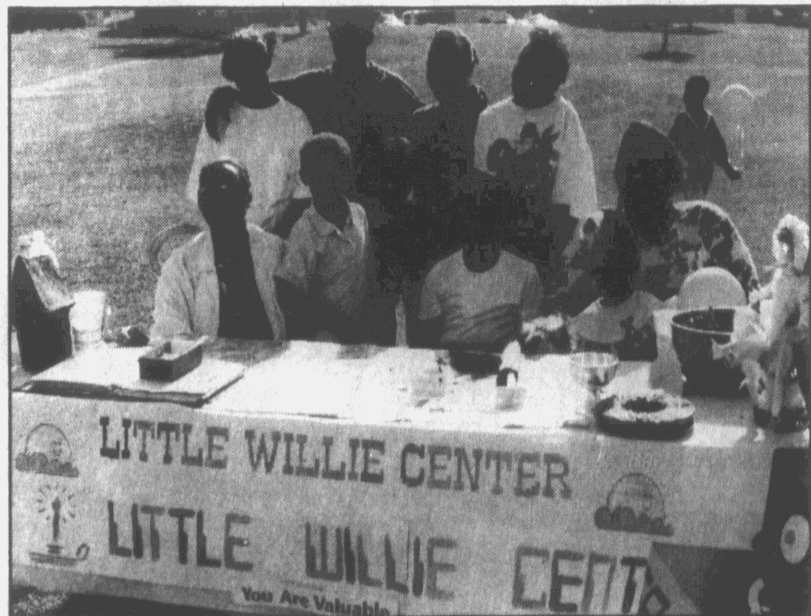
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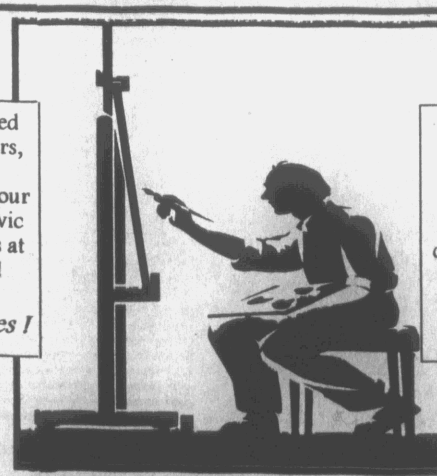
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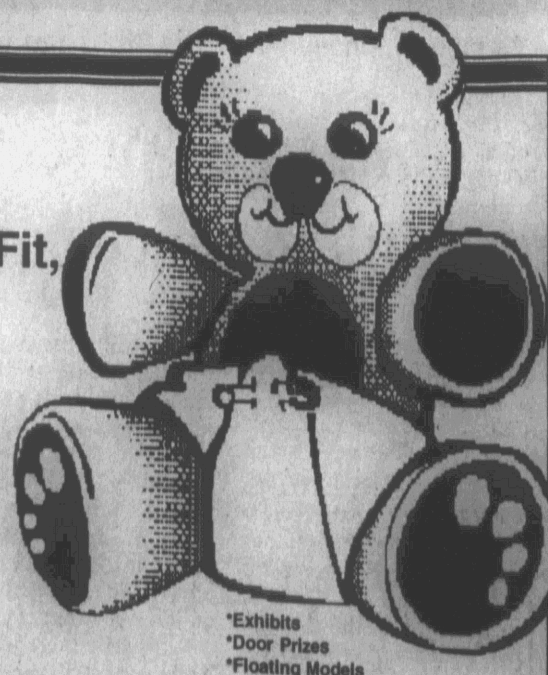
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## Concert for Peace, Celebrity Guests Announced

Country music writer and singer, Marcus Hummon was one of the headline artists at the spiritual concert to mark the 26th anniversary tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Saturday, April 2, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at Mason Temple Church of God in Christ.

Hummon, who wrote Wynonna Judd's hit single, Only Love, sang *Path of Peace*, a spiritual melody he co-wrote. Along with Hummon, acclaimed vocalist Patti Austin, as well as Ollie Woodson of the Temptations and 15-year-old Kelli Williams sang, accompanied by a 500-voice community choir. Austin, Woodson and William performed at last year's tribute that included the live recording of the Warner/Reprise album *MARCH ON*.

The Concert for Peace is one of several activities the National Civil Rights Museum is hosting that weekend to offer citizens of Memphis the opportunity to come together to find a renewed commitment to the ideals Dr. King struggled for during the Civil Rights Movement.

The Power of Peace is the theme for the entire weekend tribute that included a candlelight vigil remembering those who were killed in 1993, which took place Friday, April 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Mu-

seum courtyard. The following day, April 2, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Metropolitan Baptist Church, local and nation experts on violence and education discussed at a community speakout practical solutions to violence. Some panelists included William Lucy, international secretary and treasurer with the American Federation of State and County Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Dr. Anita Shelton, director for the District of Columbia Mental Health Association and Herb Kesick of the Ojibway Nation, who works with Native Americans who are incarcerated or recovering from alcoholism.

The Concert for Peace capped that day's events, a program of more than 15 spiritual hymns arranged by Grammy-award winning producer, Sanchez Harley. Some of the songs were, Lift Every Voice and Sing, The Dream, Jesus Loved Me, Let There Be Peace On Earth, path of Peace and Bridging the Gap.

Harley produced much of the album *MARCH ON*, and was solely responsible for all five songs recorded live at Mason Temple. Also at the concert, writer and actor Barry Scott will perform excerpts from Dr. King's infamous, last speech, I've Been to the Mountain Top, that was delivered at Mason

Temple the night before Dr. King was killed. Scott just completed a national tour of the musical drama, Ain't God Long to Stay Here, which chronicles the life of Dr. King. Many of the songs on *MARCH ON* were featured as part of the play, which toured more than 25 cities, including Memphis.

As customary, on April 4, the tragic day Dr. King was tragically assassinated, several organizations, including AFSCME, as well as city officials, will lay wreaths in the courtyard of the museum, after leading a march of dozens of citizens.

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## AHA volunteers planning this year's spring round-up

The American Heart Association, Pitt County Division and volunteer board members are currently organizing efforts for the 2nd Annual Spring Round-Up scheduled to take place Saturday, April 23, from 6-11 p.m. at Rock Springs Equestrian Center. Volunteers have been planning this year's event since last November. The American Heart Association established the Spring Round-Up as a fund-raising effort to generate funds for research, professional education, and community education programs toward the prevention of death and disability due to cardiovascular disease and stroke.

Last year, over 200 guests were in attendance, while raising over \$7,500. "This year, our goal is to raise of \$12,000, while further enhancing community awareness about the prevalence of heart disease in the area," says Elizabeth Stanley, Chairperson of the Spring Round-Up. Funds will be raised through the tickets sold to individuals as well as corporate sponsors. Tickets are being sold for \$75.00/couple and can be purchased through the American Heart Association.

"With a country western hoe-down theme, the evening will offer individuals and couples the opportunity to contribute to a wonderful cause while enjoying the sights and sounds of the old west. Like last year, there will be plenty of food, fun and entertainment.

Guests will have the opportunity to enjoy the sounds of Jamie Lee Hart, a local country western band, while feasting on a vast array of heart healthy foods," says Stanley.

The American Heart Association, with its 3.6 million volunteers, is the nation's largest voluntary health organization. For more information about the AHA or how to purchase Spring Round-Up tickets, call 919-355-1112.

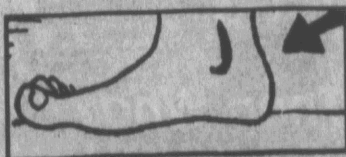
## MEC to celebrate 27 years of service

On April 21, 1994, the Mid-East Commission will hold its Twenty-seventh Annual Meeting in Hertford County at the Ramada Inn in Ahoskie, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

W.E. Honeyblue, Chairman of the Mid-East Commission, stated activities for the evening will include the awarding of certificates of appreciation and special presentations. We are expecting State, Federal and local government officials to attend the evening dinner and program.

Designated by the State, Region Q, the Mid-East Commission, serves the Counties of Beaufort, Bertie, Hertford, Martin and Pitt in planning and development activities.

At this time the new slate of Board Officers will be installed by William E. Honeyblue. They will include: Don Craft of Hertford County as Chairman; Wint Hale of Windsor as First Vice Chairman; Thomas Craft of Ayden as Second Vice Chairman; and Frank Bonner of Beaufort County as Secretary; and David Cannon of Martin County as Treasurer.



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| Dependents                                  |               |                |               |                 |
| One   | Two           | Three          | Four          | Five or More    |
| 2   | 2             | 2              | 1             | 1               |
| Residence                                   |               |                |               |                 |
| With Parents                                | Rent          | Rent Furnished | Own Mortgage  | Own Clear       |
| 1   | 2             | 3              | 4             | 5               |
| Years at Present Address                    |               |                |               |                 |
| Under 2 yrs.                                | 2-4 yrs.      | 5-8 yrs.       | 9-14 yrs.     | 15 yrs. or more |
| 1   | 2             | 3              | 4             | 5               |
| Gross Monthly Income                        |               |                |               |                 |
| \$1,000-1,500                               | \$1,501-2,000 | \$2,001-2,500  | \$2,501-3,000 | Over \$3,000    |
| 3   | 4             | 5              | 6             | 7               |
| Years With Present Employer                 |               |                |               |                 |
| Under 2 yrs.                                | 2-3 yrs.      | 4-6 yrs.       | 7-10 yrs.     | Over 10 yrs.    |
| 1   | 3             | 4              | 5             | 6               |
| Years With Previous Employer                |               |                |               |                 |
| Under 1 yr.                                 | 1-3 yrs.      | 4-6 yrs.       | 7-10 yrs.     | Over 10 yrs.    |
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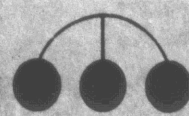


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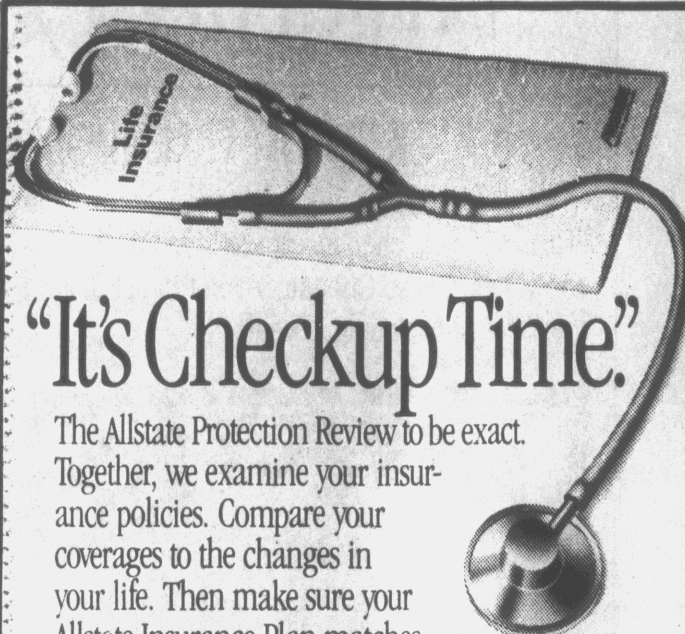
Hunger Task Force of the Select Committee on Hunger, the Lower Mississippi Delta Caucus, and the National Resources, Community and Economic Development Task Force of the House Budget Committee. Espy also served as Majority Whip at large.

The Secretary first put reinventing government ideas into action during the six years he served on the House Agriculture Committee. He supported numerous proposals to reform agriculture, including measures to cut red-tape in the USDA National Appeals Division, to promote the use of food stamps at farmers' markets, provide outreach programs for limited resource farmers, and increase markets for pond-raised catfish.

He received national attention for his advocacy of self-empowerment legislation that would allow social service recipients to help free themselves from dependence on the current system. Espy vigorously promoted microenterprise projects that would allow low-income individuals to start their own businesses.

Speaker Blue stated: "It is very timely to have Secretary Espy speak at this dinner... because of the leadership role that he has played over the years in support of rural economic empowerment programs. North Carolina is pressing forward with many of these initiatives, however, we still need to do more."

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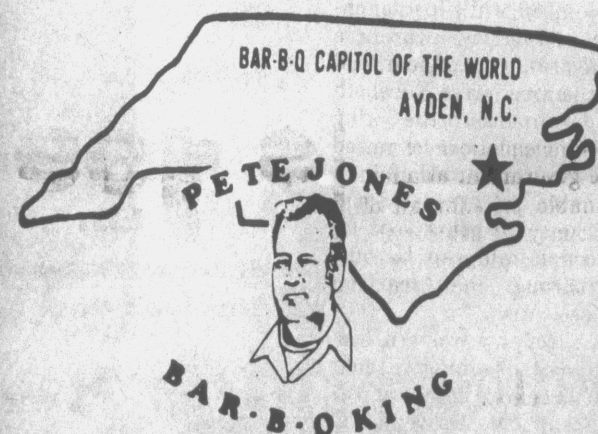


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## Owen Peele announces candidacy

Owen Peele of Route 2, Aurora, Richland Township announces his candidacy for county commissioner in the May third Democratic Primary.

I am a life-long resident of Beaufort County, a graduate of Aurora High School, North Carolina State University, and Carolina Bible Institute. I am a Free Will Baptist minister currently pastoring New Haven Free Will Baptist Church in Caton, North Carolina. Also, I am a family farmer in partnership with my father growing corn, wheat, and soybeans. A member of the Aurora/Richland Township Chamber of Commerce, I will serve this year on the Board of Directors as President-Elect. It is my belief that my education and multiple careers have taught me well in dealing with people from all walks of life, as well as with governmental agencies, special interest groups, and financial institutions. I seek to bring my experience to the Board of County Commissioners to manage your county's business as I do my own, conservatively.

As an individual concerned for my family's future, I am concerned for our county's future. The rapid rise in taxes, educational needs of our children, economic development for all our citizens, environmental concerns, transportation needs, social services, solid waste disposal, law enforcement along with our new county water system gives us a full agenda.

I seek to be an active commissioner in serving our county, especially in stabilizing tax revenues. While some of our problems are of a local nature and must be solved within our county, others require a regional solution. I will promote this regional concept of cooperation with other counties and cities, industry, agriculture, aquaculture, individual property owners and governmental agencies as we serve the larger interests of our region. I believe this concept will insure our county's future as a leader in eastern North Carolina and give our people new opportunities to pursue.

I offer, a simple platform of fair responsible government at a fair and reasonable price for all of Beaufort County. I ask for the support and vote of all our citizens who think likewise. Thank you.

## Deadline nears for applications

FmHA wants to remind all interested eligible family farmers that the deadline for filing emergency loan applications in April 11, for physical and production losses covered by drought and record-breaking heart, which occurred during much of the 1993 crop-growing season.

You should contact your local Farmers Home Administration office to obtain an application or further information, according to Bert M. Hall, County Supervisor for Pitt County, telephone number 919-752-2035.

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Most parents believe that children who attend college at an early age possess a supernatural intellect. In some cases this may be true, but generally, that's not the case. In a California study, the children who were graduating high school at age 9, and/or attending college at age 12, were not all 'A' students and did not excel on their own. Several parents use a scheduling method to promote the child at a rapid pace through all 12 grades, putting them in college at an early age. Most professionals agree that this method takes away children's social time with their peers that is vital to their overall growth and maturity. There is,

however, a scheduling method that allows the child to academically excel and earn college credits while still attending their regular school and staying in their regular grades with their friends. Anyone can use this simple method at any age - from 1st grade - 12th grade. This scheduling method allows the child to go through all 12 grades with their friends but when they graduate from high school, this child will already have earned a 2-year college degree and/or a 4 year college degree, (depending on when the child started through the process.) In most states, college is free to children who are still attending school. So, while a college student pays \$400 for one class, this child will take the same class for free; Cutting college tuition by 3/4 or even 100%. It is very feasible that you would pay no college tuition for your child for their entire schooling. Your child could earn the credits from any local college near you, or a college of your choice. For more information on how your child can earn college credits while in school, send a self-addressed stamped legal size envelope to: "EXCEL", 2403 Cottonwood Drive,

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## Students can attend college free

Most parents and student think that scholarship are only for straight 'A' students, but a small example of the numerous scholarships available include: Scholarships for the left-handed, former girl or boyscouts, FFA member, a church member, David Letterman's Scholarship for 'C' students, minorities, handicapped, American Indians and much more. Over \$10 billion is available from private sector scholarships. Over \$20.4 billion from the federal government.

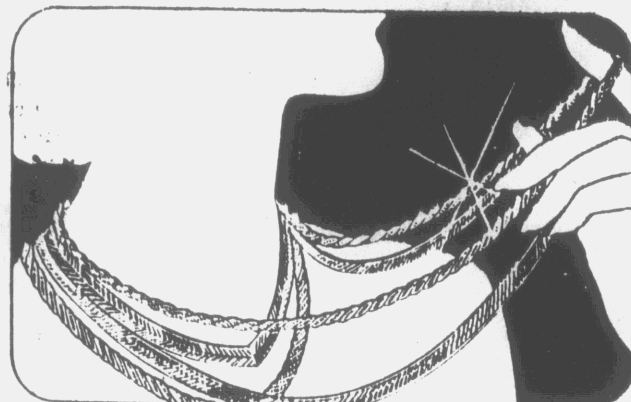
In a U.S. Congressional study, it was reported that "Over \$6.6 billion of private sector financial aid went unused because parents and students did not know where to apply." A conservative college tuition for a full-time student runs from \$10,000-\$50,000 per year.

High scoring colleges run from \$40,000-\$100,00 per year. There are organizations that have spent hundreds of hours in research, locating scholarship sources. These organizations are AEE (American Educational Excellence) members and have a list of over 400 different scholarships available. The lists include the scholarship names, addresses, telephone numbers, application deadlines, summaries about the scholarships and the amount the scholarships will pay your child. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; otherwise, students combine applicable scholarships together to form one large tuition payment. Most scholarships include junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4 year colleges, graduate schools and medical and law schools. For information on obtaining these scholarship lists, send a self-addressed stamped legal size envelope to: SCHOLARSHIPS, 2403 Cottonwood Drive, Hanford, CA 93230.

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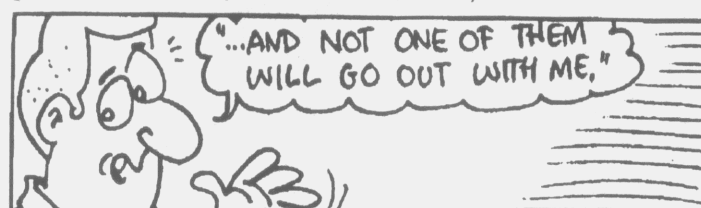
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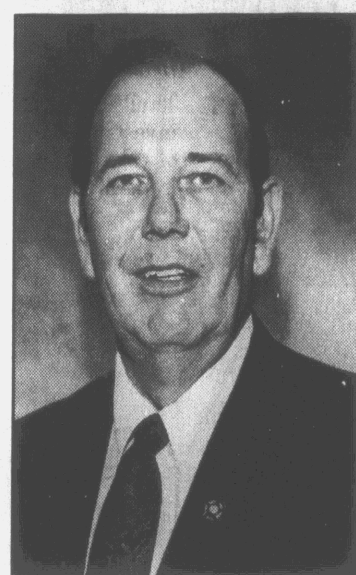
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Tending toward the chatty, Ms. Dumakude will begin with a deceptively simple tale full of colorful tidbits about everyday life in her country. However, the rhythmic underscoring of multi-instrumentalist/composer Emma and the highly expressive musician/composer/musicologist Valerie Naranjo on native instruments will build toward the ultimate singing

## Something to consider

By Virginia Gaynor

We continue to be bombarded on a day-to-day basis with the negative images of African-Americans in this society. The written and visual media (TV, movies) have made millions of dollars writing and discussing African-Americans. We are told about the drugs, low academic achievement of our children, poverty, pregnancy rates of our teenage girls, and the irresponsibility of black men . . . the list goes on.

In fact, we have heard so much about the decadence of our race, that many of us have become paralyzed and have deaf ears, and are blind to the state of African Americans and African American children in this country as well as Pitt County.

An example of this occurred three weeks ago. An African American male simply got tired of this life and the hopelessness and despair of merely existing. . . I can't help but believe that somehow his blood is stained on all of us leaders and parents in this community.

I leave you with this thought of him and the others like him that we are ignoring everyday.

of the stirring political message with which each segment culminates.

A seemingly simple tale of a young child's daily journey to school will lead into the racially inspired dangers encountered en route and culminate in the soulful singing of a mother's prayer for her child's safety. A quiet description of villagers love for their barren land and the subsequent discovery of gold on it builds toward a horrific song and dance as they watch their homes being bulldozed in a government-enforced eviction. We similarly live through a young girl's first love, the fear and joy of her wedding day and the cruel separation as her husband must work in an area restricted to men only.

In a rare moment of purposeless levity, Ms. Dumakude will instruct the audience in some Zulu "click" words and lead them in a singalong of the popular "Wimoweh." A heartfelt announcement that she has just learned that the country is destined to vote together next year, blacks and whites, for the first time, leads the house into a stirring finale chant "Freedom yes! Apartheid no!"

Along with the richness and variety of textures and patterns created by the talented musicians, the outstanding instrument is Thull's voice. Expertly honed, she invests mere notes with a palette of colors from pastel to vibrant, from planissimo to resounding fortissimo, all within a variety of rhythms that enlist her body as backup.

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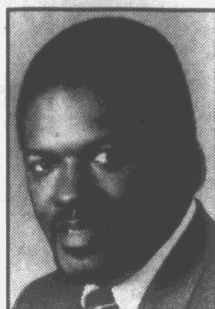
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We should actively seek compatible and environmental-friendly industries for our area, therefore easing our tax burdens. Our highways and waterways should be carefully scrutinized for assessability to industries.

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# Citizens protest gun bans — rally for criminal justice reform

Concerned citizens plan to hold a news conference outside Representative Charlie Rose's district office in the park of Green Street on Saturday, April 2, at 10 a.m. These North Carolinians will urge defeat of any gun ban legislation in the U.S. Congress. "Concerned citizens are encouraging Representative Rose to help pass criminal justice reform measures like "3 Strikes and You're Out," parole reform and prison expansion," said Russ Parker, Legislative Director, North Carolina Rifle & Pistol Association.

"Criminals should be punished, not law-abiding citizens. If guns

are banned, criminals win. If prisons are built, criminals lose," said Parker.

"Gun bans do nothing to stop criminals who routinely obtain their illegal guns on the blackmarket. Gun bans will only penalize honest citizens trying to protect themselves from criminals. Passage of a "3 Strikes and You're Out" measure will do more to stop rapists, murders and robbers than any gun ban levelled on honest Americans," contained Parker.

"More than two million times a year, a firearm is used to deter a potential crime. The question Fayetteville citizens face is how

many innocent lives will be lost — how many crimes will be completed — because a gun ban prevented a law-abiding citizen from obtaining a firearm for protection," said Parker.

In California, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. violent crime rates and homicide rates have skyrocketed despite harsh gun bans (FBI UCR). Polls show Americans are steadily rejecting gun bans and gun control. In the past three decades, support for gun bans has dropped nearly 50 percent (Gallup polls from 1959 to 1993) and the majority of Americans do not believe gun control laws reduce violent crime (CBS poll 1993).

"North Carolina residents are facing a double jeopardy to their personal security—rising violence at the hands of criminals and increased gun ban proposals at the hands of their elected officials. While criminals serve a fraction of their sentences, Congress considers 16 gun ban bills. That's flat-out wrong," added Parker.

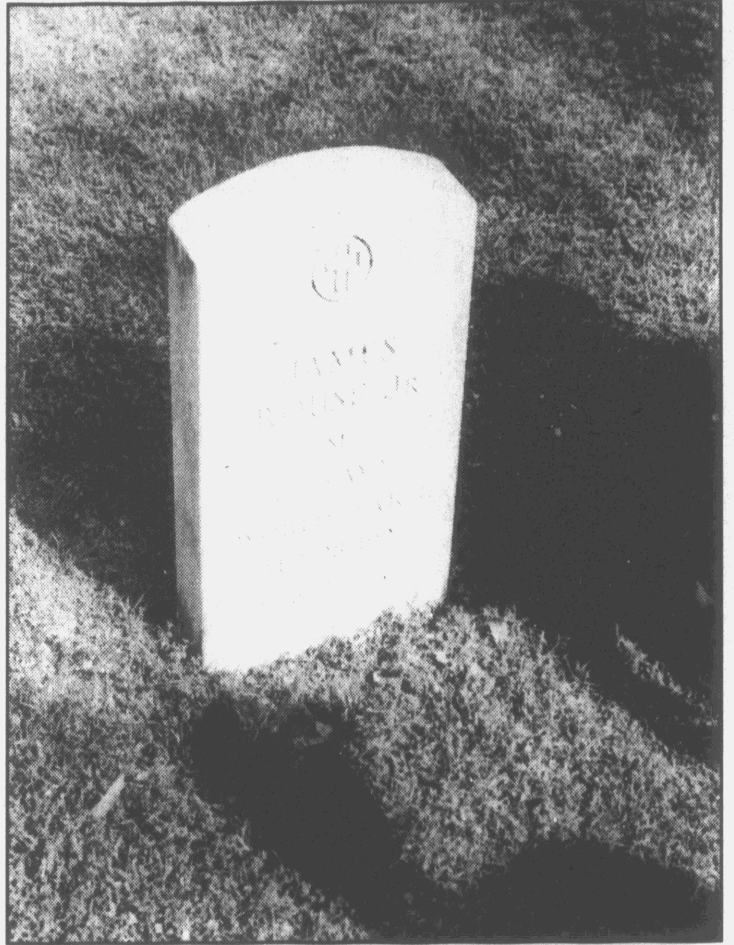
"More and more, citizens are finding that gun ownership is a rotational, mainstream response to a national disgrace - crime against men, women and children," concluded Parker.



SHOWN IS THE ROUSE FAMILY paying their respects to the late James Rouse, Jr.

## Volunteer fair set for April 16

Pitt County Association of Volunteer Administrators and Pitt Volunteer Action Center will host of Volunteer Fair on Saturday, April 16, from 10 am to 4 pm at the Plaza Mall. This is an excellent opportunity to familiarize yourself with the various volunteer jobs available and to find the one that fits your needs and interests. The purpose of the fair is not to recruit volunteers, but rather to educate the public on volunteer possibilities.



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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,  
On March 26, 1994, at a meeting held by the Black Ministers Alliance the candidates for the office of Sheriff of Pitt were present. At the meeting each candidate answered questions from the ministers with regard to how they would improve the methods of minority promotions in the Pitt County Sheriff's Office.

First candidate to respond was Calvin Daniels. Daniels stated he would improve the hiring practices and promotions, not like the buddy system.

Then Larry Parker stated he

would do away with the present system and then implement his own system which would consist of a White Chief Deputy and two Black Majors.

Kenneth Ross stated and I quote him "I would send you people to school and educated you people so you don't embarrass you all or me then I would promote them."

Billy Vandiford stated that since taking the Office of Sheriff he had increased the number of minorities from 3% to 40% and he had improved the number of promoted minorities from 0% to 17%

As minority members of the Pitt

County Sheriff's Office we would like to comment on the candidates answers. Calvin Daniels attributed his lack of understanding of his own speech to nervousness, his pre-written statement appeared to have been written by someone else. Larry Parker's statement had the overtures of a "Quota System". We took offense at Kenneth Ross' comment "You People". Sheriff Vandiford spoke about what he has done and what he will continue to do to improve the fair

promotions of Minorities within the Pitt County Sheriff's Office.

This letter is not intended to offend any of the candidates but to respond to public answers each candidate gave. We want only to be treated equal to ALL MEMBERS OF THE PITT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE and not given inane campaign promises.

We would like to respond to the erroneous statements that all minorities within the Pitt County Sheriff's Office that are ranking

officers are just "window dressing" for Sheriff Vandiford. For anyone to make this ridiculous statement they have not taken the time to talk to or meet the fine and Professional members of The Pitt County Sheriff's Office.

Signed,

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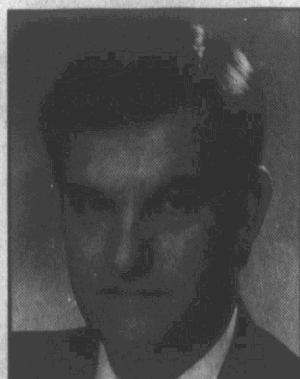
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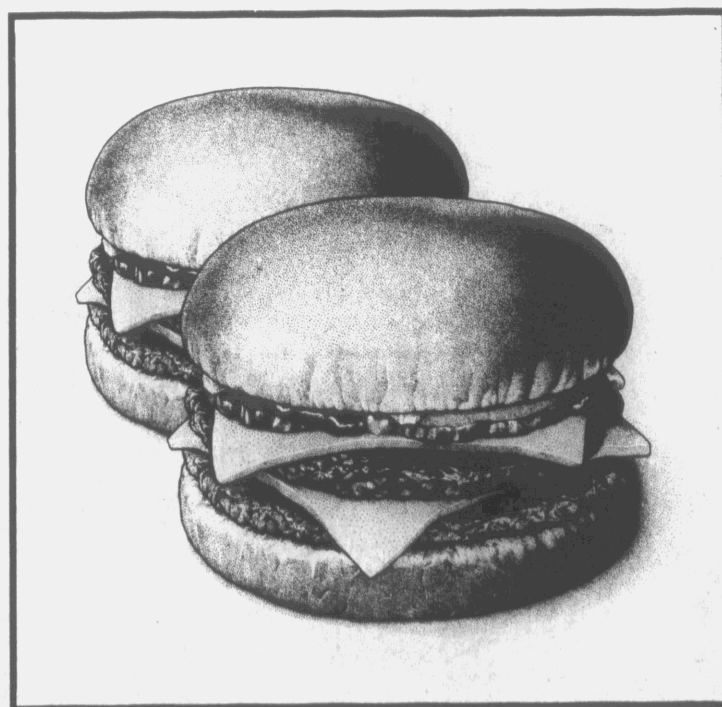
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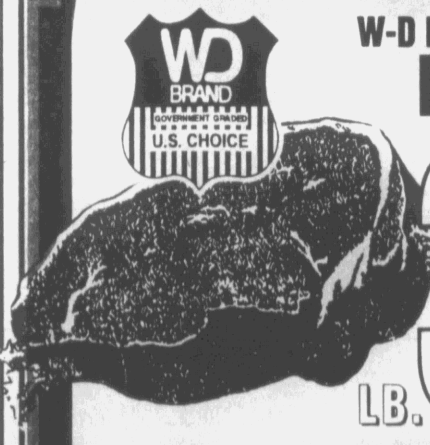


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