

Producer Says 27th Hampton Jazz Festival Is "Everybody's Festival"

When the stars of the 27th Annual Hampton (Va.) Jazz Festival were announced at a recent press conference, George Wein, President of New York's Festival Productions, Inc., and long-time producer of the now-fabled East Coast aficionado's tradition, said the show's mix of stars and styles of music is a prime example of what has made the event, "EVERYBODY'S FESTIVAL."

The weekend-long music festival is set for June 24, 25, 26 at the Hampton Coliseum, and will star: —on Friday night—R&B legends Gladys Knight, The Four Tops, and B.B. King plus saxophonist Gerald Albright, with vocal stylist Lalah Hathaway, for a touch of jazz;

—on Saturday night—all jazz-down and earthy pianist Ramsey Lewis, neoclassical jazz guitarist Earl Klugh, The Count Basie Orchestra with crooner Joe Williams, plus George Duke's current Jazz Explosion, featuring vocalists, Will Downing and Rachelle Farrell, and saxophonist George Howard;

—on Sunday afternoon—the original New Age fusionists Earth, Wide, and Fire, and fire-cracker hot show-stopper Patti LaBelle, plus Tidewater's own cool favorite Connie Parker, for a stylish show opener.

"This is a wonderful meeting of the great legends and soon-to-be legends of the several classic forms and ages of Black music—or soul music—African American music whatever you want to call the rich musical heritage that has grown out of the Black experience in America," Wein said. "We have music for those who were swinging back in the '40s and '50s—for their kids, who were grooving in the '60s and '70s—and for the new and old fans who have survived the '80s and '90s."

As if destined to prove the longevity of the music and the festival, Gladys Knight along with her brothers and cousins, The Pips, has had hits in four of those decades, and played the Hampton Festival five different times in the '70s and '80s. From early hits like now-standard favorites like MIDNIGHT TRAIN TO GEORGIA, THE BEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME, and THE WAY WE WERE/TRY TO REMEMBER, she and her siblings provided soundtracks for the last 40 years of our lives.

But now, in the '90s, "I'm actually performing alone and the group is... suspended," she says.

In 1991, she came to Hampton with her own 20-piece orchestra, instead of her Pips, and graciously filled in, on very short notice, for an ailing Aretha Franklin, who couldn't keep her appointment with HFH fans.

On the strength of her GOOD WOMAN album, the SISTERS IN THE NAME OF LOVE television special, with HJF alumna Patti LaBelle (Sunday's headliner) and Dionne Warwick; and chart-topping hits like MEN, MR. LOVE, and IF YOU ONLY KNEW, which she wrote, and the anthem-like SUPERWOMAN—plus a sensationally stylish solo act—she won the hearts and thunderous accolades of her Hampton audience. She says she's like her girlfriend, Patti LaBelle—anxious to come back and do it all again.

She'll share the opening night bill with The Four Tops, the classic doo-wop group who mellowed into everybody's favorite memory of the '70s, and B.B. King, the classic blues-meister who has played the Hampton Festival more times than any other star. This is his 11th appearance since 1971! To keep the evening cool, jazz saxophonist Gerald Albright is bringing Lalah Hathaway along to add her special talents to his third—her first—HJF performance.

Saturday is the first all-jazz night in several HJF years—and an aficionado's summer night's dream. Klugh and George Duke and company represent the branchings of musical roots established by the Count Basie Orchestra and Joe Williams, in the years before the first Hampton Festival.

Lewis and the great Count Basie and his Orchestra were among the then-legendary acts to open the first Hampton Jazz Festival, back in 1968.

George Duke is doing his favorite thing again this year—bringing along a few music-making buddies, for whom he has written and/or produced albums that move steadily up the jazz charts and create careers. As always, he promises this batch of colleagues and proteges won't disappoint his loyal Hampton fans.

Known to her fans as The Queen of Rock 'n' Soul, Patti LaBelle had so much fun at last year's Festival, she's coming back to do it all again, saying, "This is my time!" With her own star on the famed Hollywood Boulevard "Walk of Fame," and a pair of critically acclaimed TV sitcoms behind her, she's ready

to party, sharing Sunday's bill with born-again classic R&B fusionist Earth, Wind, and Fire, who are celebrating their long awaited reunion and a successful new album.

Festival producers also announced a repeat of a new addition to the traditional weekend concerts—free pre-concert showcase performances by local artists, on the Coliseum Plaza. The U.S. Continental Army Jazz Band from nearby Ft. Monroe will lead the parade of Tidewater swingers. Performances are set for 5:45 on Saturday evening and 12:45 on Sunday afternoon.

Wein says he and his co-producers have again, put together a musical extravaganza designed especially for their loyal Hampton Jazz Festival Fans, "a very special group of seasoned, musically knowledgeable fans, who know what's good and what they like."

Speaking for their respective Festival co-sponsors, Hampton University President William R. Harvey, and Hampton City Mayor James Eason added their personal invitations to East Coast jazz fans. "Come join America's longest running celebration of the music of the African diaspora!"

The festival was originally staged—long before both of them took office—to mark the 100th anniversary of Hampton Institute, now Hampton University, one of America's oldest, predominately Black colleges. Wein was called in by then-college President Jerome "Brud" Holland and then—city Mayor Anne Kilgore, to help plan the special, once-in-a-lifetime event.

The event became a tradition. It has survived several subsequent office mayors and college presidents, while Wein and former

Hampton students John Scott, Bill Cope, and a cadre of supporters known as John Scott Associates, continue to produce and promote the shows.

"Fans, families, friends, and party people journey from Washington, D.C. and Washington, N.C.; Boston, Mass., and South Boston, VA; Wilmington, N.C. and Wilmington, D.E.; and from New York, New Bern, and New Haven to take part in our musical celebration," the officials agree. "This year's gathering is very special, with a list of stars that includes the royalty and legends of jazz and soul music. We are proud to continue the traditions entrusted to us by our respective predecessors and three generations of music lovers."

Wein added, "We wish to give a special thanks to the distinguished group of corporate sponsors contributing to this year's event."

Those corporate sponsors include first time participants Casey's BMW and Colonial Williamsburg, Inc., cooperating to sponsor the official Festival Information Brochure, and AT&T Long Distance, USAir, Crestar Bank, Burger King, and Mid-Atlantic Coca-Cola, all cooperating to sponsor the annual music festival.

The show's producers say they want to announce additional corporate participants in the coming weeks. Reluctantly, they announced "a small increase in ticket prices," the first in more than two years. All seats are priced at \$32 per night (plus a fifty cents "Box Office Charge").

Tickets go on sale April 20, at the Hampton Coliseum and all Ticket Master locations. For more information, call the Coliseum at (804) 838-4203.

New Superintendent begins work

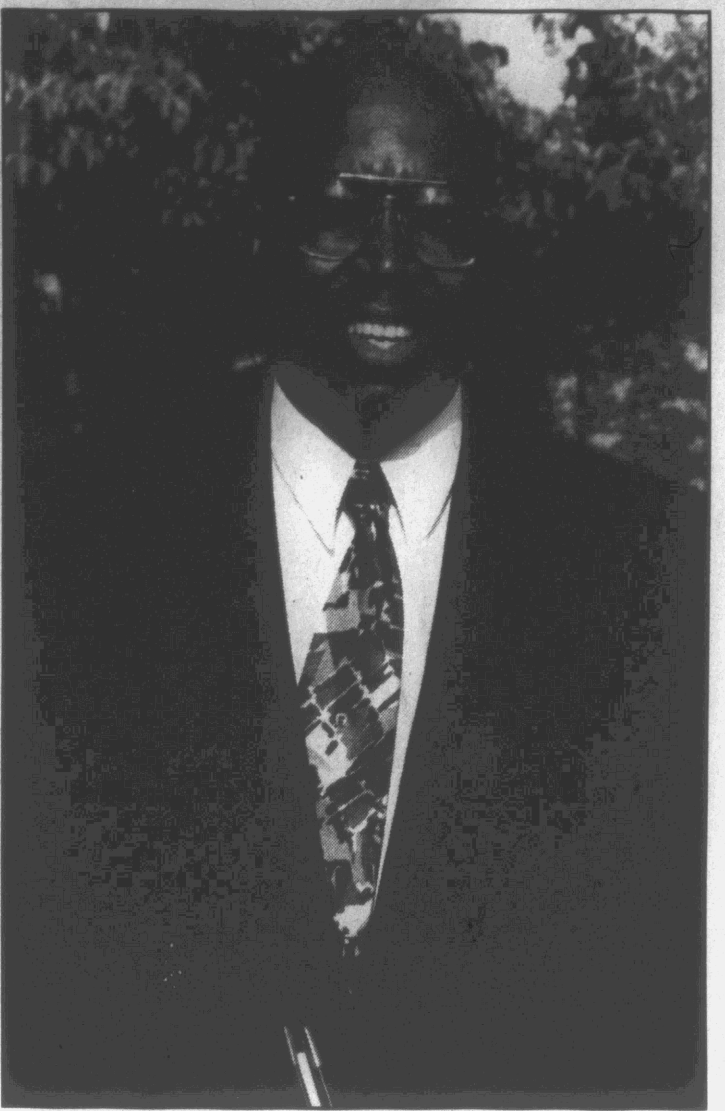
HALIFAX - Willie J. Gilchrist began work as the new superintendent of the Halifax County Schools May 3, after a swearing-in ceremony at the regular meeting of the Board of Education May 2.

Gilchrist comes to the school system's top post from the Northampton County Schools where he has worked since 1976 as a teach and administrator. Most recently, he has been associate superintendent, after 15 years as principal of Gumbery High School and Northampton-West High School since it opened in 1982.

He also served as an assistant principal at Gumbery and at Jackson Eastside Elementary School, and taught math and physical education. He worked in the Rochester, N.Y. public schools from 1973 to 1976 as a health educator, special education teacher and counselor.

The new superintendent is a 1973 graduate of Elizabeth City State University with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education and a minor in biology. He earned a master's in education administration from Brockport State University in New York in 1976, and the educational specialist in educational administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1985.

Gilchrist is the son of Willie and Vera Gilchrist of Rochester, N.Y., and the late Essie Gilchrist. His wife, Jacqueline Johnson Gilchrist, is the daughter of Andrew and Sarah Johnson of Oconeechee Neck in Northampton County, and teaches fourth grade at Weldon



Willie J. Gilchrist... superintendent of the Halifax County Schools

Elementary School.

Their daughter, Wyvondalynn, will graduate from Elizabeth City State University this spring. Their son, Steven, is a junior at

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Miss Brooke Deronica Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Styron Bond of Williamston was crowned “Little Miss Jabberwock”.

The first runner up for “Miss Jabberwock” was Miss Atondra Falette Carree, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Tim Monroe of Greenville and Mr. Bernard Carree of Cary. Second runner up was Miss Adeea Raykael Rogers, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Ray Rogers of Greenville.

Other participants were: Miss Wanda Faye Barrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barrett, Miss Aisha Concharia Barrow, daughter of Mrs. Barbara Barrow and Mr. Joe Barrow, Miss Alysia Danielle Blount, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blount, Miss LaTara Carney, daughter of Ms. Annette Carney, Miss Monique Tia Cole, daughter of Mrs. Queen Esther Dawson and Mr. James Cole, Miss Rachel Copeland, daughter of Ms. Lillian Sutton, Miss Tiffin Deyshona Daniels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Daniels, Miss Christy Cherise Dickens, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Dickens, Miss Norva Aushe Gaskins, daughter of Ms. R. Michelle Gaskins, Miss Adrienne Nakia Doctor, daughter of Ms. Cynthia Doctor, Miss Crystal Gorham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gorham, Miss LaTressa Hardy, daughter of Ms. Martha Hardy, Miss Aleta Linette Harper, daughter of Mrs. Velma Harper, Miss Sadie Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Hunter, Miss Kemberly Donice Lee, daughter of Mrs. Bernice Lee Coward and Mr. Kemp Lee, Miss LuChara Sayles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sayles, Miss Jerusha Olivetta Bonnie Blue Shea Streeter, daughter of



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First runner up for “Little Miss Jabberwock” was Miss Leonce Marie Wilkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Wilkins and second runner up was Miss Tiara Chenille Parker, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles Parker.

Other participants included: Miss Chameka Campbell White, daughter of Annette Campbell-White, Miss Odetta Locks, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Sidney Locks and Misses Fatima Maryam Sahid-El and Laila Shar Shaid-El daughters of Amina Josey Shaid-El.

The Graves-Forbes Scholarship winner was Miss Aletha Linette Harper and Miss Congeniality was Miss Alysia Danielle Blount.

Junior Marshals for the evening included: Keith Best, Gregory Blow, Steven Boyd, Kendra Bryant, Matheis Cater, Douglas Cogdell, Quentin Corey, Todd Daniels, James L. Ebron, III, Branson Edwards, Karlus Faulcon, Robert “Trey” Harvey, III, Derrick Hopkins, Omar Jackson, Eric Jones, David Koonce, Freddie Locks, Charles Lodge, Jr., Chris Morris, Corey Don Vann, Tyrone Walston and Thaddeus Wilkins.

Soror Brenda H. Teel served as Mistress of Ceremony and entertainment was provided by the participants, Mr. Johnny Wooten and the Greenville Theater Arts Center. Proceeds from the fund raising activities will provide scholarships and savings bonds for the participants towards their college education. Soror Patti Sanders-Smith served as overall chairperson for the Jabberwock Pageant and Soror Mavis G. Williams is chapter president. The Greenville Alumnae Chapter would like to thank the Greenville and surrounding area for their continued support to the Jabberwock Pageant.

The Pastor journeys to Johannesburg

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chairs, blind, deaf and lame waited to vote so they could create a new life. What a sight it was to behold as people stood in lines 2 and 3 miles long to vote on the two succeeding days of the general election. I shall never forget one older lady saying to me, “I’m 82 years

old and I’ve been waiting all my life to vote, so what is eight or nine hours. I’ll wait as long as I need to.” In the township of Soweto, the predominantly black township of two million people just outside of Johannesburg, we visited such historic sites as Communal Town

Hall where Mr. Mandela and others used to have the early meetings of the African National Congress (ANC), Freedom Rock where the ANC Freedom Charter was written and Orlando West where Mr. Mandela, Archbishop Desmond Tutu and other leaders of the Freedom Movement live.

We also visited the so-called squatter-camps where thousands of the poorest of the poor live in makeshift shacks. One man and his wife articulated so well the resiliency and tenacity of the black people of this land by telling us so powerfully and profoundly that they were voting for a better life for their children a job, a house health care and compulsory education for all the children of South Africa.

On Tuesday night, April 26, in Johannesburg City Plaza, I watched a minute before 12 midnight the old flag of the Republic of South Africa being lowered to rise no more and at 1 minute after midnight the flag of the new South Africa raised officially to fly forever. This was “one moment in time” - God’s time.

Today, there is a new South African where Mr. Mandela is soon to be inaugurated as the first democratically elected President. We must not forget, however, that as he entitled his autobiography, My Life is the Struggle, the struggle goes on—for South Africans, Africans in the Motherland and in the diaspora everywhere. Amandia!

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The proposed Public Involvement Policy will be on file in the office of the MPO's Lead Planning Agency for forty-five (45) days beginning Monday, May 16, 1994. To obtain a copy or review the proposed policy, please contact John Roberson, Engineering Division, City of Greenville, 306 South Greene Street, PO Box 7207, Greenville, NC 27835, (919) 830-4476.

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Hunt signs economic development agreement with Israel

Raleigh-Gov. Jim Hunt and the Consul General of Israel, Arye Meikel, signed a memorandum of understanding between North Carolina and Israel today, as part of a new effort to strengthen business ties and boost trade and technology exchanges.

The agreement will help the North Carolina International Commission, which Hunt established in October, foster economic development, boost university-industry alliances and to improve arts, culture and education efforts between North Carolina and Israel. The commission is co-chaired by Jane Patterson, Hunt's Policy, Budget and Technology Advisor, and Bill Cassell of Greensboro, President of Cassell Properties.

"To stay ahead of the curve in today's global economy, North Carolina must create an international strategy for economic growth," Hunt said. "That means we have to work smarter to gain advantages in the global marketplace. Bringing together business, academia and government under this commission and with this agreement will help us do just that."

The International commission, considered as a model for other

states, has designated Israel as its first "target" country. The Commission will work directly with the Israeli government and business community to provide services to give North Carolina companies greater access to Israeli markets. There are no state expenditures involved.

In the last three years, North Carolina's annual exports to Israel have averaged \$65 million. The Commission's goal is to boost that market, and to increase employment and economic opportunities in both regions.

After the signing and a brief ceremony today, three task forces created by the International Commission met to discuss specific way to reach to goals of the agreement. The three task forces, which include many of North Carolina's leading public and private sector leaders, are:

*Economic Development Task Force, co-chaired by Tom Sloan, CEO of Southern Optical Co. in Greensboro and Dick Quinlan, head of the N.C. Commerce Dept's International Trade Division.

*University-Industry Alliance Task Force, co-chaired by Don DeRosa, provost of UNC-Greensboro, and Frank Hart, Interim

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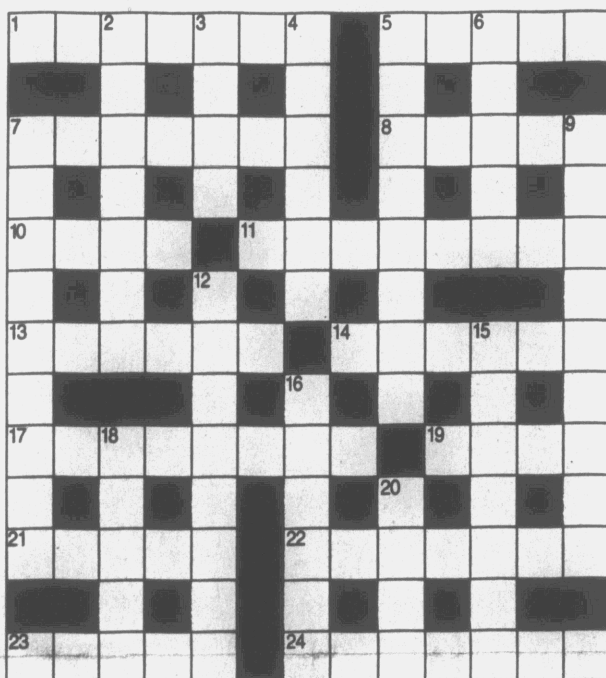
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Letter to the editor



CLASS ACT... The Annual Gospel Award Festival featured gospel giant Bobby Jones. Jones is shown with Tammy Edwards of the Edward Singers as they pose for our camera at the Banquet held at the Days Inn in New Bern NC.

Photo By Jim Rouse

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, May 31, there will be a second primary for Democrats across the state, as runoff election for a seat on the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Incumbent Judge Elizabeth (Betsy) McCrodden of Raleigh, faces John Tyson of Fayetteville. Another judge recently said to me that Betsy's upcoming election was the perfect example of why state court judges should not be elected statewide. Having spend the last couple

of months trying to get the word out about what an exceptional person Betsy is, and why she needs to stay on the Court, I felt the judge was right. Governor Hunt recognized her strengths and integrity when he appointed her last year. Since then she has served to the accolades of her colleagues on the Court of Appeals. She has won the endorsement in this second primary of the NC Academy of Trial Lawyers and the AFL-CIO, and has been endorsed by major news-

papers across the state. It seems a shame to leave such an important seat, which has been so obviously well-filled, up to the whim of the citizens across the state, and yet that is the system we have - electing our state-court judges statewide.

Then again, what if another governor for whom I had less respect than I do for Governor Hunt had appointed a judge to state judicial office - had appointed a judge for whom I and others had little re-

spect. Then I would be happily awaiting election day and my chance to make a change at the ballot box. Our system may need improving, but in the meantime it's time to get back to work getting the word out about the excellent judge we have on the NC Court of Appeals, Judge Betsy McCrodden.

Mary Alsentzer
Greenville

Obituaries

JONES

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral service for Miss Juanita M. Jones, age 22 of 605 Gooden Place, Greenville, NC who died Friday, May 20, at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, NC.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville with Bishop James Smith officiating. Burial followed in the First Born Holy Church Cemetery in Grimesland, NC.

She is survived by one daughter, Brittany Jones of Greenville, 2 sons; darrian Jones and Brian Jones of Greenville, her mother, Marietta Grantham of Greenville, her step-father, Bobby Grantham of Greenville, 4 sisters; Gala Harris, Dika Harris and Diana Harris all of Greenville, and LaTonya Harris of Washington, NC, one

brother, Jerome Jones of Greenville, her maternal grandmother, Rose Smith of Newark, NJ, her maternal grandfather and grandmother; Bishop James Smith and Vera Smith of Grimesland, her paternal grandmother, Barbara Keys of Blounts Creek, NC, 12 uncles, 17 aunts, a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

SMITH

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral service for Miss Cristie Nicole Smith, age 22 of Route 2, Grimesland, NC who died Friday, May 20 at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, NC.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Free Will Baptist Church in Greenville with Bishop James Smith officiating. Burial followed

in the First Born Holy Church Cemetery in Grimesland, NC.

She is survived by one foster son, Hunter Hardison of Winterville, NC, her parents, Mr. Johnnie Lee Smith and Mrs. Delores Jones Smith of Grimesland, 3 brothers; Gregory

Smith and Karon Smith, both of Greenville and Reginald Smith of Washington, NC, 1 sister, Jeanine M. Smith of Scotch Plains, N.J., 7 uncles, 11 aunts, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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Jesse Jackson to lead bus tour into Eastern NC

Reverend Jackson will be the Guest Minister for the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service at the Corner Stone Baptist Church in Greenville, N.C.

On Sunday, June 5, 1994, The Reverend Jesse Jackson will lead a Southern Voting Rights Bus Tour into Eastern North Carolina. The tour will include stops in Greenville and Rocky Mount. Reverend Jackson will be joined by Congresswoman Eva M. at each stop. Reverend Jackson will be the Guest Minister for the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service at the Corner Stone Baptist Church in Greenville, N.C. Following the service in Greenville, the tour will travel to Rocky Mount for a 3:30 p.m. Voting Rights Mass Rally at the

Ebenezer Baptist Church where Reverend Jackson will be the featured speaker, along with others. Interested citizens are urged to attend these events.

The purpose of the tour is to fully educate citizens on the potential impact of various Court challenges of redistricting in southern states. It will also encourage citizens to become actively involved in efforts to protect the threat these challenges present to the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the electoral gains of minorities.

Florida Bill Passes Requiring Black History Taught In Public Schools

By James Martinez
Associated Press Writer

Saying "knowledge is the antidote to the poison of prejudice," Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles signed into law Friday a measure requiring public schools to teach black history.

"This is a powerful weapon to help extinguish the embers of ignorance," said Chiles, who two weeks earlier signed a similar bill making Holocaust education mandatory in state schools.

The black history law would require the teaching of slavery, the passage to America, abolition and the contributions of black to society.

"You can't understand the history of America without understanding the history of African-Americans," said state Sen. Jim Hargrett, D-Tampa, who co-sponsored the bill with Rep. Rudy Bradley, D-St. Petersburg and joined Childs in the ceremony at the Jefferson High School library. "If you don't have the history of African-Americans, it's his story instead of history."

Hargrett added that education would not only help fight prejudice but build blacks' self-esteem.

"Very few people on the face of the earth have made some of the accomplishments under some of the most difficult circumstances that African-Americans have made," he said. "Only when you have hope and a sense of where you came from can you have a direction of where you're going."

How black history will be taught will be left up to the state education department and local school boards. And Hargrett noted that black leaders across the state will be watching closely to make sure it is done right.

The bill made its way through the Legislature over concerns that another state mandate wouldn't be consistent with the philosophy of returning control of the schools to the local level.

But proponents said such arguments fall flat, since state law already requires the teaching of such things as flag education, principles of agriculture and kindness to animals.

"The history of African-Americans must not be minimized or trivialized," Chiles said. "The lessons of history should not be limited to one month or one day on the school-year calendar."



EASTERN STAR... The ladies of Eastern Star Organization held their annual meeting in Plymouth, NC last Saturday. Shown posing for our camera, the Eastern Star is one of the oldest black groups in America.

Congress should investigate Waco Massacre

April 19 marked the one-year anniversary of the FBI's murderous assault on the Branch Davidian religious community outside Waco, Texas.

With government loudspeakers blaring "This is not an assault," an M-60 tank tore off the wall of the Branch Davidians' home and pumped CS gas, a particularly powerful tear gas banned by an international treaty last year, into the building. We all know the results. Seventy-five people—white, black and latino, over half of them women and children—were incinerated by agents of the U.S. government that day.

The chain of events a Waco began when the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) spent months planning and rehearsing a violent assault on this reclusive community of devoutly religious

Americans—supposedly because they had some unregistered guns. It has never been explained (in fact very few have even asked) why no attempt was made to serve the search warrant peacefully. (Local law enforcement agents had done just that a few years earlier, and David Koresh, the Davidian leader, had been found not guilty.)

Instead, as Richard Shweder, a professor of human development at the University of Chicago, pointed out in the New York Times recently, the ATF launched "a major military operation, worthy of a police state, carried out against the domestic residence of an unpopular and readily stigmatized religious community."

The excuse for this violation of the U.S. Constitution and the most basic rights supposedly granted every American? It's a simple four-

letter word—"cult."

The democracy and human rights lobbying firm of Ross & Green, with which I have worked closely for years, marked the anniversary of the massacre by bringing E. G. (Gerry) Morris and Michael Bernard, two of the attorneys of the surviving Branch Davidians, to Washington, D.C. to lobby for a Congressional investigation of the Waco massacre. They insist that those in Congress responsible for overseeing federal law enforcement look into the clear abuse of government power in Waco. One such abuse is the clear influence of the organized anticult movement on law enforcement agencies. In particular, the cult Awareness Network has played a major role in propagating an atmosphere of intolerance, fear and violence against new, smaller, non-

mainstream religions."

Both before, during and after the 51-day siege and subsequent massacre at Waco, CAN and AFF spokespersons had easy access to the media. By their own count they gave hundreds of interviews to the radio and print media during this period in which they warned the American people about the supposed evil characteristics of "cults" and advocated the use of lethal force against them.

Even more insidiously, a CAN associate appears to have had the ear of the ATF and the FBI throughout this period. A report researched and written for the Justice Department by Dr. Nancy Ammerman of Emory University, documents the active role played by Rick Ross, a CAN-associated "deprogrammer" with a criminal record stretching back to 1975, in influencing law enforcement in regard to the Davidians.

According to Dr. Ammerman's report, Ross "clearly had the most extensive access to both agencies of any person on the 'cult expert' list, and he was apparently listened to more attentively. The ATF interviewed the persons he directed them to and evidently used information from those interviews in planning their February 28 raid... The FBI interview report includes the note that Ross 'has a personal hatred for all religious cults' and would willingly aid law enforcement in an attempt to 'destroy a cult.' The FBI report does not include and mention of the numerous legal challenges to the tactics employed by Mr. Ross in extricating members from the groups he hates."

The FBI apparently dismissed the advice of their own behavioral experts and listened to an informant—Ross—who advanced the scientifically discredited notions of "brainwashing" and "mind control" as explanations for the behavior of the Branch Davidians.

The CAN/AFF-promoted myth of "cults" apparently still holds sway among top law enforcement agents. In November of last year John Magaw, the new ATF director, said he was still determined to keep an eye on the "cult" threat. "They're still out there. They don't yet have the weaponry that we saw in Waco... but they will develop if society allows them to."

Ross & Green is addressing the serious danger of government abuse that we face when organizations like CAN and AFF successfully promote their private agendas among law enforcement agencies. I join them in calling for the creation of a Congressional Commission, with subpoena powers, that would investigate law enforcement actions in Waco and expose to the American people the truth of what happened there.

The Pastor journeys to Johannesburg

Amandia! Amandia! Power to the people! It was for this cause that I journeyed to South Africa as an International Election Observer during the week of April 23-30, 1994. I was a member of the Religious Action Network delegation led by Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker. We represented the largest delegation of ministers from around the world to ensure a free and fair election in South Africa. The Independent Electoral Commission charged us with being the "eye" and ears of the world during this historic first democratic election in this country.

Upon arriving in the City of

Johannesburg on Johannesburg on Saturday, April 23, we were all amazed at this world class, first world city built on the gold mines. Never before had I seen such a land, where there sat side-by-side the first, second, and third worlds. Indeed, "it was a tale of three worlds."

We had come, however, to witness the death of three hundred and fifty years of minority-white rule and majority-black oppression under the regime of apartheid. The old South Africa had heard the death knell and was about to die forever. The cry was tense. The country was anxious.

On Tuesday, April 26, the first of the three days of election, when the aged and handicapped persons voted, some of the most hopeful scenes for the human family were sighted in living color. Old women with aprons stood in long lines four and five hours to cast their ballot and thereby give birth in their old age to a new nation and a new people. Elderly black men, bent over from bearing the burdens of hard labor for many years voted—determinedly their destiny—even for generations yet unborn, Persons on canes, in wheel-

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DAWSON AWARD RECIPIENT... Willie Neal Johnson of the Gospel Kynotes is shown with Tammy Edward of the Edward Singers at the Trenton, NC annual festival.

Photo by Jim Rouse



BOBBY JONES... The Annual Dawson Award presentation was held this year in Trenton, NC Civic Center featured B.E.T. Superstar Bobby Jones and Willie Neal Johnson of the Gospel Key Notes as well as other gospel stars. Show above is Bobby Jones and organizers of the Big Event.

Photo By Jim Rouse

From the Desk of Beatrice May

The law of echoes

Want your associates at work to be cheery, unselfish, free form catty, caustic comments and ugly glares? The place to begin is with that person who glares back at you from the bathroom mirror every morning.

The law is remarkably consistent. Children echo their parents; pupils in a classroom are usually echoes of teachers; a congregation of worshipers is more than not a reflection of the pastors. If the once communicating is negative, severe, blunt, and demanding—guess what? The echo reflects those same characteristics, almost without exception.

The law of echoes. If you want others to judge and condemn you, you start it. If you want them to be understanding, broadminded, allowing you room to be you, then begin by being that way yourself. Like begets like. Smiles breed smiles. A positive attitude is as contagious as Hong Kong flu. Unfortunately, so are frowns, sighs, and harsh words. Whatever you deposit in the echo bank, you draw in return. Sometimes with interest.

The law of echoes applies to marriage. You want a wife who is gracious, forgiving, tolerant, and supportive? Start with her husband. It will roll from your soul to hers, my friend. As our Savior puts it, "Treat her exactly as you would like her to treat you", that's quite a promise. But it rests on quite an assignment.

God is in charge of my day, not I. One of His preferred methods of training us is through adjustment to irritation.

Read: Daniel 6:1-28; Job 23:8-12.

Excerpts from Charles Swindoll's Growing Strong in the seasons of life's recipe

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Children who exhibit these characteristics for longer than six months may be at-risk for having this disorder. However, a diagnosis should only be made after ruling out other factors related to a child's medical, emotional or environment that can show similar symptoms. Therefore physicians, psychologist, and educators (teachers, counselors) must conduct multidisciplinary evaluations of the child including medical studies, psychological and educational testing, and speech and language assessment, neurological evaluation, and behavioral rating scales completed by the child's teachers and parents.

If your child demonstrates any of these symptoms, seek out help from trained professionals. Children with this disorder who are left untreated are at-risk for considerable academic and behavioral difficulties at school and home. For more information, contact your child's school counselor or teacher.

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Harry Truman said: "I studied the lives of great men and women, famous men and women, and I found that the men and women who got to the top were those who did the jobs they had in hand with everything they had of energy and enthusiasm and hard work."

"Experience is a school where a man learns what a big fool he has been."

Josh Billings Questions...

What do men want in women?
What do women want in men?
Why do men look at football games and do not want to be disturbed?

Why do women look at "Soaps" and do not want to be disturbed?

Why does a man want a Cadillac?
Why does a woman want a fur coat?

Does a man who has a BS degree or no degree at all feel inferior to a woman with a PHD degree?

What about a mechanic or a bank teller's inferiority complex to a school teacher or principal or does a nurse feel inferior to a president of a bank?

Doesn't a man want a wife to be his Mom or want a wife who has his mother's qualities or attributes?

Does the average man hold a woman back? Career wise? Is he her best supporter?

Does she stay home with the kids while he goes to his functions? Or does she get a baby sitter and go with him to his functions, games, or even shopping?

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A fire for cold hearts

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...burning zeal
...very warm
...warm
...semi-warm
...lukewarm
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"You aren't born smart, you get smart by studying".

Branching out

While you are in church this Sunday, make sure you do the four basics: take in some teaching; talk to at least three other people; participate in communion and pray.

Community Outreach/Service

Topics Community Outreach must address:

Who are we trying to reach?
What are their outstanding needs?

What can we do to help?
Who is able & willing to serve?
Where will the financial support come from?

What other groups are working at the problem?
How do we carry out the task?

You must consider these steps

Determine the need
Define the goal
Outline, step by step, clear procedures
Delegate assignments
Evaluate & revise procedures to deal with experience
How can the youth of our church contribute to some of the following needs?
Youth Gangs

Drug Addicts
School Dropouts
Runaways
Abused & Neglected Youth
Mentally Handicapped
Juvenile Delinquents
Suggestions for some projects
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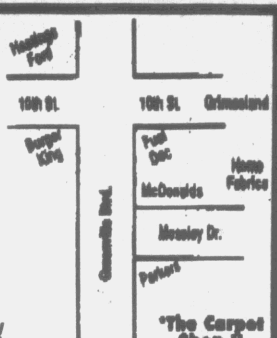
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