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## The Shabazz arrest: another perfectly timed government set-up

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

The indictment of Qubilah Shabazz, Malcolm X's 34-year-old daughter, on charges of conspiring to assassinate Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam, has all the earmarks of a government set-up designed to further confuse and divide the Black community. Moreover, it comes at a time when Black leaders have embarked on a path to overcome divisions.

Ms. Shabazz is accused of plotting the assassination of Minister Farrakhan with Michael Fitzpatrick, an old high school friend who is now planning to testify against her. Fitzpatrick is a professional government informant. He has been living under the F.B.I.'s witness protection program since he was 17 when he informed on members of the Jewish Defense League (Fitzpatrick is half Jewish). He sent two J.D.L. activists to prison in exchange for immunity after he was arrested for bombing a bookstore that sold Soviet books in New York City in 1977. Fitzpatrick, who now goes by the name of Summers, was arrested for cocaine possession last year, which no doubt motivated him to make another offering to the government. That offering was Sister Shabazz. Now the charges

against him are apparently being dropped.

It is the timing of this particular incident that I find most interesting. It was just a year and a half ago, in September of 1993, that Minister Farrakhan and the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) announced a covenant whereby this divergent partnership could seek common cause in the interest of the African American people. The attacks from the press on this emerging alliance were immediate. The *New York Times*, for example, warned Congressman Kweisi Mfume, then chairman of the CBC, to back off from the covenant.

In January 1994, shortly after Minister Farrakhan addressed 25,000 African Americans in New York City's Jacob Javits Convention Center, the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith printed a full-page ad in the *Times* quoting controversial excerpts from a speech delivered months before at a small college in New Jersey by Minister Khallid Muhammad, a spokesperson for the Nation of Islam. Both the United States Senate and House of Representatives, in unprecedented attacks on free speech, voted to condemn Khallid's remarks. Brooklyn Congressman Major Owens, a member of the

CBC, denounced the Nation of Islam as a "fringe hate group," and many Establishment Black leaders joined Owens in the ritual of publicly attacking Minister Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam. Even after he demoted Khallid, Farrakhan remained the object of relentless press attacks, which culminated in a *Time* magazine cover story entitled "Ministry of Rage."

Nonetheless, the plans for a Black Summit suggested by Minister Farrakhan at the CBC meeting in September moved ahead, organized by Dr. Benjamin Chavis, then executive director of the NAACP. In June 1994 the Summit was held at the NAACP headquarters in Baltimore. It included the full spectrum of our community's religious leaders, scholars and political leaders from around the country. It was the most inclusive such meeting in African American history, a forum created by Black leadership to include the full range of viewpoints and options available to the Black community.

In the wake of the Summit, the attacks on Chavis immediately picked up steam. Already facing criticism in the press and from some members of the NAACP's Board for organizing the Summit and for his financial management

of the organization, a sexual harassment charge against him was pumped up in the press, and by August Dr. Chavis was forced out of his job.

Meanwhile, in New York, I was running against then-Governor Mario Cuomo in the Democratic Party primary. I came under a steady barrage of attacks by Black and white Democrats. Governor Cuomo refused to debate me, his only primary opponent, just as Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, refused to debate his only primary opponent, the Reverend Al Sharpton.

This is what Black leaders have faced for daring to reach out and attempting to work with each other. The arrest of Sister Shabazz is simply the latest in the steady stream of attempts to divide the Black community in response to our unprecedented steps toward creating a genuinely inclusive national Black dialogue.

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MR. CHARLES SHIVER, descendant of Mrs. Lizzie Kearney, who was instrumental in the establishing of the George Washington Carver Library in Greenville. Salute to Black History. Photo by Jim Rouse

## Bill Clinton and Newt Gingrich are in the same boat

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

In his hour-and-a-half-long State of the Union address, Bill Clinton didn't once mention us.

Since it was the Black vote that gave the Democrats their margin of victory in the few races they managed to salvage in 1994—like Senator Charles Robb's win over Oliver North in Virginia and Senator Diane Feinstein's reelection in California—you would think that he'd be a little more responsive. But the Democrats are still counting on our loyalty, no matter how often they insult us, abuse us, or exclude us.

By contrast, the president did take pains to make his pitch to independents. The first half of his speech sounded like it had been written by Ross Perot. Why? In 1992, 20 million people broke with both the Democrats and Republicans and voted for Perot because he talked about opening up the political process and taking America back from the corrupt politicians.

So far, Republican Newt Gingrich has managed to capitalize somewhat better than "New Democrat" Bill Clinton on the anger of the voters. But Clinton and Gingrich are ultimately commit-

ted to preserving the two-party arrangement and may end up in the same boat—the one the American people want to turn over.

With the Cold War ended, we find ourselves face to face with a new set of social and economic problems. The U.S. is not sufficiently competitive in the global economy. We confront a staggering national debt. Our education system is failing. Domestic, street, and racial violence haunt urban, suburban, and rural areas alike. Drug use has reached epidemic proportions. Social and moral decadence are found everywhere. Can the Bill Clintons and Newt Gingrich come up with workable solutions? Maybe.

But the real questions is: can their proposed solutions—contracts with America, new covenants, or whatever—be realized? Only if the American people, of all races and economic backgrounds—are building the popular consensus and the will to realize these solutions.

Do the conditions exist for this type of activism? No. American democracy is far too restricted, controlled by big money, centralized and top-down. That's exactly what the American people are so

angry about.

How do we address this? With a thoroughgoing restructuring of American democracy—including term limits; full right to initiative, referendum and recall, automatic voter registration; mandatory televised campaign debates; and ballot access reform. Most importantly, we need to go well beyond the conservatizing two-party system of professional politicians, to a participatory multi-party democracy of ordinary Americans.

During the civil rights movement, Black people raised the issue of fairness and inclusion and changed democracy for all Americans. In the 1990s we must once again make the issue of democratic process the burning issue of America, this time with a total political restructuring that allows African Americans—as members of the total American community—to determine a new direction for our country.

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MANY CONCERNED CITIZENS of Greenville and Pitt County met recently to plan strategies for demonstrations and protest marches against Greenville Police Dept. in support of former Greenville police officer Angelo Fordham.

## Justice a 'Long Time Coming' in Birmingham

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

On September 15, 1963 four little Black girls were killed when the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama was bombed by white racists.

I was 13 years old at the time, and I will never forget it. The bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church showed the lengths to which white racists would go to stop Black empowerment. The fact that it took nearly 20 years to get even a single indictment in the case indicates the extent to which the authorities were tied to the forces of violence and reaction.

In the three decades since that terrible Sunday morning, only one person, Robert Chambliss, has ever been indicted for the crime despite the fact that the FBI named at least four other suspects in its investigative reports. Chambliss was brought to justice thanks to Pete Smith, a young relative of Chambliss who had the courage to testify against him. As a result of his testimony, Smith had to leave Alabama and live incognito for many years. Smith has recently written a book, *Long Time Coming*, which provides an intimate

and often disturbing look at the events which led up to and followed the bombing.

I had the great privilege of interviewing Mr. Smith recently on my nationally syndicated weekly cable television show. Smith is calling on Birmingham Mayor Richard Arrington, and the city's chief of police Jimmy Johnson, along with Alabama Attorney General Jeff Sessions and U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno (all of whom have received a copy of *Long Time Coming*) to reopen the investigation of the Sixteenth Street tragedy and to look into the hundreds of other murders committed during the Civil Rights era.

Mr. Smith is joined in his call for justice by the Reverend Fred L. Shuttlesworth, a leader of the Birmingham civil rights movement, who in his introduction to *Long Time Coming* writes: "To me, finally, this book urgently calls by its pages of unanswered questions for a coalition of freedom and justice lovers to unrelentingly demand by petition and legal efforts the opening, under the Freedom of Information Act, of all files in possession of the FBI, Justice Depart-

ment, and local law enforcement agencies; and for the full revelation of all the sordid acts and decisions made by the FBI and local authorities, especially as they relate to involvement—or lack thereof—in the Deep South during the Civil Rights Era. I will gladly volunteer my name as leader of such a coalition."

I will as well, and I am calling on all leaders of conscience—Black and white, local and national—to use their influence to press for the reopening of the investigation of the bombing of

Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

There is much talk these days about "law and order." But what can the politicians possibly mean by their "law and order" rhetoric if they continue to turn a blind eye toward the killing of four little girls 32 years ago?

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SHOWN HERE ARE PASTOR JAMES CORBETT, his lovely wife, Delores, along with Mayor Nancy Jenkins, City Councilwoman Mildred Council and other notables at the Grand Opening of the community Christian Church Kids Academy.



# Important events in black history

**1492-The New World.** Blacks are among the first explorers to the New World. Pedro Alonzo Nino, identified by some

scholars as a black man, arrives with Christopher Columbus.

**1501- Spain**  
The Spanish throne officially approves the use of African slaves in the New World.

**1502-Latin America**  
Portugal brings its first shipload of African slaves to the Western Hemisphere.

**1526-South Carolina**  
The first group of Africans to set food on what is now the United States are brought by a Spanish explorer to South Carolina to erect a settlement. However, they soon flee to the interior and settle with Native Americans.

**1619-Jamestown, Virginia**  
Twenty African indentured servants arrive aboard a Dutch vessel. Most indentured servants are released after serving one term, usually seven years in duration, and are allowed to own property and participate in political affairs. The arrival of these indentured servants is the precursor of active slave trade in the English colonies.

**1629-1637-The English Colonies**  
African slaves are imported into Connecticut (1629), Maryland and Massachusetts (1634), and New Amsterdam (1637).

**1670-Virginia**  
Voting rights are denied to recently freed slaves and indentured servants. All non-Christians imported to the territory, "by shipping," are to be slaves for life. However, slaves who enter Virginia by land route are to serve until the age of 30 if they are children and for 12 years if they are adults when their period of servitude commences.

**1705-Virginia**  
The Virginia assembly declares that "no Negro, mulatto, or Indian shall presume to take upon him, act in or exercise any office, ecclesiastic, civil or military." Blacks are forbidden to serve as witnesses in court cases and are condemned to lifelong servitude, unless they have been either Christians in their native land or free men in a Christian country.

**1749-Georgia**  
Prohibitions on the importation of African slaves are approved in a

law which also attempts to protect slaves from cruel treatment and from being hired out.

**1769-Virginia**  
In the Virginia House of Burgesses, Thomas Jefferson unsuccessfully presses for a bill to emancipate African slaves.

**1775-Bunker Hill, Massachusetts**

Peter Salem, Salem Poor, and othe blacks fight heroically during the Battle of Bunker Hill.

**1783-The United States**  
At the end of the American Revolution some 10,000 blacks have served in the continental armies—5,000 as regular soldiers.

**1791-Louisiana**  
Twenty-three slaves are hanged and three white sympathizers deported, following suppression of a black revolt.

**1797-North Carolina**  
Congress refuses to accept the first recorded anti-slavery petition seeking redress against a North Carolina law which requires that slaves, although freed by their Quaker masters, be returned to the state and to their former condition.

**1817-The United States**  
Mississippi enters the union as a slave state. New York passes a gradual slavery abolition act.

**1832-Boston, Massachusetts**  
The New England Anti-Slavery Society is established by twelve whites at the African Baptist Church on Boston's Beacon Hill.

**1841-Virginia**  
Slaves aboard the vessel Creole revolt en route from Hampton, Virginia to New Orleans. The slaves overpower the crew and sail the ship to the Bahamas, where they are granted asylum and freedom.

**1850-New York**  
Samuel R. Ward becomes president of the American League of Colored Laborers, a union of skilled black workers who train black craftsmen and encourage black-owned business.

**1852-Boston, Massachusetts**  
The first edition of Harriet Beecher Stowe's controversial Uncle Tom's Cabin is published.

**1857-Washington, DC**  
In case of Dred Scott v. Sandford decision, the United States Supreme Court, by a 6 to 3 vote,

opens federal territory to slavery, denies citizenship rights to blacks, and decrees that slaves do not become free when taken into free territory. The Dred Scott decision is followed by a ruling that blacks are not entitled to land grants.

**1865-Washington, DC**  
Abraham Lincoln is assassinated. The new President, Andrew Johnson, calls for ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment, but opposes black suffrage.

**1875-Washington, DC**  
Congress passes civil rights legislation prohibiting discrimination in such public accommodations as hotels, theaters, and amusement parks.

**1896-Washington, DC**  
The National Association of Colored Women, a politically active self-help group, is formed.

**1905-Fort Erie, New York**  
Twenty-nine militant black intellectuals from 14 states organize the Niagara Movement, a forerunner of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

**1917-New York, New York**  
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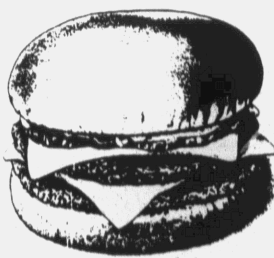
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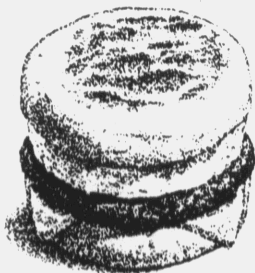
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Over 10,000 blacks parade down Fifth Avenue in New York, New York to protest against lynchings and the East St. Louis riot. Marchers include W.E.B. DuBois and James Weldon Johnson.

**1917-Washington, DC**  
In the case of Buchanan v. Warley, the United States Supreme Court declares that a Louisville "block" segregation ordinance is unconstitutional.

**1926-The United States**  
A. Philip Randolph founds the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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**1937-Pennsylvania**  
A new state law denies many state services to unions discriminating against blacks.

**1940-Washington, DC**  
The United States Supreme Court rules that black teachers cannot be denied wage parity with white teachers.

**1945-New York**  
The first state Fair Employment Practices Commission, which was established in New York as a result of the Ives-Quinn Bill.

**1948-California**

The California Supreme Court declares the state statute banning racial intermarriage unconstitutional.

**1954, March 4-Washington, DC**  
President Eisenhower appoints a black, J. Ernest Wilkins, as Undersecretary of Labor.

**1956, November 13-Washington, DC**  
The United States Supreme Court rules that the segregation of city buses is unconstitutional.

**1960, August-The United States**  
As of August 1, "sit-ins" have led to the successful desegregation of lunch counters in 15 American cities.

**1963, April 3-Birmingham, Alabama**  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. targets Birmingham for a drive against discrimination. The protesters are driven back by police armed with water hoses and at-

tack dogs. The confrontation, which has been captured on film, awakens public opinion across the country.

**1964, December 10-Oslo, Norway**  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace.

**1965, July 13-Washington, DC**  
Thurgood Marshall is nominated as Solicitor General of the United States, the first black person to hold this office.

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### 30th Anniversary of Malcolm X Assassination

February 21st will mark the 30th year anniversary of the assassination of Malcolm X. Not only is it important to recognize the significance of his life and death, but it is equally important that we, as individuals, recognize the significance of our lives as African-Americans. History is not just in some far away land, city or state, it is right here among us in Pitt County. I heard someone say, "You preach your funeral everyday..." I ask you, "How do you want to be remembered?" Remember the contributions you make today will become a part of tomorrow's history. Our history is more than just a dream... It's also what we make it... Standing on the shoulders of those who stood before me, I am,

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Pitt County Commissioner

## Anders Knutsson's retrospective exhibition at Gray Gallery

East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina is proud to present the first retrospective exhibition of the paintings of internationally known artist Anders Knutsson in Wellington B. Gray Gallery from January 20 to March 3, 1995. Anders will present a slide lecture in Speight Auditorium on Thursday, January 19, 1995, at 7:30 PM. A reception for the artist will be held in Gray Gallery following the lecture.

Anders is originally from Malmo, Sweden. He now has a studio and lives in Brooklyn, New York. His work has been exhibited nationally and internationally including solo shows at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, Williams College Museum of Art, Williamstown, Lunds Konsthall, Sweden and galleries in New York, Chicago, Stockholm, London and Seoul, Korea.

Anders' early work was primarily minimalist. His main concern was the emotive quality of color. In the late '70's and early '80's he began to experiment with a technique that is unique, even by today's standards.

He mixed phosphorous pigments with various media. The paintings that resulted challenge our notion of how the viewer experiences art. To fully appreciate these paintings they must be viewed not only in the light but also in total darkness.

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# "Still Going On": A Musical Celebration

Indeed, the composer William Grant Still goes on through his music. Still is often called the "Dream of African

American Composers" and his work is being heard across North Carolina. To help celebrate the 1995 centennial of

Still's birth, the N.C. Arts Council (NCAC) has helped facilitate collaborations between arts groups and educational institutions.

The celebration kicked-off with a NCAC sponsored meeting in Charlotte of arts administrators in November, 1993. Participants at "Preparing for the William Grant Still Centenary" learned more about the

composer's life and music and met his daughter, Judith Anne. They also discussed various ways to appropriately honor Still's accomplishments one hundred years after his birth including performances, lectures and publications.

"He was the first African American composer to do three things," explains William Dargan, head of the St. Augustine's College Department of Music and chairman of the William Grant Still Centenary Committee. "He was the first to have his work performed by major European or American orchestras, to have a work performed by a major opera

company, and the first to have another opera performed on national television."

In North Carolina, Still Centenary performances started in October, 1994 and will continue through October, 1995. Performances will include chamber works, organ and piano pieces, symphonic works and songs. Lectures, art exhibits and slide shows are also part of the observances taking place in Cullowhee, Charlotte, Salisbury, Greensboro, Hickory, Winston-Salem, Durham, Raleigh and Elizabeth City. Additionally, two new works by other African American composers are being commissioned, funded through an NCAC grant.

"Kevin Scott in New York and William Banfield in Illinois have been selected to do new works," adds Dargan. "This is Still's legacy and they take the mantle. They are young, meaning they were born after 1955. They can relate to young people, relate to the rap generation."

Born in Woodville, Miss. on May, 11, 1895, William Grant Still grew up in an intellectual home environment during Reconstruction. Still's mother was a music lover; his father (who died in Still's youth) had been a musician and band director. Fortunately for young Still, his stepfather continued to nurture his interests.

"He grew up listening to opera," Dargan continues, "and experienced all kinds of cultural experiences from the romantic Victorian era of his youth. He made his mark by doing what had to be done. First he was a blues and jazz arranger, but he never lost the vision that he wanted to become a master of the concert tradition of composition."

Still attended Wilberforce College, becoming a music major during his second year and abandoning plans to become a doctor. After college he joined the navy, then attended the Oberlin College Conservatory of Music on a family inheritance. In 1930 Still composed the Afro-American Symphony, which became his most widely performed concert work.

# Events at the NC Museum of History Commemorate Black History Month

February at the N.C. Museum of history in Raleigh is a time to search for your roots. Various programs help visitors look at who they are and where they come from. Of special focus for Black History Month, is the African American culture.

A three part series of all-Black musical productions from the 1930s and 40s will explore the way Hollywood depicted African Americans. All three films will be introduced by Barrett A. Silverstein. A panel discussion following each film will help place the films in historical perspective. Dr. Freddie Parker, Dr. T.J. Anderson, Dr. Joseph Gomez and Boyd Gibson will discuss the stereotypes and attitudes portrayed in the films showcasing such stars as Lena Horne, Eddie Rochester Anderson and Bill Robinson. See enclosed sheet concerning schedule of the panelists and their areas of expertise. The panelist will also focus on the characteristics and formats of the music used and the innovations in film productions. A brief question and answer session will follow.

There will also be special programs to help children explore their ancestry and

"Historians say that between 1930 and 1950 this work was performed by more than 34 orchestras worldwide, and it made his name in classical music circles almost a household word," notes Dargan. The N.C. Symphony Orchestra will perform this piece October 6-7, during the concluding weekend of this observance.

Dargan explains the success of the Afro-American Symphony came as a result of Still's years of training and dogged determination. After leaving Oberlin, Still worked in New York as a writer/arranger for W.C. Handy, the African American who popularized and first published the blues.

The period of the 1920's and '30's gave rise to the Harlem Renaissance when poets, musicians, dancers, writers and dramatists produced works defining and celebrating the African American culture. Harlem became a mecca for James Weldon Johnson, Gene Toomer, Langston Hughes and other important intellectuals. During this time, Still made his mark and won distinction as a composer.

themselves. Admission to the N.C. Museum of History is free as are the programs unless otherwise indicated. For more information call 919-715-0200.

**Sunday, Feb. 5, 3 - 5:15 p.m. Video and Panel Discussion: The Green Pastures (1936).** This is the first of the three films featuring African Americans during the 1930s and 1940s. *The Green Pastures* retells the Bible story as a fable seen through the eyes of African American children. Spirituals like "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jerico," showcase the talents of such famous players as Eddie "Rochester" Anderson and Myrtle Anderson. A panel discussion with Dr. Freddie Parker and Dr. T.J. Anderson follows the film.

**Friday, Feb. 17, 6-8 p.m. Family Night: Searching for Your Roots.** Cost is \$2 per person \$5 per family. Learn how to keep all oral history while recording a favorite family memory. Pose for a family portrait, draw your own family tree and put it all in a book to take home. Join the Healing Force as they present "The Rhythm of the Drums," illustrating the use of storytelling to preserve family

"The blues and spirituals are the crowning symbol of the African American oral tradition," continues Dargan. "The written tradition was without a voice until Still wrote the Afro American Symphony. In it, the African American tradition and the symphonic tradition form an artful merge that is original and masterful. It reflects a full understanding of both."

"He basically listened to his own music over and over, listening for flaws," explains his daughter, Judith Anne Still. "My father was on a mission. I guess because he was first, he felt he had to be a pioneer in many ways."

However, following his success in New York, she remembers that Still found that things changed in California, which he moved to in 1949. Initially there were many jobs and visibility; he arranged for Paul Whiteman, Artie Shaw, Sophie Tucker and others. He conducted for the major radio networks and television, and wrote music for the films "Lost Horizon," "Pennies from Heaven," and "Stormy

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history.

**Sunday, Feb. 19, 3 - 5:15 p.m. Video and Panel Discussion: Cabin in the Sky (1943).** This second in the museums series on all-Black films is a musical starring Ethel Waters and Eddie "Rochester" Anderson. Anderson plays a husband who is a likable gambler, but cannot resist temptations of the flesh. Lena Horne, Louis Armstrong, and Duke Ellington with his orchestra showcase their considerable talents in such songs as "Happiness is a Thing Called Joe" and "Taking a Chance On Love." A panel discussion with Dr. Freddie Parker and Dr. Joe Gomez follows the film.

**Sunday, Feb. 26, 3 - 5:15 p.m. Video and Panel Discussion: Stormy Weather.** Twentieth Century Fox rounded up the country's top African American artists for this non-stop explosion of song and dance. Lena Horne and Bill Robinson play a romantic duo. The film spans a quarter of a century (1911-1936) in the evolution of African American music and uses a revue format to present a series of characteristic songs, dances and sketches. A panel discussion with Dr. Freddie Parker and Boyd Gibson follows the film.

**Monday, Feb. 27, 7:30 p.m. Spirituality Signified: Black Women Speak and Sing. To be held at the Kenan Recital Hall on the Peace College Campus.** Rev. Dr. Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, assistant professor in the Department of Religion and Philosophy at Meredith College, presents this topic as the first in a series of three lectures on Southern women sponsored by Peace College, the N.C. Museum of History and the N.C. Humanities Council. For more information about this series, please call Sally Buckner at Peace College, 919-508-2241.

The N.C. Museum of History, administered by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources, is located at One East Edenton Street between the Capitol and Legislative buildings. Admission is free and hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 1 - 6 p.m. and closed on Monday.

## Regional Planner/GIS Technician

A five county regional planning agency in northeastern North Carolina is seeking applicants for a Planner/GIS Technician position to work under the supervision of the Planning Director. Applicants must have solid knowledge of public planning concepts and statutory authorities. Skills in digital cartography and GIS are preferred. This demanding job requires good presentation skills and ability to attend public meetings, during night hours, throughout the five county area. Salary range begins at \$17,842 and is based on qualifications. Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning or closely related field is required. Resumes must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, February 10, 1995 by Robert J. Paciocco, Executive Director, Mid-East Commission, PO Box 1787, Washington, NC 27889. Interviews of successful candidates will be scheduled for Thursday afternoon, February 16 in Williamston, NC. The Mid-East Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applicants must be willing to reside in the region.

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Martin County Community Action, Inc. Project Head Start is now accepting applications for the 1995 Fall Enrollment for children including those with disabilities. Eligibility is determined by HHS income guidelines, family needs, disability and/or special conditions of the child.

Children who will be enrolled will be exposed to a broad educational curriculum that will prepare them for preschool social and educational experiences. Health, nutrition, and mental health are also important factors in the development of these children. These areas are also facilitated in the daily routines of the children. Parent involvement and other program services as mandated are required and are fully utilized by this program. 10 per cent of Head Start enrollment is identified as: "health impairment, emotional/behavior disorders, speech/language impairments, mental retardation, hearing impairment/deafness, orthopedic impairment, visual impairment/blind, learning disabilities, autism, traumatic brain injury, and other impairments for children who require special education and related services."

Head Start is a comprehensive developmental program for children ages 3-5 years old. This program 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. Head Start 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, currently there are 193 children. Nine classrooms are comprised of 4-5 yr. old and one classroom consists of three year old who must become aged three by October 16th; Beaufort County has been operating since 1977. Presently, 98 children are enrolled. This center accommodates five classrooms of 4-5 yr. old; Pitt County originated in 1985 now there are 222 children in the program. Twelve classrooms accommodate 4-5 yr. old.

Funding for Martin County Community Action, Inc. Project Head Start is received from the Administration for Children and Families Unit, Department of Health and Human Services. In order for children to qualify, they must meet the family income guidelines. Below are the guidelines.

### 1994 FAMILY INCOME GUIDELINES FOR HEAD START PROGRAMS (EXCEPT ALASKA AND HAWAII), THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND PUERTO RICO

Size of Family Unit	Income
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5	11,280
6	19,760
7	22,240
8	24,720

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$2,480 for each additional member.

For more information or to enroll a child, please call Ms. Teresa Greene or Mrs. Gloristeen Matthewson at (919) 792-7141 or come by the Martin County Community Action Head Start Administrative Office at 106 South Watts Street in Williamston, North Carolina.



## From Page 4

## Yves Paquette exhibits sculptural ceramics

Yves Paquette will exhibit an installation of large scale sculptural ceramics. Yves uses architectural elements from a wide variety of contemporary, historical and cultural contexts combined in such a way as to challenge the viewers perspective on architectural conventions, scale, space and proportion.

Technically his ceramic work is very impressive due to the size and nature of the processes used to create each work.

Yves will lecture and give workshops that outline these techniques. His exhibition will run from January 20 to March 3, 1995.

Wellington B. Gray Gallery is located off of 5th and Jarvis Streets on the campus of East Carolina University in the Jenkins Fine Arts Center. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM and on Thursday evenings until 8:00 PM. All programs are free to the public. For more information, contact Scott Eagle, interim gallery director, at (919) 328-6336.

*Weather.* Until it became widely known that he was black.

"White composers became jealous," Still notes. "They set up networks and by the time he was in his fifties he was becoming unknown. It was hard to get work. They would say 'Still's passe, not up to date,' or something negative about his music."

Still is saddened that her father was never accepted in the upper echelons of music. "He tried to get recognized among the brotherhood his whole lifetime, but it took more time than he had."

Yet she reports that her father had no regrets, that he knew he was doing what he needed to do. She remembers them having a lot of friends when she was growing up, even though Still had made an interracial marriage.

"I think it's still hard because of stereotypes," she continues. "In February symphonies do work by African American composers, and get an African American conductor." But she maintains that these conductors should be employed all year conducting all kinds of classical music.

Composer T. J. Anderson, professor emeritus at Tufts University, agrees that the structure Still was up against still exists. He says there are no major commissions to African American composers. Few major organizations commission operas, symphonic works or chamber music by African Americans either. As an African American composer of concert music, he says he must be true to himself.

"I've had the training, I'm for culture," he insists. "It's not my job to make them happy." He says blacks have to get to the point that they can appreciate their ancestry, and know their culture. "If you don't know your history, there is no history. We can't blame whites for that."

Anderson finds the black music scene to be less varied than in the past, saying there are fewer bands and that they play less varied music. He notes many once great black college bands are gone, that few churches or colleges still have touring choirs, and that serious musicians should be able to perform gospel, blues and jazz. To appre-

## Musical Celebration

ciate and perform classical music, he maintains that African Americans need good music training. This will also lead them to know and appreciate the likes of William Grant Still.

"I'm a Still fan," Anderson stresses. "I would like to see both black and white become familiar with him. This is American music history; if you don't understand it you don't value what American music is."

Dargan believes more exposure will get more Americans interested in concert music and opera. He says this partnership should help make that happen. Besides being presented in North Carolina, the exhibition and some of the performances will travel to some southeastern

states and to New England.

For additional information about Still centenary events, contact Peter MacBeth, music section director at the N.C. Arts Council, 919/733-2821.

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## Letter to the editor

To: Ayden Elementary School Staff,

We feel it necessary to respond to your perception concerning our efforts to remember some of the children during the holiday season with a small toy, candy, and fruit. It is our understanding that as a faculty, you concluded that this stigmatized the children or labeled them as "poor." You conveyed that one teacher even said someone gave her something when she was small and this act made her feel "poor." There are however other countless stories of children who have been given, and they have felt loved and grateful.

We apologize to you, the staff who feel our efforts stigmatized the children. This was not our intent. Just as all students don't have the same abilities, all don't have the same material goods. Sickness, bills, unemployment,

and other misfortunes have caused many families to be unable to have enjoyable holidays. Many social agencies locally and nationally step in to lift up, help out, or show concern, especially this time of the year. Figuratively speaking, they feel they are in some instances their brothers' keepers. We feel this way also with regard to the children.

When we began the project three years ago, we asked you to set the guidelines regarding who, how, and when. We complied endeavoring to be a help. Not only did we just offer remembrances at Christmas, but we offered to fill requests for needed clothing items, help during other emergency situations, and recognition in the way of student awards. We realize your job is a tremendous one and involves the most precious and valuable asset

in any community (the children). Our efforts are to help and not hinder or stigmatize.

Again, we offer sincere apologies to the staff, and to the parents and students who feel our efforts caused low self esteem or the feeling of being "poor." Our sole intent was and is to show love and concern and add some extra joy during the holiday season through our sharing. We realize that receiving is important to younger children, especially this time of the year. We further realize that others must help the staff members of our local schools meet the challenges that lie before them today.

Suggestions, comments, inquiries, etc. are welcomed and may be addressed to Anointed Ones Ministries, P.O. Box 126, Ayden, NC 28513.

## Clayton announces cops fast grant for 40 counties

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton announced Cops Fast grants totaling more than \$2 million dollars that will provide 46 officers for 40 counties in the First Congressional district.

The Cops Fast grant was developed by the Department of Justice under the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994 to provide more officers for community policing.

"This grant is a positive step in the right direction toward increasing protection for our citizens," said Clayton. "These grants provide essential resources that will aid in reducing crime in our community."

Forty counties will receive matching grant funds to provide police officers for increased community safety.

The forty areas receiving Community Oriented Policing Services Funding Accelerated for Smaller Towns (Cops Fast) are: Bladen, Chadbourn, Chowan, Columbus, Craven, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Wicazeth Town, Enfield, Town of Farmville, Town of Garysburg, Town of Gaston, Greenville, Grifton, Hamilton, Havelock, Hertford, county Sheriff's Department, Hertford Police Department, Kenansville, Kinston, Lenoir, Martin, Murfreesboro, New Bern, Norlina, Pasquotank, Pikeville, Plymouth, Rich Square, Roanoke Rapids, Robersonville, Seaboard, Tarboro, Warren, Washington, Town of Whitakers, Whiteville, Town of Wintfall, Winton and Woodlawn.

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# The Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland

By James F. Devine

Neither tam nor kilt adorned the gentleman Scot farmer but the roll of "Rs" betrayed his origins. One might have expected such attire at the 1994 North Carolina State Fair, yet John R. Good, secretary of The Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, opted for shirt, tie and slacks.

RHAS puts on a four-day annual farm show. Located on 240 acres on the outskirts of Edinburgh, the June exposition is billed as "the biggest, 4-day, single venue event held annually in Scotland."

"Expose the public to farming" is 65 percent of the RHAS's goal, Good said. His reason for visiting the N. C. State Fair was "to find out what drives this (State Fair) successful operation and what methods it uses to achieve this success."

Good was in the United States and Canada to see the structure and operation of fairs. He also wanted to learn how producer organizations reach markets. Good spent two days at the 1994 N. C. State Fair. He gave the Tar Heel expo high marks, particularly for

its agricultural emphasis.

Trained in banking, Good, 53, is from Kirkcudbright, Scotland. He is married with three children. He wants to apply the knowledge gained on his U.S.-Canadian fair tour to his show's operation.

Exhibited are 900 agricultural trade stands as they are called by the Highland show. Stands represent agriculture, forestry, horticulture, processors, producers, crafts and retail interests. Also, 4,000 head of livestock, including horses, are seen by the show's 150,000 visitors. Premiums total \$165,000.

Though its visible function seems to be the Royal Highland Show, the 14,000 member society's primary objective is to promote agriculture. The show is part of that promotion but according to Good, society's original purpose, dating from 1784, was road improvement, new crop development and breeding superior livestock. "We still promote this, but research is done now by the universities and institutes." Governed by 57 elected directors, Secretary Good and Hywel Davies, chief administrator, are responsible for the society's day-to-day operation, the

show and a \$3.1 million budget. Good and Wayne Miller, N.C. Department of Agriculture marketing director, exchanged ideas during the secretary's fair visit. Both men are devout advocates of marketing farm products. "Our job is to help the producer locate markets and get him to them," Miller said. Good invited Miller, N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, and all interested to at-

tend the Royal Highland Show. "We extend a very warm welcome from the society to North Carolina, particularly those in the food business. Tell us if you are coming and we'll send you further information." Contact J.R. Good at the Royal Highland & Agricultural Society of Scotland, Royal Highland Centre, Inglis, Edinburgh EH28 8NF. Phone 031-333-2444. Fax: 031-333-5236

## Rev. Irvin Moore accepts Chaplain position at Duke Hospital



REV. IRVIN MOORE

The Reverend Irvin (Irv) Moore, Jr., staff chaplain for over 7 years at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, a constituent of the University Medical Center of Eastern Carolina in Greenville, N. C., will assume a clinical chaplain position at Duke University Medical Center (DUMC), Durham on February 1. At DUMC, Chaplain Moore will be assigned to the Emergency Department and Trauma Services. He will also continue teaching in Shaw University's C.A.P.E. program in Rocky Mount.

During his tenure in Greenville he was an associate minister at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church where the Reverend

Sidney A. Locks, Jr. is senior pastor. Rev. Moore was active with the Church School and the Young-at-Heart ministry.

He was involved in community and civic activities which included serving on the following boards: Pitt County Council on Aging as secretary, Pitt County Meditation Committee, Pitt County AIDS Service Organization (PICASO), and Habitat for Humanity of Pitt County. He was vice president of the Eastern N. C. Regional Association of Black Social Workers. He also was co-host of AWAKEN on WNCT-TV, Channel 9. Rev. Moore worked as a volunteer with the Creative Living Center and an AIDS support group.

He continues to be involved as president of the Pitt County A&T Alumni and the North Carolina State Association of Black Social Workers. He is into his first term as secretary of the North Carolina Chaplains Association. He is a certified chaplain with the College of Chaplains.

A native of Burlington, N. C., he graduated from N. C. A&T State University, Washington University, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Rev. Moore has made a tremendous impact upon the lives of patients, families and staff at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, members of Cornerstone Baptist Church and the citizens of Greenville and Pitt County. He will be deeply missed.

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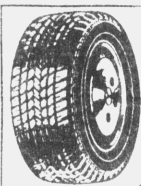
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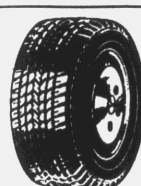
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WHEREAS, Black Americans have excelled in every facet of life, including education, science, medicine, the arts, politics, and every profession; and

WHEREAS, the great state of North Carolina and the City of Greenville appropriately boast a rich and progressive history which includes numerous significant contributions made by Black citizens who clearly had in mind and demonstrated the laudable purpose of making our city a better place in which each person can live and develop; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that there is a need for each of us to know and understand our past in order to better prepare for the challenge of our future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy M. Jenkins, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 1995, as

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*Nancy M. Jenkins*  
Nancy M. Jenkins, Mayor

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## Clayton supports minimum wage increase

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton joined fellow lawmakers today at a White House press conference to show support for an increase in the minimum wage.

"The president's proposal will go a long way in pushing millions of Americans out of poverty," said Clayton. "Most minimum wage workers are poor Americans and many of them have children."

President Bill Clinton proposed an increase in the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$5.15 over two years, through two 45 cent increases. The last increase, passed with a bipartisan vote in increases. The last increase, passed with a bipartisan vote in 1989, was also a 90 cent increase in two 45 cent stages.

"I support welfare reform," said Clayton. "The best welfare reform is a job, at a livable wage."

For a full-time, year-round minimum wage worker, a 90 cent increase would raise their yearly income by \$1800.

"In this country, a person can work, every day, full-time, and still live below the poverty level," said Clayton. "Work is a prize when a full-time worker can earn enough to pay for life's necessities. It is a penalty when a person can achieve a better quality of life when getting public entitlements rather than holding a job."

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# From The Desk of Beatrice Maye

February 1995 begins the 70th celebration of National African-American History month. The Theme: "Reflections on 1865: Douglas, Dubois, Washington"

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When a unit on poetry is taught, why not include more widely Maya Angelo, Gwendolyn Brooks, James Weldon Johnson among the many others.

The average student only knows Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he or she is asked to identify an outstanding African-American.

Yes, educators agree that African American studies should be a daily emphasis instead of a one month emphasis, that it should be included as an integral part of the school curriculum.

As Booker T. Washington, race leader and educator said, "more and more we must learn to think not in terms of race or color or language or political boundaries, but in terms of humanity."

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## Quotes worth remembering by blacks - 1995

1. "Cast down your bucket where you are". Booker T. Washington
2. "If there is no struggle, there is no progress. I am content with nothing for the Black man short of equal and exact justice". Frederick Douglass
3. "Knowledge of 'modern culture' without, Black Americans would have to accept white leadership". Dr. W.E.B. DuBois
4. "Don't buy where you can't work". Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.
5. "I am mindful that the struggle is not over...it will not be until every American is able to find his or her own place in our society, limited only be his or her own ability and his or her own dream". Colin Powell, retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
6. "I hope that progress will continue until everywhere throughout this land intelligence will be respected, whatever the color of the skin". Doug Wilder, first black governor of Virginia
7. "You can be whatever you choose to be". Clarence Thomas, 106th Justice of the Supreme Court
8. "No race can prosper til it learns there is as much dignity in tilling the field as in writing a poem. It is at the bottom of life we must begin and not at the top". Booker T. Washington
9. "Our destinies are tied together; none of us can make it alone". Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
10. "To be the father of a nation is a great honor, but to be the father of a family is a greater joy. But it was a joy I had far too little of". President Mandela

## Identifications of Current Blacks, 1995

JOHN H. JOHNSON, the most influential publisher to the Negro consumer market in American History.

JESSE JACKSON, political leader, ran for Democratic nomination for the presidency in 1984 and 1988. His agenda: "Empowerment"

ALEX HALEY, "Roots: The Saga of an American Family", inspired millions of African-Americans to search and research their roots.

BILL COSBY, comedian, actor of the 20th century - 1969, "The Bill Cosby Show". he focused on that which unites people, not what separates them. Cosby is best at comic, wit, humor(ist) and storytelling. The Cosby Show ran from 1984 to 1992. His books: Fatherhood 1985, Time Flies 1987 and Love and Marriage, 1989.

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN 1939 - civil rights activist, most prominent advocate for America's neediest children, among whom a disproportionate number are black and white.

She became the first woman to pass the Mississippi State Bar in 1965, a civil rights lawyer.

She founded the Children's Defense Fund in 1972 - most influential lobbying group for a gamut of children's and family issues; teenage pregnancy, school drop-outs, miseducation, child health care, child abuse, youth unemployment, intergenerational poverty and others.

COLIN POWELL 1937 - the re-

tired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the most influential policy makers in the world, a most potent symbol of the Black struggle to be. As head of the Pentagon and the chief military adviser to the President of the U.S., Powell shapes and influences policies that affect Blacks and nonBlacks or military and nonmilitary matters, like the defense budget, communication between the president and the military in which a disproportionate number are African-Americans, and action plans for the mightiest military force in the history of the world.

Powell served from 1979 - 1981 in the Carter administration as executive assistant to the secretary of defense 1983-1986.

President Bush named him chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the most powerful military position in the world.

DOUG WILDER, first Black governor of Virginia in 1989, the first elected Black governor in U.S. history.

RON BROWN, 1941 - Chairman

of the Democratic National Committee, the first African-American ever to chair a major American Political Party. Given his role in the election of Bill Clinton as the 42nd President of the U.S. in November 1992.

CLARENCE THOMAS, 1948, the 106th Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, succeeding Thurgood Marshall, the second African of African descent. He was confirmed by a 52-48 Senate vote. He was nominated on July 1, 1991 by George Bush, a 43 yr. old Black man. "You can be whatever you choose to be".

President Reagan appointed him to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) which oversees compliance with federal policies and laws against discrimination in the private sector.

Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Mary McCloud Bethune, Martin Luther King, Thurgood Marshall - A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., civil rights activist and chief judge emeritus of the U.S. Court of Appeal for the

Third Circuit, wrote an open letter to Clarence Thomas of the Black struggle to be of Thomas's moral obligation as justice to produce decisions that will help the masses of Blacks and nonBlacks and women who still suffer the effects of racism and sexism in American life.

ROSA PARKS, 1913 - 81 yrs. - she's the spark that ignited Blacks in their struggle over nearly four

centuries in America. She became secretary of the Montgomery Chapter of the NAACP from 1943-1956, 13 years. December 1, 1955, she refused to give up her seat to a white man, on December 2, 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld a lower court ruling that Montgomery buses had to desegregate.

From: Columbus Salley's THE BLACK 100. Salley is an author, educator and entrepreneur.

DR. JOHN B. TURNER, dean emeritus - when the \$8.7 million School of Social Work is completed in June 1995 at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, it will be the first academic building on campus named for a Black achiever.

ATTORNEY FRANK EMORY is first Black member of Charlotte (N.C.) Country Club.

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## Society of St. Andrew receives Philip Morris Grant

Big Island, VA - The Society of St. Andrew is pleased to announce that they have received a \$45,000 "Helping the Helpers" grant from Philip Morris Companies, Inc. The grant, awarded in late December, was given in support of the Society of St. Andrew's Seed Potato Program.

The Philip Morris grant is the first corporate grant given in support of the Seed Potato Program. It is also the largest corporate grant received to date by the Society of St. Andrew.

Mr. Jay Barton, Director of Development for the Society of St. Andrew was extremely gratified by the Philip Morris gift.

"This 'Helping the Helpers' grant from the Philip Morris Companies will do exactly what the name says," said Barton.

"Our Seed Potato Program is one of our newest and fastest growing programs. Philip Morris Companies has insured that this highly effective self-help program will continue to grow in 1995."

Potato Project Director of Operations for the Society of St. Andrew is Mrs. Marian Buchanan. She sees the Seed Potato Program as a positive example of a workable self-help program.

"The Seed Potato Program is exciting," she said. "It is a 'hand up' rather than a 'hand out' venture." During 1994 the program distributed over 695,000 pounds of seed potatoes for low income families to plant. With a normal yield of about seven to one, those seed potatoes supplied almost 5,000,000 pounds of good nutri-

tion produce for the recipients. According to Buchanan, the seed potatoes provided through the "Helping the Helpers" grant will help over 20,000 hungry in the United States grow food for themselves.

Although the vast majority of the seed potatoes were shipped to agencies in Appalachia, several Native American Reservations also received the planting potatoes. The Lumbee Indian Development Association and the Cherokee United Methodist Church, both in North Carolina, each received a tractor trailer load of seed potatoes.

The last shipment of 1994 was delivered to the Blackfeet United Methodist Church in Browning, Montana.

## Three Inducted Into Soil and Water Conservation Districts Hall of Fame

RALEIGH — Three people were inducted Tuesday, Jan. 10, into the North Carolina Associa-

tion of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Hall of Fame.

The inductees are David C. Holland Jr. of Stella (Carteret County), the late G.C. Palmer Jr. of Clyde (Haywood County) and the late Charles M. Ladd of Durham.

"These men were leaders in soil and water conservation," said N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, who announced the inductees. "They worked to help farmers protect natural resources and their livelihoods."

Holland has been supervisor of the Onslow County SWCD since 1961. He was presented the association's President's Award in 1978 and Family of the Year honors for the Onslow SWCD in 1988. State president in 1985, Holland was chaplain from 1986-91 and was a member of the N.C. Soil and Water Conservation Commission from

1984-86.

Palmer was supervisor of the Haywood County SWCD from 1968-93. He was state president of the association in 1974 and served on the N.C. Soil and Water Conservation Commission from 1973-75. Recipient of the President's Award, he was presented a number of local, state and national awards as outstanding dairyman.

Ladd was supervisor of the Durham County SWCD from 1950-87 and was chairman of the Neuse River and Durham District from 1952-77. State president in 1956, he was a member of the N.C. Soil and Water Conservation Commission from 1955-57. He served on the National Association of Conservation Districts Board of Directors from 1961-72 and was presented the NACD Distinguished Service Award.

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# From The Desk of Beatrice Maye

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MICHAEL JORDAN tops list of highest paid athletes for third straight year - \$30.01 million, 1995. Forbes magazine reported in its December 19, 1994 issue.

DR. DOROTHY YANCEY named first woman president of Johnson C. Smith University.

BESSIE COLEMAN, the first Black woman pilot, is featured in the U.S. Postal Service's 1995 Black Heritage Commemorative Stamp Series.

THE REV. DR. HENRY J. LYONS takes him as president of

the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

DR. JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, the country's most esteemed historian, Duke University professor emeritus, speaks out on the ways race still shapes the lives of Blacks and whites. (News and Observer, Tuesday, January 17, 1995)

DR. W.E.B. DUBOIS - the University of Massachusetts in Amherst named its library in honor of the great sociologist W.E.B. DuBois. DuBois was the first Black awarded a doctorate from Harvard

University.

SOJOURNER TRUTH, civil was heroine and abolitionist, who never learned to read or write, but for 40 years she was one of the most famous lecturers in America on the subject of slavery and women's rights.

GEORGE FRANCIS GARRETT - Mayor Jenkins proclaimed Saturday, October 15, 1994, "George Francis Garrett Day", honoring his 90th birthday. He was an activist and humanitarian.

GWENDOLYN BROOKS, poet

laureate, received the National Book Foundation's Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters, stated JET magazine, October 24, 1994.

BARBARA JORDAN, the Presidentially-appointed Chair of the Commission on Immigration Reform, and former U.S. Congresswoman, embraces the label, and the challenge.

DEXTER KING is named CEO of the King Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He's the son of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and Mrs.

Coretta Scott King.

U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL, a gleamy nine story federal office building recently (JET magazine, June 13, 1994) was named in honor of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall in the nation's capital. Marshall's hard work shattered segregation in public schools.

MAYA ANGELOU, poet, author, actress, the 79th recipient of the Spingarn Medal, instituted 1914 for achievement in their respective field.

JOSEPH MCNEIL, FRANKLIN MCCAIN, BILLY SMITH AND CLARENCE HENDERSON, four North Carolina N.C.A. & T. State University students, sit down at an all-white lunch counter of F.W. Woolworth Co., February 1, 1960, in Greensboro, where they were refused service. The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. has the counter on display.

DR. PREZELL R. ROBINSON resigns after 27 years as president of St. Augustin's College in Raleigh, 1994.

## New GOP Leadership Fails NAACP Report Card

Report cards give Mom and Dad a chance to measure how well their children are doing in school. All "A's" are great, but most kids don't do that well all of the time. When they slip into the "C" and "D" range, Dad and Mom have a right to be worried.

But if the students are not children, but the men and women who will guide the national legislature for the next two years, and they consistently get "F's" in subjects you need to have them get "A's" in, you have to more than worried—about your future, and the future of your children.

You ought to be terrified that these failures are now in a powerful position to make your life less successful, your future less hopeful and your children's chance dimmer. The newly inaugurated Republican leadership of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives fails a "Legislative Report Card" compiled by the Washington Bureau of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. (NAACP).

## IRS Holds Refunds

(Greenville, NC) In an anticipated move, the Internal Revenue Service has withheld approximately 40-50% of the Earned Income Credit refund payments from taxpayers. Citing fraud detection as a reason, IRS has not paid a significant portion of the Earned Income Credit rightfully due low income individuals.

"Our customers are very upset," said Todd Johnson General Manager of Jackson Hewitt Tax Service in Greenville "Thousands of people are counting on the money provided by the Earned Income Credit. People who qualify have a low income and children. This policy places unnecessary hardship on the people who can least afford it."

Taxpayers who have been caught in this turmoil will have to wait weeks to get the rest of their refund. One customer is going to be evicted as a result of not getting her entire refund. She's not sure how the IRS will be able to find her, to send the rest of her money, since she won't have the same address as the one on her tax return.

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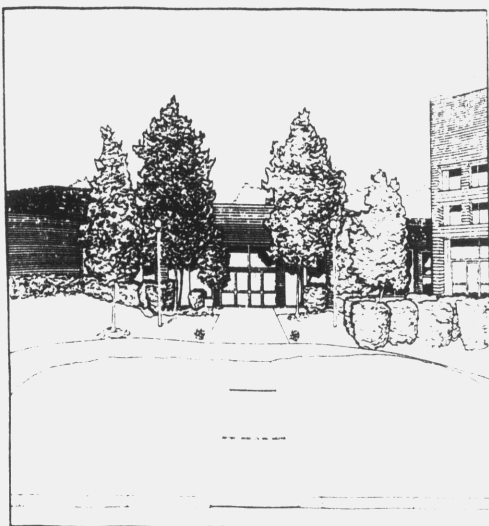
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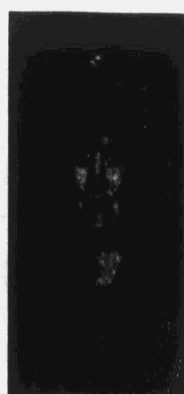
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## T-Shirt design selected for Grifton Shad Festival's 25th Anniversary

A design by Pitt Community College commercial art and graphic design student Monty Brown of Greenville has been selected for a special T-shirt to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Grifton Shad Festival, according to festival publicity coordinator Janet Haseley.

Monty's design shows a shad holding a birthday cake with a single line of vertical lettering to the left saying "25th Grifton NC" and "Shad Festival" in a double line of horizontal letters across the top. The design is clean and crisp and eye-catching, according to festival souvenir co-chair Jona Maynard. The cake, "25" and the "S" of "Shad Festival" are in bright yellow while the fish and other lettering are blue.

A student of Pitt Community College commercial art and graphic design instructor George Baka, Monty has been interested in drawing since childhood. A member of the 1991 class of J.H. Rose

High School in Greenville, he was inspired by his high school art teacher Mr. Stenson to develop his skills. He hopes to pursue a career as an illustrator.

The 23-year-old artist is also very interested in music and plays keyboard for the East Carolina Gospel Choir of Koinonia Christian Center. He plays by ear and is self-taught. He composes much of the music he plays and is particularly interested in jazz and contemporary gospel. He also enjoys basketball and other sports.

Monty lives with his mother, Mrs. Gracie Ward, stepfather James Ward, and 3-year-old sister Dominika.

The anniversary design T-shirts will be available at the official Shad Festival souvenir/information building on the Town Common during the festival April 5-9.

For further information about the Shad Festival or any of the 30 events planned, call 919-524-4356.

## Local students get close up view of D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A total of 49 high school students and teachers representing five North Carolina high schools will travel here next week (February 5, 1995) to learn, first hand, how American government operates. The students will be participating in the Close Up Foundation government studies program for high school students. The high schools include: Bishop McGuinness in Winston Salem, Ragsdale in Jamestown, J.H. Rose in Greenville, Parkwood in Monroe and East Mecklenburg in Charlotte.

(Names of the teachers and students are enclosed. "AC" after a name is the teacher "S" is the student, "OT" is other teacher, and "AD" is school administrator.)

During their week in Washington, the students will attend seminars with members of Congress, and meet with a representative of the Washington press corps, lobbyists, government officials and political figures to learn more about the governmental process. Time will also be allowed to tour the city, to visit local universities and for cultural activities.

The students will be mixed with students from other areas of the country in workshop groups where they will have daily discussions and activities on current events and on the governing process.

"We offer the students the opportunity to see Washington as a living city by taking them into the buildings they often see only on television and then questioning law- and policy-makers they may only read about. Through the experience we have found that they return home with an interest in both national and community affairs. They want to become involved," said Steve Janger, president of the Close Up Foundation.

Janger said that one of the main goals of the program is to show the students that one person can have an impact on the community.

A teacher from each of the North Carolina schools will accom-

pany the students not as a chaperone but as a participant in a program designed to acquaint them with issues and newer educational methods.

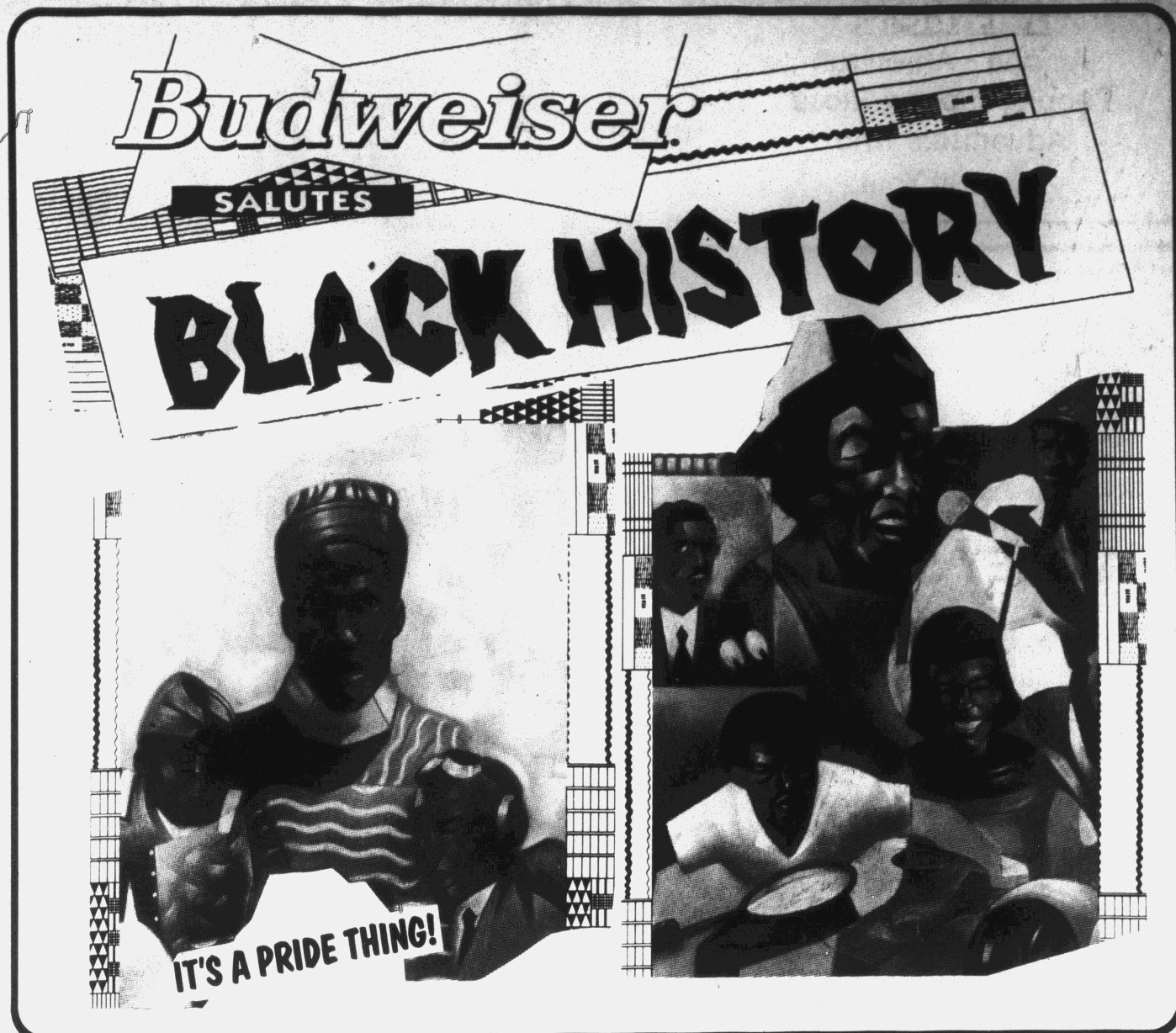
Close Up provides fellowships for low-income students and for teachers which are provided by a Congressional appropriation and matching funds from a number of local individuals and businesses which support Close Up's work in civiceducation. Glaxo Inc. also provides funds for individual student participation.

The Close Up Foundation is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that provides first hand opportunities to learn about the democratic process and the role of the individual. Since 1971, more than 370,000 students and teachers have taken part in Close Up Washington programs.

## Farm loans available to farmers

Wayne D. Causey, Rural Economic and Community Development Services for Pitt County, is seeking minority farmers who may qualify for a special farm lending program. Causey stated that RECDS has set aside loan funds specifically to assist minority farmers who wish to purchase and operate farms. Due to a lack of applicants, all funding has not been used in past years. Causey is concerned that many farmers who could benefit may not be aware of the program's existence. The program provides loans to eligible minority farmers, unable to secure credit elsewhere, to purchase land and to operate a farming operation.

Anyone interested in the program, may obtain information by calling the local RECDS office at (919) 752-2025. The office is located at 403 Old Creek Road, Greenville, NC 27835.



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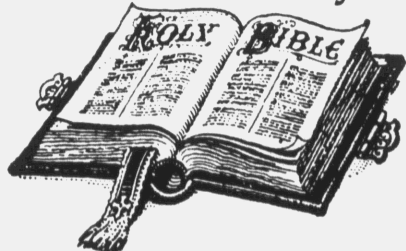
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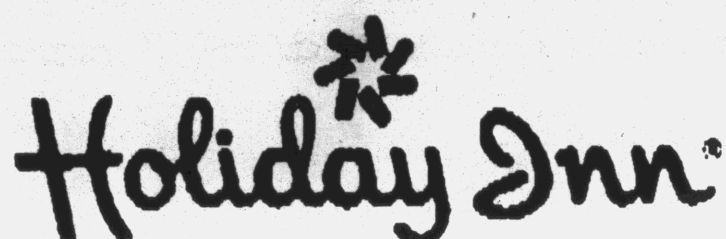
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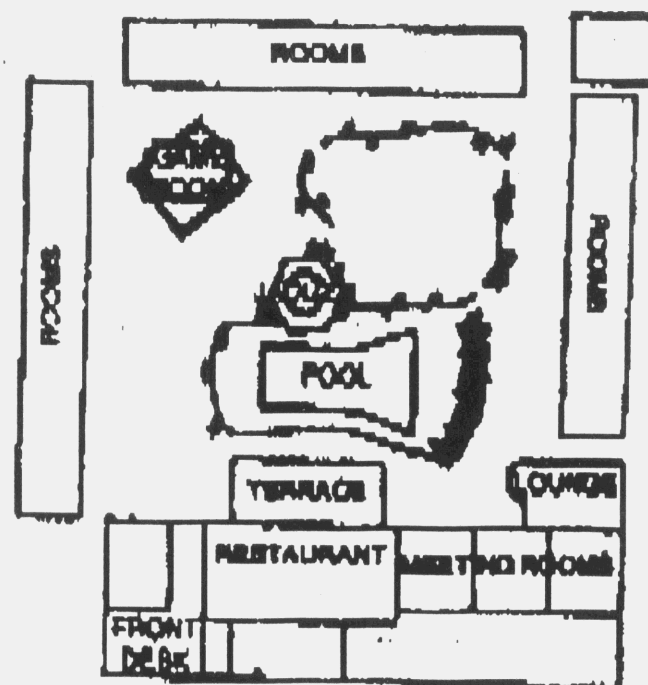




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