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succeed. The tongue of a man is his
sword and effective speech is stronger
than all fighting"

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The death penalty can't stop violent crime, the American people can

Last week New York State Governor George Pataki signed a death penalty bill, restoring capital punishment after nearly 20 years. This was Governor Pataki's big campaign promise—to make New York tougher on crime by making the most heinous murders punishable by death.

It's certainly true that more and more people—white and Black—have come to believe that the death penalty could be an effective measure in combating crime. Even though the statistics prove that the death penalty is in no way a deterrent, it has become more

popular as a "solution." Why? In my view, it is because most people feel powerless in the face of rising crime and violence and the death penalty seems like something to do that might make a difference. It isn't. But the politicians have deftly capitalized on the public's fear and anger at being so impotent. Many believe support for the death penalty was a key to Pataki's victory over Mario Cuomo in New York. And on a national level, the Democrat-sponsored Clinton Crime Bill, which passed last year with Republican support, identified 60 new crimes for which Americans could

be executed. Both parties use the death penalty issue as a political football, but have no real solutions for stopping crime and violence or for changing the conditions which produce them.

While I am completely sympathetic to the lack of trust in liberal solutions (prison rehabilitation has been one of the most monumental social policy failures of this century), I do not believe that capital punishment is the answer. I have always opposed the death penalty and still do. Study after study proves conclusively that capital punishment does not act

as a deterrent to murder or any other violent crime. But the death penalty does have a huge impact on the Black community. Thanks to racist nature of the American judicial system, no white person has ever been executed for killing a Black person. Moreover, a disproportionately high number of those on Death Row are men of color. In many ways the African American community was condemned to death long ago. Endemic poverty, unemployment, poor education, drugs and the day-to-day abuse and violence of racism are built into American society.

Ironically, the rise of violent crime and the increased popularity of the death penalty share a similar cause: powerlessness. Unable to make a life for themselves due to economic, social and/or psychological instability, and powerless to change these conditions, some turn to violent crimes. Unable to get the government to set the country on a developmental path, and powerless to change the government, more and more Americans support non-solutions like the death penalty. The serious question in dealing with the pervasive problem of violent crime

is how to get the country on a developmental path—economically, socially, psychologically and culturally. The popularity of the death penalty, and the willingness of politicians of both parties to put it forth as a genuine solution in spite of the fact that it isn't, is just one more indicator that under the present political arrangements, there is no such path to development. You and I and other ordinary Americans are going to have to create it. And we're going to have to restructure the political arrangement in order to do so.



MARCHERS DEMONSTRATE against racism, injustice and/or racism and in support of Angelo Fordham, former officer of the Greenville Police Department, and Bill Worthington, former Pitt County Schools bus driver.



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The Truth about Welfare

Social programs to shore up the single household are badly needed. It was welfare policy that broke up the poor Black home to begin with, since you could not be married or indeed have a man showing if you wanted to get assistance. So the poor Black woman had to get rid of her man in order to save herself and her children. In almost a continuation of mating practices started during slavery, Black men got used to coming in the back door. Even now, most healthy women on welfare have a man, but he's hiding.

While the average Black woman can stretch a dollar, there is no way anyone can hope to survive on the money welfare gives out. It's impossible, and the welfare system knows it, that's what makes this situation such a horrible scam. Anyone with an ounce of human dignity is forced to become an outlaw in order to survive. The big bucks go to pay administrators and bureaucrats; it does not go to the poor.

If the system were at least honest, they would just state - this cannot meet all your needs. The rest you will have to hustle on your own, but at least you'll have medical care for yourself and your kids, and part of the rent and help with the food bill. That would be honest and fair.

Instead, they try to make people think they are giving all this money. And if you try to help yourself by working a little job or a cottage industry, or you have help

from a friend or father of the child, or even a man who is not the father of the child, you're a Welfare Queen, a cheat, this and that. It's ridiculous. The figures paid to recipients across the country is so low as to be embarrassing. There is never enough to eat, not enough to pay even low rents. A room is \$100 a week in New York. A person on home relief gets just \$215 a month rent. Where can you live for \$215 a month? a park bench? A woman with three children gets \$375.

Fathers already kick in So the father of a child kicks in the difference, pays for the baby's clothes, toys, etc. Food stamps are a big help and need to be increased, not stopped. They run out in three weeks, so more money is kicked in for food. A nice TV set. The family can't go anywhere. No babysitter. If the single mother is lucky enough to have a good relationship with her mother, it helps.

If the man were to declare himself, the woman would be cut off of welfare and he can't carry the whole burden by himself. With the little help she gets, plus his little money, they just about make it. That's what's really going on. And if you say, well, poor Whites don't have it so good, they get farm subsidies, food stamps, own a truck or a car, and the only difference is perhaps a White woman may not hustle as much as a black woman, who is not lazy and rather restless.

In fact, a single woman in her

20s, not right away but after a while, would rather dump the baby on someone reliable, like her mother, and find herself a job. The job quest is only undermined by drugs, or low self-esteem and no decent clothes to wear.

Buy if the woman has two or more children, she might as well stay home, because the costs of babysitting, and amount of money needed to feed and cloth, say, three kids, plus loss of health care, make the proposition too costly.

There are some Critics are right about some women who sit up and have kids while on welfare. But most of these women are not usually teenagers. They are older women who prefer staying at home and, in fact, rarely go out except to shop. They may have the father right there, unless he's mean or violent, or they may be rather lonely and the children are there little friends. There is often a neighbor's child or two, or the child of a young girl who is struggling in the mix.

Unless there are drugs or alcohol involved, these women are quite useful. They often bake or sell cakes or pies, cook hearty meals for the children and provide stability for their neighborhoods. And many of their children end up in college.

The truth is, for all the talk about family values, America is not family or child-oriented.

Nothing in America makes it easy for singles or couples to raise a family.

Congress endorses "Partners for freedom, Expo '95"

North Carolina Congressional leaders recently pledged their full support to farmers, small business owners and the tobacco and agriculture industries.

"In North Carolina our greatest asset is our people, this Expo is designed to generate awareness for our industries and bring people together to learn more about problems associated with small business, farmers and North Carolina industries to seek solutions to these problems through a united effort," said Dean Rouse, Co-Chairman of the Partners For Freedom - Expo."

The Partners For Freedom, Expo '95 will consist of two parts, an Exhibition and Convention. The exhibition will have a wide variety of exhibitors from through-

out the United States promoting their goods and services. The Exhibition will be a three day event beginning on March 28-30, 1995. The Expo will be open to the public and feature "free admission and entertainment." Several organizations and companies like Sprint Cellular, Jefferson-Pilot Insurance Company, Carolina Greenhouses, NC Emu Association and NC Pilot Association will hold presentations on center stage. The convention will be a two day event beginning on March 29-30. Similar topics will include a diversity of topics to support small business owners, convenience stores, farmers, and North Carolina industries. National and prominent leaders will teach seminars to help those in attendance. The event will con-

clude with a "Freedom Banquet and Celebration Dinner" on March 30. The convention is open to the public and anyone may attend. There is a registration fee and space is limited.

Some of the invited guest will include Senator Bob Dole (Senate Majority Leader), Congressman Newt Gingrich (Speaker of the House), Congressman Thomas J. Bliley (Chr./Sub on Health & Environment), Congressman Pat Roberts (Chr./House Agriculture Committee) and Mr. Rush Limbaugh, talk show host.

For more information on exhibit space or to register for convention, please call 919/569-7171. Partial proceeds will be distributed to the NC FFA Foundation and NC Cooperative Extension Service.

Fulani says new Theory of Development will Cure Violence

Well-known African American developmental psychologist and political activist Dr. Lenora B. Fulani says that a recently discovered theory of human development holds significant promise for curing violence and other social ills. But, she adds, this theoretical breakthrough is not receiving the recognition it deserves for narrow political reasons.

"For 20 years, my colleague Dr.

Fred Newman has been working with developmental theorists, clinical practitioners, educators and researchers including myself to create a practical theoretical approach to human development, which insists that development can be re-initiated at any age," says Dr. Fulani. "His results are extremely encouraging. The actual programs that have been developed based on this approach are

the most effective I've ever seen in dealing with youth violence, teen pregnancy, educational failures, learning disabilities, and emotional pain.

"However, these results apparently pose a serious threat to the psychological and educational establishments, and to the multi-

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Is real welfare reform possible?

Everyone—those on the receiving end and those whose taxes pay for it—agrees that the welfare system isn't working. The system is degrading, inefficient and top-heavy. Much of the hundreds of billions of dollars that the federal government spends each year on welfare never reaches people in need. Some surveys indicate that close to 80% of it winds up in the hands of the bureaucrats and poverty professionals.

But while the current welfare system is a disaster, most Americans believe that the country can't just turn men and women without jobs or other means of support out

on the streets. Most Americans believe that children—all children—must have food to eat. That's why the welfare program was originally established 60 years ago as part of the Social Security Act.

Still, the outcry for reform persists. Some have pointed out how politically motivated that outcry is. On my television show this week, my guest, the Reverend Al Sharpton, noted that while Congress was willing to bail out the Savings and Loan companies to the tune of \$400 billion, many of our elected officials are obsessed with cutting welfare. Most of the proposals being put forward, both

from Newt Gingrich's Republicans and Bill Clinton's Democrats, talk about replacing "welfare" with "workfare." The Republican plan outlined recently by Congressman E. Clay Shaw Jr. (R-FL), echoing the reforms proposed last year by President Clinton, would require that after two years on welfare people take jobs or become part of some work program. But neither the Republicans nor the Democrats have addressed the critical questions: What jobs? What programs? Who would pay for these work programs? And how would cuts in welfare spending affect the overall economy?

These questions are being posed by economists and labor experts who criticize both the Democratic and Republican proposals. In a recent article in the Wall Street Journal, these economists argued that the proposed restructuring of welfare could increase the poverty rate from the current 13% of the population to as much as 22%, and that the reduction of per capita income could have a negative "ripple effect" on poorer urban and rural areas of the country. Labor experts have noted that the economy will have difficulty absorbing millions of workers without skills or job experience.

The real question is: Can we create an economic arrangement which takes millions of people off welfare and brings them into the work force in ways that foster the growth and development of both the economy and the people whose lives will be profoundly affected by this shift?

In my opinion, there is no evidence that the government can produce serious and workable solutions to these problems. Government has simply become too controlled by Democratic and Republican politicking to come up with real solutions capable of moving the country forward. Until we take

care of that problem, there is no way out of social, economic and political gridlock, no possibility of reforming the welfare system, and no chance of setting the stage for a bona fide economic expansion. If the process is opened to the people—through term limits, initiative and referendum, recall, the elimination of PACs, ballot access and election reform—if we can create real democracy in America, then I am very confident that the American people can find humane and developmental solutions to the failure of the welfare system, and all the other problems we face today.

from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye

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Signs of Answered Prayers
1. If you rise from prayer forgiven and clean inside, prayer has been answered.
2. If you are more conscious of God's greatness, mercy, love, and nearness, prayer has been answered.
3. If you rise with greater love and compassion for other people, answered prayer is transforming your selfish nature.
4. If you rise with an abiding sense of peace in spite of the great problems that beset your life, God has answered by preparing you to confront these difficulties.
5. If you rise with clearer vision, greater purpose, a more positive outlook, renewed strength, and fresh inspiration, rest assured that your prayer has been answered.

Values
Eight values can enhance one's life:
1. Be wise in the use of time. The question of life is not, how much time we have. The question is, what shall we do with it?
2. Value work. But not any kind of work. Ask yourself, "Is the work vital, strengthening my own character, or inspiring others, or helping the world?"
3. Seek happiness each day. If you are not happy today, you will never be happy. Strive to be patient, unselfish, purposeful, strong, eager and work mightily. If you do these things with a grateful heart, you will be happy - at least as happy as it is given man to be on earth.

4. Cherish love. True love never nags; it trusts. Love does not have to be tethered, either in time or eternity.
5. Keep ambition in check. There is the great danger of substituting intellectual ambition for ordinary human affections. Let us keep it in bounds; let us see to it that it holds a just proportion in our lives.
6. Embrace friendship. It takes a great soul to be a friend, a true friend. One must forgive much, forget much, forbear much.
7. Do not fear sorrow. Disappointment in life, is inevitable. Pain is the common lot. Sorrow is not given to us alone that we may mourn. It is given us that, having felt, suffered, wept, we may be able to understand, love, bless.

8. Cherish faith strong, serene, unquenchable faith in the loving kindness of God will enable us to look fearlessly toward the end of the temporal existence and the beginning of the eternal, and will make it possible for us to live our lives effectively, grandly.
Children's Gifts.... The gifts our children need from us are mostly homemade. Attention, affection, praise, laughter, dignity and self-respect. The meaning of discipline and work. Respect for others and a willingness to share. A sense of values, justice, truth and honor. Wonder and enthusiasm. Faith, hope, courage and conviction. The memory of a good home and understanding parents. If all these are wrapped in a love that does not demand or seek reciprocity, then we will know the joy - even in awesome responsibility - of seeing our children become persons and of realizing warm, trusting, sweet, life-long relationships with them.
From-PERSON TO PERSON by Bobbie Lee Holley, "Family Give and Take"

Stress
The world is full of stress for a number of reasons:
1. Change. You'll see it in technology, in family and social patterns, in international relations
2. Conflict. Humans seem not to know how to relate to each other happily.
3. Materialism. The desire to "keep up with the Joneses" is a basic source of stress. "Too much is never enough".
4. Fears and Worries: Who can blame you for being concerned

about the future?
Stress spawns other problems - drug abuse, alcoholism, family breakups, mental illness and tragic accidents.

The mind has a lot to do with a person's health. The value of peace of mind is priceless, not only mentally but physical as well.
Life is like an onion. Why is life like an onion? If you're not careful, they'll both make you cry. (Hager the Horrible)

Beer/Alcohol
Almost 80% of teens don't know that a 12-ounce can of beer has the same amount of alcohol as a shot of whiskey.

Condoms
Among sexually active teens, 16% use condoms less often after drinking.

Fathers
The father who functions only as prosecutor and disciplinarian had better prepare for a lonely old age. Thaw out a bit fathers and show some signs of affection and fatherhood.

Christian Homes
In a Christian home, the husband is to be a spiritual head (1Cor.11-3). The wife is to look to the husband for strength and authority under God (Eph.5:22).

Advantage
If people take advantage of you once, shame on them; if they take advantage of you twice, shame on you.

Collecting Money
Collect money before a gift is purchased or before the bus or van leaves for any occasion. People will try to get by without paying their way.

Eat a Fish, Stop a Stroke
Eating as little as one serving of fish per week may reduce your chances of having a stroke or other circulatory system disorders. The beneficial factor in fish may be a group of substances called "omega-3 fatty acids". These substances are most abundant in so-called fatty fishes such as sardines, mackerel, salmon, and tuna.
By: Study Leader Sirving Kili, M.D. and his associates (Better Homes and Gardens, September 1994, published in the American Medical Association

Woman
If you want a woman to think you're a prince, you should treat her like a queen.

Anthony Miller
Anthony Miller, director, gas system for the Greenville Utilities Commission, has been elected the board of direction of the American Public Gas Association

Food and Cancer Risk
Choose more...vegetables, fruits, whole wheat bran breads and cereals, low fat dairy products, lean meats, turkey and chicken without skin, fish, cooked and dried peas and beans-lentils, split peas, kidney, navy, black, pinto beans-, potatoes, low-fat cooking methods-broiling and steaming.

- Attitudes/Behaviors**
-Black/White
 -Educated/Uneducated
 -Rich/Poor
 -Happiness/Sadness
 -Churched/Unchurched
 -Culture/Rudeness
 -Intelligence/Ignorance
 -Nicely dressed/Vulgarly dressed
 -Read/Unread
 -Smart/Dumb
 -Loudness/Softness
 -Drug users-Alcoholics/Nonusers
 -Health/Illness

I could go on and on with these opposites. The point is - the choice is yours. Education, morals and values will only make the difference. Let your family, your church and your community be proud of you. The way you live makes the difference.

The Reverend Jesse Jackson: "The Prodigal Son couldn't blame his condition on resources; he had resources. He couldn't blame mistreatment; he had parents who loved him and provided for him. It wasn't until he came unto himself that he got straight." That's what we have to do. He was referring to violence - Blacks killing Blacks.

MANNERS are the happy way of doing things. Emerson



MISSSES LUCILLE & ESTHER M. RICH

Shaw University Names Scholarship for Miss Esther Rich
Miss Esther Rich, one of three children, born to the late Reverend William F. and Mrs. Pattie Jenkins Rich, Blind since the age of 6, a retired Medical Transcriptionist, was honored by having a scholarship named for her on Sunday, March 19, at the Shaw Divinity School's 10th Annual Sarah Leonard Turner Tupper Memorial Banquet, Shaw University, Student Union Ballroom, 118 East South Street, Raleigh, North Carolina.

She studied at the state school for the blind in Raleigh from age 7 until graduation from high school, then enrolling at Shaw University, 1929, graduating with the highest average in the spring of 1933.

Receiving a scholarship, she enrolled and graduated from Howard University, Washington, D.C. in 1943 with a Master's Degree in History. Another scholarship was given to her by the University of Michigan where she studied for one year.

Her first job was a medical secretary, Typing Medical records at Good Samaritan Hospital, Charlotte, N.C., followed by a seven-year stint at the Craven County Hospital in New Bern, N.C. She returned as a Medical Transcriptionist from Pitt County Memorial Hospital in January 1982, after working there eight years.

She's a devout member of the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, serving in several capacities..Deaconess Board, Senior Ladies Auxiliary, Sunday School, Missionary Circle, Evangelistic committee...But more importantly, she enjoys visiting the sick and the nursing homes.

One of the highlights of her life was attending the homecoming exercises for her 60th anniversary..Shaw University.

She and her sister—Ms. Lucille Rich, a retired teacher, live at 509 West 14th Street in Greenville and they are inseparable.

Because she's blind, that has not interfered with her academic excellence, her travels, nor her faith in God which causes her to love people dearly.

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"Queen of the Blues," Koko Taylor, to perform in Greenville

"Raucous and raunchy, booming defiant blues... a rafter rattling voice." - Washington Post

Grammy Award winning blues singer Koko Taylor will celebrate yet another Grammy nomination for her latest Alligator album "Force of Nature" (AL 4817) with a performance at The Grand Emporium. The album has received major national media attention, including a four-star review in *Rolling Stone*, a half page review

in *People*, an appearance on *Late Night With Conan O'Brien*, and recently a Grammy nomination for Best Contemporary Blues recording of 1994. Concert information is as follows:

Friday, March 17, Tillman Auditorium Clemson University \$15.00 Call 803 235 7922. The concert in Greenville, NC will be announced.

"Force of Nature" is Koko's seventh Alligator release. It features three rocking Koko originals plus a powerful and varied selection of

other songs. With songs written especially for Koko by Little Milton (Mother Nature," featuring Carey Bell on harmonica) and Rick Estrin ("Don't Put Your Hands On Me," a strong statement against domestic violence), a powerful and original interpretation of "Hound Dog," a searing duet with Buddy Guy on "Born Under A Bad Sign," and a take on the Moon Martin rock classic, "Bad Case Of Lovin' You," this is Koko's finest album yet. According to Koko, "The new album is great. I

put all of my heart, my mind, my soul, everything into every song and every lyric." Koko's received every award the blues world has to offer. She recently won her 14th W.C. Handy Award (the Grammy of the Blues community), more than any other female blues artist. She's received Grammy nominations for six of her seven Alligator recordings, and won a Grammy

in 1984. On March 3, 1993, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley presented Koko with a "Legend of the Year" award, and declared the day "Koko Taylor Day" throughout Chicago. Koko has beaten the odds by succeeding in the male-dominated blues world. She's taken her music from the tiny clubs on the South Side of Chicago to giant festival around the world.

She's appeared on national television numerous times and has even been the subject of PBS documentary. After 30 years in the business, she's still going strong. With critics and fans already raving about "Force of Nature" and with Koko embarked on a cross-country tour, the "Queen of Blues" is poised and ready to reach her largest audience yet.

N.C. Special Olympics 1995 Basketball Tournament Results

Over 550 athletes from 48 North Carolina counties competed in the 1995 North Carolina Special Olympics Basketball Tournament February 24-26 in Fayetteville. Among those were: Montory Barnes, Teon Barnes, Omar Baker, Chris Hatch, Parker Heath and Anthony Johnson. Coaches: Robert Heath and Eddie Bynum. They placed in Bronze.

The 1995 tournament was among the largest basketball competitions in NCSO's history and featured state-level competition in individual skills, three-on-three and five-on-five team competition. The local programs that were

represented in the tournament included: Alamance, Beaufort/Hyde, Carteret, Caswell Center in Kinston, Catawba, Chatham, Cleveland, Columbus, Cumberland, Davidson, Davie, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Greene, Guilford/Greensboro, Guilford/High Point, Henderson, Jones, Johnston, Lee, Lenoir, Martin, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Moore, Murdoch Center in Butner, Nash, new Hanover, Orange, Pasquotank, Pender, Pitt, Robeson, Rockingham, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Surry, Union, Wake, Washington, Watauga,

Wayne, Wilkes and Wilson. Sponsors included: Gold level = WKFT TV 40, The Fayetteville Observer-Times, Q-98 FM; Silver level = Hardee's; Bronze level = Knights of Columbus and The North Carolina Pest Control Association.

North Carolina Special Olympics offers year-round sports training and competition for over 23,000 athletes with mental retardation. Through a statewide volunteer network of thousands of coaches, sports officials, local program committee members and event organizers, NCSO offers competition in 18 sports in Olympic-type sports on the local and state levels.

Mercer aboard Enterprise

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Edison T. Mercer, son of Charles Mercer of Route 2 Walstonburg, NC recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

The 1991 graduate of Farmville High School of Farmville joined the Navy in May 1994.

Small Business Loans

Are you ready to expand your business? Are you thinking of starting a business? Do you need additional funds? The Mid-East Commission offers small business loans to residents and businesses in Hertford, Bertie, Martin, Beaufort and Pitt Counties. Call Karen Gilkey at 919-946-8043 for more information.

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Local Artist Debuts Recording

Bonita Burney-Simmons will introduce her debut recording project (The Creation) 7:30 PM Saturday May-13, 1995 at the Holiday Inn in Kinston, NC. After listening to this disc you'll understand how this young lady has quietly made a name for herself in the gospel music industry. Bonita manages to meld traditional and contemporary textures in this sterling collection of songs ushering the listener into a spirit of praise and worship. Fans will be delighted because there's something for everyone and not one weak link.

At the age of twelve, Bonita formed the group known as "Tried

By Fire" and launched her musical career. She traveled throughout the south spreading the gospel in song.

She has opened concerts for such gospel greats as the Winahs, Vernessa Bell Armstrong, Williams Brothers, Shirley Caesar, Timothy Wright, Jackson Southernairs, Albertina Walker, Luther Barnes, Gospel Keynotes, etc. She has appeared and won first place on numerous occasions at the world famous Apollo Theatre in New York. Other television credits include a NBC television documentary on Black Gospel Music in which she

was spotlighted along with the Winahs' Family and M.C. Hammer. Her versatility is pervasive as demonstrated in her role in the play "My Lord What A Morning." Her personal appearances draw large audiences in churches, auditoriums and civic centers where she transforms concerts into revivals.

There are many words one could use to describe a singer's talent, style, and ability, but there are no words to adequately describe Bonita; except to say that she has a special gift and anointing from God.

Pugh deployed to the Persian Gulf

Navy Seaman Recruit Saudona V. Pugh, a 1987 graduate of North Pitt High School of Bethel, NC, is halfway through a six-month overseas deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, which so far has included duty in the Persian Gulf near Iraq and in the Adriatic Sea off of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Pugh is one of 5,000 Sailors and Marines aboard the ship which departed Norfolk, Va., in October, and has traveled more than 28,000 miles. While in the Persian Gulf, Pugh supported the effort to deter Iraqi aggression on the Arabian peninsula and helped enforce the no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

Traveling back through the Red Sea and Suez Canal into the Mediterranean and Adriatic seas, Pugh and fellow shipmates have been supporting international efforts off

the coast of Bosnia. Operating with guided missile cruisers equipped with Tomahawk cruise missiles, Pugh's ship provides a formidable forward presence with its 70 tactical aircraft, and its capability to move more than 700 miles a day.

While spending more than 85 days at sea during the deployment, Pugh also has visited Italy, France and the United Arab Emirates.

Pugh's involvement in the de-

ployment is an example of how U.S. Sailors are serving aboard ships, submarines and aircraft carriers around the world from the Persian Gulf and Western Pacific Ocean to the Mediterranean Sea. Whether delivering humanitarian assistance, cargo, or troops from the sea, these highly-trained naval forces provide a unique crisis-response option, which can be withdrawn quickly when no longer needed.



THE HONORABLE MILTON "TOBY" FITCH and Greenville Attorney Robert White enjoy a refreshing moment of spring sunshine on the mall.

Staff photo: Jim Rouse

Wildlife Show in New Bern

It's not a dog and pony show...it's a dog and duck show...the North Carolina Wildlife Show in New Bern, March 25th and 26th. You'll see all types of wildlife art, from paintings and prints to sculpture and scrimshaw...sporting collectibles...conservation exhibits...antique and working

decoys. You can talk shop with artists and carvers, buy artwork for your home, watch champion retrievers at work...and it's all happening in Downtown New Bern...at the Sudan Temple and the Sheraton Grand. For youngsters, there's a "pinetree derby" with mini-cars on a 30-foot indoor

track...the winners in a wild bird habitat contest...an aquatic touch tank and live birds of prey. The hours are 10 to 6 Saturday, 10 to 4 Sunday, and a \$5 ticket is good for one or two days. Kids under 12 get in free! For more about the North Carolina Wildlife Show, call 636-5065.

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1	3	4	5	6	
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From Page 1 Development

Theory of development

billion dollar, government-funded social program industry based on orthodox models," says Dr. Fulani. "And of course, Dr. Newman and I are often maligned by psychological, educational and political institutions because of our

controversiality." Newman is a Stanford University-trained philosopher, psychotherapist, author and political strategist, and the founder of social therapy. According to Dr. Fulani, it was the work of the 1930's Soviet psy-

chologist Lev Vygotsky which first revealed that development is not basically individualistic. His studies of very young children demonstrated that development occurs through conjoint activity by infants and their older caregivers,

leading him to embrace social activity, rather than individual behavior, as the proper unit of growth. Fulani says that Dr. Newman has made Vygotsky's work relevant to contemporary social crisis by differentiating in

practical ways learning—what he calls "the mere acquisition of information"—from development. "The overwhelming majority of social programs are based on the prevailing anti-developmental model," says Dr. Fulani. "But as psychologists, educators and parents, we must be in a position to do more than just tell our children to stop the violence, to just say no to drugs or to avoid getting pregnant. We must help them to create environments in which they—and we—can grow, can develop."

One such environment, says Fulani, is the eleven-year old All Stars Talent Show Network which she and Newman co-produce. Each year, more than 30,000 Black and Latino young people throughout New York City help create an alternative to violence by producing

a network of talent shows in local communities.

"As a university student, I was profoundly influenced by Frantz Fanon and his work on the psychology of oppression. I searched for a Black psychology that could emotionally and intellectually liberate my people. While helpful in giving African Americans a greater sense of identity, I found that a Black psychology—like all psychologies—promotes a non-developmental view of human beings," says Fulani.

Dr. Fulani received her Ph.D. in developmental psychology from the City University of New York. She currently practices social therapy at the East Side Center for Social Therapy in New York City and is the chairperson of the Committee for a Unified Independent Party (CUIP).



THE ANOINTED ONE'S CHURCH, Ayden, held their annual spring banquet. This gala event was enjoyed by all...especially lovely Pastor Ruth Peterson (above) and beautiful co-paster Helen Williams.

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REV. J.H. WILKES, pastor of Burney's Chapel and Union Grove Free Will Baptist Churches, is always ready to share an encouraging word to those he meets. His cheery smile and pleasant personality are contagious.

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NCBEMO holds first executive board meeting

The NCBEMO held its first Executive Board Meeting for 1995 on Saturday, February 18, 1995 at the NC League of Municipalities, Albert G. Coates Building, Raleigh. The new elected President, Mildred A. Council, Council member of Greenville.

as to top priorities for the year should be and they were as follows:

Highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- Reviewed Constitution and By-laws of the Agreement between the NC League and NCBEMO and will finalize next meeting.
- Build stronger partnership with N.C. League and staff as one of its constituent groups and as member.
- Report of NCBEMO Survey that was sent to all 358 elected officials

1. Building/Rebuilding our clout with the Governor, the General Assembly, President, and Congress, etc.
2. Providing a directory of the members and data on Black Elected officials.
3. Presenting a workshop at the NC League of Municipalities
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- 91 FORD TAURUS WAGON, white
- 91 MAZDA NAVAJO, 2-dr., white
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- 90 DODGE CARAVAN, blue
- 90 DODGE CARAVAN, white
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- 90 ISUZU TROOPER, 4-dr., burgandy
- 90 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER VAN, blue
- 89 CHEVY C1500 PICKUP, blue
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- 89 LINCOLN TOWN CAR, 4-dr., blue
- 89 LINCOLN TOWN CAR, 4-dr., silver
- 89 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER VAN, blue
- 89 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER VAN, burgandy
- 89 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER VAN, blue
- 88 CHRYS. TOWN & COUNTRY WAGON, grey
- 88 FORD F150 PICKUP, black
- 88 MERCURY TOPAZ, 4-dr., white
- 88 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS, 4-dr., white
- 87 CHEVY VAN, blue
- 87 FORD F150 PICKUP, tan/brown
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Southeast economic activity up

Business activity in the Southeast rose 0.9 percent (or 3.6 percent on an annualized basis) in the fourth quarter of 1994, according to the Wachovia Southeast Business Index. For the full year 1994, the index has risen 5.1 percent.

During the fourth quarter, three of the four major components comprising the index improved and one declined when compared with the third quarter of 1994.

Non-agricultural employment rose 0.8 percent and the value of building permits, which reflect construction plans, were up 2.1 percent during the quarter. New claims for unemployment benefits fell 4.5 percent in the fourth quarter. The average manufacturing workweek retreated slightly from 41.6 hours to 41.5 hours.

In the fourth quarter, the rate of growth in total nonagricultural employment was above the na-

tional average in five of the 13 states — Louisiana, Arkansas, Kentucky, Florida and Georgia. The largest increases in employment this quarter were recorded in Louisiana, Arkansas and Kentucky. The only loss in employment was registered in South Carolina. For the year, non-agricultural employment has grown 2.8 percent, both in the Southeast and nationally.

Of the 13 Southeastern states tracked by the index, four reported a higher value for building permits issued during the fourth quarter when compared with the preceding quarter. For the full year, building permits in the Southeast increased 6.8 percent.

Decreases in new unemployment claims were reported in 11 states during the fourth quarter. The most notable declines in unemployment claims were in Florida at 9.8 percent and Ten-

nessee at 8.1 percent. Arkansas and Maryland reported higher unemployment claims. For the Southeast, unemployment claims declined 4.3 percent during 1994.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the Southeast was 5.4 percent in the fourth quarter, down 0.3 of a percentage point from the previous quarter. Nationally, the fourth quarter unemployment rate was 5.6 percent, 0.4 of a percentage point below the third quarter. When compared with the prior year, the 1994 jobless rate was 0.8 of a percentage point lower for the Southeast and 0.9 percent lower for the nation as a whole.

The fourth quarter unemployment rate was below the national average in nine of the 13 states tracked. The lowest rates were in Tennessee at 3.9 percent and North Carolina at 4.1 percent. The highest rates were in West Virginia at 8.4 percent and Louisiana at 8.0

percent. South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia. National and individual state statistics are detailed on the attached table.

Data are adjusted to smooth the effects of historical seasonal factors and certain statistical aberrations. Building permit data have

been deflated by the Consumer Price Index to reflect planned construction spending in constant 1982-84 dollars. Because the District of Columbia's economy lacks sufficient comparability with states, especially in manufacturing, a business index is not calculated. Wachovia Corporation is an in-

terstate bank holding company with total assets of \$39.2 billion. The company's principal banks, Wachovia Bank of Georgia, N.A., Wachovia Bank of North Carolina, N.A. and Wachovia Bank of South Carolina, N.A., have 493 banking offices.

Wachovia Southeast Business Index



REV. BOYD AND HIS SONS visited with superintendent Austin Parker, pastor of Wells Chapel Church of God in Christ.

Staff photo: Jim Rouse

State Unemployment Rate Jumps in February

RALEIGH - North Carolina's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose almost a full percent in February, going up from 3.8 to 4.5 percent, Ann Q. Duncan, Employment Security Commission (ESC) chairman, announced today.

The unemployment rate in February, 1994 was 5.1 percent. The state unemployment rate remains below the U.S. rate, which went

down in February from 5.7 to 5.4 percent. ESC economists consider 5 percent near full employment.

In February the number of jobs in North Carolina declined by 400.

"What the unemployment rate doesn't indicate is there are still a number of employers who are having a hard time finding qualified workers," says Chairman Duncan. "Recent action such as cutting

unemployment insurance taxes is designed to help companies create jobs and put more people to work."

North Carolina has one of the lowest unemployment rates of the nation's 11 large states included in the federal government's monthly survey. California had the highest unemployment rate among that group at 7.3 percent.

April is National STD Awareness Month

There are an estimated 12 million new cases of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) every year, two-thirds of them in people under the age of 25. In 1994, North Carolina had the highest number of gonorrhea cases and the fourth highest number of syphilis cases in the Nation. To draw attention to these STD epidemics, Governor James B. Hunt has officially declared April as STD Awareness Month.

"With the advent of AIDS, many people are no longer concerned about STDs like syphilis and gonorrhea that are curable. But they should be," said Gregg Allinson, Executive Director of Picaso, the Pitt County AIDS Service Organization. "In addition to causing serious injury to the body, STDs can actually increase the likelihood of HIV transmission, especially ulcerative diseases like syphilis and herpes. HIV can also make other sexually transmitted diseases harder to treat," he said.

If left untreated, STDs can cause serious consequences, such as sterility, pelvic inflammatory diseases, ectopic pregnancies, and infant mortality. Symptoms of STDs can include discharge, pain, sores, or swelling in the genital area. Sores can also appear in the mouth. "Fortunately, all STDs, including AIDS are preventable," Allinson said. "The only prevention method that is 100 percent effect is abstinence. If you choose to have sex, using latex condoms can help prevent the transmission of AIDS and other STDs." HIV and STD testing is available at the Pitt County Health Department at no charge to you. Services provided at your health department are strictly confidential. For more in-

formation about STDs call the STD hotline at 1-800-227-8922 or the Pitt County Health Department at 413-1300, or PICASO at 830-1660.

Bowl Over AIDS

PICASO (Pitt County AIDS Service Organization) is having a major fund raiser. It's your chance to bowl over AIDS at the first annual Bowl-A-Thon.

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team. Sign up Today!!

Minster held in rape

Raleigh police arrested an ordained minister Tuesday evening in connection with the rape of his step-daughter and attempted rape of his wife.

Arthur McCotter, 45, of Raleigh was charged with one count of first-degree rape, two counts of kidnapping, one count of breading and entering and one count of attempted rape.

McCotter, who has no known residence or place of employment, is separated from his wife, police said.

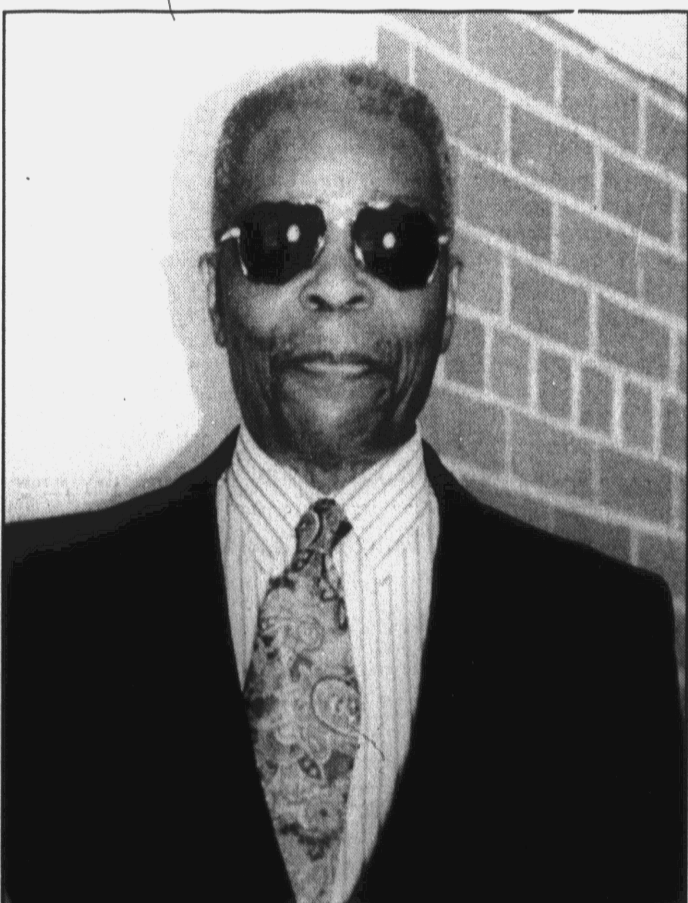
According to police, McCotter broke into his wife's house on North Hills Drive Friday night and raped his 13-year-old step-daughter.

When his wife came home later, police say he attempted to rape her but she was able to break free and call for help.

Police arrested McCotter at Chavis Heights after an investigator received a tip from an informant.

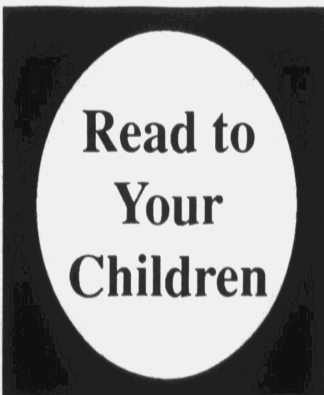
Sgt. G.S. Britt told The Carolinian that a resume in McCotter's possession says he was licensed as a minister in the AMEZion Church in 1980.

McCotter is in custody at the Wake County Detention Center under \$70,000 bond.



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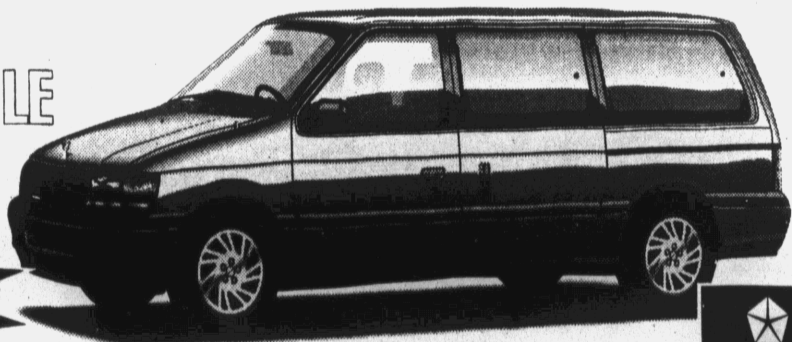


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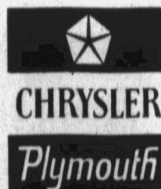
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1994-1995 North Carolina AmeriCorps Questions and Answers

AmeriCorps is the centerpiece of the national service program created in 1993 that places people in full- or part-time service programs meeting community needs and "getting things done" in return for a living allowance and a post-service educational award.
 Why is AmeriCorps important to North Carolina? AmeriCorps lets communities build communities. It is a vehicle to bring citizens together to address North Carolina's needs. Through this program, state needs can be assessed and systematically addressed on the local level. Even programs that do not receive funding benefit through training and partnership efforts.
 How does North Carolina rank among other states? North Carolina ranks third in the country for the number of State Commission-sponsored programs (14), just behind Texas (15) and California (23).
 North Carolina has more AmeriCorps programs per capita than any other state in the country.

North Carolina is a national model, with a nationally-recognized youth voice initiative, a peer review process for selecting programs and intensive grassroots community outreach.

Is this just a government program? AmeriCorps is a public-private partnership. Programs are required to raise matching funds from businesses, foundations and other sources.

How many AmeriCorps programs are there in North Carolina? 24. The State Commission sponsors 8 operating programs (6 of these are multi-site programs) and 6 planning grants. The federal agency, the Corporation for National Service, sponsors 10 multi-site programs in the state.

What are North Carolina's funding priorities, and how were they determined? Education, health and human needs, public safety and the environment.

North Carolina's State Vision for Service was established based on an outreach process that included more than 6,000 people in the state. Six regional service summits of 800 people and a peer review group of 40 contributed to the process.

How are the programs selected? The State Commission on National and Community Service selects local programs based on funding priorities and citizen input.

Will counties without programs this year have them next year? Technical assistance efforts are currently targeting those counties for training and education in the 1995 grant application process.

How will the success of the programs be measured? Site visits, achievement of objectives and program documentation will all be factors. Ultimately, programs will be judged on their impact. Did more children learn to read? Were fewer senior citizens institutionalized? Are there fewer homeless families because there is more

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How many AmeriCorps members are there in North Carolina? There are 469 AmeriCorps members in North Carolina, including 249 in State Commission-sponsored programs, 129 in multi-state Corporation for National Service-sponsored programs, and 91 in VISTA programs.

The North Carolina State Commission on National and Community Service is a referral agency for potential AmeriCorps members, but the local AmeriCorps programs are responsible for recruitment and placement. All AmeriCorps members must show a commitment to service, be over age 17, be a citizen or legal alien, have a high school diploma or complete a GED prior to completion of their term of service, and have the skills necessary to the position.

Why is it important to fund positions? AmeriCorps gives North Carolinians of all ages a forum to give back to their communities, to help find ways of addressing community-defined needs, and to develop a life-long ethic of service. How can I find out more? Call the State Commission on National and Community Service at 1-800-443-3961.

Through the N.C Support Our Students AmeriCorps Demonstration Project, 58 AmeriCorps members have developed or expanded 87 after-school enrichment programs in eight counties across the state. Because of their service efforts, more than 3,000 elementary and middle school-aged children have a safe environment to go to after school where they can work on their homework and have fun.

New River Senior Health Corps involves 20 part-time senior AmeriCorps members who are meeting the health, nutritional and companionship needs of other senior citizens on a daily basis. At least two of the seniors being served would still be in the hospital if it were not for this AmeriCorps program. The cost of hospitalization for a year is \$42,000. Just providing daily services to those two particular senior citizens is saving the community \$84,000 per year, roughly the size of this grant.

SCALE Community Literacy Initiative placed 43 part-time and 2 full-time AmeriCorps members in partnership with Johnson C. Smith University, N.C. Wesleyan, UNC-Chapel Hill and Fayetteville State University. These AmeriCorps members are working to increase literacy levels across the state, creating more adult readers and doing preventive work with children. In Chapel Hill alone, nine AmeriCorps members have worked with community members to set up four new family literacy programs in community centers, homeless shelters and neighborhood associations.

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