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Quote:

"The only justification for ever looking down on somebody is to pick them up."

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson

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lition against racism supports Cavellini

nor charges against Co-Chairperson of Carolina Public Service Workers Network (NCPSWN) and member of the Executive Committee of the Coalition Against Rac- . two hours after he was wrongfully ism (C.A.R.). Don had been at- arrested, fifteen supporters came tacked by a rookie police officer while he was marching for justice and against racism and sexual harassment. Don was merely helping bystanders understand the urgency of conditions in the Greenville Police Department and the Pitt County Schools. For this, he was snatched from behind, choked and wrestled to the ground. There was no provocation by marchers, no warning by police and no prior announcement of arrest. Over 30 evewitnesses were prepared to testify in court that Mr. Cavellini was only exercising his first amendment rights de-

scribed in the march permit ob-

tained from the Greenville Police

Tree City USA by The National

Arbor Day Foundation. It is the

seventh year Greenville has re-

ceived this national recognition.

"We are proud and honored to be

named a Tree City USA. The green-

ing of Greenville is a partnership

of volunteers, organizations, and

people working together with their

City government to achieve this

important goal," said Mayor Nancy

The Tree City USA program is

sponsored by The National Arbor

Department by C.A.R.

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The Police Department and the District Attorney must have realized the power of the organized citizenry because Don was released on March 4, 1995, the day of C A.R.'s 6th march for justice. Just to the Pitt County Detention Center to free Don on a \$500.00 bond. Earlier, while Don waited, three law enforcement officials (including arresting officer B. A. Groccia and Magistrate Brinson) took 20 minutes to search through two volumes of statutes to come up with charges of "impeding the flow of traffic" and "resisting, obstructing, and delaying arrest"

The dropping of these charges is both a victory for every citizen willing to stand up for what he or she believes in and a testament to the solidarity of the courageous members of C.A.R. It is not proof that the "legal system works"; otherwise, Don would never have been assaulted or arrested. It is proof

Day Foundation in cooperation

with the USDA Forest Service;

and the National Association of

To become a Tree City USA, a

community must meet four stan-

dards; a tree board or department,

a city tree ordinance, a compre-

hensive community forestry pro-

gram, and an Arbor Day obser-

"Trees make a world of differ-

ence in our communities," John

Rosenow, the National Arbor Day

Greenville Named Tree City USA

State Foresters.

there is something seriously wrong with the administration of government in the City of Greenville. The Greenville Police Department, the Mayor and the City Council already stand accused of perpetrating and/or tolerating racism, sexual harassment, selective enforcement and retaliation in the cases of Lt. Fordham and Corporal C. J. Melvin.

There's a pattern in denying people democratic means for solving problems in this city and county. Not only has CAR been denied a permit to march on two occasions, most recently on March 18, 1995, but also city and county officials have refused to sit down and negotiate with the he recognized worker and community leaders. Bill Worthington was fired for helping to expose 45 health and safety violations in the school bus garage and representing his fellow bus drivers. Lt. Fordham, Cpl. Melvin and other Black po-

"Trees have long been recognized

for the beauty and value they lend

to our homes, neighborhoods,

parks and business areas. At the

same time, those trees conserve

energy, help clean the air, protect

rivers and streams, and provide a

home for wildlife in our towns and

"An effective community forestry

program is an ongoing process of

renewal and improvement -a pro-

gram of tree planting and care

that continues through the years,"

lice officers have been railroaded whenever they exercise their democratic rights.

The dropping of charges today to avoid further embarrassment from denying our rights could also mark an opportunity for the Mayor and the City Council to take back control of the city from Police Chief Hinneman. The denial of march permits and the attack on Cavellini occurred during the very week we recognized the 30th anniversary of the vicious attack on Selma, Alabama civil rights marchers. City and county officials still have a chance to reverse the growing impression that "eastern Carolina of the 90's has begun to look like Alabama of the 60's" (Quote from John Graham, as reported on

Clayton and Rominger present check to **Enterprise Community**

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton its, budget cutting, deficit reducwill join acting Agriculture Secretary Richard Rominger Tuesday at 10 a.m. to present a \$4.7 million check to the Halifax/Edgecombe/ Wilson Empowerment Alliance that was designated as a Enterprise Community last December. The presentation will be held at the Edgecombe County Administration Building at 201 St. Andrews Street in Tarboro.

"At a time when spending lim-

Black firm wins contract

Jackson, Miss. -Lextron Corp., an African American owned firm in Jackson has been selected by BellSouth and AT&T Network Systems to manufacture telephone multistation protectors, devices that shield outside telephone terminal connections from lightening and electrical surges. The five year, multimillion-dollar contract is the largest in Lextron's fouryear history.

WCTI-TV on March 6, 1995).

Lextron was chosen following several plant visits by BellSouth and AT&T Network Systems officials. Mike Baumgartner, sales vice president for AT&T Network Systems, said Lextron's plant facilities and engineering sources were critical factors in awarding the business to Lextron. He added, BellSouth and AT&T also selected

Lextron based on the firm's potential to create jobs, stimulate economic value and enhance training opportunities.

We currently have seven fulltime employees," Lextron President Charles Doty said, "but this contract will enable us to employ as many as 27 full-time and parttime people, and we will double the size of our facility."

Lextron-an electronic component manufacturing and assem, bling company-is AT&T's manufacturer of choice for the protectors, which will be used by BellSouth's two operating companies, South Central Bell and Southern Bell, the six other Regional Bell Holding Companies based throughout the United States and GTE. BellSouth will use the pro-

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difficult of times for African American leaders and achievers like Dr. Linner Griffin. Given the shift in political climate and the scarcity of African American faculty on campuses like ECU, we must all stay vigilant, aware and motivated to continue the struggle for equity

and justice in this country Dr. Griffin received a signed "On the Pulse of Morning" poster from Dr. Maya Angelou and a beautiful silver engraved plate. The African American women who work with Linner organized this event. Drs. Mary Jackson, Lessie Artis, Yolanda Burwell and Misses Annie Parker, Shelia Bunch, Lauretta Lewis and Debbie Moody wanted to honor the important accomplishment of tenure by "one of their

tions and rescissions, seem to dominate the role of the federal government today, it is refreshing to announce a program that will help people," said Clayton. "This is an example of government paving the way for people to take control of their lives—government as a partner-rather than a guardian."

The Edgecombe County Enterprise Community will receive a \$2 million grant and a \$2.7 million loan. Rominger will travel to Robeson County, following the ceremony, and present a check to the Robeson County Enterprise Community for \$7 million which includes a \$2 million grant and a \$5 million loan.

The Enterprise Zone and Enterprise Communities designation were made to communities across the Nation long plagued by poverty-both rural and urban.

The designations were based on strategic plans developed after local leaders, organizations, state officials and the private sector came together to develop plans, according to Department of Agriculture officials.

Each Enterprise Community designation will mean special consideration for various federal programs and other assistance, in cluding social service block grants. new tax exempt Facility Bonds and tax incentives for employment. stated Agriculture Department

The Empowerment Zone Enterprise Community law was signed by the President August 10, 1993. The President announced 95 EC's. 30 rural and 65 urban. Overall, nine EZ's were designated, three rural and six urban

Foundation's president, said lonoring one of our own

Dr. Linner Griffin, Assistant Professor in the School of Social Work at East Carolina University was recognized for the successful achievement of tenure at the university. A community of family, Featured speaker for the evening friends and colleagues gathered at was Dr. Cressie F. Hairston, Dean

ebrate this professional milestone. the Hilton on April 2, 1995 to cel- of the Jane Addams College of

Social Work at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Dr. Hairston gave a spirited talk on this being the best of times and the most



Cavellini's arrest

officials.

Greenville, NC - There's an irony to the arrest of Don Cavellini on March 4, 1995 while he was marching with the Coalition against racism to demand equaljustice for all workers and an end to sexual harassment in the Greenville Police Department. Don was the only one of the sixty marchers of that day who is white Italian-American to be precise.

There have been other white workers who have participated in the five previous marches, which started on January 21,1995. throughout various Greenville

neighborhoods. But this Saturday, instead of further victimizing the people who dare to protest their oppression, one officer of the Greenville Police Department chose to assault and arrest a supporter of those coura-

geous enough to protest.

This unprovoked attack seems to be part of a pattern of retaliation against those who are perceived to be "traitors" to their race. In late January, 1995 Ms. Janet Holston, President of the Pitt County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), was allegedly shoved and verbally abused by Greenville police officers as she was pursuing her duties to report citizen complaints to city authorities.

The perception of betraval by white supporters of people of color has a long legacy. John Brown and other who stood up to the institution of slavery were so labeled. So too were Michael Sehwerner, Andrew Goodman and Viola Liuzzo, who were murdered while advocating equal rights and the abolition of Jim Crow laws.

To racially target - to - Decimate — to emasculate -

A Negro Lawyer of power and honor:

Levonia Frazier

Reginald Frazier, Jr.

In a time of great historical, immense social turbulence, nullification, interposition and incensed tumulous changes in the social frames and schemes; political and religious ways of Black and White styles of life in North Carolina; an evil way of life that held fast for too long; more than 350 years; came like a "thunderbolt," Reginald "Rex'- Frazier; hereinbefore, and hereinafter described as the Negro Lawyer; rising up from the watery graves of the Atlantic Deep (20,000,000) black souls, raped and murdered in the greatest attempted "migration" of human flesh, in the history of civilization; a holocaust of incomprehensible dimension. The bloody which is more than enough to swell and flood the banks of the mighty Mississippi from Saint Louis to Memphis, with them dry bones and blood of the black American slaves; rising from "these" ashes of his beloved family of ancestors; like "the Sphinx" clinging, grabbing, hugging, embracing, the common law rules of American legal history. Rules of constitutionally foundestablishments; North Carolina (1776 - 1971! and the established Union of this Republic; at all times herein described,

Reginald, who was latter to become the and a Negro Lawyer "Icon", mixing the blood of his own, as well as his aforementioned ancestors, with the blood of a racially constricted white people of power; a world of white power controlled "master and servant" domination, a world completely inculcated and inextricably woven into the American art, religion, its institutions of science and liberal arts; and most outstanding; its rules of law; indeed the 'seine qua non" of all; i.e.,

"that which nothing else could be." Early on one frosty morning on February 27, 1936; Leander and Martha Rogers Frazier gave a life and unto the world a tinny little black boy baby, whom "God" then and there blessed and ordained as a "Godly force," a new and fresh force who would latter in the (time frame) of the 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's, preach, proclaim, teach and echothroughout the State of North Carolina as one of its trail blazing "Negro Lawyers," what Jesus "wailed and screamed!!" from the cross in unrelenting pain and urgency on "Gogatha" hill 2,000 years immediately and next preceding the coming of Reginald Frazier; words of everlasting "theological intrigue" still a mystery to white

people; although 90% of white

Christians (supposed to be) em-

braced, scripturalized and inscribed the moment in their "symbols" of life's "call" to duty; i.e., the "sounds and calls" of Christ to God, "Eli Lama Sabatha Nie," i.e., father forgive them for they know not what they do; they were indeed in need of a shepherd and were only meek, shallow, lame, lost lambs and sheep. The child and the "man" Reginald, like his ancestral blood, in the immortal person of "Simmon of Serene," the black Roman centurion and soldier, who, at the moment of civilization's greatest moment of Christian salvation and redemption; transformation from evil and sin, in all, of human time; Simon the black Roman centurion, cried salt tears of the earth "Calvary"; his black cheeks "wet" with tears of compassion and love for Christ, looked up straight into the red eyes of Christ, the emaciated figure hanging by nails and rope on the cross; Simmon say our; the Lord and Savior looking down

on his black face of teras, smiling, blessing, forgiving and extricating him and the black people the earth all over from evil slavery; isolation and domination; as his last living gesture of his Holy, Holy, life.

Reginald Frazier, the little black boy being born into a world where; and doctrines of brotherhood; at

seemingly where, little black boys and girls were predestined and destined to be and become nobodies and to go no place in the America as it then manifested its powers; Reginald Frazier came out of the warm womb of Martha, whining, kicking and shining; just as he does today, as a light for the people of North Carolina to see, to hear, and to ponder; a black boy, man, whose life, deeds and "practice of law" AB - LLM & JD at North Carolina Central would change lives; change institutions of racial segregation and denial in religion, education and the institutions of North Carolina Justice, the then and there "Rule of Law" which directed hate and evil power and redirected total hell in black life and the total scheme of black life.

Reginald as young and not so young lawyer, was "God's" way of giving to North Carolina through his flesh and ancestral blood, which would, embrace life and its then and there systems of adversity (adversities) for (253 good years; with the faith, knowledge and fortitude, that if life and changes were to come into a more fruitful place and world, the black world as a people; it would come only by embracing the Lord of all Gods; our God all mighty; by living out the teaching all times caring for/and/loving his fellow men and fellow women; only then will there be total extrication from poverty, alienation,

isolation and racial denial. If and when this task finds its common denominator will we all "black and white" find peace of life, a joyous life and a life everlasting in North Carolina; our nation and up where we belong.

The "bright and morning star" will then guide us and bless us bountifully; as a people we will emulate and follow Christ and His covenants - long live "Reginald Frazier" as he continues to challenge "evils" and "authorities" in the justice processes; the all white legal establishment which is totally segregated in North Carolina, a black bar and a white bar; the black bar being totally powerless and totally inert and baseless of "power", may God's mercy and grace shine on him, "the prison," which, wrongfully incarcerates his body and spirit; my loving father and husband. An inspiration to us

This day (his birthday) in the name and honor of black history month; a history, legal and otherwise, he helped shape by and with his sweat, blood and tears and most of all; his dignity and honor as a black man.

from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



MRS. MILDRED LEE

Centarian Mrs. Lee, 101

Mrs. Mildred Lee, 101 years old, Thursday, March 30, 1995, who now resides at Tar River Manor Nursing Home, 2578 West 5th Street, Greenville, North Carolina, owner of her own home at 1206 West 5th Street, Greenville, North Carolina, was a faithful, committed and dedicated member of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church for more than 90 years, with a perfect attendance until her health failed her some two years ago.

Mrs. Lee has been deaf most of her life, yet she pressed and did starch work for College View and Rainbow Cleaners for more than 40 years, stated Mrs. Mildred Whichard, who worked side by side

Mrs. Lee especially loved her

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Sunday school, Class #10 and her her only son, Herbert Lee have preceded her in death. weekly Bible and prayer sessions Her four granddaughters - Mrs. on Wednesday night, stated Mr. Gwendolyn Lee Tyson, Associate M. T. Lewis, leader and chairman of the deacon board of Sycamore

Director of Minority Affairs, ECU's Medical School, Mrs. Patricia Lee Hill Baptist Church. One of her Mair, Coordinator, Chapter 1, strong points - she always fell on Grades 3-5, South Greenville her knees whenever and wherever she prayed. One of her favorite School, Janet Coleman, Bronx, expressions, "You must have the New York, and Jennifer Lee Story, Seat Pleasant, Maryland and sevbirth certificate" (Holy Spirit). She eral great grandchildren oversee was a devout, Christian lady who regularly and tenderly her needs would give vent to her feelings so and care.

Mrs. Lee's legacy will live long after she's gone. She is one of Sycamore Hill's cornerstones

Characteristics of a Good Leader:

Confidence, character, communication, confidence, teamwork, initiative, knowledge and experi-

Steps in Planning a Budget:

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next week? Have you planned how much you will save? Is there money left after your

purchases?

I am somebody



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MELVIN TILLEY

often during a spiritual service.

Until 14 years ago when Sy-

camore Hill moved from Green and

First Streets, Mrs. Lee walked to

church; in fact, she walked wher-

ever she went - the bank, post

office and especially did she enjoy

walking to Flanagan Funeral

Home, viewing bodies whether she

Her main enjoyment was sitting

on her porch reading the Bible and

studying her Sunday school les-

son. People enjoyed sitting with

her, gobbling up her wisdom and

Biblical knowledge. She had no

reservation about challenging any-

body whose behavior was unbe-

coming and see was heard. She

has read the Bible completely

through from Genesis to Revela-

tion I've heard her say, many times.

Her husband Johnny Lee and

She was an avid reader.

knew them or not.

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I may be on welfare, I may be prematurely pregnant, I may be on drugs I may be victimized by racism

but I am somebody! Respect me. Protect me. Never, never neglect me. I am God's child.

Copied by Khadijat Olanrewaju, **Eppes Middle School**

3 easy ways to make your marriage last a lifetime:

You can build a happy marriage by following the three A's attention, acknowledgment and appreciation.

Reverend Jess 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.

We, parents, have stressed education and discipline, we have nurtured our children through disappointments and cheered them through victories. We have taught our children self-respect and duty and commitment, values that help to ensure success.

Family background is the most reliable predictor of a black child's academic performance. Family is a child's most important asset. Yes, our children have been insulted by racism, but they are not broken or embittered by it. Through the warmth of parental love they have a steel against life's later cruelties. Remember, parents are our children's first and most influential role models. "Every father should remember that one day his son will follow his examples instead of his advice".

"When you are in trouble, people who call to sympathize really looking for the particulars". Ed Howe "If you wish to know what a man is, place him in authority". Yogoslav Proverb

What bugs you?

Asking this question to several people, let me share their comments/ responses:

1. Individuals visiting, don't have time to come in, rather they hold you at the door fifteen minutes with the door open, letting out the heat or the air.

2. Going out of doors, leaving them open. Someone has said, "this is so true of rural/country folk."

3. Giving unsolicited advise. 4. "The know-it-all" who con-

trols all conversations/discussions.

MRS. BEATRICE MAYE

5. Just listening instead of talking uninterruptedly.

6. Folk walking in yards instead of on the sidewalk or at the edge of

7. Going out mornings in the yard/street to see: (a) paper, (b) potato chip bags (c) cigarette butts,

8. Putting one on hold while you chat otherwise.

9. No value of time

10. Honking the car horn instead of ringing the doorbell.

11. Consistently letting the phone ring several times without, answering especially when you're

12. Wait a minute, let me find a paper/pencil when you want to take

13. A deed well done - no "thank 14. Using someone's bathroom

or a public restroom without flushing the stool. 15. Eaves-dropping - how rude! 16. Monopolizing the discussion/

conversation. 17. Walking to the right, avoid-

ing bumping into people. 18. In church, "my seat", people

crawling over you, instead of moving on down. 19. Entering or leaving, whether

post office, or wherever, the person lets the door close in your face. 20. The receptionist is so busy

that you stand there minutes before she recognizes you.

21. Nurses yelling out your illnesses. Your illness is personal

22. The Personal Inquirer-"Don't

you know I'll tell you what I want you to know?'

23. The preacher/pastor who relates a personal conference or counseling session-the nest Sunday you hear it from the pulpit or something is discussed or he hears news that he doesn't like, he bellyaches from the pulpit.

24. I compliment a friend or individual, then he or she responds with a compliment as returns (This usually sounds insincere)

25. A simple greeting, "How are you?" The response is a series of physical ailments. You didn't expect and organ recital.

26. "You're putting on weight". The individual knows that.

27. "Popping in" why not call, if

at all possible.

"Three things can ruin a man: money, power and women"

Harry S. Truman



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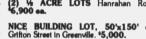
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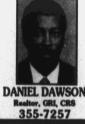


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into a commercial for the democrats

This week, the Rev. Al Sharpton and I, together with other black leaders, concluded a two-week march to Albany, the state capital

of New York, to protest the draconian budget cuts proposed by Republican Gov. George Pataki. Although the media downplayed the march, there was strong com-

Affirmative Action: Unfinished Business

a national response to the need for African Americans to come together to confront political, economic and social problems that we face in government, the workplace and in our communities.

Organized in 1975, we have sought to promote excellence in government through equality of opportunity. We are comprised of more than 230 chapters and seek to represent the interests of the 2.5 million African Americans employed by federal, state and local government agencies.

We are disturbed by the assault on affirmative action, both as it affects government workers and the African American community as a whole. The evils of discrimination and institutional racism that inspired the organization of BIG in 1975, are still with us. The only difference is a public policy that calls for affirmative action to

Public Notice



To all business associates, clients, and supporters of the Minority Voice, Inc., (Radio station WOOW in Greenville, radio station WTOW in Washington and the "M" Voice Newspaper):

Effective March 10, 1995, Mr. Roger Johnson has embarked on a new business venture and is no longer an employee of nor associated with the Minority Voice, Inc., in any capacity. We wish Mr. Johnson every success in his businessendeavors; however, the management and staff of Minority Voice, Inc., will in no way be responsible for any business negotiations or financial obligations incurred by Mr.Johnson.

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Blacks In Government (BIG) is remedy past and present effects of historical discrimination. Elimination of that policy will mean we will have much less to work with in our efforts to bring about equality of opportunity in the govern-

> Moreover, government is one of the largest single employers of African Americans, employing more than 2.5 million African-Americans. At the end of fiscal year 1993, African Americans accounted for over 17.2 percent of the federal workforce, compared with the 10.6 percent share in the U.S. civilian labor force. At the state and local levels, African Americans account for 18.1 per-

Affirmative action has become a policy of government in this country. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Equal Employment Act of 1972 require federal agencies to implement affirmative employment programs to eliminate the historical under-representation of women and minorities in the workforce and as protection against discrimination that presently exists in our society. The Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 requires federal agencies to conduct affirmative recruitment for those specific occupations and grades in the federal workforce in which minorities and women are underrepresented. The success or failure of affirmative action programs has profound implications for the African American community. How much impact have these programs had on the quality of life for African American public ser-

When viewed as a work in progress, a great deal; but viewed as a completed work as suggested by those who would end affirmative action, the picture is one of inequity and inequality. African Americans employed by government agencies complain about disparate treatment in promotions, job assignments, appraisals, awards and disciplinary actions. They perceive a double standard that permeates every aspect of the government workplace and results in a fast track for many Whites that permits them to advance much further often with less qualifica-

munity support for it throughout the state. But while the marchers and the participants in the town hall meetings held along the way have been very militant in their opposition to the racism and antipoor mentality of Pataki's Republican administration, there is a real danger in this process. The danger is that the militant demand for jobs, for a safety net for the poor, for decent education and health care, could get turned into a rallying cry for the Democratic

This is the same Democratic party that has abandoned the black community as much as the Republicans have. And any attempt to turn this movement into a commercial for the Democrats undermines the black agenda and exacerbates the disempowerment of ordinary people.

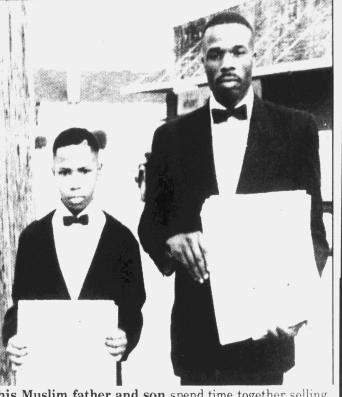
At a national level, the Democratic Party has made it clear where it's going. No longer in control on Capitol Hill, the party is busily strategizing how to make itself even more attractive to conservative, white, middle-class, suburban voters in order to reconstitute its congressional majority. The African-American community has

been relegated to a mere footnote in this strategy. Our votes are counted. But our needs and s

aspirations don't count. In New York, while the Democratic Party still nominally controls the State Assmebly, there are so many upstate white Democrats who are afraid of losing their seats to Republicans in teh next election that they are acting more like Republicans than the Republicans. The death penalty bill, recently signed into law by Gov. Pataki, was passed by a Democratic-controlled Assem-

If the black community wants to put itself in a position to challenge the policies of the Pataki administration in New York, and the Republican-controlled Congress of the United States, then it has got to reconsider its political allegiances. I have been working with a diverse grouping of political activists around New York and across the country who have been creating an independent political option for African-Americans, together with all Americans. This option is the Patriot Party, and it champions a full restructuring of the political process so that ordinary people can shape everything from the budget to welfare policy to the justice system.

A move to a multiracial independent party by African American voters will send a wakeup call down the corridors of power in every state capital andin Washington, D.C. that no amount of marching, chanting and militant slogans can equal. I invite you to join me in building the Patriot



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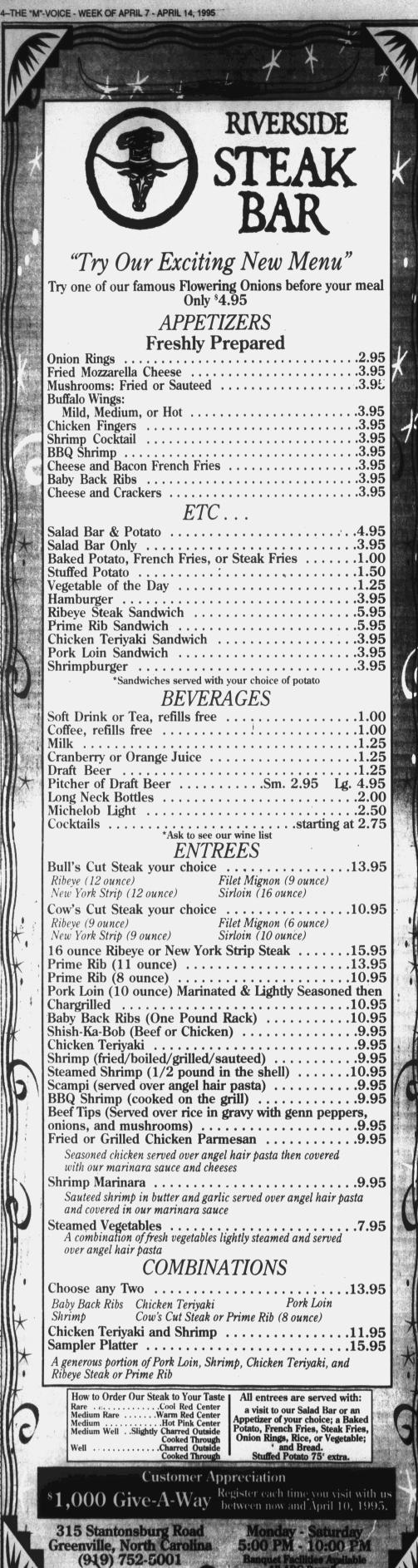
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Local Artist Debuts Recording

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

She has opened concerts for such gospel greats as the Winahs, Vernessa Bell Armstrong, Williams Brothers, Shirley Ceasar, 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 Musicin 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



MS. BONITA BURNEY-SIMMONS

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.

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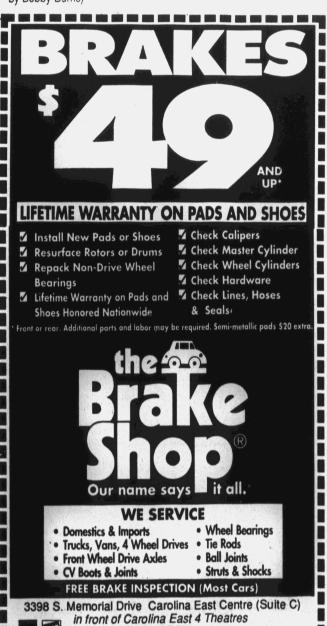
The Attorney is confined without any freedom, in spite of having had several heart attacks

Each church is being asked to donate \$100 or more. Please make checks payable to "Frazier's Defense Fund" and mail to the above listed address.

Thank you in advance. Frazier's Defense Fund Rev. W. G. Hickman, Chairman

Williamston's Kim Moore, right, became the newest member of the Martin County Bar last week after she was sworn in by Judge William C. Griffin, Jr. Mocre, who has entered general legal practice with her parent's firm, Moore & Moore, earned her law degree from N.C. Central University in Durham in May of 1994 and passed the Bar exam in June. In college, she was president of the Student Bar Association, worked in the Legal Services Department of the Durham Public Defender's Office and won the Floyd B. McKissick Leadership Award. (Staff photo by Bobby Burns)

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Beaufort Choral Society

...The Beaufort County Choral Society is proud to present its Spring Concert on Palm Sunday, April 9, for two performances. The featured work is the "The Seven Last Words of Christ," by Theodore Debois, a sacred contata sung in Latin. Also on the program is a selection of short sacred and gospel works, such as "Jacob's Ladder" and "Ezekiel Saw The Wheel."

Concert dates are: Sunday, April 9, 3:00 pm, First United Methodist Church, Washington and 7:30 pm, St.Thomas Episcopal Church, Bath

Admission is Free and everyone is cordially invited to attend. Please come, and support quality choral music in Eastern North Carolina.

Terra Ceia Choir

Terra Ceia Community Choir to Present "Messiah" for Easter The Terra Ceia Community Choir will present the Easter portion of Handel's "Messiah" on Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m. Fifty vocalists and trumpeter Harry Bauguess will perform under the direction of Alma Evett. The public is invited to attend the performance at the Terra Ceia Christian Reformed Church. Admission is free and child care is provided. For more information, please call 943-2957. The Terra Ceia Christian Reformed Church is located on Terra Ceia Road off Highway 32 north approximately 14 miles from Washington.

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Community News

Obituaries

Mr. Otango Tojuan Harris, 16, of Bert St., Maury, died Saturday, March 25, at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Greenville. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 1 at 11:00 a.m. at East Greene Elementary School, Walstonburg with Rev. Darrell Harris, officiating. Interment followed in the Speight Family Cemetery, Snow

Mr. Harris was born in Wilson. He was a sophomore at Greene Central High School, Snow Hill. Mr. Harris is survived by his

father, Willie Joyner, Sr. of Snow Hill; mother Beverly Harris Barnes of the Bronx, New York; stepfather, Michael Barnes of Bronx, New York; four brothers, Willie Joyner, Jr. of maury, Hollandra Joyner of Snow Hill, Antwaun Harris and Justin Barnes, both of Bronx, New York; one sister, Monique Harris of Maury; maternal grandparents, John and Doris Harris of Maury; paternal grandmother, Ethel Mae Joyner of Walstonburg; paternal great-grandparents, Roosevelt "Tunch" and Bessie Marie Moye of Ayden.

ONEIDA C. PHILLIPS

Mrs. Oneida Clark Phillips, 72, of 1102 Courtland Drive, Greenville, died Thursday, March 30 at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Zion Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ayden with Bishop C.R. Parker, officiating. Interment followed in Winterville

Mrs. Phillips was a life long resident of Pitt County. She was a member of Zion Chapel FWB Church, Ayden where served on the Usher Board and as a member of the choir.

Survivors include four sons, Jimmy Smith of Passaic, NJ, Robert Smith and Kenneth Phillips, both of Greenville, and Gurvis Phillips of Baltimore, MD.; five daughters, Marlene Anderson of the home, Helen Best, Renee Best, both of Greenville, Jean Bryant of Fayetteville and Jocelyn Darby of Baltimore, MD.; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

TONY T. ROACH Mr. Tony Tyrone Roach, 25, of

105 Ivory St. Grifton, died Sunday, March 26 at Lenoir Memorial Hospital, Kinston. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 1 at 2:00 p.m. at Bread of Life Church, Grifton. Interment followed in Pugh Family Cemetery,

Mr. Roach was born and reared in Craven County. He was a 1990 graduate of West Craven High School, Vanceboro and a student at Pitt Community College. He was employed by Gray & Creech, Inc., and part-time at Golden Coral Steak House.

Survivors include: one daughter, Carla Nicole Cavero of New Bern; his father, David Powell of Cove City, Geraldine Roach Tucker and step-father, Joseph T. Tucker both of Grifton; three brothers, Shawn Tucker of Grifton, Jermaine Powell and Kevin Powell, both of Cove City; five sisters, Stephanie Roach and Daphnie Roach, both of Grifton, Stpehanie Powell, Tamika Powell and Jennifer Powell, all of Cove City; paternal grandfather, Arnell Powell of Grifton.

BETTIE B. TYSON

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral service for Mrs. Bettie Barrett Tyson, 60, of Bellarthur, N.C. who died Thursday, March 30, 1995 at Pitt Hospital Memorial Greenville,N.C.

The funeral service was held Tuesday at 2:00 pm at Mitchell's Funeral Chapel in Winterville with Bishop Randy Royal officiating. Burial followed in the Winterville Cemetery.

Mrs. Tyson was a native of Pitt County and attended the county

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Concert organist at NC Central

Spillman will perform at North Carolina Central University's B.N. Duke Auditorium at 8 p.m. March

The concert is free and open to the public as part of the university's Lyceum Series.

Spillman was a protege of the French composer, Maurice Durufle. and is highly regarded as



HERNDON SPILLMAN

She is survived by her husband, Calvin Tyson of Bellarthur, N.C., 4 daughters; Annie Rose Tyson of Jacksonville, Florida, Rosa Mary Tyson and Joyce Tyson both of Winterville, N.C. and Carmalinda Early of Greenville, N.C., 2 sons; Steven Ray Barrett of Greenville, N.C. and Calvin Earl Tyson of Winterville, N.C., her mother, Annie Lee Barrett of Greenville, N.C., 1 brother, Floyd

He was the first to record all of Durufle's organ works, on an album which received France's "Grand Prix du Disque." That re-cording has recently been re-released on compact disk on the Titanic label. Also on the Titanic label are Spillman's A Diversity of Riches, featuring 20th century American composers; French Suites for Organ, featuring works

by Clerambault, Messiaen, and Durufle; and 300 Years of French Glory, reflecting Spillman's international reputation as a performer of French organ music from across the centuries. Spillman's early musical studies took place in Huntsville, Ala.

He received the Bachelor of Arts degree in music from Dillard University in New-Orleans, then began graduate study at Indiana University as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees from Indiana University, as well as the Performer's Certificate.

As a doctoral candidate at Indiana, Spillman worked with the university's Black Music Center to assemble a collection of organ music written by black American

Barrett of Greenville, N.C, 2 sisters; Nell Davis and Christine Barrett both of Greenville, N.C., 6 grandchildren, number of nieces, nephews other relatives and

The family met friends Monday night from 7 to 8 P.M. at Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville.

He has studied with Oswald Ragatz, Marie-Claire Alain, and Andre Marchal, in addition to his work with Durufle.

Spillman, who tours widely in the United States and in France, is coordinator of the organ pro-

gram in the School of Music at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge

He will present a master class workshop at NCCU's B.N. Duke Auditorium at 4 p.m. March 29. For further information, call Dr. Paula Harrell at 919 560-6343.

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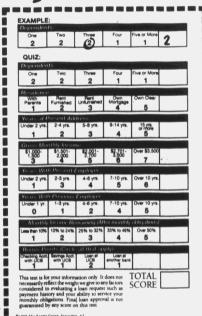
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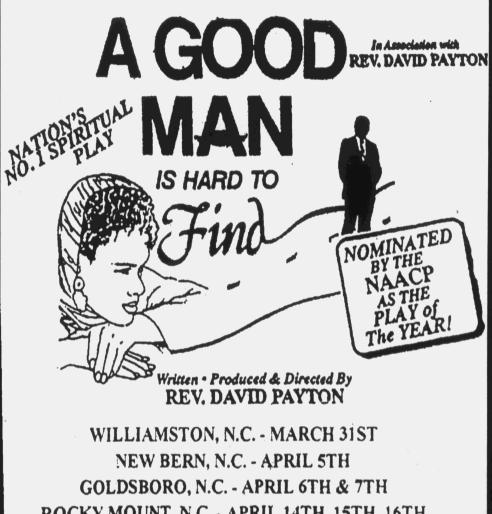
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Jordan comes back to earth, scores 23 in Bulls' win

Michael Jordan followed his 55point masterpiece with a low-key 23-point performance Thursday night, adding 11 rebounds and six assists in leading the Chicago Bulls to a 100-82 victory over the Boston

Unlike Tuesday at New York, when the Bulls needed Jordan's outburts to defeat the Knicks 113-111, Chicago was in control throughout against Boston.

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After the Celtics pulled to 69-63 late in the third quarter, the Bulls used a 15-2 run to sew up their 12th win in 16 games and pull within one game of Cleveland for the fith Eastern Conference playoff seed.

Jordan scored 8 points during the run, including a soaring slam after Scottie Pippen's nice feed. Pippen added 17 points.

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Toni Kukoc, who had been strug-

triple-double with 14 points, a career-high 11 assists and 10 rebounds.

Derek Strong scored 17 points for Boston, which fell a half-game behind Miami in the race for the final playoff spot in the East. Dee Brown, coming off a 41-point effort, scored only 9 on 2-of-10 shoot-

It was the second home game of Jordan's second career but the night had none of the electricity of his United Center debut last Friday. In fact, it was easily the most boring game since Jordan re-

When Jordan left the game for good with 3:11 to play, about half the crowd began filing out. The only thing left to cheer was Kukoc's 10th rebound, which came right at the final buzzer.

Jordan, who took 37 shots against the Knicks, went 8-of-17 Thursday. He tried only seven shots in the first half. The Celtics fell behind 53-41 at halftime because of their 28 percent shooting.

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King to promote **Tyson**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS CLEVELAND - Mike Tyson needed only 61 seconds-almost as fast as he knocks out some opponents-to reaffirm that promoter Don King will lead his quest to regain the heavyweight championship.

"Don is the greatest promoter in the world, as we know," Tyson said Thursday in his first public comments since being released from prison Saturday.

With those words, Tyson ended speculation of a rift with King. He did not take any questions after reading a brief statement.

Tyson also said close friends John Horne and Rory Holloway would co-manage him, his fights would be televised by the Showtime cable network and his bouts would be at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas. Tyson didn't mention a fight timetable, but the chairman of the MGM Grand expects him to fight "within six months."

"I want to associate myself with the biggest and the best," Tyson said, "and I look forward to working with them and seeing you soon.

King was not present for Tyson's announcement. His secretary, reached at the promoter's office in Oakland Park, Fla., would not discuss King's whereabouts.

Looking trim in a black suit, the 28-year-old fighter began his statement to the hundreds of reporters who had gathered in Gund Arena by discussing how he spent his three years in prison on a rape conviction.

"For the past three years I've had a chance to reflect on my life and to develop my mind," Tyson said, "and I will continue my journey to making myself a better person so I can help others."

Rose over Greene Central

J.H. Rose 18 Greene Central 6 At Snow Hill

Highlights: Rose trailed 4-1 going into the fourth inning and got two-run homers from Heather Bullock and Kelly Meeks to take a 5-4 lead. The Rampants pulled away after that. The Rampants have scored 73 runs on 100 hits over the last six games. Tina Armstrong got the victory in her first start of the season.

J.H. Rose.....010 433 7 - 18-25-3 Greene Centra. 400 000 2 - 6-8-7 WP-Tina Armstong (1-0). LP Michelle Streeter.

Leading Hitters: JHR - Amy HIll 5-5 (4 RBI), Tina Armstong 4-5 (2 RBI), Heather Bullock 4-5 (3 RBI, HR); GC-T. Sutton 2-3, S. Tripp 2-

Records: Rose (6-1).

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Next Game: Rose will play a double header at Jacksonville on Thursday. Greene Central visits Williamston on Saturday.

Bertie 9 Farmville Central 2

At Windsor

Highlights: Farmville Central took a brief 2-1 lead in the top of the second. Shanessa May's sacrifice fly scored Crystal Burroughs, who opened the inning with a walk. Ashley Hobbs then singled to score Crystal harris, who reached on a double. Bertie had five hits, one error and a walk in bottom of the sixth. Kim Simmons struck out two for Bertie. Nicole Hawley had three strikeouts and two walks for

Farmville Central. Farmville Central....020 000 0 -

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Hawley (1-6) Leading Hitters: FC - Cindy Dalton 2-3, Jessica Biel 2-3; B -

Kim Simmons 2-3, Chrissy Lewis Records: Farmville Central (1-

Next Game: Farmville Central hosts North Lenoir Monday.

Faith 7

Trinity 5 At Greenville

Highlights: Trinity's Tracey Knox had a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning of the first game but the rally fell short. She also had a solo home run in the fourth. Miranda Sutton had a solo home run in the second. Faith scored seven runs in the first two innings of the second game. Knox had five strikeouts and a walk in the two games.

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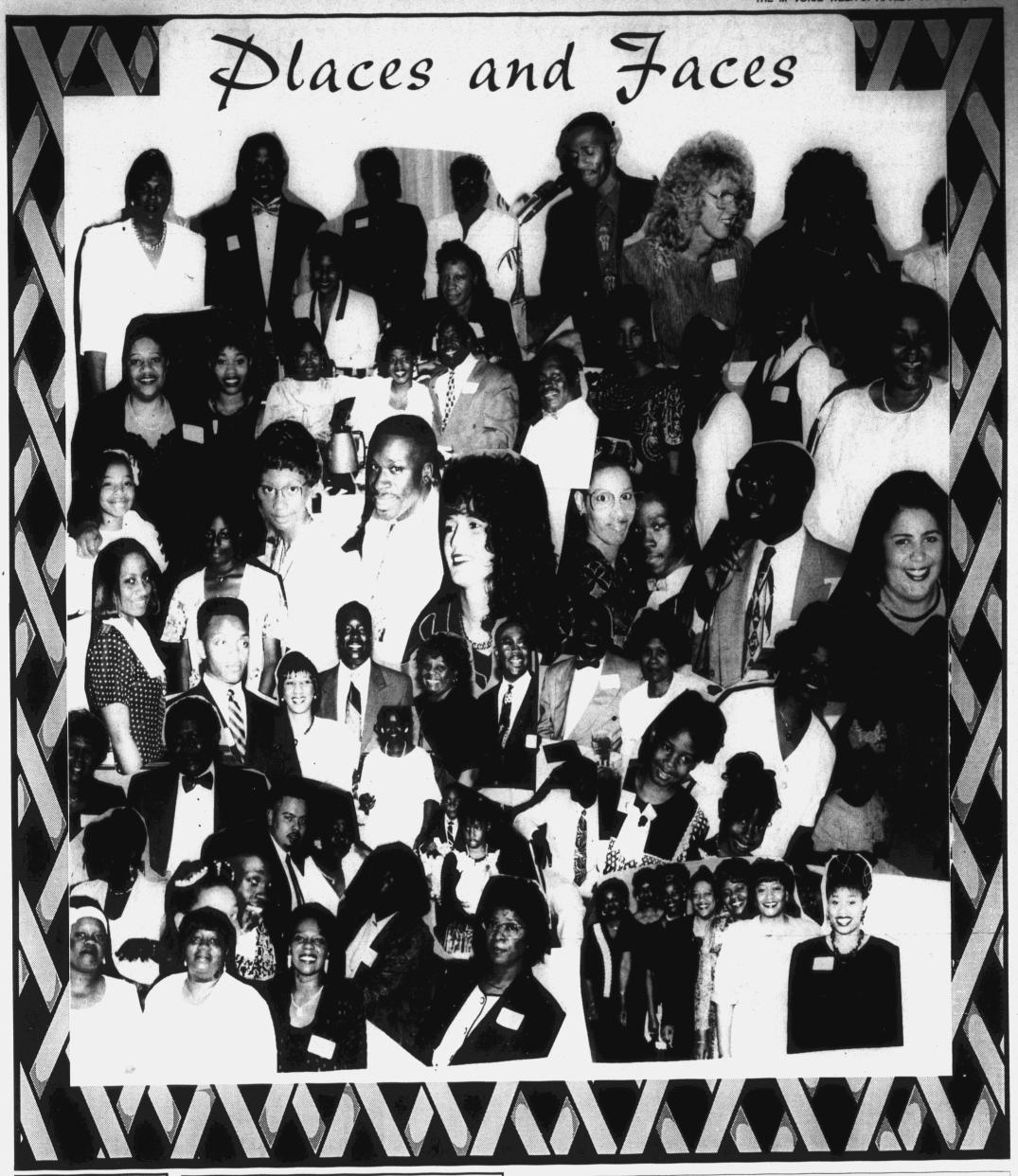
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Van Crouch is the author of the best selling book "Stay In The Game". He also published the video, "Laughing Your Way To Excellence".

Van Crouch is the founder and president of the consulting firm, Van Crouch Communications. Van challenges individuals to achieve excellence in their lives. As a consultant to business professionals as well as sports professional, including major league baseball, NBA basketball, and NFL football players, he inspires a winning attitude.

Van's experience in the corporate world and with professional sports teams, including the former Super Bowl Champion-Chicago Bears, gives him an enthusiasm for life.

After ranking as a top ten sales leader with American Express, Van went on to receive many outstanding awards for his work in the insurance industry and has been a qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table. He is also a frequent speaker for Nightingale-Conant Corporation.

He is a member of World Harvest Church in Columbus, Ohio.

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are sexually active (having sex with more than one partner within the last six months), it is important to be tested regularly for HIV. Although there is no cure yet, there are a number of treatments available, even if you do not have any symptoms of AIDS. Of course, if you know you are infected you need to talk to your doctor about how to avoid infecting anyone else.

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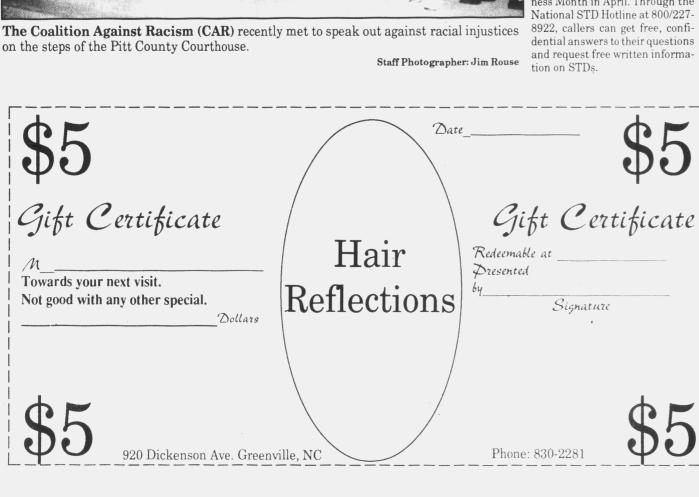
* If you or your partner have other sex partners, you should see your doctor every three months.

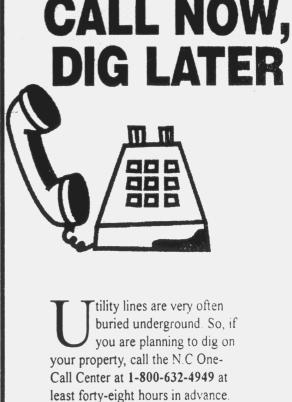


The Coalition Against Racism (CAR) recently met to speak out against racial injustices

April is STD Awareness Month

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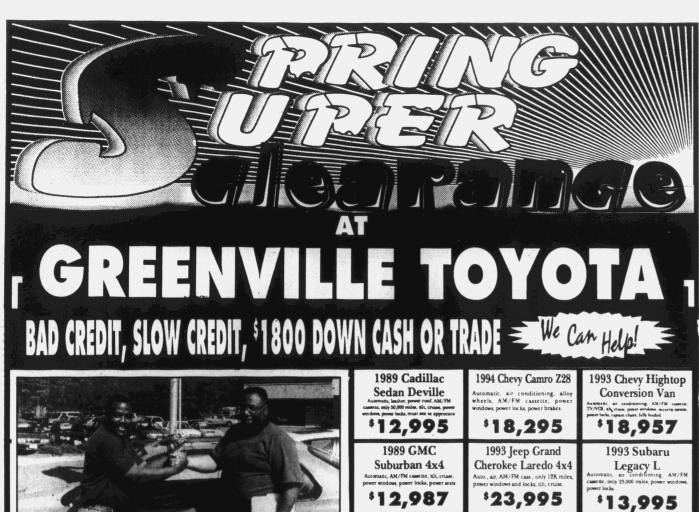
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