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NAACP leader says group faces critical days

Publisher's Note:

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By Stan Alleyne

The executive director of the NAACP urged North Carolina members to continue to fight for freedom and justice regardless of what struggles they might have to overcome.

Earl T. Shinhoster, the national leader of the NAACP, was the keynote speaker Friday at the 52nd annual N.C. State Convention. The three-day event which was hosted by the Goldsboro-Wayne branch ended Saturday night.

"It's hard not to want to give up on American you all. But don't give up on America. And Lord please don't give up on yourself. We want you to be one in a million. We want you to be freedom fighters—strugglers in the cause of free-

dom," said Shinhoster.

"Thank you North Carolina NAACP for keeping the fight for freedom alive. When others had counted us out. When others just simply said wait and see. When others were preparing our obituary and lining up to read it. You stepped up. And today, in spite of it all, in spite of the shortages and shortcomings, the NAACP is in fact moving forward."

Shinhoster told an audience of more than 300 members that the next 60 days will be critical ones for the future of the NAACP.

"All is not well in our beloved organization," said Shinhoster.

"It's going to take people who believe. People who truly, genuinely believe in an unselfish manner in the cause of this great organization to really save us all."

He added, "If people who believe in the cause of the NAACP would just send a dollar. If athletes and entertainers who make millions would share a small portion of their earnings, the problems would be solved. You ask for a dollar and

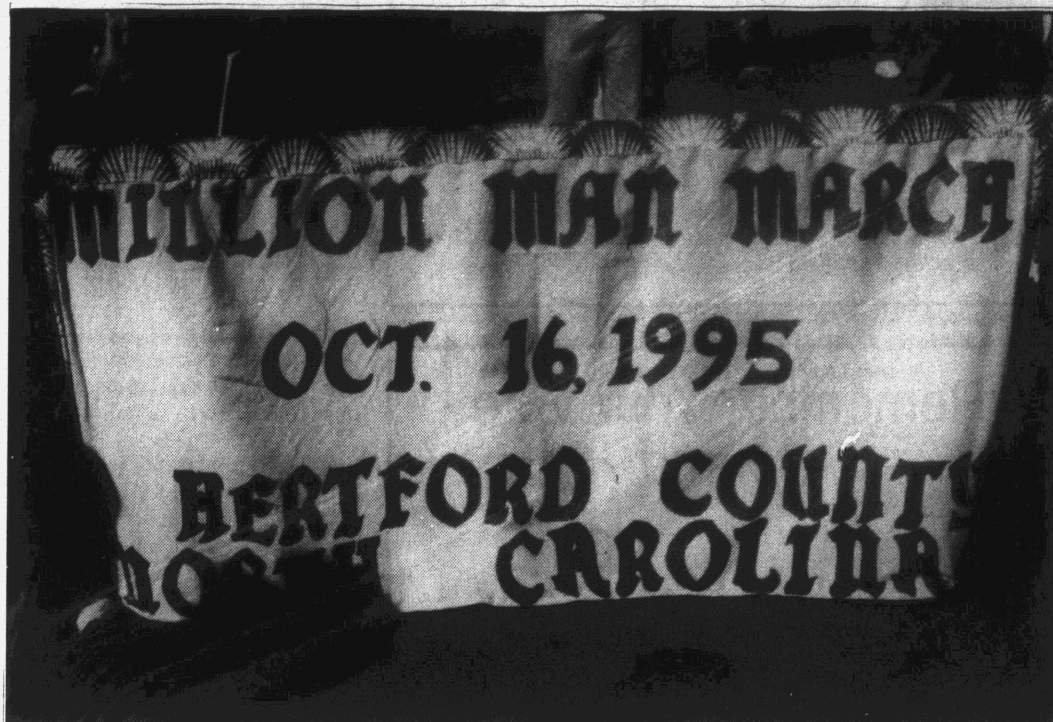
you don't get it. You ask for a \$15 membership and you don't get it. What does it take? It takes people who are committed."

Shinhoster said the NAACP is emerging out of the worst crisis in its 86-year history. He was referring to the financial problems that the organization has faced in the last couple of years and the lack of confidence in the leadership.

He said recovery is at hand, but money still is needed. Membership is the key. About 80 percent of the NAACP's operational fees are paid for by membership fees.

He encouraged middle class blacks to start supporting the organization again. He urged them to give something back. Moments later, he scolded black Americans who have succeeded financially, but have failed to join the causes of the NAACP. "The opportunities they have now came because somebody labored long and hard and sacrificed to keep the doors of opportunity open.

They didn't do it for so some
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THIS BANNER FOR THE MILLION MAN MARCH was proudly displayed by the Hertford County Entourage. Way to go, gang!

NAACP holds 'funeral to bury voter apathy'

By Stan Alleyne

More than 250 people representing NAACP branches across the state marched in the streets of downtown Goldsboro Thursday in a demonstration "to bury voter apathy."

The 52nd annual convention of the North Carolina NAACP is being held in Goldsboro through Saturday.

A mock funeral procession led by children from Wayne County and LaGrange and state NAACP officials gathered outside of Mount Zion Disciples Church on Whitfield Drive shortly after 4 p.m. They walked about a mile on Whitfield Drive and Pine and Spruce streets en route to the Goldsboro Pedestrian Plaza beside the police department complex. The crowd followed a "grieving" family who rode in a black hearse borrowed from Hamilton Funeral Home.

The Rev. Jamal Bryant of the Duke University School of Divinity presented the eulogy. Bryant told the crowd that the mock funeral should be viewed as a homecoming celebration rather a time of mourning.

"I'm glad he's (voter apathy) dead because he's been messing with us for a long time. I'm glad he's dead because he's been on a crime spree for almost 30 years," Bryant said.

"Every time it looked as though we had voter apathy cornered he would sprout out somewhere else. Before we knew it, it was like the plague."

Bryant said voter apathy has infested black communities since 1968. In the late 1960s and early 1970s, black people started becoming complacent about their living situations, he said; people felt like the struggle for justice was over.

"We believed deep down in our

hearts that we had overcome," he said.

Bryant said voter apathy has not only become a burglar to black communities; it also has become a murderer.

"He is a murderer because he has killed the dreams of our young African American children and made them feel like the only thing that they do in Fayetteville, and in Durham and Greensboro and in Goldsboro is pick up garbage and shoot basketball and rap and make babies," he said.

"He has been a murderer who has killed off our vision. I'm glad he's dead because he's a racist. He's erased us of our self-esteem and made us feel like we are less than who we are."

The Rev. Kenneth Matthews,

president of the Goldsboro-Wayne branch of the NAACP, presided over the "New Orleans style funeral."

Matthews called voter apathy a "low-down rascal" that has defied the black community for many years.

"We got him today. I was telling his widow today, 'I'm proud to say today that we're going to bury voter apathy,'" said Matthews.

"This is a closed casket funeral. We're going to drop him so low that he will never rise again. No longer will you be able to make excuses about not voting."

In conclusion, Matthews said, "Everyone who chooses not to vote should join voter apathy in the casket and they can be buried too."

The Power of the Black vote Hundreds Flock to Registration Booths to 'Make A Difference'

By Alvin Peabody

When the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson ran for President in 1988, he brought nearly seven million new registered voters to the polls. Yet, as the 1996 U.S. presidential election nears, Jackson and other Black political leaders are saying that there are still millions more Blacks who are registered to vote.

"If we want to make a difference in our own lives, I think we ought to register and vote," said Rev. Walter E. Fauntroy, a former U.S. Congressman who pastors the District's New Bethel Baptist Church.

And organizers of the Million Man March are stressing that voter participation was one of the many goals to be achieved by the Black community. During Monday's events, organizers placed 18 registration booths along the Mall and repeatedly asked march participants to sign up.

"The message we heard today can be taken to the voting booth," said U.S. Rep. Donald Payne, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus. "I think that's where we can truly make a whole lot of difference in the lives of our

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"ONE IN A MILLION"Prophet James Long, (facing forward) our brother representing the "Joy Crew" at Radio Station WTOW, is shown enjoying the fellowship that was shared by all at the Million Man March in Washington, DC.

Two views of Black America

Authors Tony Brown and Dinesh D'Souza looked at the same Black America and came away with drastically different conclusions. A debate between these two scholars is moderated by *American Enterprise* magazine's Scott Walter on Tony Brown's *Journal*, which will be aired nationwide on PBS November 3 through 9.

Please check local television listings and/or the PBS-TV station for exact date and time in your area.

D'Souza's book, *The End of Racism*, maintains that slavery was not racist; that segregation was designed to protect Blacks because

of their arrested development"; that the civil rights movement was not a triumph of justice; that many White people are racists for good reason; and that all civil rights laws should be repealed.

He believes that Black culture is responsible for the perpetual charges of Black inferiority by Whites and, therefore, "rational discrimination" is legitimized by Black cultural failure. *Time* magazine writer Jack E. White in a column on D'Souza entitled "The Bigot's Handbook" wrote that his book amounts to so much "small-minded zealotry" and raw racism

that even "right-wingers" are outraged.

Brown, PBS commentator and author of a new book, *Black Lies, White Lies: The Truth According To Tony Brown*, refutes D'Souza's claim that Black failure rests on its cultural foundation. "I found no dysfunctional Black culture and certainly no pathological Black people. I did find a struggling people who had been betrayed by their White liberal and Black elitist leadership, and misled into avoiding the education and economic organization that is

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THE "BOYS IN THE HOOD" was in the house....our home team was all smiles as they departed for the "Million Man March" recently.



ATTORNEY MILTON "TOBY" FITCH, (C), is joined by Pitt County commissioner Jeff Savage (L), Attorney Robert White (2nd from R) and others at Washington Central station to depart for the "Million Man March".
Staff photo: Brother Jim Rouse

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NAACP Leader

lowdown no-good rascal could walk through and give nothing back," he said.

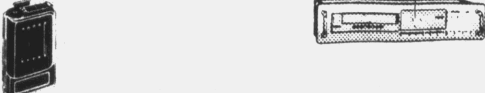
"We don't give nothing back, but we always want something in re-

turn. Those who benefited from the work of the NAACP are needed to join and to financially support this organization. What's going to happen when the NAACP is not

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around who are you going to run to? Who are you going to run to then, your elected officials?"

Shinhoster briefly discussed the "Million Man March" held two weeks ago in Washington, D.C. He called it a resounding success and an overwhelming show of unity.

"The Honorable Louis Farrakhan made the call. But in-

from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



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RESENTMENT - Life is not always fair. Drop it and get back into the battle.

GUILT - is another emotion that stands between you and your dreams.

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Get better, not bitter.

Envision those hurtful emotions as a sword held by an enemy.

Get rid of regret. If you owe someone, pay him. If you are burdened by something you did, analyze it. Was it something foolish you did or did that hurt someone you care about? If so, apologize. Whatever the cost, it is worth it to clear away burdensome emotions. Let it go so you can grow. You have the power to change.

EMOTIONS

The most common emotions that burrow into the subconscious and impede our growth as individuals

ANGER - it only hurts you. Don't get mad, get motivated.

REVENGE - first cousin to anger. it robs you of strength in the long run. The person who has injured you has probably gone on with life; so should you.

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understand the significance of this welfare reform proposal, but the older ones understand and the younger ones will feel the consequences," he said.

Shinhoster said black people can fight conservatives by showing up at the polls next November. He called next year's national election as probably the most critical

in many years. He noted that only 30 percent of blacks voted in last year's election. About 8 million blacks were not registered to vote.

"We've got to get these 8 million folks registered. We've got to get them educated toward the issues and we've got to find a way to get them to the polls," he said.

should be: Well-defines, realistic, exciting and meaningful to you, locked into your mind, and then acted upon. Whatever your dream or goal is, it is going to take the commitment, dedication, drive, focus and faith.

Feel excellency, be dedicated to achieving your dreams, pursue your dream because you deserve it, be unstoppable.

The search of failure is trying to please everybody. Very few people go through their lifetime without scars. Be a better person because of the scars.

Some don't do anything about their health until they are told they have endangered it.

The fruit does not fall far from the tree. We need to check on our behavior against what we expect of the young people in our lives.

We must deal with circumstances just as we find them. We talk the talk without walking the walk.

In dealing with youngfolk or with anyone whom we have authority-

Check Yourself. Do you live what you preach or are the young people around you getting conflicting messages? Are you saying, "Do as I say, not as I do?" Do you drink and drive? Do you lie to your children? Do you cheat on your taxes? Do you call in sick when you are not? Do you hang out with negative people?

Get Involved in Their lives. Can you name your children's friends? What is your child studying in school right now? When is the last time you did something your child wanted to do?

Celebrate their greatness and their uniqueness. All young people have something special just as the adults do. Respect their gifts and they will come to respect themselves.

The lower your self-esteem, the more you are prone or driven to please other people without taking into account your own needs,

feelings and reputation. If you cannot change the problem, change the way you view it. Good things happen to positive people. Let what is past pass.


Harriet Beecher Stowe said, "When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you until it seems that you cannot hold for a minute longer, never give up then, for that is just the place and time for the tide to turn". "Lord, help me to hold on until my change comes." The challenge is to hold on in bad times,

As long as you are here, find ways to make yourself happy. Good things are supposed to happen to me. No matter how bad it is or how bad it gets, I'm going to make it.

Exercise Your Attitude. Are you a defeatist? A moaner and a groaner? Is that a chip on your shoulder? Do you always have a story ready on how life has done you wrong? Bad relationships drain your positive charge. Seek out those who empower you, who inspire and compliment you, the people who enable you to see great possibilities for yourself. You really cannot afford to have relationships with people whose very presence drains energy from you. Seek out quality people. Don't run with the wrong crowd. They can run you to death.

We grow through our dreams. All great men and women are dreamers. Don't let your dreams die. Nurse and protect them through bad times and tough times to the sunshine and light which always come. Robert Schuller, "People do not plan to fail, but they do fail to plan.

When people don't see instant results, many become discouraged with their dreams and goals. They become impatient. You must have patience. Your time is going to come if you work diligently and meticulously. Persist until you succeed.



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Kids Academy Day Care Center

Kids Academy Day Care Center is located at 500 East Avenue, Ayden.

Kids Academy is a state and local certified center. The center opened February 1, 1995, and had only one child (Brianna Woods). The center is now 94% full, and operates 6:30 a.m.

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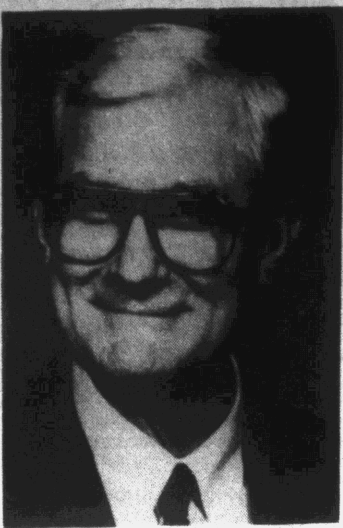
necessary to their empowerment and equality." Brown's book cites a "noneconomic socialism" preva-

lent among the Black community's leadership as racism's co-conspirator against Black progress.

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In *Black Lies, White Lies*, he explains that the real culprit in our diminished race relations is an overall decline of American life and that structural problems such as the failure of public schools and technological displacement of workers has set in motion a "socio-economic metastasis" in which the most marginal sector of society, the poor Black community, shows symptoms of this encroaching societal dislocation first.

As examples, Brown tells D'Souza that the fastest rate of increase among women who are having babies out of wedlock is among White women and that urban gangs have reached an epidemic level in Iowa where the population is 96.6% White. "If you want to see where White America in the suburbs is going to be in the year 2010, go to Harlem or the South side of Chicago today. Take a photograph of them, and you'll see where the middle class and the upper classes of America will be in the next 10 to 20 years."



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Vinroot named Municipal Leader of the Year

Richard Vinroot, Republican candidate for Governor, was named Municipal Leader of the Year this week by a major national magazine.

American City & County magazine, a national publication which reports on local government, issued a press release (a reproduction of which is attached) citing Vinroot's achievements in making Charlotte a model city and his leadership



MONICA SHIRELLE LONG

Long crowned

On Sunday, October 1, Monica Shirelle Long originally from Greenville, was crowned Miss Bovanti/Black EXPO USA of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Bovanti National Model Search was sponsored by Revlon and held in conjunction with the Black EXPO USA in Charlotte. The competition was held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Charlotte, NC. The Model Search is a promotional event designed to secure a Model Search winner from local cities.

During the competition Monica was awarded Miss Positive and she received recognition for the best evening gown.

As the new Miss Bovanti/Black EXPO USA of Charlotte, Monica secured the following prizes; A feature page in an upcoming issue of Bovanti Magazine, \$2,500 in cash and prizes, a one year professional modeling contract with Bovanti Elite Modeling Agency of Atlanta Georgia, Caribbean Getaway and filming of swimsuit video, professional photo session, promotional appearances, one year supply of Bovanti Cosmetics, Spokesmodel for Bovanti Magazine, Miss Bovanti and Miss Positive trophies, luggage set, Revlon sponsored gift packs.

Monica is a 1991 graduate of North Carolina State University with a major in Sociology and a Minor in Education. She is a certified high school teacher and taught Social Studies in Wake forest, North Carolina for two years. The twenty-six year old North Carolina Realtor is presently employed by the North Carolina Department of Transportation as a Relocation Agent. She has resided in Charlotte for two years.

Monica Shirelle Long is the wife of Kevin Yon Houston and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie M. Long of Greenville.

Motto to our youth "...Be self reliant... be self dependent...set goals and work to achieve them...believe in yourself and believe in the distinct, unique and exotic beauty that you posses as an African-American."

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Black Vote

people."

A review of several of the voting sites showed scores of Black men and women lining up to register to vote. "Child, after seeing this gathering today, I'm really inspired to begin making a difference," said Cassandra Loga, a 38-year-old mother of three who said she has never voted before.

"We keep complaining all the time about government not caring for us, but I do believe that voting can force the hand of government," added Tyrone Bush, who also lined up to register to vote. "I've been one of those who've never voted before. But man, this time is going to be different."

As Blacks continue to face obstacles on Capitol Hill with a Republican-led Congress, Jackson, who is threatening another try for the White House, blasted the federal government for "chastising our women, chasing our daddies and locking up our children. But we can change that if we go back home and register to vote."

ability as the main reasons for the award.

Vinroot was commended for his forging of public-private partnerships, the creation of 14,000 new jobs, the privatization of government operations (saving taxpayer money), fighting crime and solving transportation problems.

"I am pleased to win this honor," said Vinroot, "I believe it highlights some of the successes of my administration and outlines my qualifications to be Governor of North Carolina."

Vinroot continued, "I want to do for North Carolina as Governor what I have done for Charlotte as Mayor-make it an even better place to live."

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- On Tuesday, November 7th, you will have a choice and that choice is crystal clear.

VOTE FOR CHUCK AUTRY --GREENVILLE CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

FOR CITY COUNCIL

At-Large

(You may vote for ONE (1))

- ☒ Chuck Autry – DEMOCRAT
- ☐ Jack Wall – REPUBLICAN

Tomorrow is not ours

Isaiah 55:6 Seek the lord while he may be found, call on him while he is near.

The devil has never asked any person to sign a contract to go to hell. He has never asked anyone to Promise him never to be converted and become a child of God.

All Satan asks of any person is one day at a time.

In other words he just wants you

to reject Jesus, and refuse to be saved.

He wants you to do nothing about your eternal welfare, He knowsd there are Ten Thousand ways by which you can die and go to Hell in the next twenty-four hours!

His program for you is to get you to put off until tomorrow what you should do today-even this very moment, if you are not saved.

Now is the day of salvation. 2 Corinthians 6:2

For he says, In the time of my favor

I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of

God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Today is ours, yesterday has been dissolved and tomorrow may near be ours.

I ask you to ask yourself the eternal question,

Are my sins covered by the blood of Jesus?

And if not please do not say well I'll do it next Sunday or some other time,

Now is the Time. Is there any who would like to be saved,

If so, come to the Alter. By: Brother George Lewis

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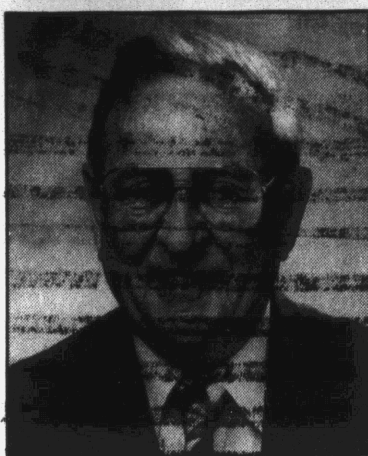
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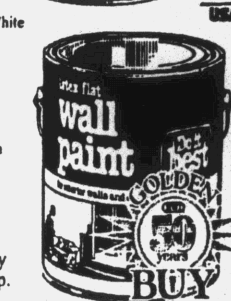
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