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## What's going on for King Day?

January 14th

The Southern Christian Leadership Conference Annual Two Day King Celebration, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the York Memorial Zion Church, located on 201 Tyson Street in the City of Greenville. Broadcasting live will be Joy 1340.

The guest speaker, a resident of Atlanta, Ga, Mr. Albert E. Love, president and founder of Loving Action Ministries.

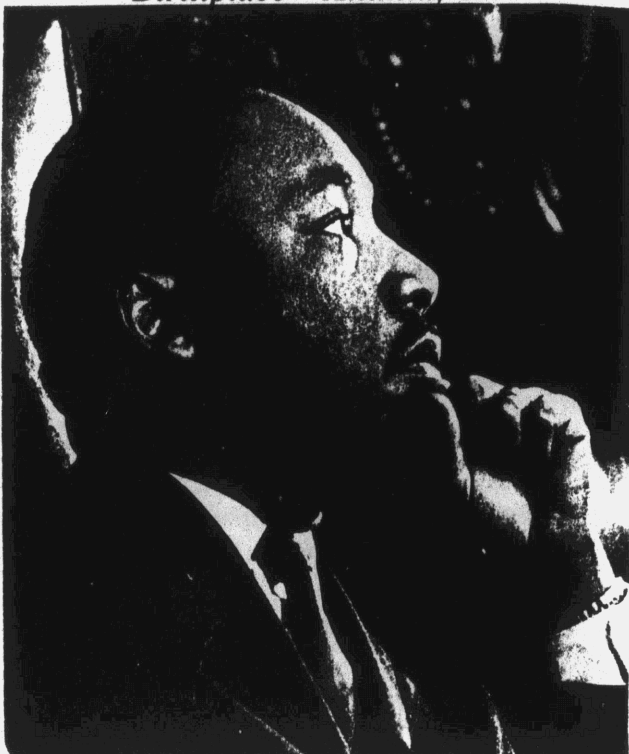
January 15th

Starting at 12:00 p.m. there will be a youth program held at the York Memorial AME Zion Church. There will be beautiful music rendered by local youths. This will be a Martin Luther King Celebration you won't forget.

Remember Sunday and Monday, January 14th and 15th. For further information call (919) 758-6733.

## King, Martin Luther, Jr. 1929-1968

Birthplace—Atlanta, GA



## "Drum Major for Justice" Nation of Islam to appeal court's dismissal of lawsuit against Post

A libel lawsuit filed by Minister Louis Farrakhan against the New York Post was dismissed December 19 by a judge who ruled that no proof of malice was shown by the newspaper's reports on the Muslim leader.

Farrakhan sued the Post and columnist Jack Newfield following a March 12, 1995 column which characterized words of Dr. Betty Shabazz, widow of Malcolm X, to appear as an accusation that Farrakhan is guilty of her husband's murder. Newfield's column appeared under the headline "Widow pins Malcolm X Murder on Farrakhan," and was based on an NBC interview which aired the next day.

In her decision, New York State Supreme Court Justice Carol Arber said Farrakhan had to show "actual malice" or "reckless disregard for the truth" to proceed with the lawsuit.

Arber said she was dismissing the suit because no evidence was shown "of actual malice or any facts from which it could be concluded that the defendants acted with reckless disregard of the truth."

Nation of Islam attorneys Ava Muhammad and Abdul Arif Muhammad issued the following statement: "Since the very beginning of this action, the New York Post has admitted, through its at-

torneys, that it printed defamatory statements concerning Min. Louis Farrakhan. We, in turn, made a clear record of the motive and intent behind the stories. The government planned to destroy Min. Farrakhan's credibility in the Black community, subjecting him to injury and even death, or to arrest and indict him for the murder of Malcolm X. The underlying objective was (and is) to deprive the Black community of its only independent and effective leadership.

"We have not received a copy of Judge Arber's decision. If the basis for the dismissal is that we have 'failed to establish any evidence of actual malice,' then such conclusions are completely erroneous as a matter of law. The decision is outrageous and flies in the face of overwhelming proof of malice on the part of the New York Post, its publishers and agents. We will file an immediate appeal.

"We submitted videotapes, books, newspaper articles, documents from law enforcement agencies, even an affidavit from the late attorney William Kunstler, to provide the court with a complete history of the circumstances and events surrounding the assassination of Malcolm X. We made a clear record demonstrating the fact that the New York Post consciously and deliberately deviated from the truth when it printed the defamatory headlines: 'Widow of Malcolm X fingers Farrakhan' and 'Widow pins Malcolm X murder on Farrakhan.'

"Further, under New York law, the act of charging an individual with conduct which constitutes a crime, is deemed to be defamatory on its face. Also, we have not yet been afforded the opportunity to engage in the discovery process, to take depositions from writer, Jack Newfield, or the individuals he quoted.

"This is the same judge who nearly one year ago, ordered Min. Farrakhan to submit to a deposition; now, after the Post attorneys have introduced reports by the Anti-Defamations League into the record, she suddenly finds the case to be without merit. We cannot permit the leader of the Nation of Islam to be maligned and vilified.

"As Min. Farrakhan has stated, he is a man walking in the footsteps of Jesus. A man unwilling to compromise and bend. The enemies of Jesus were the scribes (media). We believe it is the will of Allah (God) and His messenger that we obtain justice. We will fight until the victory is ours."

## ECU plans Martin Luther King birthday observance January 15

A candlelight march and a speech by a Baptist minister from Durham will highlight ECU's observance of the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 15.

The march will start at 6 p.m. in the College Hill area of campus.

The procession will wind through the main campus until it reaches Mendenhall Student Center. The participants will then gather in the theater for a presentation by the Rev. Kenneth R. Hammond, the pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Durham.

Rev. Hammond is formerly of Greenville. Before moving to Durham, he was the pastor for Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church in Williamston and the Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Greenville. He was also a member of the staff in the Division of Student Life at East Caro-

lina University.

The program is open to the public.

Also related to the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration is another public presentation at ECU on Wednesday, January 17. The presentation, "Lessons from the Past: Visions for the Future," will be delivered by Dorothy F. Cotton, a former member of Martin Luther King's executive staff.

Cotton served as the education director for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference from 1960 to 1972. She was the only female member of the organization's executive staff and worked with King to train local leaders to assist with the civil rights movement in the South.

Her presentation on Wednesday is free and open to the public.

## ECU speaker to recall her work with noted Civil Rights leader

Dorothy F. Cotton of Ithaca, N.Y., a member of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s executive staff, will give a public address at East Carolina University on Wednesday, January 17.

Ms. Cotton, who served as the educational director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) from 1960 to 1972, will offer her insights about the messages and teachings of the civil rights leader. Her presentation, "Lessons from the Past: Visions for the future," begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Room of Mendenhall Student Center.

The program is part of ECU's Martin Luther King birthday observance and is free and open to the public.

Cotton, the only female member of King's executive staff, worked

with King to develop and direct the Citizenship Education Program. The program trained local leaders to assist with the civil rights movement in the South.

In addition to her work with the SCLC, Cotton served as the regional director of ACTION, the federal government's agency for volunteer programs, from 1978 to 1981 and was the director of Student Activities at Cornell University until 1991. She has also served as the vice president for Field Operations for the Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Non-Violent Social Change in Atlanta.

She is a consultant and public speaker on a variety of topics including race relations, cultural diversity, communication, personal and spiritual growth, and human relations.

## Biography of Debra Ann Dixon Trahan



DEBRA ANN DIXON  
TRAHAN

Although a native New Yorker, Debra Ann Dixon Trahan, 31 years of age, was raised a large portion of her life in North Carolina. She is the sixth child and the second daughter born to District Elder Alfred Dixon and Mother Constance Dixon.

North Carolina is where most of her early education began. She was baptized in the name "Lord Jesus Christ" and received the gift of the Holy Ghost at the tender age of five. She and her seven brothers and sisters were filled with the Holy Ghost and began their music ministerial experience at The Bibleway Holiness Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Apostolic Faith Inc., where her father was Pastor.

She was the 1st soprano voice that was talented even as a small child. Often times she traveled with her father when he evangelized, singing the altar calls and compelling men and women to come to the Lord through song. Though small in stature, she was blessed with a big voice.

Debra along with her brothers and sisters would sing the praises of God in the group called "The Gospel Troubadours." A name given them by their mother. They traveled extensively with their dad and mom lifting up the name of Jesus, encouraging souls through the beautiful blending together of their unique harmony.

Her father was called to another part of the vineyard and moved to Trenton, New Jersey, where Debra not only graduated from Trenton Central High School with honors, but received a Visual Arts scholarship to one college of her choice. She became the lead singer on her very first album recorded along with the Trenton Central High School Gospel Choir, and led the title song "The Victory."

Debra, the shy introvert, blossomed into a beautifully anointed young teenager, who became aggressive in the music ministry and service of the Lord. As a result of her life and testimony, many young people were drawn to Christ and received the gift of the Holy ghost.

Debra and her sister, Cathy, were the youngest Junior Missionaries to ever become licensed Social Missionaries in the history of The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, but it was their outstanding achievement in soul winning, alter work and faithfulness that elevated them to the office of Social Missionary recommended by her Pastor, Mother Gurtrude Frazier and Mother Pandora Williams, former and present Presidents of the International Missionary Department of The Churches of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

She attended Philadelphia College of Art where she concentrated

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## Racists in the Military: The NAACP Challenge

The first chore facing the newly-selected NAACP executive director can actually begin while he is still a member of Congress.

Congress and the Pentagon must immediately and thoroughly investigate the Fort Bragg, North Carolina, murders of a Black couple by white supremacist soldiers, and Rev. Kweisi Mfume (D-Md), can combine his roles as a member of Congress and as the designated leader of the nation's oldest civil rights group in the process. At the same time, this is the kind of case that is tailor-made for the NAACP's independent perspective, if it will face the challenge.

The tragedy of the senseless murder of an innocent Black couple

by White, race-hating members of the 82nd Airborne Division is indeed dwarfed by the history of open racism in the U.S. military right up to this very minute! During the last decade and a half, racism has flourished in the society as a whole. Racism is rampant on the airwaves of conservative talk radio hosts Bob Grant and Jay Diamond in New York, and can be heard implicit in the comments of nationally syndicated talk show hosts Rush Limbaugh, G. Gordon Liddy and Oliver North.

Racism has flourished on college campuses, in the workplace, in the legislatures and in the courts where affirmative action has been

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SHOWN HERE IS MRS. ESTELLE JOYNER . . . with her grandchildren. They paused for a brief respite during a shopping trip in one of our local malls. Wanna bet they were buying something special for Brother Lindberg "Cadillac Shorty" who is convalescing at home? Condensed to the Joyner Family

Staff photo by Jim Rouse



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## Racism in military

under attack with caustic and hateful language. At the same time, there has been an unabated cesspool of race hate within the ranks of the military which, ironically (other than athletics), is America's only true "meritocracy," where performance in uniform—not racial identity—is the most valid criterion for evaluation and advancement.

Harsh words? A bitter assessment? Ask the World War II decorated Tuskegee Airmen. Ask your decorated Black veterans of the Korean conflict. Ask your decorated Black veterans of the Vietnam War. These men and women are our fathers and grandfathers in our homes (or read former Time magazine correspondent Wallace Terry's book, 'Bloods,' or listen to his record, 'Guess Who's Coming Home,' detailing racists goingons

in 'Nam).

Ask your sons and brothers who participated in U.S. military adventures in Santo Domingo, in Grenada, in Panama, even so recently as the Persian Gulf's Operation Desert Storm, or in Somalia (remember the Canadian soldiers using the 'N' word and inventing a new one-nig-nogs—while serving in Somalia?). Those African American military veterans will tell you, as though they spoke with one voice, that after they fought the armed enemy, their commanders told them to fight on the battlefields, they had to literally fight for their lives against the Ku Klux Klan in their own barracks!

Now, concerning the Army secretary's mock surprise and shock over the depth of racism (the cesspool as I call it), at and around

Fort Bragg: a young man, a Desert Storm-era veteran who was stationed there recently, told this writer that he routinely saw Ku Klux Klan recruiting literature and meeting announcements on the base. Why didn't officials take notice before?

The race-haters were so open, they didn't even care if Black soldiers knew they were operating there! They flaunted their presence in the face of Blacks! Indeed, one of the men accused of this most recent murder, apparently made no secret of his White supremacist views, actually displaying a Nazi flag over his bed in the barracks and consorting with other soldiers in "skinhead" garb on the base!

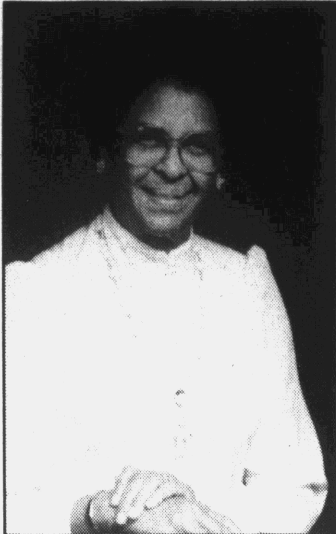
As Grand Master Flash said in his record, 'The Message,' "...sometimes it makes you wonder..." did the officials condone the racism

there? Well, if the former Commandant of the Marine Corps was to be believed two years ago, he set a similar tone, declaring that in his view, African American Marine Corps officers, as a group, just didn't shoot as straight, use compasses as well, or score as well on written tests as White Marine officers.

Now, the double irony and challenge facing the new NAACP

leader, Rep. Mfume, concerning racism in the military is a year-old investigation into racial harassment and expulsions, discrimination in promotions, and retaliation against Black complainants conducted on Army bases in Texas and Oklahoma, and presented to acting NAACP executive director Earl Shiholster by a Northern Virginia military veteran and NAACP activist this summer.

## from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



BEATRICE MAYE

### GET A JUMP AHEAD!

1996 Theme: African-American History Month

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1996 Theme: "African - American Women: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow"

Dr. Carter Goodwin Woodson, founder

### SYMPATHY

Our sincerest sympathy tot he Barnhill Family in the passing of their loved one, Representative Howard C. Barnhill

### THE MAKING OF A MENTOR

"If you are planting for a year, plant grain.

If you are planting for a decade, plant trees.

If you are planting for a century, plant people."

Mentoring is not a new idea. In fact, mentoring at one time was the only means or way of passing down and transmitting values, skills, and character qualities from one generation to the next. Mentoring is a principle as old as the Word of God: "As iron sharpens iron," says the book of Proverbs, "one man sharpens another."

Moses mentored Joshua. Ezra mentored Nehemiah. Elijah mentored Elisha. Barnabas mentored Paul and John Mark. Paul mentored Timothy, Titus and others. Paul also mentored Aquila and Priscilla, who in turn mentored Apollos. And of course the master mentor Jesus Chnst, mentored and passed down the values of the Kingdom of God to the Twelve. Although He preached to the masses, He invested Himself in a few, knowing that those few would invest themselves in still others and thereby transform the world.

So then if we want our families, our churches, our businesses, our communities and ultimately our world transformed...then we must determine as Men of God and Men of Courage, to pour our lives into the next generation. We must invest in them, by spending more time with the few. We must learn to live for the next generation. We must become mentors!

But what does it mean to be a mentor? The word Mentor derives its meaning from the character in Homer's *Odyssey*. In this ancient Greek fable, King Odysseus of Ithaca, while he went off the war, entrusted his only son, Telemachus, to the care and training of his wise and trusted friend Mentor. Mentor, was a wise, caring man, who was committed to training the next generation of leaders for the kingdom. These are essential qualities for the making of a mentor.

Mentoring also means to "be a trusted counselor or guiden. And the key word here is trusted. A mentor earns the respect and trust by the quality and faithfulness of his life.

Also, a mentor means to "be a

coach or teacher". Not a drill-sergeant barking orders, but a player coach. One who will not only teach, but will show the way, by going the way and who will lead and encourage by example.

So a simple definition of Mentoring, offered by Ron Lee Davis, in his book 'Mentoring, The Strategy Of The Master' is this "Mentoring: A process of opening our lives to others, of sharing our lives with others; a process of living for the next generation.

### The Values/Moral standards for men of courage

Unity: We will value and strive for and maintain unity in the family, church, community, race and nation.

Self-determination: We will value ourselves, define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves; instead of being defined, named, created for and spoken for by others.

Collective work and responsibility: We will value, build and maintain our family, church and community together. And make our brothers' and sisters' problems, our problems, and solve them together.

Cooperative Economics: We will value, build and maintain our own economic zones in order to recycle our dollards and profit from them together. We will value the black work ethic of our forefathers and

teach economic freedom to our children.

Purpose: We will value and strive to restore our family, church and community to the original purpose for which God has created and established them. That purpose being to be His Answer for the world's lostness. To be God's Eyes and show the rest of humanity how to return unto the Lord our God, the creator and sustainer of life.

Creativity: We will value and strive to always use our God-given spiritual gifts and natural talents to the fullest capacity, and therefore leave our family, church and community, more equipped, advanced and knowledgeable than we inherited them.

Education: We will value and pursue education, both formally and informally. In order to develop ourselves so that we may be able to "give ourselves up" and "use ourselves up" for family, church and community. We will instill by teaching and training, the importance of education to our off-springs.

Faith: We will value and live a life of faith, that is total trust and belief in the true and living God, the Holy Scriptures (the Bible). We will value and believe in our parents, our children, our teachers, our leaders and our people and in the righteousness and victory of our warfare.

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## Debra Trahan

on a Bachelor's of Fine Arts in the area of graphic design. She was awarded many attributes for her creativity.

Debra's ministry grew more and more and she became a lead singer with the Concert Choir and the Grammy award winning Elder Timothy Wright from New York City. She branched out, singing with the New Jersey Mass Choir and The Philadelphia Mass Choir and finally recorded her 2nd album with The Brockington Ensemble entitled "Jesus I Love You," where she again led the title song.

It was Debra's humble spirit and anointed voice that encouraged Bishop William L. Bonner to request that she travel with him and a evangelistic team to Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa, to teach and sing the praises of our Lord Jesus Christ and to celebrate the opening of the newly built Refugee Temple in Monrovia, Liberia established by the founder of the Churches of Our Lord Jesus Christ the late Bishop R.C. Lawson, while there, she worked in Congo town and taught in the schools and sang at the revival services held nightly at the Centennial Pavilion. She visited two other countries, Zaire and the Ivory Coast.

She recorded her third album with the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ International Music Department and also led the title song "We Just Came to Praise."

Debra has traveled in and out of the country singing and worshipping God with such gospel greats

as: Albertina Walker, the late James Cleveland, the late Thomas Whitfield, Bebe and Cece Winans, Shirley Caesar, Andre Crouch, to name a few, and many more. She has numerous awards that honor her community service, as well.

In 1993, Debra recorded her 4th album with her dear friend and musical colleague, Sister Dana Powell and the Strait Gate Judah Choral. She led the soul stirring song "I'll Live for Him Who Died for Me."

During the summer of 1994, she recorded her 5th album, in which she leads the title song "Give Him a Chance," recorded by David Bratton and Spirit of Praise.

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Debra is presently a vocal instructor at Columbia University in New York City and the Director of Music for The Fresh Air Fund in New York City. In her spare time, she is a voice instructor and vocal coach. She is currently celebrating 28 years of dedicated and faithful service in the work of the Lord. "Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:31.

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Staff photo by Jim Rouse

# Andrews completes South American deployment

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Terry R. Andrews, son of Rosa L. Cherry of 102 Sandstone Court, Greenville, has returned to Naval Station Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico, after completing a six-month South American deployment while serving with the commander of the U.S. South Atlantic Force embarked aboard the destroyer USS Comte De Grasse.

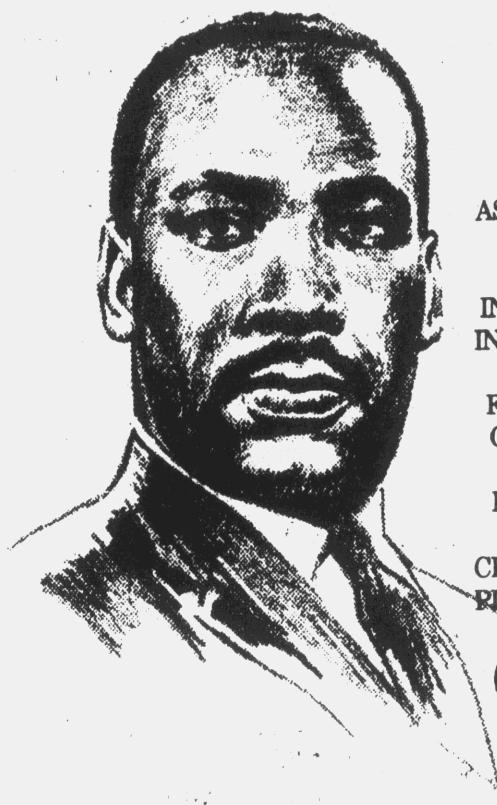
Andrews is on the staff of the admiral in charge of all U.S. Navy operations in the South Atlantic Ocean and the waters near South America. Andrews is one of a select group of Sailors and Marines aboard the ship who worked for the admiral and traveled 23,000 miles to participate in the multinational exercise UNITAS '95. UNITAS '95 began off the coast of Puerto Rico and continued around South America. UNITAS is Latin for unity. USS Comte de Grasse served as the flagship for the exercise and was one of seven U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships that participated.

During the deployment, Andrews and fellow staff members helped coordinate naval operations and exercises with South American naval forces while at sea, and a variety of social and community relations events while ashore. The exercises and military social events improved the ability of the different forces to operate together while promoting friendship, professionalism and readiness. Unitas served as a catalyst for strengthening the bonds between the different naval forces participating in the exercise.

## A Salute To Martin Luther King, Jr



Above: (left to right) Ralph Abernathy, M. L. King, Jr., and Fred Shuttlesworth read a court order enjoining further demonstrations. (UPI Telephoto) Below: Abernathy and King are arrested at the conclusion of a march in considered defiance of the injunction. (Wide World Photo)



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## Ray Sherman teaches NFL quarterbacks the tricks of the trade

Look to Ray Sherman if you're looking to improve your offense in the National Football League (NFL). That's what the Minnesota Vikings did this year and it's already paying dividends.

The Vikings hired the 21-year coaching veteran to tutor their quarterbacks, and Warren Moon has been the difference. Last year the 12-year NFL pro had a minus-1 touchdown-to-interception ratio, throwin 18 touchdowns to 19 interceptions.

This year, with Sherman as his coach, Moon passed for 3,934 yards on 31 touchdowns and 14 interceptions. His total yardage was fourth best in the NFC, and his 91.1 qb rating was sixth best in the NFC.

Minnesota head coach Dennis Green is pleased with his decision to hire Sherman. "I made the move for two reasons," said Green, the NFL's third ever Black head coach. "First of all, I was familiar with Ray, and I knew what a tremendous coach he was."

"Secondly, I knew he had worked with Warren in Houston, and he was comfortable with him. They work well together in practice and on game day. Warren turned it up a bit, and we think Ray's played a big part in that."

Sherman, who began his coaching career in college at San Jose State in 1974, has been successful wherever he had coached, particu-

larly in the NFL. He made his NFL debut as running backs coach for the Oilers in 1988.

Houston's running game improved from 14th to the NFL in the 1987 to fourth in Sherman's first year. The Oilers set a team record for rushing touchdowns (26) and finished second in the league in scoring (424 points). In 1989, Sherman coached the Oilers receivers and the team's offense improved to 10th in the league from 22nd.

Sherman's receiving corps of Ernest Givens, Drew Hill, Haywood Jeffries and Curtis Duncan combined for 211 catches, 2,964 yards and 18 touchdowns in helping the Oilers reach the NFC playoffs.

Following his success in Houston, Sherman moved to the "Red Gun" offense of the Atlanta Falcons as the team's assistant head coach for offense. Under Sherman, the Falcons jumped to 10th in the NFL in both scoring and total offense after placing 24th and 22nd in those categories in 1989.

San Francisco was Sherman's next stop in the NFL, first as the 49ers' running back coach. He worked with an offensive unit that averaged 116.3 yard per game and 4.2 yards per carry after gaining 78.6 yards a game and 3.6 yards a carry in 1990. Moving to receivers in 1992, Sherman tutored a pass-

ing attack featuring Jerry Rice and John Taylor that finished second in the NFL in 1993 and third in 1992.

"The guy just flat out knows the game of football," says 49ers head coach George Seifert. "He knows how to break down defensive schemes, and he always finds new ways to attack even the best defenses."

The year before joining the Vikings, Sherman was the offensive coordinator for the New York Jets. There he helped receivers Rob Moore earn a Pro Bowl berth with 78 receptions for 1,010 yards.

"He's a tremendous teacher," says Vikings wide receivers Chris Carter. He helps us find crack and decreases in the defense or in a guy's technique that pays dividends during certain situations in games. He knows what he's talking about, so I'm not at all surprised at the success he's had in the NFL."

Sherman hopes to continue his good fortune with the Vikings. "We're on the right road," Sherman said, "We've gotten a little more consistent on both sides of the ball. We're basically doing the same things, but we've modified some routes and patterns that I know Warren is comfortable with. Football is a game of match-ups. And we've been getting the right match-ups. We'll get there."

## Clayton holds health care forum

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton will be joined by Rep. Louis Stokes for a health care forum to discuss the impact of proposed budget cuts on health care facilities and workers January 13 at The University of North Carolina at Wilmington. University Center from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"The devastating effects this proposed budget will have on health care facilities and its workers cannot go unnoticed," said Clayton. "Small towns and rural hospitals will feel increased pressure to do more with less."

"Our small and rural hospitals can't afford the cuts proposed by this plan," Clayton added. "Teaching hospitals will feel the pain of reduced funding and impaired

ability to pay by patients."

The proposed GOP plan would take \$270 billion from the Medicare budget and an additional \$182 billion from the Medicaid budget over the next five years. North Carolinians can expect to lose \$6.7 billion from Medicare and \$8 billion from Medicaid.

"These cuts place more than one million Medicare and Medicaid recipients at risk in our state and reduce health benefits by \$15 billion," said Clayton. "American citizens deserve the best health care available and we cannot afford to rob them of that to give a tax cut to the least needy of our society."

Clayton and Stokes will be available to answer media and constituents questions regarding cuts

to the Health Care Industry following the forum.

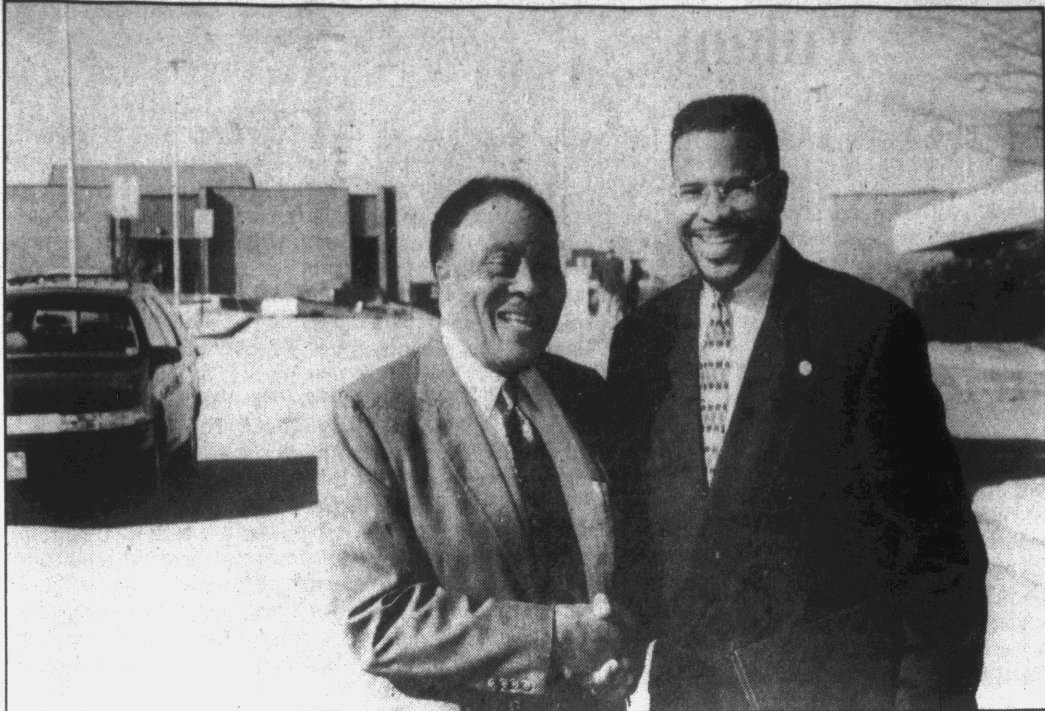
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## Winterville Concerned Citizens & Development, Inc. Wish To Salute The Honorable Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In Keeping The Dream Alive!!!



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**YOU CAN'T BEAT SMILES LIKE THESE! . . .** Dr. Andrew Best (L) and Rev. Derrick Herron (R) shake hands and enjoy the blessings of fellowship with each other.

Staff photo by Jim Rouse

## Robinson currently serving in the Adriatic Sea

Navy Seaman Felix Q. Robinson, whose wife, Arketa, is the daughter of Mary A. Brown of 107 Lakeview Terrace and Charles Gray of 1800 McClellan St., Greenville, is currently serving in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Shreveport.

Robinson is one of 828 Sailors and Marines aboard the ship supporting the peace implementation operations in the former Yugoslavia. Robinson's ship departed Norfolk, Va., in August along with the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island and the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit as part of the USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group (ARG). Equipped with a Marine landing force, helicopters, Harrier attack jets, high-speed assault hovercraft, armored vehicles and landing craft, the USS Wasp ARG is providing area commanders with a wide range of capabilities, including being able to evacuate civilians, rescue downed pilots, conduct reconnaissance and serve as an initial landing force.

Robinson has traveled more than 12,000 miles during the first half of the six-month deployment, and recently participated in a naval amphibious exercise with U.S. and Greek forces on one of the Greek islands in the Aegean Sea. The exercise consisted of landing Marines ashore, maneuvering in for-

mation with Greek Navy units and conducting reconnaissance.

Robinson's ship not only has a special boat unit and a platoon of Navy Seals on board, but it also is equipped with the high-speed hovercraft for landing Marines ashore and a special team that operates unmanned miniature aircraft to conduct reconnaissance.

While spending more than 60 days at sea, Robinson has visited Bulgaria, Israel, Sicily and Turkey. While in Istanbul, Turkey, Sailors and Marines from Robinson's ship volunteered their free time to restore the garden at a home for the poor. In Sicily, and later in Israel, volunteers pitched in again to provide community work for humanitarian organizations.

Robinson's involvement in the deployment is an example of the mobility of naval forces and how U.S. men and women serving in the Navy and Marine Corps arrive ready to support U.S. interests. Whether projecting power ashore, delivering humanitarian assistance, cargo or troops from the sea, these highly trained naval forces provide a unique forward presence and crisis-response option, which can be withdrawn quickly when no longer needed.

The 1990 graduate of J.H. Rouse High School joined the Navy in December 1991.

## Why the White Independent Needs the Black Voter

**By: Dr. Lenora Fulani**

Much is being written these days about the new constituency in American politics—the white independent. Some call this constituency the “moderate middle.” Others call it the “radical center.” Still others identify a split in which wealthier whites are the moderate middle and more blue collar whites are the radical center. But, whichever it is, the white independent voter—now numbered at 25% and 35 % of the electorate—is the most sought after voter in America. The Republicans tried to coopt them in 1994 with a pro-term limits, pro-political and fiscal reform program, much of which has been abandoned by the Contract with America in favor of traditional GOP budget cuts. The Democrats thought their control of Congress was so strong, that they never bothered to figure out how to appeal to

the independent, and so the Republicans pulled the rug right out from under them. That is why a national panic has now seized the Democratic Party, and 11 Democratic members of the House and 8 Democratic members of the Senate have announced their retirement this year, more than twice as many retirements as the Republicans.

Independent white voters are the big wild card. Everyone wants them. But what do they want? How does that new independent bloc most influence American politics? How do the white independents, the moderate middle, the radical center, go beyond being merely the swing vote between the corrupt and discredited Republican and Democratic Parties to having the numbers to become a bona fide majoritarian force for grassroots democracy, for taking

control of a government that is supposed to belong to the American people, but doesn't? How can white independent voters create a coalition to empower themselves? By hooking up with us.

Whatever you may have thought about General Colin Powell and his now-defunct presidential candidacy, he made a most perceptive observation when he said of Black America's relationship to the Democrats, “I think it is in the interest of the country, and in the interest of African-Americans, to have that hold shaken loose, so that African-Americans have a greater choice and can pick from more than one option to satisfy their political needs, and to make sure their needs are taken care of.” General Powell was undoubtedly thinking that the Republican Party would be that option. Of course,

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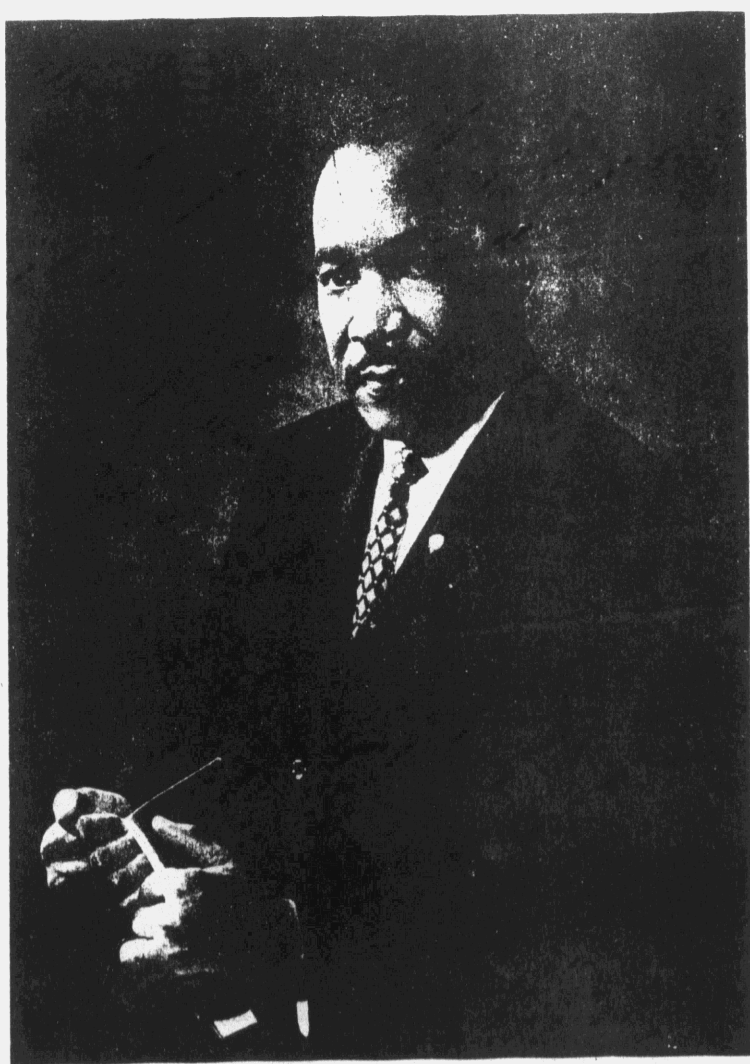
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without him as the candidate, the prospects for pulling the Black vote to the GOP are scant, even with a Powell endorsement of the eventual Republican nominee. But Powell is quite correct in identifying that it would be in the inter-

ests of Black people and of the country for us to have more options.

Black sentiment in favor of a third party has been visible for over a decade. After Jesse Jackson's first run for the presidency in 1984, a poll conducted by

the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan showed that 57% of Blacks who had voted for Rev. Jackson would have voted for him if he had run as an independent. Ten years later, those statistics matured into the 1994 polls which showed that 57% of African-Americans favored the creation of a third party.

Add to those statistics Minister Louis Farrakhan's enthusiastic call to the Million Man March and all Black Americans to create an independent "third force," and we have a situation where Black voters are ready to establish ourselves in a new political alliance.

But can Black voters and white independents become real partners? Many of those radical centrists who supported Ross Perot in 1992 did so as a way to attack the relentless growth of big government and big deficits that were funding massive programs that did little to develop the nation. Among African-Americans, Latinos, gays, and other traditionally pro-big government constituencies, an approach which replaces the 30-year pattern of blatantly politi-

cized spending (the Democratic Party used the War on Poverty to install a highly controlled patronage infrastructure, not to end poverty) with direct citizens' democracy has considerable appeal. You may have seen the C-SPAN broadcast of the independent Patriot Party convention in Minneapolis last spring, at which I told the Black delegates gathered that I would not return to the African-American community with the traditional promises of government-funded jobs and teen-pregnancy programs, but with a plan to restructure the political process to empower them and all Americans. In return, I said, I needed a clear statement from the white delegates that the Black community would not only be welcome, but would be sought after by the Party. Both Blacks and whites were enormously supportive of what I had to say.

The bottom line is this: The independent white center needs Blacks in order to go somewhere. Blacks need the independent white center in order to have somewhere to go.

## Fifth District-Richmond

**Overview:** Indicators of Fifth District economic expansion changed little since the last Beige Book. Growth decreased in manufacturing and in state revenue collections. Employment agencies saw stronger demand for temporary workers, and port contacts reported that their business was up. Retail, service-production, real estate, and finance contacts reported that activity was mixed in their industries. Tourism and agriculture sources saw little change in their industries' activity.

**Retail Trade:** Indicators of retail activity growth were mixed in October, according to results from a mail survey of District retailers. Sales revenue growth was unchanged overall. Several respondents reported a slow market for apparels, however; one wrote that corporate downsizing were depressing the demand for business attire. Inventory, employment, and wage growth increased. Big-ticket sales and shopper traffic growth slowed. Survey respondents indicated that retail prices rose more slowly in October than in September. They expected their prices to rise more rapidly during the next six months than they had expected in September.

**Service Production:** Service-sector growth was mixed in October, according to results from a District mail survey. Revenue growth was unchanged. Employment and wage growth increased. Service producers reported that their prices rose more slowly in October than in September. They expected their prices to rise more slowly during the next six months than they had expected in September.

**Manufacturing:** Indicators of manufacturing growth decreased in October from their September levels, according to results from a mail survey of Fifth District manufacturers. Survey respondents reported that growth in shipments and new orders decreased; backlog, workweek, and employment growth changed little. Many respondents reported a scarcity of

available labor, particularly skilled labor. Manufacturers indicated that finished goods prices rose at about the same rate in October as in September, but that raw materials prices rose more slowly. Respondents expected their prices to rise less during the next six months than they had expected in September.

**Tourism:** A telephone survey of hotels, motels, and resorts throughout the District indicated that tourist activity in October and early November was unchanged from that of September and a year ago and that winter bookings were up compared to a year ago. Contacts expected better-than-normal

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KEEMA (L) AND HER MOTHER, MS. BARBARA FENNER (C) ... share a moment with Dr. Brian Haynes, director of the ECU Minority student affairs (R) at the black caucus which met recently at the Du Bois Center in Greenville.

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business during the next six months, and they expected their prices to rise faster than the general rate of inflation during that period.

**Port Activity:** Representatives at District ports reported that export levels in October were higher than those in September and a year ago, while import levels were unchanged. Contacts continued to expect exports and imports to increase during the next six months.

**Temporary Employment:** A telephone survey of Fifth District temporary employment agencies indicated that the demand for temporary workers was higher in October and early November than in September or a year ago. Contacts expected demand during the next six months to be greater than usual. Temporary workers' wages rose faster than the general price level during the past year, and contacts expected wage increases during the next six months. One contact said, "Labor is very scarce....It's getting harder for us to find qualified people."

**Finance:** Contacts at District financial institutions reported that credit conditions were mixed during the past four weeks. Demand rose slightly for consumer and commercial loans but fell for mortgage loans. Interest rates were down for consumer, commercial, and mortgage loans.

**Residential Real Estate:** According to a telephone survey of District real estate agents and homebuilders, residential real estate activity declined in October and early November. Housing starts, permits, and sales were down over the period. Many contacts in Maryland and Virginia reported that the government budget crisis slowed the market. Buyer traffic declined slightly, and several contacts blamed low consumer confidence. Construction wages and materials prices were steady, and home prices were unchanged.

**Commercial Real Estate:** District contacts reported that commercial real estate activity in-

creased in late October and November. Leasing activity and commercial rents increased, and va-

cancy rates decreased. Prime office space availability continued to tighten in most of the District,

## Black Publishers Luncheon

Let me begin with general comments about our society. For these societal issues have a remarkable effect on our economy, your businesses and our future. Literally millions of Americans did not participate as we did in the economic expansion of the 1980s. We have truly become a nation and have and have nots. Consider the emotional and economic costs of the deterioration of the American family, the disappointing condition of our educational system, random and indiscriminate violence, the plight of the homeless and hungry, the extraordinary weight of our welfare programs, the fear in many Americans for their jobs and their standard of living, and the absence of simple caring and decency. These social ills are tearing at the fabric of our country and jeopardizing our future.

I trust that is enough bad news for one day. Let's move on to the brighter side. Our standard of living is among the highest in the world. Our system of government is stable by international standards. The U.S. economy is now growing slowly, but steadily.

Personal incomes are increasing and consumer confidence is strong. The productivity of the American worker is the highest in the world.

In many industries, the United

States has become the world's most competitive manufacturer. The U.S. has created 21 million new jobs during the last twenty years. There is little upward pressure in salaries and wages.

Capacity utilization is at an historic high of 84%. Capital spending continues to be strong. There is little or no inflation in the U.S. economy. The National Unemployment Rate of 5.5% is low by historic standards. Do you remember Jimmy Carter's Misery Index? The Misery Index is the sum of the unemployment rate and the inflation rate. Today's Misery Index of 8.2% is the lowest in twenty years.

Coming closer to home, the Southeast economy is the fourth largest economy in the world. During the last ten years, five

out of every eight jobs created in America have been created in the Southeast. You live and work in the most vibrant economic region in the United States.

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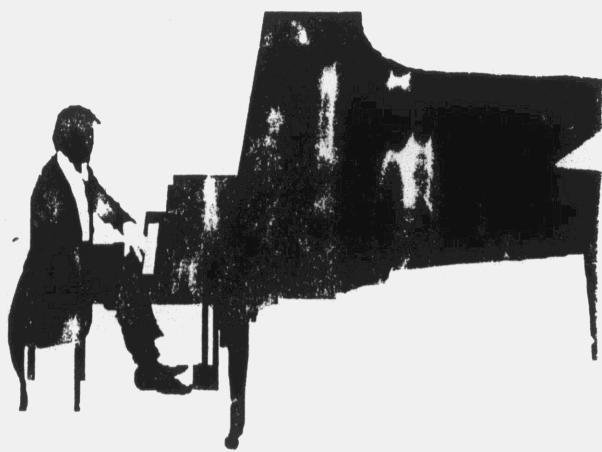
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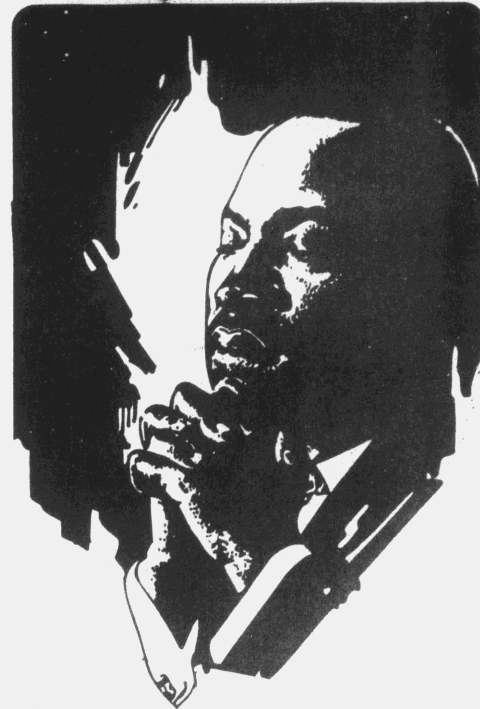
and many contacts reported shortages. Most contacts continued to report little new construction.

**State Revenues:** In a mail survey, state government contacts indicated that tax receipts suggested slower economic growth in October. Compared with September, revenues for October suggested slower growth in North Carolina and Virginia; steady growth in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and South Carolina; and slightly higher growth in West Virginia.

**Agriculture:** District agricul-

tural activity progressed at a slightly slower-than-normal pace in recent weeks, according to agricultural analysts surveyed by telephone. Contacts said that below-normal temperatures and an early snowfall slowed fall harvesting and winter crop planting in some areas of the District. They indicated that livestock conditions were good and that hay supplies appeared ample. Respondents reported that farm equipment sales were slow in dairy-dependent communities but were above normal in most other areas of the District.

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# What do we do concerning our young people

We need to continue to pray for our young people. It's time for the young people to wake up! This world is about to come to an end. We're not living in the last day, but we're living in the last hour, and we have no time to waste trying to win our young people to Christ. It's time out for the parties, smoking, drinking, having sex out of marriage, selling drugs, and etc. It's time to get right with the Lord. Some say they're not ready, but if not now. When? With the world getting worse everyday, what better life can you live then with JESUS. Your fun starts when you accept JESUS CHRIST. The things you long for in this world like cars, parties, money, smoking, drinking, and selling drugs are all temporally and will fade away. The blessings that JESUS have like unconditional love, peace, rest, and eternal life, are all permanent and will last forever. JESUS will give you something that the world can't give you and the world can't take away. (JOY) Desire things that's going to last

forever like JESUS. Getting saved is the best thing that ever happened to me. I can see where I use to be and where I am today and thank God for where He has brought me from, and how He has blessed and changed my life. TO GOD BE THE GLORY. There are a lot of young people in this world that's been hurt very badly in some way or another, they have no one to turn to, no to talk to, so they get

into drinking, drugs, and sex thinking it's going to solve their problems. We as Christians need to stop looking over the young people. Just because you see them smiling all the time does not mean that they're alright. Take time out, talk with them, and really get to know them personally. We have to witness to them also, but if you're not right how can you tell somebody else about Christ. There are Chris-

tians who know the bible from Genesis to Revelation, but they're not living the word. Let's not only know the word but let's live the word, because the word is life.

It hurts me to see Christians putting other Christians down, or talking about one another and jealous of one another, having envy and hatred in their hearts toward one another. If the Christians can't come together and get on one ac-

cord, how can we expect those who are lost to come together in love. We always say our sisters and brothers need to come together first. Imagine if we all were to come on one accord. Think about what will happen, how God will move even the more in our lives. Think about all those souls that were saved on the day of Pentecost. If we come together on one accord, we would witness with no

tear, we will do the will of God without self being in the way, our disagreements wouldn't lead to arguments and fights, there would be no confusion, and most of all more souls would be led to Christ. So let's be the Christian example that we are suppose to be. "Lord Save The World."

Aida Taylor

## "You Can Make It"

One thing you should know if you are a new Christian is that you are going to go through some trials, but God does these things to make you stronger. What you go

through is only a test of your faith. That is what God is here for, he doesn't want you to worry about anything. Because God chose you out of the midst of the storm to give

an example and to show another what God can do. But God wants you to give it all back to him, because you can't make it alone. Also, God has a love for you that no man

can surpass, that He would lay His life, so you and I can have eternal life with him. So always remember....You can make it. You're not in this thing alone, God

will not let it last too long. You can make it.

Jackie Daniels

## Work of our Youth

My name is Fabian Levar Deloatch. I am 11 years old, a witness for Christ, and a radical

Christian. Youth, it wasn't Micheal Jordan or Magic Johnson that woke you up this morning, IT WAS JESUS. It's okay to like these people or enjoy their games, but know who did this for them. Learn to put JESUS in everything you do. JESUS IS THE ANSWER!

Fabian Levar Deloatch

Being a young black man, I can speak for two generations: the Lost and the Found.

There are those who would sympathize with the youth today, but my spirit has given me the insight to turn the tables of the "norm." Today, it is time to stop looking for a savior for our youth, because they already have one...JESUS. The youth today are not lost, or forgotten, but are chosen. When people see this generation, they see a people that can't be reached. However, I have searched the scripture, and I will leave you with these words:

When we see our youth praising God, Acts 2:14-18

15: For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16: But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17: And it shall come to pass in the last day, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon ALL flesh: And your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions...

Despise not the youth, but rather

show them the way. Get with the Vision in '96.

Lester B. Howard

I think the actions of the youth today reflect on the parents. Yes it's okay for leaders of the church to be role models, but I think the real role models are their parents; because, these are the people they see everyday. What else are they to do but learn from their parents to be good role models and lead their youth to be saved and live in God's way, but first they must be saved themselves. Also, I think we have too many weak parents that let their kids run all over them. That's how kids learn to do the things of the world, and people wonder why so many youth today go astray. Only if they had that parent to look up to and to correct them of their mistakes. Also to lead them in the right direction at an early age.

For Proverbs 22:6 reads:

Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Rahimallah Burnett (Rallah)

Who made the stars above,  
And sends Love on the wing of a dove? God, the only one of Love.

Who said, 'Some day we shall meet face to face',

Only you live by my amazing grace. Jesus, the Son of Love.

Who is He that loved us so much that He gave His life for me and such?

He loved us all that much, for He is love. Jesus, the Son of God, the Creator of Love.

Lavarsha Smith

### It's time to be real

The new year has come and the old has gone. It is time to be real. Since I have been saved, I have seen people who I used to hang with, when I was doing the devil's work, that have asked me why am I different. I tell them it's because I have Christ in my life. Then they ask why did I get saved. I tell them, I remember when I saw my life flash before my eyes. The first time, I was being raped. The second time, I was having a baby. The doctors said that there was a 99% chance that either the baby, me, or both of us would die if I was to have it. Well, both of us are alive and well today. The third time, I was in the hospital with P.I.D. and a fever of 154 degrees, which lasted for five days. The doctors told my mother and I that I was not going to make it. Right then I began to laugh in those doctors faces, not realizing what I was doing. Now God is good! Everywhere I go I must tell my testimony because it is real and maybe under this testi-

mony that God has given me someone will accept Christ in their life. It's time to come home people. The day is close where God will decide who enters into His kingdom. Those that do not know Him and try to enter, He will say to them, I don't know you and will turn his face. Do you want to be in that number?

Phyllissa Belcher

Age: 16  
Philippi Church of Christ

The young people of today should be handled as gold. They are the future doctors, lawyers, political leaders, and ministers of the gospel. But how can they make it that far, if they have less people to look up to than people to look down to. The adults and elders of the church of the church must be role models for the young people. If there aren't any role models, what should we expect our youth to make of themselves. If many of the adults aren't saved and aren't living that lifestyle, they are not fit to be a role model for the youth. To be a role model for the youth, you must first be saved. Next, you must be living the word and live as a slave to the word of God. Also, you must be willing to sacrifice your time to win souls into the kingdom of God.

Many young people in the church are not saved. Many adults, who know that they are not saved, have

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## Work of our Youth

made no effort to lead to Christ. Some of these adults feel that these young people can't change from their ways of the devil, they are too stubborn, or they don't have to be saved. The elders of the church should be those who we can all look up to, those who help us when times become hard, and are concerned about our spiritual growth. Many of these elders do carry the responsibilities which they should uphold, while many of them don't. Many of them put you down, they say, to build your character. I just pray that the people of God carry out the responsibilities which God has called them to do.

Demarcus Brewington

THAT'S A FRIEND by John Burroughs

One whose grip is a little tighter,  
One whose smile is a little brighter,  
One whose deeds are a little whiter,  
That's what I call a friend.

One who'll lend as quick as he'll borrow,  
One who's the same today as tomorrow,  
One who'll share your joy and sorrow,  
That's what I call a friend.

One whose thoughts are a little cleaner,  
One whose mind is a little keener,  
One who avoids those things that are meaner,  
That's what I call a friend.

One when you're gone, who'll miss you sadly,  
One who'll welcome you back again gladly,  
One who though angered, will not speak madly,  
That's what I call a friend.

One who is always willing to aid you,  
One whose advice has always paid you,  
One who's defended when others flayed you,  
That's what I call a friend.

One who's been fine when life seemed rotten,  
One whose ideals you have not forgotten,  
One who has given you more than he's rotten,

That's what I call a friend.

This poem is dedicated to all of my friends at Philippi who have been there for me through this past year. I am meeting new friends this year and I'm praying they'll be as faithful as my old ones.

Rahimallah Burnett

For many of our young black brothers and sisters, everyday can be a day of struggles. We're living in the last days, and it seems that society is becoming a little harder to live in everyday.

I am a 19 year old black man. I've been through many similar problems that many of our youth are going through now. I've had me share of struggles, obstacles,

and hardships, and I would always try to find the easiest way out; which, was not always the best or right choice. But through it all, the best choice that I ever made was when I excepted Christ into my life.

It bothers me so much, when I see some of our young sisters out on the streets, troubled, and burdened down. Also, to see some of our young brothers not wanting to take that stand and become responsible young men. I'm never going to give up on any of them, because there is always hope that they will make it, and they will.

I enjoy spending time just going out talking about Christ to our young people. It's wonderful to see that gleam in their eyes when I tell them that God loves them and

that it's never too late to make a change in your life.

It gives me such a joyful feeling when many of the young people receive salvation. I commend a number of our young people, who are working hard in life; because, no matter what society tries to make it seem like, our youth does have a future.

Through all of the hardships, such as teen pregnancy, drugs, crime, the non-importance of education, and so on, prayer changes things. If we all work together and put God first and foremost, we can help make that change, because the youth are our future.

Julius Streeter



**BROTHER JAMES ANDERSON (L) AND BROTHER JULIUS STREETER (R) . . . listen intently, even taking notes, at the Black Caucus to learn all they could that might help follow-up the "Million Man March" effort.**

Staff photo by Jim Rouse

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received until 3 PM on Tuesday, January 30, 1996, in the 3rd floor Boardroom, Greenville Utilities Commission, 200 W. Fifth Street, Greenville, NC 27835-1847 for the construction of:  
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## Black, white congregations merge after 100 years

Two of the oldest neighborhood in Beaumont, Texas, have ended 100 years of segregation and formed the first fully integrated United Methodist Church in the Texas Annual (regional) conference.

McCabe Roberts Avenue United Methodist Church is the product of the merging of predominantly Black McCabe and predominantly white Roberts Avenue United Methodist churches.

The new congregation recently held in celebration service with Bishop J. Woodrow Hearn, Houston Area, leading the service.

Before the merger, both congregations, located 1.1 miles apart, faced similar problems of membership loss and declining neighborhoods in South Beaumont. The move to combine the churches began last June with the cross-cultural appointment of the minister.

According to the Rev. Elijah Stansell Jr., pastor, Roberts Avenue dwindled from 1,500 to 194 members and McCabe from 400 to 294 during the past 20 years.

Katherine Wigington, 70, a long-time member of Roberts Avenue, told the "Houston Chronicle," "We were having more funerals than

christenings and weddings."

In an attempt to determine the best ways to move toward the year 2000 and beyond, both churches formed committees to develop a process. While meeting, the committees realized that renewal was needed in their churches.

The committees of the two churches met together and made

plans to merge, a move which excited Beaumont as well as the United Methodist leadership.

The new congregation held its first worship service December 3, attended by longtime members of both churches. Some members left because they could not accept the consolidation, according to the pastor.

## Centura Banks Inc. declares fourth quarter dividend

Centura Banks Inc. has declared a fourth quarter cash dividend of 23 cents per share, a 21 percent increase from the 19 cents per share paid in the fourth quarter of 1994. The dividend is payable on December 15, 1995, to shareholders of record on November 30, 1995.

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**Parents Can Help Make School The Top Choice**  
It's a fact that 35 percent of North Carolina's students spend just 30 minutes or less on homework each day. Many of these same students are spending their time

watching television or, for older students, working. Children need to learn that their primary job is to go to school and complete their schoolwork. Parents can reinforce that fact that schoolwork comes first by: check-

ing all homework assignments and grades on homework; limiting the number of hours your child watches television and spends on extra curricular activities, including work; providing as many resources as you can to help your

child learn-educational magazines, games, a dictionary, etc.; encouraging reading to learn and for pleasure; assigning the child or the family homework assignments if the teacher does not; and talking about the importance of a good education.

## Good start at home helps a child's day at school

Teachers say they can tell what kind of a morning children have at home by how they act at school. That is why it is so important to get each day off to a good start. Do what you can the night before. That may include making lunches, setting the breakfast table or laying out the next day's clothes. Establish a bedtime ritual. Expect cooperation in the morning from your children and wake them with a smile. You may have to get up a few minutes earlier to grab your first cup of coffee. Split the morning and evening parenting responsibilities if it is a two-parent family.

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I promise to:  
make my home a learning center  
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spend time talking with my child  
make reading a priority  
list to my child  
limit television

visit the school and get to know my child's teacher

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Parent Involvement Week is co-sponsored by the NC PTA, Presi-

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NC PTA, 3501 Glenwood Ave.,  
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## 10 things that teachers wish parents could do

1. Be involved in their children's education.
2. Provide resources at home for reading and learning.

3. Set a good example.
4. Encourage children to do their best in school.
5. Emphasize academics. Too many parents get caught up in athletics and in preparing their children for work, when academics should be their first concern.
6. Support school rules and goals.
7. Use pressure positively.
8. Call teachers early if there is a problem so there is still time to improve the situation.
9. Accept responsibility as parents and not expect the school and teachers to take over this job.
10. View drinking by underage youth and excessive partying as a serious matter.



**VIVACIOUS SOUL SISTERS . . .** Vivian Bazemore (L), Joyce Mitchell (C) and an associate flashed these beautiful pearly white teeth for our photographer. No complaints from this assignment.  
Staff photo by Jim Rouse

## Our Savior

Upon the earth, our Savior walked With His disciples, He daily talked.

The words of His Father, He did speak... Those who were lost, He did seek.

To the cross, our Savior went; From the top to the bottom, the veil was rent.

In the tomb, our Savior did lay; Our Heavenly Father raised Him

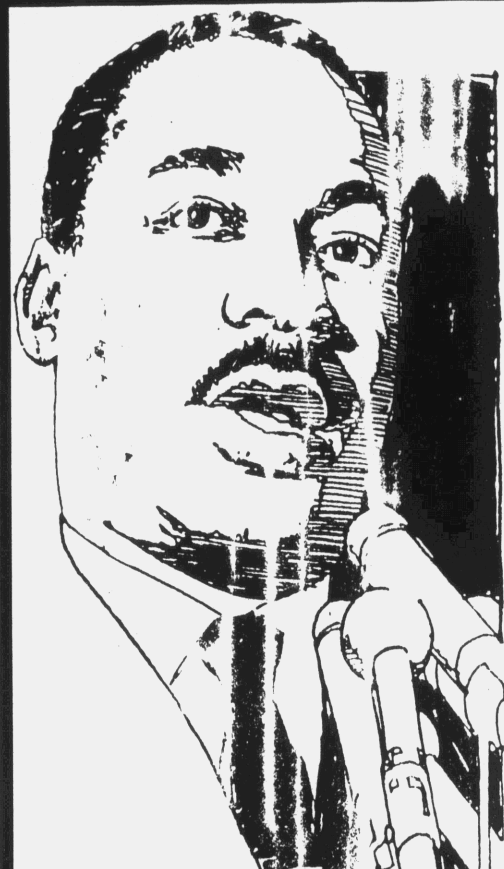
up on the third day.

Death, hell, and the grave, He did defeat. His mission earth, He did complete.

Our Savior's great name is known throughout the land. His Father's will He did fulfill; Now He's seated at His right hand.

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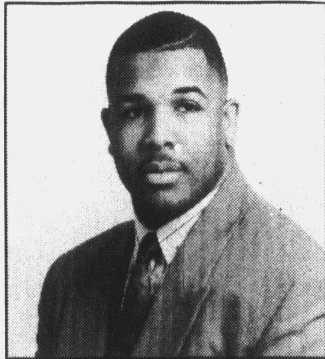
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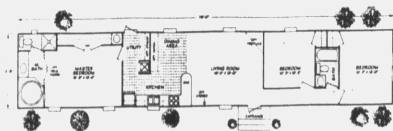
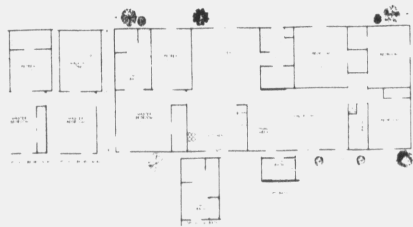


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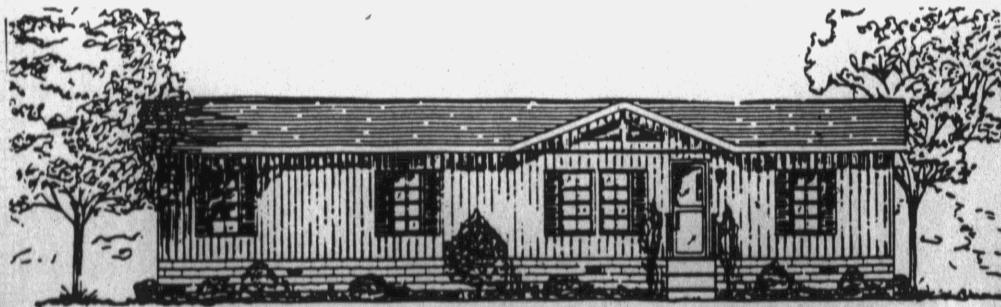
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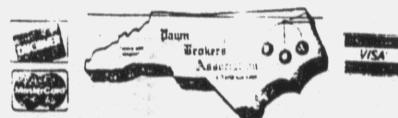
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