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NAACP's Pitt County Branch holds annual banquet

By Heather D. Thompson

Supporters and members of the Pitt County Branch of the NAACP gathered in the DuBois Center March 15th for their annual banquet.

Gaston Monk, President of the Pitt County Branch, presented the evening's toastmaster, Calvin Henderson—President of the Winterville Concerned Citizens.

In her greeting, Ella Telfair described the dinner as a "chance to fellowship, greet and meet each other, and continue our struggle."

After Jeff Savage challenged NAACP critics to visit the Pitt County Branch and observe their efforts, Mildred Council, President of the NC Black Elected Officials, gave insights on the Black Experience Conference in Chapel Hill. She urged the audience to participate in the struggle against racism.

After Henderson encouraged everyone to actively participate in the May primary and November election, Gaston Monk and Walt Morehead, Vice President of the Pitt County Branch, presented awards to Greenville attorney Jerome Ramey, Shelia Frizzell, Bennie Roundtree, Clarence Moore, and Bernard Haselrig. Also, members of Omega Psi Phi Fra-

ternity, Inc. were recognized for their efforts to increase voter registration. On behalf of the Mills family, Monk accepted a posthumous citation for the late Reverend Alonzo Mills.

Following the awards ceremony, Monk presented the speaker of the evening, the Reverend William Barber, II. In his speech, Barber discussed the poor, hate crimes, welfare reform, and the black elected officials and the NAACP's roles in the community.

Barber began his informative speech by quoting LUKE 18:1. "Men ought always to pray" while "crying for justice."

Even though America is the richest nation in the world, 40 million people are at or below the poverty line. According to Barber: "These are the people who don't make the news or the popular paper."

"Open your eyes" he continued. "Go to the places the governor or the president don't go when they come to town."

Then Barber touched on the topic of hate crimes. He referred to the African-American couple slain in Fayetteville by two soldiers stationed there. He said that the crime was part of a "concentrated conspiracy" that existed in the state. The alarming number of NC-

based paramilitary groups and documented racial incidents in this state have "black lawmakers crying out for justice."

Barber implored the audience to think critically when facing injustice. "In order to cry out for justice, we've got to recognize injustice to know the difference between right and wrong."

Also, he encouraged African-Americans to support candidates who don't want to eradicate programs that will keep "folks from reaching bottom." Thus, he corrected the myth that welfare programs began in 1968 for the benefit of Blacks.

According to Barber, the first welfare program began in 1865. It was "special money" given to whites displaced by the Civil War. Decades later, President Roosevelt gave money to people affected by the Depression. At that time, Blacks were ineligible for AFDC and FHA loans.

Furthermore, 39% of welfare recipients are White, while 37% are Black. Needless to say, Hispanics make up only 17%. Also, 60% leave the welfare system in two years and most children don't depend on it as adults.

Barber considers the attack on (Continued on page 4)

Young, gifted and Black: The promise of Black youth

Part one of a two part series

People of all races, ethnic backgrounds and social classes frequently say that "young people are our most important resource." For people of color and especially for African-Americans, our ideas youth are also affected profoundly by our collective memory, by our sense of the historical meaning drawn from the ordeals our people have experienced in the past, and by the challenges which confront us in the present. We see the promise of our young people as the brightest representation of the real progress of black people collectively in this country, what we have achieved and what we can become. We desperately want our children's lives and futures to be better and more fulfilling than our own lives have been. We want to feel that the burden of racism and social inequality will be lifted from the shoulders of our daughters and sons, as they prepare to enter the workplace and society. We believe that every African-American child is in his or her own special way gifted, and deserving of every opportunity life has to offer.

The belief in the promise of Black youth is also connected with the

struggle to achieve freedom within American society. Each successive generation of young African-American has made a vital contribution in the fight to destroy discrimination and inequality. In the 1940s for example, black young people challenged segregation laws by joining the Southern Youth

Congress and the Congress of Racial Equality. In 1960, black college students sparked the sit-in movement across the South. Black young people were in the vanguard of social change in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

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Are African-Americans treated equal

By staff writer Jim Rouse

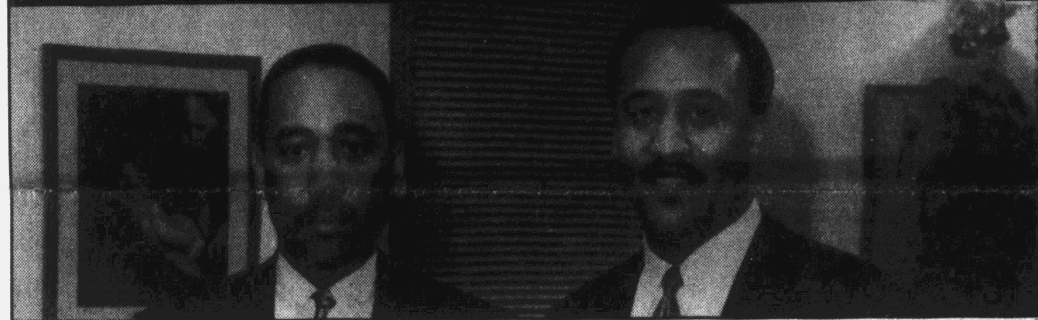
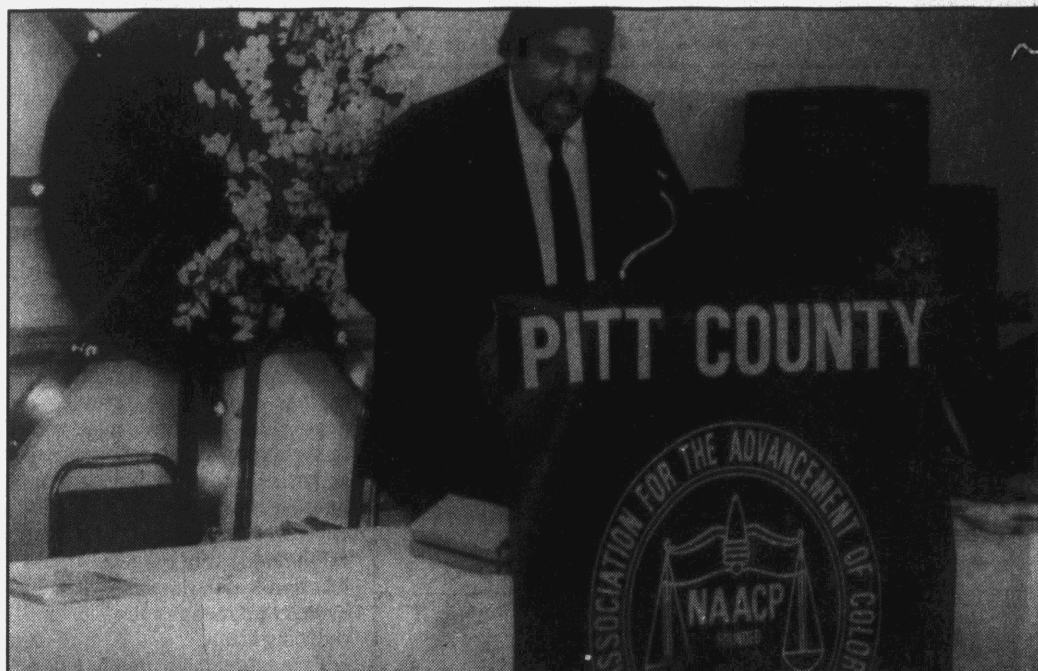
The question as to whether or not African-American are citizens of the United States of America entitled to equal protection under the laws of the United States is now before the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit in Richmond, Virginia.

This case arose out of an incident that occurred in Greenville, North Carolina on February 9, 1993.

Ms. Jeannette Teel Taft, an African-American female, her son, age 15, her daughter, niece and nephew (aged 10 to 16) brought a

claim for damages in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for police brutality. Ms. Taft and her children alleged that, during the stop and search of her car suspected of carrying a murdered (who by the way, wasn't in her car), the police: "(1) conducted illegal body searches of the 'female minor children' passengers that involved 'fondling and mishandling' their 'buttocks, breast and private body parts', (2) used excessive extreme force on a 15-year old male 'by grabbing him

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NAACP BANQUET... Shown above is speaker Rev. Bullock who was the guest speaker at the Annual Freedom Banquet held each year by NAACP. This year young brothers were honored and encouraged to join the NAACP Youth Movement. Bro. Frizzell is shown with Judge Leech and others. Below is Commissioner Jeff Savage and our new VP of Personnel at Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Photo by Jim Rouse



JUDGE AND MRS. AYCOCK

Aycock runs for 6th term

by Heather D. Thompson

Judge E. Burt Aycock, Jr. has served the people of Pitt county since 1976 and is seeking a sixth term as district court judge.

In the last twenty years, Aycock has seen a deterioration in the respect for human life and property. Also, he has seen a change in how the public and law enforcement agency treat domestic violence, victim's rights, and juvenile crime.

"Serious crime is more prevalent," said Judge Aycock. "Serious crime by younger people is more prevalent, too."

Since he realizes that courts should be operated for the benefit of the people, he emphasizes the victim's need to feel safe in and out of court.

"Almost everyday when I go to court, I identify all the victims and

witnesses and give them a designated place to sit," he said.

Keeping a distance between the victim and the defendant is important to Aycock. Also, plaintiffs need easy access to prosecutors in the courtroom.

Judge Aycock believes that victims need to feel confidence in the system's sensitivity to their situation. Sometimes they must miss school or work for their court appearances. Therefore, he listens to victim's input on continuance motions and other delays.

Aycock also sets bonds and imposes sentences that protect the victims and reflect their needs. Nevertheless, he deals firmly with criminals and gives a high priority to the rights of victims.

Moreover, Aycock wants juveniles to realize courts "mean business about their sentences."

He listens to recommendations of juvenile court counselors and usually follows them when sentencing.

"I conduct myself in that court in a very serious manner and make those young people understand they are being given a second chance."

Additionally, Aycock has "mixed feeling" about cameras in the courtroom. Even though he encourages citizens to observe the maneuverings of open court, he knows the cameras could intimidate witnesses.

If cameras should come to Pitt county courtrooms, Judge Aycock's twenty years in the legal system will keep him focused.

"I have a better understanding of law, responsibilities, and the people of Pitt county because of my (Continued on page 4)



LIVING LEGENDS... A Legacy of professional, competent, compassionate medical care is what these doctors have offered their patients. Greenville physician-Dr. Andrew A. Best (C) is flanked by Dr. John Hannibal, Jr., of Kinston (L), and Dr. Milton Quigless (R) of Tarboro. These medical marvels have medical practices dating back to the 1930's and 40's. Though they had to literally help knock down walls of segregation and racism, they stood fast and look back now with no regrets. Hats off to these brothers who have devoted their lives so that our lives would be healthier and happier.

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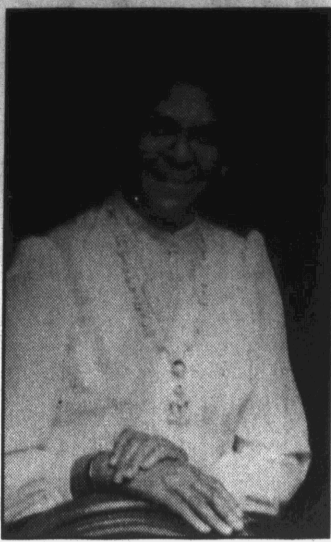
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from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



BEATRICE MAYE

To the editor

We will never solve our crime and drug problems simply by having more police, more prisons, more judges and more juries/jurors. We will solve our problems only when all parents are held responsible for their children. This statement has been repeated so many times. It is time for us to hear it now.

Parents who attend parent/teacher conferences, provide a quiet place to study, read with their children, participate in school activities, screen TV programs, limiting its viewing; in fact, parents who are involved with their children do better in school and in life. Think of the impact this could have on promoting education and reducing crime.

Teenagers, how much enjoyment/satisfaction is there out of sex, wallowing around in the back seat of a car with a boy who zips up his pants and goes home? Are you respecting yourselves, are they not irresponsible males having fun at your expense? How much assistance do you get from these boys when you are pregnant or even supporting them after birth? Do they stick with you, marry you or do they jump on another girl, releasing their passion? Grow up, girls, Senseless sex is sickening.

Interesting facts

Historians believe the Maltese was the world's first lap dog, developed more than 2,000 years ago.

The game of mahjonn was first played in China around 2,500 years ago.

Teenagers should be concentrating on their books/ studies instead of concentrating on sex. If you don't start it, You'll have nothing to worry about.

Mothers, grandmothers, if you let these teenagers be solely responsible for their children/babies, you would help instead of encouraging. Oh, yes, these are challenging, self-examination statements.

Crime, violence misbehavior and a saturated sex society are at its worse. When will we stop talking about it and more diligently and earnestly do something about it? Parents, the challenge is yours.

Beatrice Maye

A Deacon Who Leads by Example

Deacon Monty Frizzell calls and briefly visits his homebound and aged church members, one incredible attribute of his deaconship commitment. "...the joy of the Lord is my strength" (Nehemiah 8:10)

Deacon Willie Morris takes church bulletins also and runs errands.

Sex Before Marriage? Baby. Think It Over

"Parenthood is nothing to take a chance on." To have a baby is a huge responsibility. That's one reason God designed marriage, and wants us to be sexually pure. You have a choice. But when babies come into this world, they cannot choose. They're stuck with the parents they get - prepared or not. Sex before marriage? Baby, think it over.

Reflection-

1. Have I been staying pure in my dating relationships?
Have I made a decision not to have sex until marriage? -
- 2 How precious is a child in God's sight? Read 1 Samuel 1:19-28.

Reunion Reflections

Many who had everything going for them have fallen into dangerous traps. If you can do the following things, you'll be well on your way to a successful life.

1. Keep clear of addictions to alcohol and drugs.
2. Develop good work and study habits. Always strive to better yourself. Learn to apply yourself and develop skills. What you are interested in now will most likely

be the direction that you'll follow for the rest of your life. Some skills will come naturally for you, while others will require some training and experience before you master them. You are going to be most successful in areas where you have the greatest ability. Tests are available to help you determine those areas of proficiency.

3. Deal honestly with others and develop a reputation of being trustworthy, dependable and reliable.

4. Seek counsel and advice. — Analyze how some have succeeded and see what has brought others to ruin.

5. Finally, guard your sexuality and don't waste it. Proper affection and sex in marriage is still the best way to go and will put you ahead in life.

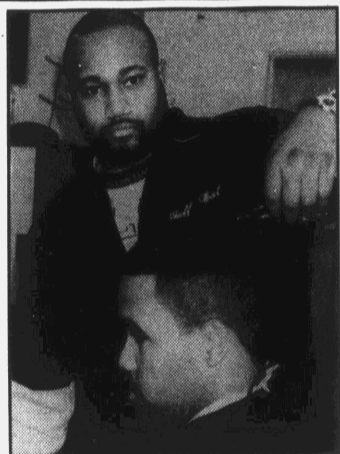
Turn your house into a Home

Read these tips:

1. Take off shoes for slippers immediately after entering the house.
2. Change the color of your walls.
3. Try tapes tries on the walls and rugs on bare floors.
4. Relax with a lighted candle, light the fireplace is preferable.
5. Turn off the overhead light.
6. Arrange your furniture conversationally.
7. Buy a round table for dinners. There's no head of the table when the table is round.
8. Decorate the family room with family pictures.
9. Throw out the remote control - cutting out so much TV-watching. The inconvenience may cause moving instead of sitting too long.

10. Put your treadmill next to your favorite easy chair.
11. Throw out some extra carpet padding in one room. You may do a little bit of aerobic exercise.
12. Get more smoke detectors will make your home safer.
13. Get a carbon monoxide detector.
14. Light up your way to the bathroom.
15. Add a few plants to your home, getting rid of excessive formaldehyde, causing certain cancers.
16. Batten down (buy some adhesive strips) to keep from slipping.
17. Get a dog...at least a dog dish. Dogs hear footsteps long before you do.
18. Put a few 'real' stickers in your windows and doors. Better still, install a real alarm system.
19. Keep curtains closed at night.
20. Get a reinforced strike plate. Most burglars enter through the front door. Get a professional locksmith install it.
21. Nail down windows.
22. Keep your doors locked. It's amazing how so many people walk out their front doors without locking them. Also keep the doors locked even when you are at home.

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Community News



THE ANOINTED ONES CHURCH IN AYDEN . . . recently celebrated their Annual Founders Day Observance. These activities were climaxed with a banquet. We were able to capture part of the festivities with our camera. Shown here are co-pastor Helen Williams and Pastor Ruth Peterson (center), flanked by friends and supporters.

Photo by Jim Rouse

Clayton co-sponsors bill to increase health insurance access

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton announced that she has co-sponsored a bill to increase access to health insurance for many Americans by limiting pre-existing condition exclusions and guaranteeing the availability of health insurance coverage for employees.

"Insurers often deny health care coverage from pre-existing conditions—the very illnesses most likely to require medical care," said Rep. Clayton. "Currently eighty-one million Americans have medical conditions which could result in the denial of coverage. Many of

those who are fortunate enough to have insurance, give up opportunities for new jobs because they are afraid of losing coverage—a situation known as 'job-lock.'"

"While this bill does not address all the problems in our current health care system, it does propose needed insurance reforms, and represents the absolute minimum the Congress should pass in order to provide additional health security for working families," said Clayton. "I hope the Republican leadership will accept President Clinton's call for passage of this important legislation."

The key provisions in the bill are:

- Limits exclusions for pre-existing conditions. Prohibits insurers and employers from limiting or denying coverage under group plans for more than 12 months for a medical condition that was diagnosed or treated during the previous six months. No new pre-existing condition limit could ever be imposed on people maintaining groups their coverage, even if they changed insurance plans or changed or lost their jobs.

- Guarantees increased availability. Prohibits insurers from denying coverage to employers and prevents group health plans from excluding any employee on the basis of health status. Prohibits denial of individual coverage to workers losing group coverage they have had for at least 18 months.

Beaufort By The Sea Music Festival

Warmer weather is on the way! For an early season fun event plan now so you won't miss the 8th Annual Beaufort By the Sea Music Festival. You can make this late spring outdoor celebration of music a family weekend in the historic coastal town of Beaufort. Sponsored by the Beaufort Business and Professional Association the festival is scheduled for April 26, 27 and 28, 1996. The entire event is free to the public.

The Music Festival has in its line up of musicians for the 1996 Festival, Panama Steel, a steel drum band with a mello Caribbean sound, 40 West Band, an energetic sound of country, The Larry Hutchinson Band, sounds of straight blues and root rock, Rockin Willie Band, blues, Jesse's Zoo, music that will exhilarate all audiences with original cover tunes in the spirit of classic, blues and rock, The New Vintage Bluegrass Band, five piece band that combines the high lonesome sound of bluegrass music with bits of blues, jazz and gospel and rev it up with some rock and roll intensity, Makin Whoopi, free flowing energetic 1920's jazz, the big band sounds of The Southernaires, you can move and groove with the funky dance music of Suspicious White Males, Scott Wesson, nature conservation folk musician, also Michael Wolfe and the Wolfe Gang, Sand Fleas, Burton and the Duke, Mr. Rain-bow the Clown, Critcher Consortium, Southern Gentleman, Tar

River Fiddlers, Highrollers, New River Gospel and many more. The relaxed and pleasantly low key festival offers six performance sites, on the Beaufort Waterfront, inside the Maritime Museum and secluded court-yard of the rustic Backstreet Pub. All are within walking distance of Beaufort's historic Bed and Breakfast Inns. Music of all kinds is available for the enjoyment of listeners. Concurrent performances ensure there is something to appeal to visitor's at all times. Bluegrass, Jazz, Classical, Rock, Cajun, Beach, Oldies, Big Bands, Dixieland Jazz and much more. The variety is intensive. Seating is casual, bring your lawn chairs, towels, blankets for

comfort seating on the ground surrounding performers. Due to the Festival being a family event and the Town of Beaufort Town Ordinances alcoholic beverages are not allowed on public property.

Food is available abundant, and varied. Local non-profit groups offer everything from home cooked barbecue to shrimp and crab burgers for those who don't want to miss any of the festival. Many of our town's fine restaurants are nearby for those preferring an exceptional dining experience.

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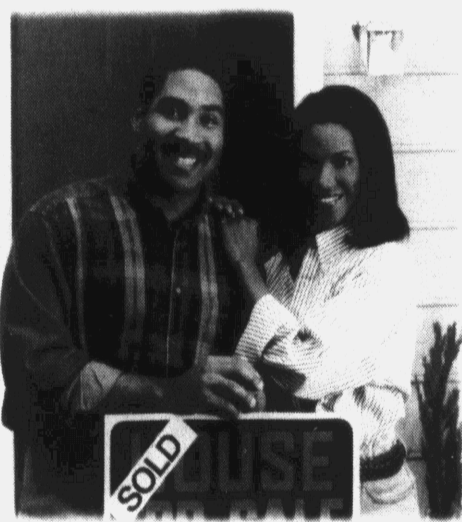
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welfare as "an attempt to divide and conquer the nation to get people off track of the issues."

He stated that the NAACP must be a "consistent and determined voice" for the community. The Pitt

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County Branch should be a "conscientious objector." The NAACP should not be a "conscientious objector." The NAACP should not be passive about injustice. By using "the principles of love, justice, and truth" we should be "getting on somebody's nerves."

The reverend advised Black elected officials to properly represent the people. An elected office is "more than just having a place to be until retirement."

"Don't be more concerned about colleagues and not constituents until election time," he warned.

Barber left the audience with a final thought about the defenseless widow going before the wicked judge. He paralleled this Bible parable to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's struggle to desegregate the Montgomery public transportation system. Just as God gave the widow a "cosmic oratory," he looked after the ones fighting for equality. After much debate, the Supreme Court ruled that segregation on public transportation is unconstitutional.

"God will speak up for you when you stand up for what is right," he concluded.

Reverend William Barber, II is a Plymouth High and North Carolina Central University graduate. He left Central Cum Laude with a B.A. in Public Administration, then attended Duke university for a Masters in Divinity. He was a Dean's Scholar and Executive Director of Central's Campus Ministries. Governor Hunt appointed him Executive Director of the N. C. Human Resources Commission. Also, he serves as Vice Chairman of the N. C. Fair Housing Board and is a Board member of Barton College.

Barber currently pastors Goldsboro's Greenleaf Church and is a member of the NAACP and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He is married with two children.

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experience," he said.

Aycock believes strongly in the law's formidable presence in society.

"We cannot have a peaceful society without the rule of law," he stated. "It is the only thing that keeps people from settling disputes in the street."

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Growing up black in white America has always been a challenge, but never more so than today. To be young and black in the 1990s means that the basic context for human development—education, health care, personal safety, the environment, employment and shelter—is increasingly problematic. To be young and black today means fighting for survival in a harsh and frequently unforgiving urban environment.

The frightening prospects for African-American children and youth have been identified by Marian Wright Edelman and the Children's Defense Fund. Today, in comparison to white children, black children are one and one half times more likely to grow up in families whose household head didn't graduate from high school. They are twice as likely to be arrested for property crimes, to be unemployed as teenagers and later as adults, and to become teenage mothers. African-American infants are two and one half times as likely to die in the first year of life, and to be born at low birth weights. They are three times more likely than white young people to live in single-parent homes, to live in group quarters, and/or to be suspended from school or corporal punishment. African-American young people are four times as likely to be born of mothers who have had no prenatal care, mothers who died during childbirth, or mothers dying from HIV infection. They are five times more likely to be arrested by the police for violent crimes than are white youth. And they are nine times more likely to become victims of homicide.

Aycock Runs

Judge E. Burt Aycock, Jr is a Pitt county native. He graduated from J.H. Rose High School and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned a law degree from the University's Law School. Aycock serves on the Assault Advisory Committee to North Carolina Council of Women and

the Mediation Center of Eastern North Carolina's Board of Directors. Also, he is a member of the Pitt County Bar Association and the Greenville Rotary Club.

Aycock is married to the former Nancy Barnhill and have two grown children, Burt and Susan.

The Promise Of Black Youth

The most destructive institutional factor which impacts black youth today is unquestionably the criminal justice system. Instead of investing in job training programs, education and health care, our system is responding to the crisis of black youth essentially by building more prisons. In the ten years between 1982 and 1992, state governments alone built 455 new prisons. One half of those in state prisons are now black. Nationwide, the prison population in federal, state and county facilities now exceeds one and one half million. Twenty-three percent of all African-American males between the ages of eighteen and twenties are today either in prison, on probation, parole or awaiting trial.

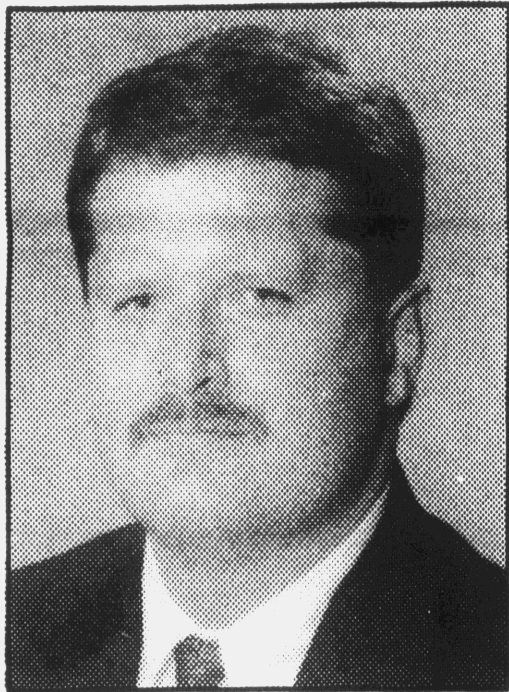
The Institute for Research in African-American Studies at Columbia University which I direct, is only ten blocks away from the heart of Harlem, 125th Street. Everyday, in our immediate neighborhood,

I can see the destruction of an entire generation of our young people. In New York City, 45 percent of all African-American youth dwell in poverty. In Central Harlem, one out of eight households has no plumbing or toilet facilities; 87 percent of all households lack any form of air conditioning; more than half live in buildings with more than four floors which lack elevators; and one-third have no telephones. Everyday in New York, an average of 70,000 children, mostly Latino and black, use illegal drugs. Black and Hispanic youth unemployment exceeds forty percent. Pervading everything is the spectre of violence. In Central Harlem, the mortality rate for children from birth through age four is almost triple that of the national average. We must urgently recognize and respond to this profound social crisis for black youth across the country.

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in the groin and private body areas, causing him great pain and physical harm coupled with extreme mental distress', and (3) 'violated the rights' of the children 'by placing guns to their heads and cocking and clicking the weapons.' As usual in these situations involving African-Americans and in this case, African-American children, the police denied that such atrocities occurred and the police moved for summary judgment without a trial on the grounds of qualified immunity. United States District Judge James C. Fox granted that motion and dismissed the case. Jeannette Teel Taft and her family, who during these court proceedings did not have an attorney, then employed Robert L. White, an African-American attorney in Greenville, North Carolina who appealed this case to the United States Court of Appeal for

the Fourth Circuit. On appeal, this case was argued in Baltimore, Maryland. The Teel family pooled their money and sent representative of their family to Baltimore, Maryland to hear attorney Robert L. White argue this case on their behalf. On November 16, 1995, the 4th Circuit reversed and ordered a trial, stated that "even under the police officers' version of the facts, the amount of force used may have been unreasonable. But Judge Motz of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit disagreed. In a strong dissent, he argued that the case should have been dismissed. He felt that "patting the breast areas and searching inside and outside of the legs and private parts" of the minor girls (aged 10 to 16) "appear totally consistent with a typical (sic) police pat-down search. He dismissed the improper use of the

guns by stating that "no affiant claimed that the guns were placed against the children's heads." And Judge Motz concluded that "appellants here did not suffer any (sic) injuries, let alone grievous ones."

In an unusual move, the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has recently granted the defendants (police officers) a rehearing en banc. This means that all active Court of Appeals judges will rehear the case. The arguments in this case will be heard in Richmond, Virginia on April 2, 1996.

This case should be of great importance to all African-American. While it is generally known how young African-American males are treated by the police, this case shows that it now "open season" on African-American females and our minor children.

BROTHER ALAN KEYES . . . GOP Presidential Candidate (c) was stomping in Greenville recently. He is joined here by local Greenville supporters Pastor James Corbett (L) and Herb Gardner (R).

Photo by Jim Rouse

Why aren't blacks supporting Alan Keyes?

By Alvin Peabody

There are nine men running in this year's U.S. presidential race (eight Republicans and one Democrat). But only one of them is Black, Alan Keyes, a former government official who resides in nearby Maryland.

When he speaks, he appeals to a vast audience of mostly White voters. And, he has been described as "brilliant" and "eloquent." Yet, for Keyes, the momentum from the nation's Black voters are seemingly invisible, which is in stark contrast to that of the presidential ambition of civil rights leader Jesse Jackson (1984, 1988) or even retired U.S. Gen. Colin Powell, who was prodded early on to jump into the race as a Republican.

"I have always represented the tradition of justice, an extension of what I call the 'DuBois' tradition," said the Rev. Jackson, who heads the Washington, D.C.-based Na-

tional Rainbow Coalition. "But Mr. Keyes represents quite the opposite of that tradition."

A former Maryland candidate for the U.S. Senate, Keyes has been able to garner a few votes in the recent Iowa caucus as well as the New Hampshire primary, which was held early this week. But in interviews with Jackson and other national Black leaders, the lone Black presidential candidate is simply not espousing an agenda that is appealing to them.

"Mr. Keyes is not following our agenda at all," said *Emergence* Magazine Editor George Curry. "He's running against everything that Blacks stand for and that's very unfortunate."

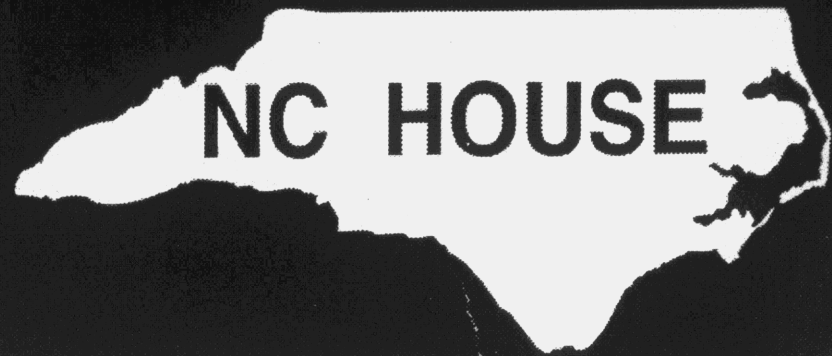
As Keyes travels around the country, Black leaders argue that he tends to put forth White conservative views and issues, such as family values, marriage and the elimination of a welfare state.

"Talking about this man not only makes me angry, but I also think it's a waste of time," said comedian Dick Gregory.

"Here is someone who's hiding behind the conservative label and talking about family values," Gregory said. "But who is more family-oriented than Black folks? Yes, he went to an Ivy League school, but I can almost bet that his mother or father struggled, worked day in and day out, to make sure this man had a good education. Now, that's family values."

Roger Wilkins, a professor at George Mason University, knows a lot about how the U.S. political system works. "Alan Keyes is way out of the mainstream and let me tell you, he really glories in tweaking those of us who are in the mainstream," said Wilkins, a former U.S. assistant attorney general.

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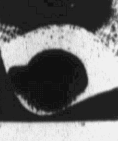
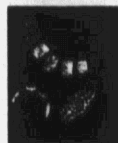
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Black looking beyond politics

Many well-known black leaders finally are realizing that politics is not destiny.

Maryland congressman Kweisi Mfume is the best-known of this new breed, leaving politics to start the real work of reforming black life.

Rep. Mfume, 47, a five-term legislator who chaired the Congressional Black Caucus, leaves office in February to become executive director of the beleaguered NAACP. And his reason for exchanging a guaranteed congressional seat for a less stable civil rights post?

"The struggle today is to bring the black underclass into the American mainstream," Rep. Mfume said in a televised press conference. "It'll mean going into the communities, going door to door, talking about personal responsibility, about values."

Kweisi Mfume is right. He realizes that black elected officials on the Hill are mostly removed from the daily realities of black life.

He knows, too, that blacks have wasted too much time chasing ballot-box promises and pinning their hopes on individual officeholders.

But these traditions are changing.

The Million Man March in October and the Trusted Partners convention in Atlanta a month later are just two examples of the new nationwide focus on self-reliance and introspection.

"I think that the black masses are turning off of politicians," said Conrad Worrill, a Million Man March organizer and a history professor at Northeastern Illinois University. "There has been too much emphasis on electoral politics, without tying it to the economic and cultural."

And Ronald Walters, a lieutenant for two-time presidential hopeful Rev. Jesse Jackson, agrees.

"We have over 8,500 black elected officials, and we still are running for the hills," he told The Miami Herald. "Elected officials, by themselves, won't do."

Ronald Walters' words are not lost on Rev. Jackson, who recently announced his return to Chicago to reinvigorate Operation PUSH, the advocacy and economic development group that he founded in 1971.

Ironically, his return comes just as his son, Jesse Jackson Jr., has been elected to complete the congressional term of Rep. Mel Reynolds, who was jailed for having sex with a minor.

These reborn leaders will be successful only if they convince their followers that they must solve their own problems.

Railing against Republicans may be cathartic, but it will not solve the problems of crime and violence, drug abuse, functional illiteracy, teen-age pregnancy and dysfunctional families that are devastating black communities.

To his credit, Kweisi Mfume promises to go door to door, talking about responsibility and values.

And, along with opportunities to return the NAACP to economic solvency, Rep. Mfume has a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to change the focus of the NAACP from one of holding black people strictly accountable for the negative behaviors that make their lives hell.

While courting corporate America for money, he also should finish—but redirect—former executive director Benjamin Chavis' outreach to black youngsters, especially males who continue to maim and murder one another at alarming rates.

Instead of battling to become figureheads in gerrymandered minority voting districts that, more often than not, leave black constituents more disenfranchised than ever, black leaders must begin the real work of transforming black life—neighborhood by neighborhood, family by family, person by person.

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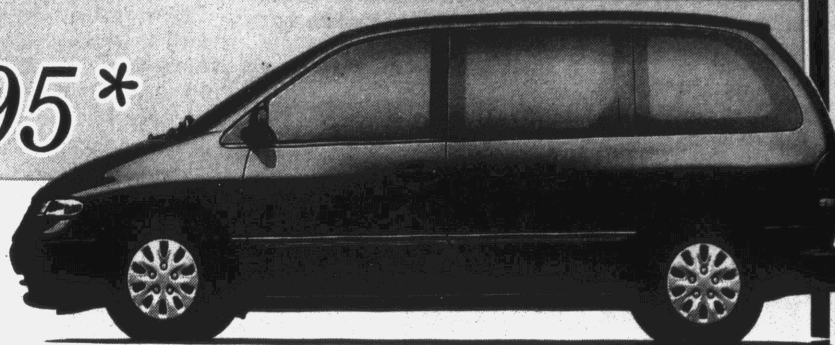
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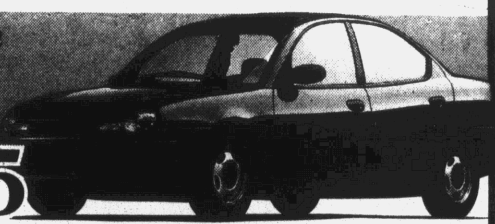
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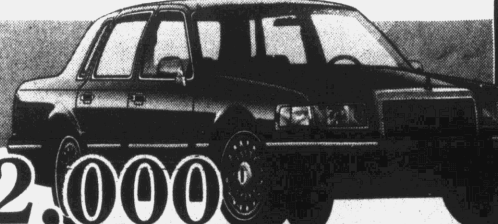
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Black Universities dealing with integration

by Elizabeth Tennyson
Billy Jones insists he is just like every other freshman at North Carolina Central University. He goes to class, plays cards in the student union and tries to decide what to do with the rest of his life. But Jones is different. He is white.
Brought into the university under a "minority presence" grant, Jones is part of a growing minority of white students on the historically and predominantly black NCCU campus.
Like other public universities,

NCCU is under a state mandate to maintain a 15 percent minority population. In this case, that means non-black students, said Dr. Vicki Fuller, who heads the school's Minority Presence Committee.
For the 1995-96 academic year, NCCU has 14.8 percent minority students, up 1 percent over the previous year. While that satisfies the state, Chancellor Julius Chambers, a renowned civil rights attorney, believes the school should do even more to recruit white students.

"The chancellor thinks it's morally right," Fuller said.
Fuller's committee was created less than a year ago to find ways to recruit and keep white students on the NCCU campus.
But interesting white students, particularly first-time freshmen, in attending a predominantly black college, has been difficult.
In many cases, black schools are stereotyped as less challenging academically and less desirable socially.
"There are too many people who just think it's a bad school because it's historically black," Jones said. "My parents didn't want me to come here, but when they saw it was a good school, they were OK with it."
Like minorities at predominantly white schools, those at NCCU often are lured with promises of scholarships and grant-which can pay full tuition, but may not last through a four-year curriculum.
Most black students say offering grants to minorities is acceptable as long as it doesn't reduce the funding available to black students.



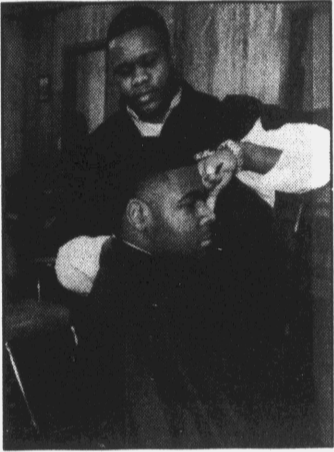
"I was at a white school before I came here and they gave me grant money," said Criminal Justice Major Carl Greenlaw. "I think it's only fair."
And Jones, who says he is happy with his decision to attend NCCU, admits he would have chosen another school had it not been for a minority presence grant.
"They offered to pay for me to come here, so I'm here. That's why I'm not at Carolina right now," Jones said.
But Jones soon may find his money drying up. The majority of the \$144,500 in state money the school receives for minority grants goes to recruit new students. Few students receive funding after their first year. Then financial burdens and isolation can drive minorities away.
That is when Dr. James Fuller, Vicki Fuller's husband, goes to work. As minority presence student coordinator, he is responsible for helping minority students resolve everything from financial to personal problems.
To further reduce isolation, the school has introduced a big brother and sister program that pairs incoming minority students with older, predominantly majority students. Minority students are being appointed to student commit-



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The FTC's participation, Mrs. Metaksa said, "confirms the 'anything-for-Bill' attitude of every federal agency that can help the Clinton Administration undermine the Second Amendment—and now the First Amendment rights of Second Amendment advocates."
"It President Bill Clinton truly believes in the First Amendment and the need for fairness and objectivity in a government agency, he would immediately haul FTC to the nearest woodshed. In all likelihood, he will invite them around for dinner."
Mrs. Metaksa went on to underscore the self-defense efficacy of firearms.
The gun ban movement professes that the only successful defensive use of a gun is when the intruder is killed. This is illogical. Self defense is not measured in criminals killed, but in lives saved, property protected and crimes thwarted. By their definition of successful self defense, home burglar alarms and locks are worthless, because they don't kill the intruder, even though they prevent the crime.

The Dietary Guidelines

By: Cheryle D. Summers
County Ext. Agent
The Dietary Guidelines for Americans, first issued in 1980, reflect current nutrition knowledge and are revised every five years. The just-released 1995 edition includes some important changes. It is a road map to good nutrition that shows how you can eat well. For the first time since their creation, the guidelines recommend Americans maintain or improve their weight by balancing the diet with moderate physical activity. The revised guidelines also call for a greater emphasis on grain foods. In general, the new dietary guidelines provide simple steps to better health. Good nutrition begins with the food choices we make each day, so keep these seven guidelines in mind:
• Eat a variety of foods.
• Balance the food you eat with physical activity. Maintain or improve your weight.
• Choose a diet with plenty of grain products, vegetables and fruits.
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Gov. Hunt meets with Miss Collegiate African-American

Gov. Hunt met Monday with Christi Bradford, the 1995 winner of the Miss Collegiate African-American. Bradford was in Raleigh visiting St. Augustine's College as part of a national 20-city tour of historically black colleges and universities.

"Christi Bradford embodies the spirit and sense of pride that can be found in the numerous historically black colleges and universities across North Carolina," Gov. Hunt said. "She is a good representative of the rich heritage and history we can find in these fine schools."

Bradford, 21, is a 1995 graduate of Fayetteville State University. A

native of Washington, D.C., she was raised and educated in North Carolina. Bradford won the title of Miss Collegiate African-American after beating out 42 competitors from historically black colleges and universities. She has been recognized by Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities and is on the National Dean's List.

The Miss Collegiate African-American Pageant was founded by Frank Mercado-Valdes in 1984 to offer educational role models for African-American youth. This year, representatives from six North Carolina colleges participated, including North Carolina Central University, North Caro-



CHRISTY BRADFORD AND GOV. JIM HUNT

lina A&T, Fayetteville State University, Johnson C. Smith University and St. Augustine's College.

Gov. Hunt also met Mercado-Valdes, the current president of

the pageant, and Rashima Brooks, the current Miss St. Augustine's College. Brooks will compete this summer for the title of 1997 Miss Collegiate African-American.

Increasing number of children being abused

Nationwide, the number of children who are reported as abused and neglected each year has risen to approximately three million. And sadly, as many as five children die each day from child abuse in the United States.

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To draw attention to this crisis, April is recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Governor Hunt has proclaimed

April as Child Abuse Prevention Month here in North Carolina, and Mrs. Carolyn Hunt is the Honorary Spokesperson for this year's campaign. The goal is to raise public awareness, to educate citizens about the seriousness of the problem, and to teach parents how to prevent it.

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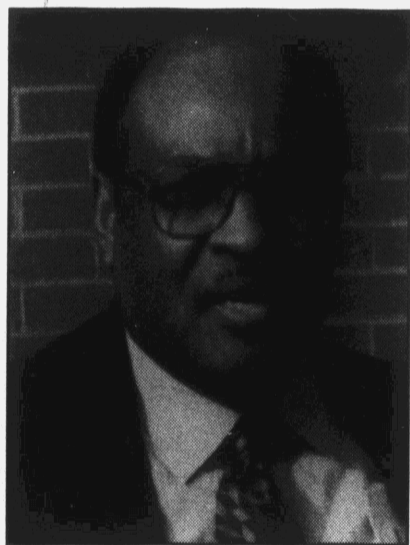
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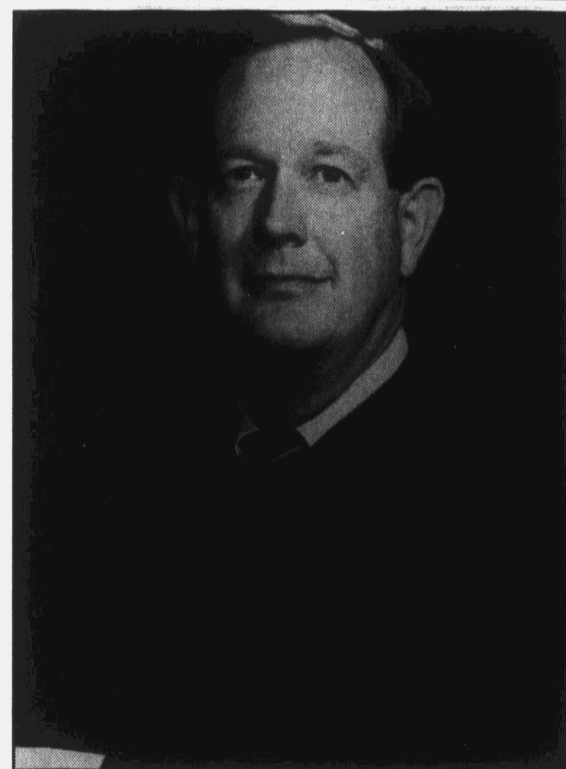
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