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## Are African-Americans treated equal

By staff writer Jim Rouse

The question as to whether or not African-Americans are citizens of the United States of American 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 murder (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 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.

## Ugly charges in Mandela divorce

Forget the "War of The Roses," bad as it was, it was just a local squabble. During a cross-examination of President Nelson Mandela at his recent divorce trial, he cautioned the lawyers for his ex-wife, Winnie, not to press him too closely on the details of why they separated. He maintained he did not want to "reveal facts which might damage Winnie's image and bring pain to my children."

And what facts is he referring to? According to the City Press of Johannesburg, S. Africa, Winnie beat Nelson Mandela on "several occasions." They named an unidentified source close to the Mandela family, who maintains that Winnie attacked Nelson Mandela "more than once" after his release from Robin Island after 27 years of illegal imprisonment.

The newspaper reported that after one alleged attack, a bodyguard for Nelson Mandela drew his firearm and threatened Mrs. Mandela, saying he would not allow Mandela to be humiliated.

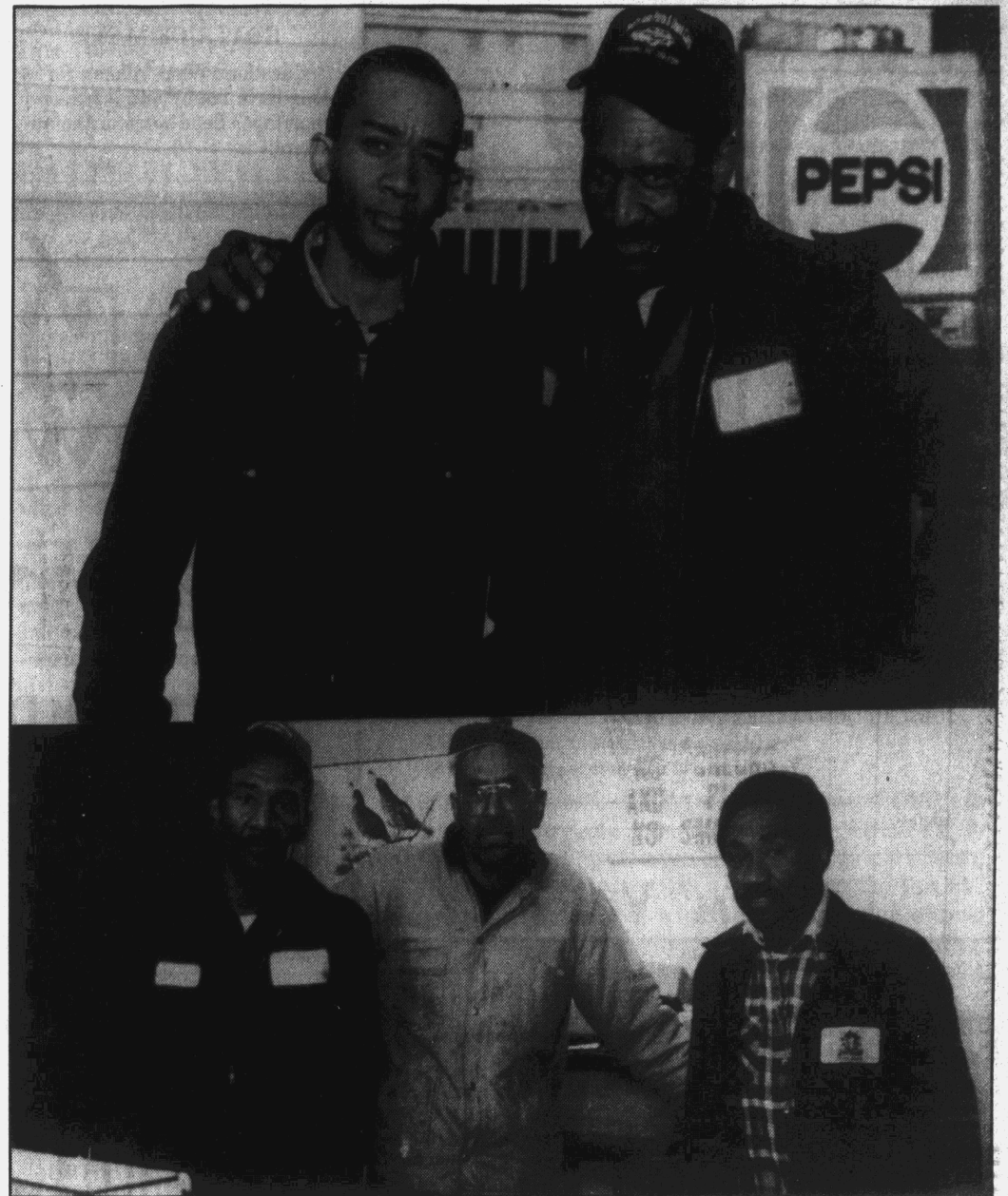
In yet another attack, a "well known cleric was called to mediate." Bishop Tutu?

Battered president?

Whoever he was, Mrs. Mandela reportedly threw him out of the house. The beatings allegedly continued until Mandela left his wife in 1992, the year he became the president.

Wow! Is there another side to the story? According to sources

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MEMBERS OF THE TEEL FAMILY

## Apartheid trials go on amid media silence

After working so hard for the liberation of South Africa, the post-apartheid era seems to hold only troubling reports. And many people wonder where all those responsible for all that suffering have gone. Have they left the country, have they gone undercover or are they still working to undermine the ANC government?

Now, finally, there are some answers. The trial of the former defense minister Magnus Malan and other senior military officers was adjourned until April 15, after three grueling weeks of testimony. At the trial, evidence in detail had emerged concerning the lengths to which the government went to assure the continuation of apartheid. Covert machinations are designed to set Black against Black and undermine confidence in the ability of the Black majority to rule themselves.

Inkatha hit squad  
Post-apartheid government prosecutor Tim McNally told the court the accused had planned to kill anti-apartheid activists using supporters of the Zulubased Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP) as a covert hit squad.

According to Reuters, political scientist Alexander Johnston of the University of Natal, South Africa, said the trial was the first in which apartheid secrets had been revealed.

"For many people it is a confirmation of what they have long believed to be true," Johnston said.

According to political analysts, the trial in Durban, on the eastern coast, has greatly encouraged post-apartheid politicians and commissioners of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission set up to investigate human rights abuses under apartheid.

"It begins to create inroads within the Afrikaaner movement that still says apartheid was justified and that the state was under attack. Now we see people turning against their former masters," University of the Western Cape political analyst Sipho Maseko said.

Malan, age 66, and 19 others, including four generals, a vice admiral, a police colonel, six Black policemen and a senior Inkatha official, are on trial for 13 murders, four attempted murders and conspiracy to murder. The defen-

dants all pleaded not guilty.

The former military men are the most important figures of the defunct apartheid government to face justice for a violent campaign to maintain white rule.

Malan, the most prominent among the men in the dock and defense minister from 1980 to 1991, has not been directly linked to the murders by the witnesses so far.

The state plans to expose a network of repression, directed from the top echelons of the military and security forces, aimed at fanning Black-on-Black strife to prop up apartheid and undermine support for the now-ruling African National Congress (ANC).

Witness for the prosecution  
"The prosecution will cast a shaft of judicial light to a corner of our history which has hitherto been dark and secret. That process has now begun. It is a process of truth and justice," State Prosecutor McNally said in outlining his case.

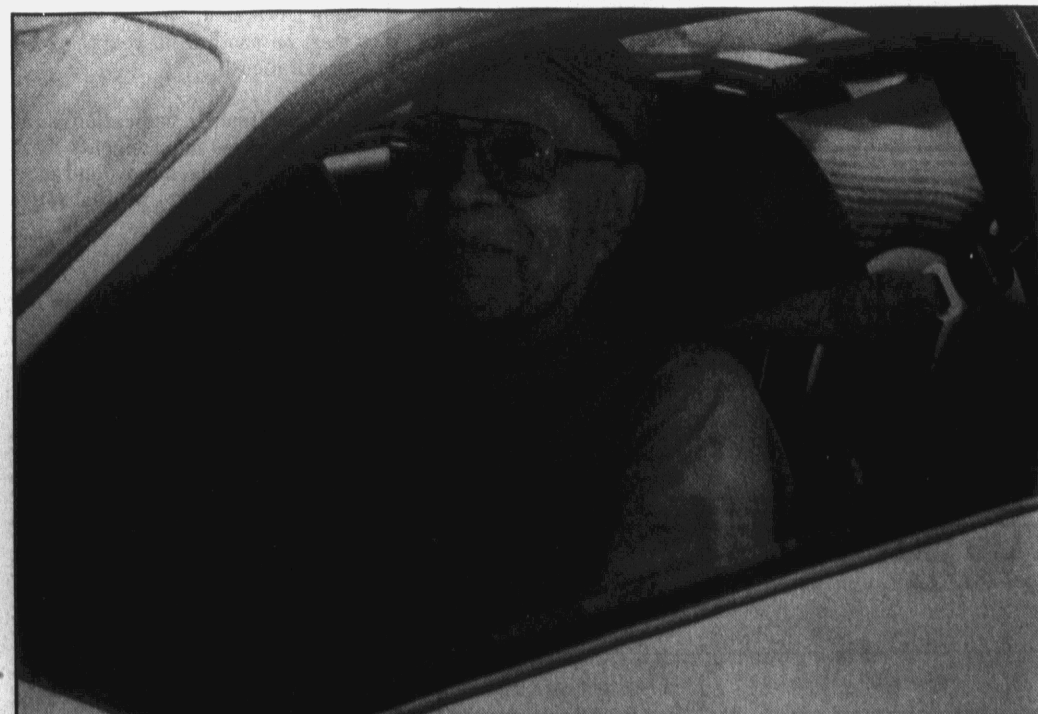
The first key witness, former soldier and military intelligence operative Johan Opperman last week stepped out of the shadows

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HELPING TO GET "THE WORD" OUT . . . Brother Jim Rouse (L) of WOOW in Greenville, joins Brother Reggie Jones (R) of WCOO in New Bern to share a moment and exchange ideas about what's happening in the world of communications.

Staff Photo



AT AGE 83 AND STILL GOING STRONG . . . Father Ernest "Red" Eaton has been an inspiration to many aspiring young brothers and sister for many years. Brother Eaton was a pioneer in the business community in Greenville, operating Eaton's Shell Service Station, and a lifetime member of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church where he serves on the deacon board.

Photo by Jim Rouse



BROTHER FRAGIER SANDERS AND HIS LOVELY LADY . . . Sister Gladys Sanders, were both on hand when the Shriners sponsored their annual "Easter Egg Hunt" for the youngsters at the Tom Foreman park.

Photo by Jim Rouse



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**The 'M' Voice**

**from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye**

March 29, 1996

Dear Mrs. Maye,  
We certainly appreciate the opportunity to share some of the reasons for a successful marriage. William and I both tend to be traditional individuals about marriage and family rituals.

We believe in celebrating every aspect of marriage and family rituals such as anniversaries, birthdays, family gatherings, graduations related to academic situations and above all to make every occasion a great occasion in the famous words of the late Mr. O.A. Dupree. He made this profound statement at our marriage ceremony in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Even though there are many worldly and outside obstacles which attempt to negatively influence a marriage, we must always remember that what God has joined together, no man must put asunder.

Therefore, a couple must be committed to their marriage vows, believe in God and prayer, be able to forgive and above all, communicate truthfully and effectively with each other.

Sincerely,  
William "Bobby" and Brenda H. Teel

Mr. and Mrs. Monty Frizzell:

A man or woman united in marriage, who speaks the truth, walks upright and does the work of righteousness, is one who doeth no evil to his wife/ husband and children, but gives them respect, honors his or her position in their own home. The woman is bound to her husband as long as she lives and he to her. For every marriage there is success, but it seems to be behind a door or wall. Nearly everyone has built a wall around his marriage; sometimes it is a wall of resentment, resenting someone or a situation which shuts off his/her happiness. If you resent the success of some else, you are keeping away your own happiness.

Taking an interest in your marriage, being interested in yourself, your family, and enjoying what you are doing, will lead to a happy, long and successful marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Frizzell continue to say that you do not live in the past, complain about your misfortunes, talk too much about your affairs, and let your family know where you are.

Dr. and Mrs. Elbert E. Jones,  
Washington, DC  
(Mrs. Maye's brother and his wife)

Living a Life of Love  
(1 Corinthians 13:1-7  
(March 28, 1996)

We have been married sixty (60) years because we try to live according to the classic definition of LOVE in 1 Corinthians 13. We love each other.

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love is not envious or boastful; arrogant selfish, or rude. It does not insist on its own way. It is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong doing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, hopes all things, endures all things. It does not manipulate or intimidate, but liberates.

LOVE AND MARRIAGE  
Compassion  
Kindness (Goodness, Mercy)  
Patience (Long Suffering)  
Humility (Doing Justice)  
Meekness (Self-Control)  
Forbearance (Trust)  
(Unlimited) forgiveness  
Reconciliation  
Marriage is UNITY not UNIFORMITY. Marriage is UNITY and INDIVIDUALISM.  
Margaret (Booster) and Elbert

Mr. and Willie Barnes,  
Greenfield Terrace on their 50th wedding anniversary, December 27, 1995

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7. The healthy family teaches a sense of right and wrong.
8. The healthy family has a strong sense of family in which rituals and traditions abound.
9. The healthy family has a balance of interaction among members.
10. The healthy family has a shared religious core.
11. The healthy family respects the privacy of one another.
12. The healthy family values service to others.
13. The healthy family fosters table time and conversation.
14. The healthy family shares leisure time.
15. The healthy family admits to and seeks help with problems.

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Our family is very appreciative that you have chosen to celebrate this special occasion with us.  
May God continue to bless you and yours.  
Deacon Matthew and Mrs. Christine Lewis said, "We are ready to start on another 60 years". Congratulations!

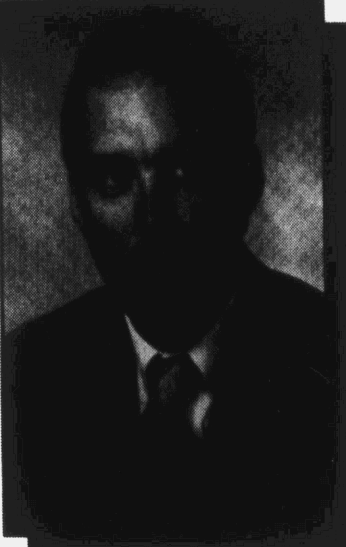
Commitment, dedication and love are three requirements that will cause a long, happy, and successful marriage, states your writer.

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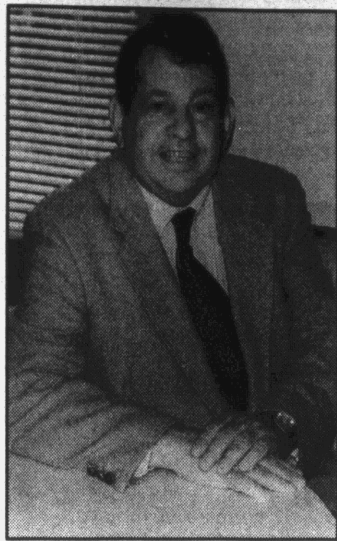
The Greenville Recreation and Parks Department in conjunction with the BEMJO Martial Arts Center (Bill McDonald Karate School) will have pre-registration for the summer children's Karate and martial arts program on Tuesday, April 30 and Wednesday, May 1 at the Jaycee Park between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The class, which is open to children ages 5-15, will meet twice a week for a 12 week period. The fee for the session is \$69.00 and includes a free karate uniform.

Call 752-5192 for additional information.



## Community News

# Sheppard Moore announces candidacy for U.S. House of Representatives



SHEPPARD N. MOORE

I was born and reared on a family farm in eastern North Carolina. I played sports at Jasper High School where I completed a four-year program of study in three years. Upon graduation, I attended North Carolina State University at Raleigh, North Carolina for my undergraduate work and two years of graduate work. Upon transfer to Atlanta, I completed three years of graduate work at Georgia State University in Management and Public Administration. My wife, Sarah Fortune Moore, was reared in Brevard, NC. She graduated from Brevard College, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and completed her graduate work at Western Carolina University. Our daughter, Lisa, graduated from UNC-CH and is attending

Law School at the University of Virginia. Our son, Neal, was killed in 1992 while riding as a passenger in a car driven by a friend.

I served on active duty as an enlisted member of the North Carolina National Guard and as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, obtaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. While in the Air Force, I commanded two squadrons and later served on the Air Force Emergency Operating Team at the Pentagon.

I was on the staff of North Carolina State University for seven years. One of the more interesting jobs that I had occurred during this time while I served a three-year period in Lima,

Peru, South America. I was the Administrative Assistant for the North Carolina State University Staff and Economic Advisor to the government of Peru. I also worked with the Soil Conservation Service and the U.S. Forest Service prior to joining the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and helping establish an office for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Upon transfer to Atlanta, Georgia, I became Chief of the Environmental Assessment Branch. I initiated an annual seminar, attended by an average of 300 environmental leaders.

In 1988, I joined FPL as Senior Coordinator, Environmental Affairs. I managed an Environmental Licensing Team for a \$500 million Repowering Project. I reviewed

the environmental procedures for two nuclear power plants, wrote major portions of this public utility's Ten-Year Site Plan and developed a comprehensive storm water management program that met USEPA storm water requirements.

### Statement on Issues

1. I decided to become involved when it appeared to me that some of our leaders were more concerned in making the other side look bad than in doing what is in the best interest of our country.

2. I believe in a balanced budget. However no one should be held hostage while we are accomplishing this. I became very angry when I read that disabled vets might not receive their checks. Anyone that

is disabled while risking her or his life to preserve our freedom should never have to worry about their checks. If elected, the first piece of legislation that I will introduce will be to assure that they get paid, even if Congress does not get paid.

3. I believe that people want to live and work in eastern North Carolina because we provide a clean and safe environment. I believe that this goes hand-in-hand with sound economic growth. We can "create our future" by involving local citizens and local government in the decision-making process. We need effective and efficient development and environmental policies that are based on good science.

4. I am pro agriculture, having been reared on a family farm. I am concerned about the voice of agriculture as those who feed our nation are now below five percent of the population.

5. I am pro education. I believe every child should have an opportunity for a quality education. My mother was a school teacher and my dad was on the local school board. My wife is in the public school system.

6. I believe in a strong military. Strength is the way to maintain peace. I joined the N.C. National Guard when I was seventeen, took ROTC at N.C. State University and became an Air Force Officer. I will work hard to keep the military bases in North Carolina.

7. I promise to stick to the issues.

## Hunt names four to commission on children with special needs

Gov. Jim Hunt appointed Gail B. Gaddy of Charlotte and Mary Alice Yarborough of Greenville to the North Carolina Commission on Children with Special Needs and reappointed Hughleta Edmiston of Lenoir and Steven G. Hinnant of Kenly. Members will

serve until July 31, 1997.

The commission is responsible for studying and evaluating the services provided by the state to children with special needs. It also evaluates the recommendations and reports made by various state agencies and reports these find-

ings to the state legislature. The governor nominates four of the 12-member board.

"This commission is vital to the education of children with special needs," Hunt said. "I know that these individuals will continue in the commission's work to ensure

that we provide the resources so that all our children can grow up to meet their full potential."

Gaddy is a customer account representative with D.S. Food Service. She is member of the Randolph Middle School PTA and serves as a lunch buddy to el-

ementary students. Gaddy was the recipient of several awards from the Order of the Eastern Star, including Most Supportive Supervisor for Youth and Outstanding Services Rendered Award.

Yarborough is the Title I Director and Coordinator of Special Programs for Pitt County Schools. She received her B.A. from the University of Alabama and her Ed.S. from East Carolina University. Yarborough is a member of the North Carolina Association of Compensatory Education and served on the N.C. Task Force for Gifted Education.

## United Cerebral Palsy volunteer hosts luncheon

Recently, George Griffin III, of Williamston, hosted a luncheon for legislators from northeastern North Carolina on behalf of United Cerebral Palsy of North Carolina. Also present were parents, UCP volunteers, and adults who receive services. Among the legislators

present was Representative Marvin Aldridge of Greenville.

Mr. Griffin spoke to the legislators about the continued importance of private/public partnerships in order for persons with disabilities to live successfully in the community. United Cerebral

Palsy has been able to develop children's services and residential supports and employment for citizens with cerebral palsy through its partnering with local and state government. Mr. Griffin stated that "Government has an appropriate role in the lives of persons

with disabilities which is to foster the greatest independence possible per the disability of each individual." Mr. Griffin said he wanted legislators to understand that at some point, every family with a child or adult with a disability will need the assistance of the community.

United Cerebral Palsy is also a member of Coalition 2001. The Coalition is composed of 45 organizations which focus their work on identifying statewide the priorities and funding needs for citizens with disabilities. As a private non-profit, UCP relies upon the support of volunteers and donations. Mr. Griffin asked the legislators present to support the work of UCP and Coalition 2001 in the upcoming short session of the General Assembly. The General Assembly convenes on May 13.

## Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month and statewide conference

According to statistics compiled by the State Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, 23,001 young women between the ages of 10 and 19 in North Carolina became pregnant in 1994. More than 15,000 of these pregnancies resulted in live births. For the fifth year in a row, North Carolina has seen a decrease in the number of adolescent pregnancies. That doesn't mean we need to stop now.

Governor James B. Hunt has proclaimed the month of May as Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month across North Carolina. This statewide campaign began in 1991 as an education and awareness effort by the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Coalition of North Carolina (APPCNC).

Each year local communities come together and emphasize the importance of a strong partnership between the community and the family in helping young people develop responsible and healthy attitudes about sexuality and enhance decision making skills that lead to positive life choices. Religious organizations, media, businesses, schools, and community agencies can assume a leadership role by providing information, resources, and educational programs for youth throughout the month of May.

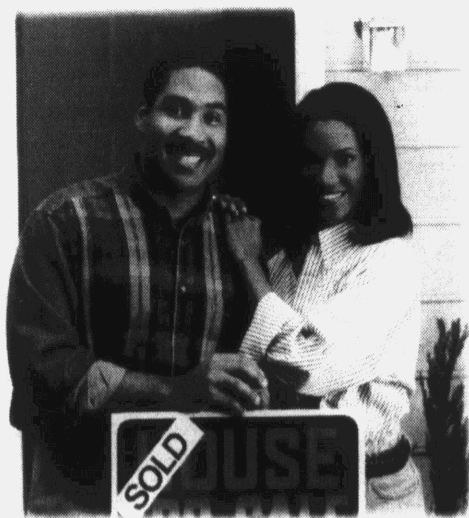
APPCNC, in addition to Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month, will be holding a statewide conference on Tuesday, April 30, 1996. The conference will be held in Char-

lotte at the Hilton at University Place from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The theme of this year's conference is "Relationships and Power: Addressing Multiple Issues of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention." Bringing in various topics from sexual abuse to foundation funding to pertinent legislation, APPCNC hopes to address the issues of the multitude and variety of people it serves.

The central purpose of APPCNC's work is preventing adolescent pregnancy across NC. The role of relationships and power is instrumental in the lives of adolescents. Each workshop at the conference will address these issues and how they are relevant to that particular topic.

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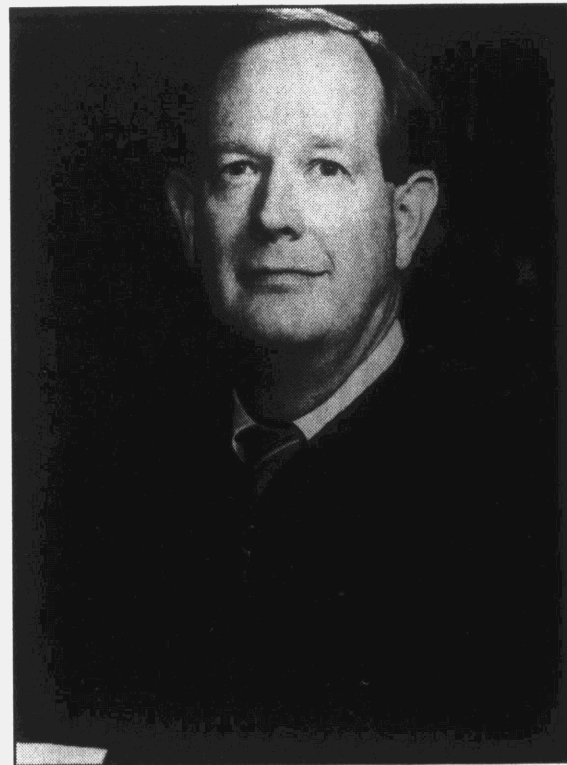
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# Judge Aycok

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• Chief District Court Judge since 1984

• Past President North Carolina Association of District Court Judges

• Immediate Past President North Carolina Conference of Chief District Court Judges

• North Carolina Supreme Court Dispute Resolution Committee-Chair Arbitration Sub-committee

• Certified Juvenile Court Specialist

• Member Pitt County Domestic Violence Network

• Past Vice President North Carolina Bar Association

• Married, two children

• Member First Presbyterian Church

• Raised in Pitt County

"Thank you for your vote and support on May 7."

*Burt Aycok, Jr.*

*Paid for by the committee to re-elect Judge Aycok*



## From Page 1

## Mandela Divorce

close to Winnie Mandela, Nelson was not out of prison a week when he accused Winnie of adultery.

Her attitude was incredulous. She felt betrayed. She had, at great peril to herself, kept his name alive, kept the revolution alive, while other wives of imprisoned leaders were quiet as a tomb.

As far as she was concerned few, if any, questions should be asked in that department, and she challenged Nelson's lack of sophistication that amounted to madness in her opinion.

In a play by Lawrence Holder called "M," which concerned itself with the relationship between Nelson and Winnie Mandela, Holder takes up the issue of outside interference. The play reveals a relative of Nelson Mandela who had sold out to the apartheid security forces and whose collaboration included feeding Nelson Mandela assorted stories about Winnie, close to the time of his release. Priming him, as it were.

As it is, there were reports of her excessive drinking soon after Nelson returned from prison. But at the heart of the matter were ideological differences between Winnie and Nelson that the apartheid intelligence community wished to manipulate.

A rift between Nelson and Winnie was imperative to any plans being made for a moderate approach to dismantling apartheid.

### Liberation necklaces

Winnie's 1989 statement still rang in the ears of the Western world: "With our boxes of matches, our necklaces, we will liberate this country." Necklaces refers to the burning tires placed around the necks of alleged collaborators.

Thus Mandela came out of prison all forgiveness and mellowed to perfection. Meanwhile, covert forces were working on the other end to create yet another rift between the ANC and Inkatha Freedom parties. News reports had already broken about F.W. de Klerk's financial assistance to elements

inside Inkatha, while news editors and columnists such as the New York Post's Eric Breindel, and Pat Buchanan maintained Buthelezi was a more legitimate leader of S. Africa than Mandela. And the cause of organized confusion was aided by charges that Nelson Mandela was anti-Semitic.

Amid all this Winnie Mandela reportedly did take to the bottle rather heavily and there was a Winnie-made scandal when she, reportedly drunk, attacked some female guest of the household estates and beat the woman. The beef was not clear but the woman angrily went to the apartheid police with information about Winnie she felt they'd interested in. They were, but the woman was convinced to later retract her statements and co-operate no further.

The Mandelas also fell out about Nelson Mandela's acceptance of the Nobel Peace Prize alongside of de Klerk. Winnie maintained it was a farce and apartheid blood was still dripping from de Klerk's hands. Nelson Mandela felt the prize was an important step in the right direction.

Winnie's criticism concerning the lack of speed with which the Mandela government was relieving the suffering of the very poor led to the widest gap yet, with now-President Mandela firing Winnie from her cabinet post, only to have to re-hire her because she was duly elected and not appointed.

### No sex, either

As if to gild the lily, during the trial yet another charge was laid on Winnie. Mandela maintained in court that Winnie had not had sex with him since he returned from prison. He said she never once came to his bedroom or knocked on the door.

In fact, the main charge was adultery. He claimed as correspondent Dali Mpofu, Winnie Mandela's attorney and personal assistant. Nelson Mandela's lawyers presented as evidence a so-called love letter Winnie had re-

portedly written to Mpofu. The letter, if it's the same one, had surfaced before. It was rather dry as love letters go, no eroticism.

The same or a similar letter was used to accuse Winnie of some check scam a while back. How did Nelson Mandela come by this letter? A newspaper reporter showed it to him. Why? See above.

But haven't these people ever heard of divorce by mutual consent. In fact they had. Mandela asked for mutual consent divorce in 1994, but Winnie, who first said yes, got mad at Mandela and later said no.

Mandela was granted a divorce the end of March 1996. Winnie, however, claimed she may contest because her reputation was given a sound thrashing by Mandela. She claims the result could injure the requested \$5 million financial settlement. Before she could make good this latest threat, the court upped the date of the financial settlement hearing and awarded Winnie zero, zip, assnamali.

The latest word is Nelson has told the press he will, despite the court ruling, grant Winnie a little something. "I have instructed my legal representatives to negotiate an ex-gratia payment to her, and a waiver of the court costs." Mandela also said he was glad the whole business was over and regretted that Winnie "could not bring herself to negotiate an amicable settlement."

For her part she says there was nothing meaningful between her and Mpofu, and she doesn't have him to fall back on. She is also deeply in debt. Nelson Mandela is 77, Winnie is 60.

My advice is, win or lose, write a book. Other than admitting to murder, add all the juicy details and cry all the way to the bank.

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## Apartheid trials

and into the witness box. After a grueling 10 days of cross-questioning by seven defense teams, Opperman gave evidence that the apartheid army set up and ran a warfare school for more than 200 Zulus.

The clandestine training in Namibia's Caprivi Strip formed part of the South African Defense Force's plan of support for Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's IFP,

code-named "Operation Marion." "We were going to f— up the ANC. It was a very sensitive, secret operation. I was told that we were training Inkatha people and...Inkatha would have been a force which would then...combat the onslaught of the ANC in this country," Opperman told the court.

Opperman testified that he was operational commander for 10 Caprivi trainees who carried out

the hit squad, killing off 13 people in a botched operation to assassinate an alleged "paymaster" of ANC guerrillas in 1987.

Willie Hofmeyr, a parliamentarian with the ANC who helped draft laws governing the Truth Commission, said the trial held hope for its mission to uncover the perpetrators of past political crimes.



## Slave house stands in James City

### By Bernard Bush

Visitors to the New Bern, James City area can visit the Crockett-Miller slave quarters, a two-family slave cabin named after two of its former owners. It is located on Craven Regional Airport property, at the end of Howell Road, in James City.

According to architect Paul Stephens, as reported in the Sun Journal, December 17, 1995, the house was designed as a two-family slave cabin around 1850. It is about 14-feet wide by 29-feet long and is a 1 1/2 story, gable roofed frame structure. On the first floor are two rooms of roughly equal size. Upstairs is a loft. Until the house was moved in 1980, a large brick chimney stood between the two first-floor rooms.

The chimney was used on both sides of the house, the unheated loft rooms drew warmth from

downstairs. They were reached by two steep, open, ladder-like stairs that rose along both sides of the chimney, Stephens told the Sun Journal.

According to John Green, historic preservation consultant for this project, relatively speaking, as far as slave houses go, this one was better than other slave houses because the house was built next to a plantation house and was designed for house slaves or cooks, probably.

Originally, the slave cabin stood at Neuse and Clarendon Boulevards, in New Bern. When that property was sold to Taco Bell, the cabin was moved to another location by the New Bern Preservation Foundation.

In 1994, the slave cabin was donated to the James City Historical Society, located at 502 Vail Street, James City. Members of

the James City Historical Society had the building moved to its present location, which is the location of 522 known African-American graves, also.

According to Mr. Ben Watford, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the James City Historical Society, that organization plans to restore the slave cabin, erect a monument for the graves of the former slaves and their descendants buried at that gravesite, and create an overlook to the airport.

"We want to make this slave cabin and gravesite a tourist attraction in order to further educate our people, especially our children, about our past," said Mr. Watford.

For more information, interested persons can contact the James City Historical Society at 919-633-5059.

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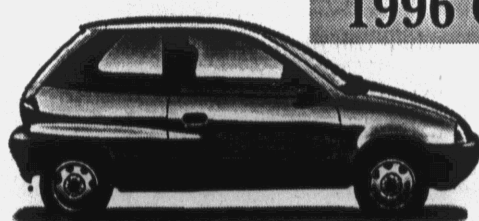
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# Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor

My name is Debbie Davis and my family, has been destroyed by domestic violence. Even though the marriage is over, my four children and I have been on the run from my husband since 1991. I thought the nightmare was over last year, but today a judgment was passed in court which has not only stated the cycle of persecution over again, but also places the psychological and physical well being of my kids in grave jeopardy. I feel powerless to protect my children, I don't have the financial means that my ex-husband has, when it comes to waging a lengthy court battle, but my children and I need help, desperately. I'm hoping that sending this to you will be a first step in getting help.

My husband, is a very vengeful and violent man who has been going to extreme lengths to hurt my kids and I, since we escaped his world of abuse. He hired private detectives who tracked us down even though we moved from state to state and from shelter to shelter. I fled my home in the middle of the night with just hastily packed suitcases and scared children. We ended up in a shelter at High Point, at three o'clock in the morning. We were allowed to stay one night, but told to move on, the next day, because they lacked the proper security measures. We were told that my husband's violent acts could put the safety of ourselves and other people at the shelter in jeopardy.

This wasn't the first time that we had to flee to a shelter. We had been in other domestic violence shelters before, because of the beating I had taken from him, and other forms of physical and mental abuse, some of it directed at my children. He always promised that it would never happen again, and I always went back with the hopes of holding our family together. Finally, I realized that things were never going to change, and that the effect all this was having on my children was going from bad to worse.

My 4-year-old son was awakened out of his sleep by a beating, for leaving his tricycle in the wrong area of the driveway. The other kids were often swore at, sometimes after my husband came home drunk. To this day I have scars on my back from being thrown across a car, my husband felt there were too many men at the car-wash I just come home from. He often flew into jealous rages for reasons that would leave me crying out of shame and disbelief, reasons that hurt emotionally as much as the physical pain-sometimes even more.

After being asked to leave the High Point shelter, we ended up at the Salvation Army in Raleigh. We were trying to get our life back together, when Christmas came, and with it my husband. He tried to break in, but was stopped when people who worked at the Salvation Army called the police. Meanwhile, the staff took us out the back door and sent us to another shelter in Virginia. Because it was very unhygienic and negatively affecting my children's health, we moved back to Raleigh.

This time we moved into another domestic violence shelter, until we could get into our own apartment. I secured a job as a manager at a local restaurant. One morning at 6:00 a.m. we awoke to the sound of my husband's voice: he was outside our door, asking my neighbor questions about me, and whether or not I lived alone. We became frightened. One of my sons tried to hide in a box, another got into a closet, my youngest daughter tried to hide under the bed, and the oldest daughter began to hyperventilate. I was afraid of my husband might be planning outside the house, and for what might happen to my children on the inside. I called the police, afraid that he was there to kill us all, hoping that the police would arrive and at least talk him into leaving.

In a moment of desperation, I called channel 22 hoping that someone would be able to help me and my children get out of this alive, while my husband circled the house with his car. Finally, two detectives arrived at my house and arrested my husband for carrying a concealed weapon and stalking. The detective told me that my husband had enough money in his pocket to be out on bond. With fear in my heart, I packed up my children again and we moved to New York where my mother lived just to get my kids to a safe place, at least temporarily.

I returned to Raleigh to fight the battle for us to get our lives back again, only to find out that he had sexually molested my oldest daughter when I was at work. We tried to file charges against him in Raleigh, but we were told we couldn't because it didn't happen

in Raleigh. So back we went, to Union County, where we were told that they would only detain him for a short while, and would probably be out angrier than before, especially because he wasn't her real father.

So I returned to Raleigh, where he was being held on the stalking and weapons charges, to try and stop the madness that was destroying my family. When I entered the courtroom, I learned that he was suing for custody of my children, and the stalking charges were dropped because I was late getting to court. I was granted temporary custody, but was still homeless. We did find a friend who let us stay, because I had once helped her in her time of need. She got tired of helping us, and put us back out on the streets again.

I was so afraid that having to live in the streets was going to make me lose my kids. Luckily, I met someone who was living in transitional housing, who helped us to get a room in the Raleigh Rescue Mission for one night. He used some of his unemployment check to get us into a hotel the next day. I went to work as a cab driver to support my kids and keep paying for the hotel until we found somewhere more permanent to stay. No one would take my custody case because I didn't have the funds to pay a \$1000+ retainer and because my case was in another county. I was even turned down by legal aid. I had no lawyer, no real job, no real home, just love for my children and plenty to pay for.

Thanks to friends that I worked with at the cab-stand, I was able to get rides to and from the long, drawn-out court battle. Eventually, I moved back to High Point and got a job as a cook. Meanwhile, my oldest daughter stayed behind to attend college and get on with her life. I secured another house for us: we loved it and were very happy, even though my husband was granted visitation rights.

During one of his visits, in a moment of rage, he threatened to take the kids from me. Somehow, I found the strength to tell him that he'll never get my kids, and that we are tired of running from him. We ended up in one of our shouting matches and before I knew what had happened, he hit me across the face. I told the kids to get into the car and we drove away very quickly. Afraid that he might follow me. I went to the sheriff's station at High Point, instead of going home, afraid that he may follow us, I took out papers charging him for assault on a female.

At some time after 1:00 a.m., my husband showed up at my house. He threatened to kill me if I showed up at court: I wasn't even aware that he knew where I lived! I took out papers on him again, this time for intimidating a witness. By the time the case came to trial, the intimidation charges were dropped because I couldn't remember the exact date that he came to my house. Great- a man can follow me from state-to-state, come to my house with a gun, threaten to kill me, but can get away with it if I don't ask him to take a break from terrorizing me long enough for me to record the date on a calendar. He was at least charged with domestic violence, though this didn't prevent me from having to live in fear and hiding.

This year I won custody of my children and was granted a divorce. He was granted visitation rights. He never showed up, he had his phone cut off, and then moved, with no forwarding address. I tried to reach him, because was told if I didn't, I would go to jail. Every time we went, but he failed to show, I called my lawyer and reported that he was not there. I was told to stop going then, but continued trying to reach him out of fear that the courts would take my kids.

The state took him to court for child support. The next day he filed papers, charging me with contempt of court for denying visitation. Today he saw his kids for the first time in a year. Meanwhile, I have found a fulfilling job, yet another home, and started rebuilding my life. By granting this daddy-fo-a-day visitation rights, then telling this man who was found guilty of domestic violence and carrying a concealed weapon that he could get my address from the clerk of court, the wheels of 'justice' have started to slowly grind my life into pieces again.

Based on his prior threats and vindictive nature, I feel that this is the last day that I'll ever see my kids if they are forced to go with him. They are being forced- they are either terrified or in denial over the upcoming visit. When they came back from prior visits with him, they told me that they were made to sleep naked under the sheets, even though they had pa-

jamass with them, even though they COMPLAINED about being cold. My 7-year-old daughter had to sleep with her brothers, but they were all afraid to say anything to him, afraid to be punished. Just what every mother wants to hear: her older daughter was sexually molested and now her youngest daughter sleeps cold and naked even though she has bedclothes. Why? Out of plain meanness, or something more wicked and perverse. Every time the question come to mind, I try to block it out, try to fight back the tears, tear of anger and helplessness.

When she was just a baby, he came home drunk one night and started to urinate on us while we lie asleep on the couch. Now, years later, I wonder if I'm doing something just as terrible to her, by allowing the visitation. But what choice do I have- get thrown in jail for contempt of court, then lose all my children? Meanwhile he has the means to get my address. He probably learned from his last mistake and will now be more devious when he comes for us. Will I awaken one dark night to his face leering over my bed and a knife to my throat? After he kills me, will he run away with my kids, maybe spend years punishing them because of me. Will he continue the cycle of abuse in THEIR lives, a cycle that the court, in all its wisdom could have ended? What physical and psychological condition will they end up in when he has total control over their lives?

I just hope that someone will hear my plea and help me save my children. When justice is blind, it is up to us to restore its sight, and with it our own sense of humanity. If anyone out there has the means to do so, please HELP ME and my kids. Why should they have to leave in fear and abuse because their mother is trying to abide by the law, the same law that wants me to hand them over to their abuser. Please call me at (919) 829-1222, if you can help.

Thank You,

Debbie Davis

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# Reflections on black political strategy

With the political temperature heating up, many conventions, conferences and public reflections on Black political strategy are taking place. So now is a good moment to review the history of our current strategies and where they have brought us thus far.

In 1972 the National Black Political Convention was convened in Gary, Indiana. Its purpose was to formulate a long-term strategy for advancing the Black Agenda beyond the achievements of the civil rights and Black Power movements of the 1960s. Among those participating in the convention was the then-Mayor of Gary, Richard Hatcher, who advocated the formation of a Black-led multiracial third party that would organize the demands for democracy and social justice of the 1960s into an electoral framework. Another participant was the Reverend Jesse Jackson, who supported the creation of a third party as well. But the pro-third party sentiment among some Black leaders was overridden by the promise of political leverage inside the Democratic Party.

At the time Shirley Chisholm, who would become the first Black woman presidential candidate,

was preparing to run in the Democratic primaries. So was Senator George McGovern, whose efforts to reform the Democratic Party after its turbulent 1968 convention in Chicago, where Black Panther Party members and anti-war activists were beaten bloody by the local police, had resulted in changes in party rules that promised to enhance the political power of African Americans, Latinos, women, and peace activists. The pressure to grab what appeared to be a genuine opportunity inside the Democratic Party was enormous. And so the National Black Political Convention voted to pursue an empowerment strategy of electing the greatest number of Black public officials possible by fielding candidates for office under the auspices of the Democratic Party.

After 1972, that empowerment campaign took off in earnest; in the 20 years that followed, Black political representation increased 365%. However, while the numbers of Black faces in high places grew substantially, the conditions of the Black community overall deteriorated. During the 1980s Black poverty in the cities increased by 49%. The War on Pov-

erty was soon transformed into an elaborate patronage system that allowed Democrats to win and retain elective office. In some cases, Black activists were the beneficiaries of local political machine building. But the Black political infrastructure that got created was not independent. It was controlled by the top movers and shakers of the party, who were white and tied to corporate and financial interests which had no stake in Black economic or social development. Blacks got elected to office, only to preside over worsening conditions in the communities. And while Black elected officials consistently delivered Black majorities to white Democratic Party candidates at the state and national levels,

Black America had little political clout. It was this dilemma that Rev. Jesse Jackson's 1984 presidential campaign hoped to address.

With Richard Hatcher as his campaign chairman, Rev. Jackson launched a political crusade to win the Democratic Party nomination for the presidency. He galvanized hundreds of thousands of new Black voters and shook the complacent Black establishment to its foundations. He garnered three and a half million votes. But even

as he was generating a new energy source for the Democratic Party — at a moment when the Republican Party had taken the White House and political reaction was on the rise — he ran smack up against the limits of the Gary, Indiana strategy. The open party rules drafted by McGovern in 1972 had been rewritten by Walter Mondale in order to seal off the party from political influence by Black and other progressive voters. Rev. Jackson's impressive popular vote got translated into a shockingly inconsequential number of delegates. Mondale, the party boss, was the front runner for the nomination, and — not coincidentally — the writer of the rules. He and his anti-democratic Democratic Party cronies ran the show.

But blocking entry to the corridors of power was only half the story of the Democratic Party's response to Rev. Jackson's run. The party hierarchy asserted its authority to dictate not only to Rev. Jackson but to the Black community as a whole who we may and may not associate with; to tell us which leaders are appropriate and legitimate and which ones aren't.

In the early stages of Rev.

Jackson's campaign, he received a strong statement of support from the Nation of Islam and its leader, Louis Farrakhan, then little known outside Muslim circles. In an unprecedented break with political abstentionism, Minister Farrakhan announced that the Nation would support Rev. Jackson's candidacy and that the Fruit of Islam would provide security to the candidate in his travels.

But as Rev. Jackson increasingly demonstrated his capacity to galvanize an independent base within the party, the Democrats began to impose conditions on him. In particular, they demanded that he repudiate Minister Farrakhan. He has no place in my campaign, Rev. Jackson was forced to tell the world. The political die was cast.

In the treatment of Rev. Jackson by the party hierarchy can be read the whole story of the Black political position in the Democratic Party. We were the junior partners in a coalition with white liberals. Which meant that white liberals would determine the terms of that coalition. We were assured that we would benefit by the alliance, even if it meant sacrificing

our political independence and our right to choose our own leaders. That was the Democratic Party game. At the San Francisco convention in 1984, when Walter Mondale was nominated as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate, Rev. Jackson was given 40 minutes of prime time television to apologize to the country for his political incorrectness.

This scene had a profound effect on Black America. For many of us, it encapsulated the experience of being African American in liberal white America. On the one hand, being Black meant you could make a special claim for social justice and a piece of the economic pie; on the other hand, that claim could only be made within the confines of a political framework that protected the status quo and the dominance of our senior partners.

This is why I believe the time has come for a serious re-orientation of our political strategy. The option of a third party for Black America — raised but rejected in Gary in 1972 — must become our political method for the 1990s and beyond.

## April is National STD Awareness Month; couples urged to love safely

The American Social Health Association encourages people to learn about sexually transmitted diseases, one of the nation's most pervasive and urgent health problems, during National STD Awareness Month in April. Through the National STD Hotline, 800/227-8922, callers can get free, confidential answers to their questions and request free written information on STDs.

ASHA is making information on STDs available to agencies all over the country to use in their local awareness promotion campaigns.

## Blue Ridge Parkway conservation effort begins

The North Carolina Year of the Mountains Commission and the Raleigh-based Conservation Trust for North Carolina announce their joint formation of the "Preservers of the Blue Ridge Parkway" fund. The "Preservers" fund will seek private donations from individuals and corporations that will be used to protect important vistas and natural and historic sites along the Blue Ridge Parkway.

National Park Service officials consider a number of sites along the Parkway's North Carolina route to be critical to the future popularity of the nation's oldest, and longest, rural parkway. Many of these sites are increasingly threatened by residential and commercial development currently taking place in and around the Blue Ridge.

Working on behalf of the Year of the Mountains Commission and in conjunction with the National Park Service, the Conservation Trust will use funds collected by the "Preservers" to protect lands that are important to the Parkway's scenic value and are under threat of severe alteration or destruction. The Conservation Trust is North Carolina's only nonprofit land trust that operates on a statewide scale. The Trust will accept donations of land or conservation easements on land along the Parkway in addition to protecting properties through outright purchase.

Every penny raised for the "Preservers of the Blue Ridge Parkway" fund will be applied to the purchase of land and essential rights-of-way necessary to protect the Parkway's value. All tracts purchased will be obtained for no more than their appraised fair market value from willing sellers and will be owned by the Parkway. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations that contribute \$500 or more to the fund will receive a beautiful, inscribed, full-color certificate signed by the Governor of North Carolina that declares the contributor a "Preserver of the Blue Ridge Parkway." Contributions to the fund are tax-deductible.

The Year of the Mountains is a statewide, bipartisan commission appointed by Governor James B. Hunt to identify challenges and solutions in the areas of quality economic growth and development, preservation of the mountain region's cultural heritage, and protection of the mountains' natural beauty. "Preservers of the Parkway" is a result of the Commission's efforts to fulfill its mission.

For 1996, the centerpiece of this campaign is a colorful poster promoting condom use through the slogan "In Your Heart, You Know It's Right."

"We want people to understand that loving safely is a way for couples to show they care about each other," said ASHA president Peggy Clarke.

STDs infect at least 55 million Americans — one in four adults — and are spreading at the rate of 12 million new cases each year. "Despite the prevalence of these dangerous infections, there seems to be an alarming gap between public awareness of STDs and the reality of the epidemic," Clarke said.

A 1995 Gallup Organization study commissioned by ASHA revealed that 30 percent of respondents in six countries — France, Italy, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the U.S. — know someone who has had an STD. However, one-third could not name an STD other than HIV/AIDS. More than half said their health care providers spend "no time at all" discussing STDs with them.

"We counsel people to become well informed of the risks posed by STDs and to learn how to protect themselves and others from pos-

sible infection," Clarke said. "Furthermore, we urge couples to share the responsibility of safer sex."

STDs have a disproportionate impact on women, Clarke noted. Because of anatomical differences, women are more susceptible to STD infection, less likely to experience symptoms than men are and more difficult to diagnose. Young people are also at high risk for STDs. Two-thirds of new infections occur in people under 25 and one-fourth occur in teenagers.

Viral STDs, for which there are currently no cures, have a lifelong impact on physical and emotional health. An estimated 40 million Americans have genital herpes and 40 million have human papillomavirus (HPV), the cause of genital warts. One million Americans are living with HIV/AIDS, which is usually fatal.

Bacterial STDs can be treated and cured, but are often undetected. Because chlamydia has no symptoms in 75 percent of cases among women and 25 percent of cases among men, it has become the most rapidly advancing STD, with 4 million new infections each year. Gonorrhea, also symptomless in many cases, accounts for

800,000 new infections annually.

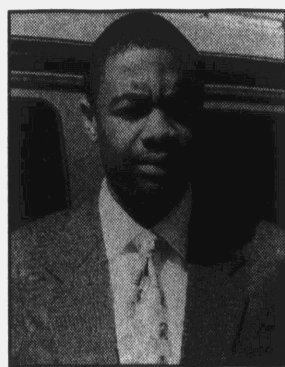
Both viral and bacterial STDs can place the infected person at high risk for HIV/AIDS. If untreated, chlamydia and gonorrhea are particularly destructive to women, causing pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), infertility and ectopic or tubal pregnancies. Some strains of HPV are associated with cervical cancer.

ASHA operates the National STD Hotline, 800/227-8922; the National AIDS Hotline, 800/342-2437; and the National Herpes Hotline, 919/361-8488. To order the poster "In Your Heart You Know It's Right," send \$4 per copy to ASHA, Dept. PR62, P.O. Box 13827, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. To order free guides to sexual health communication call 800/972-8500.

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### My Fellow Citizens:

During the past two months, I have traveled extensively throughout Pitt, Martin, Edgecombe, Wilson and Washington Counties. Portions of these counties constitute the 6th North Carolina Senatorial District. As a candidate for the State Senate from this District, I have been soliciting citizen input regarding issues impacting on their quality of life. People in the District expressed concern over the loss of jobs, the increase in crime, environmental pollution, lack of support for public education, increasing taxation and the absence of term limits for elected officials.

During the past year 3,855 people have lost their jobs: Edgecombe County (1,740 people affected), Martin County (660 people affected) and Pitt County (1,145 people affected). While the NC Employment Agency's statistics were not available for Washington County, residents of that county have expressed identical concerns about the lack of jobs.

To further compound the jobless problem, the ever increasing temporary workforce continues to rob working people in their attempt to make a decent living. Temporary workers generally work for minimum wages and the temporary employment agency hiring them receive almost as much as the workers. The Employment Security Commission of North Carolina considers these individuals to be employed. Therefore, the percentage of people listed as being unemployed, remains low, reflecting favorably on the North Carolina Employment Commission. When industries are contacted and asked to move to eastern North Carolina, some refuse because of the low unemployment statistics, suggesting that most people already have jobs. The end result is that poor and working people suffer in our District, while the rich get richer on cheap labor.

One county in our District has resorted to considering hog processing plants, solid waste disposal sites and radioactive waste dump sites in order to provide jobs for its citizens.

If elected to the NC State Senate, I will organize the State Senators and Representatives and we will work with local leaders to formulate an envoy from eastern North Carolina for the purpose of recruiting jobs in the eastern part of this great State. Although East Carolina University is the third largest university of the sixteen campuses in the University System, it ranks thirteenth in the state in terms of the appropriations received per student.

We must elect new and capable leadership for our District. As the former Mayor of Greenville with fourteen years of proven leadership, I am fully capable to meet the challenge. Please vote for me (ED CARTER) on May 7, 1996!!

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# First black female astronaut recounts racist treatment by police

In the past several weeks, America has come to learn of two incidents of racist treatment perpetrated by White police officers upon two African American females.

Late last month, Dr. Mae Jemison, the first African Ameri-

can female astronaut, recently alleged that she was "severely mistreated" by a Nassau Bay, Texas, police officer who slammed her to the ground and handcuffed and humiliated her during a routine traffic incident.

First reported in the New York

Amsterdam newspaper, Dr. Jemison, explained that after dropping her 70-year-old father off for an early morning breakfast and running some errands, she was stopped by officer Henry Hughes III, who told Jemison that she had made a wrong traffic turn.

In her letter to Police Chief R.A. Holden, released to the public, the famous U.S. astronaut noted that, "The officer approached my car and asked me for my license and proof of insurance. When he returned to my car, he peremptorily ordered me to get out of the car and refused to tell my why when questioned."

She continued: "He (officer) escorted me to the rear of my car and told me I might have a warrant out for my arrest. A few minutes later, he informed me that there was in fact such a warrant and he pulled out his handcuffs and placed me under arrest."

In exasperation, Dr. Jemison, an eight-year-resident of Nassau Bay, then threw down her keys at the thought of being arrested and taken down to the nearby police station. "When I leaned down to pick up the keys, the officer grabbed my wrist and began twisting it very painfully behind my back. He ultimately pushed me face down onto the pavement and completed handcuffing me in a very painful manner. I cannot for the life of me, understand why an of-

ficer sworn to protect would manhandle a resident of this town for supposedly committing a traffic violation and having an outstanding warrant," she said.

Later, Jemison, who lives near the NASA flight facility, recounted that she was "told I could not turn my car over to my father, I could not secure the checks that had already been endorsed and were sitting openly on the front seat of my car and I could not take custody of my purse. Furthermore, I could not even call my sister, who lives one block away, to come get my car. Instead, I was told that my car had to be towed."

Jemison, who was also made to walk barefoot, "because my soft whoes were taken away from me as possible weapons," later posted bond and released. In another statement released to the press, Jemison denounced her treatment as "extreme actions to what, at best, can be called a benign situation resulted in bodily harm, mental anguish and were intended to humiliate me."

"This incident was also unfortunate because it has the potential to take the focus off my life's work in the science, technology and edu-

cation fields, including my work as professor of Environmental Studies at Dartmouth College, as founder of the International Science Camp; The Earth We Share and as the national science education advocate for Bayer Corporation."

Chief Holden could not be reached for comment. The Informer was also told by a Nassau Bay receptionist that officer Hughes "was not answering any questions on the situation at this time."

In recent weeks, the nation was also shocked to witness a White South Carolina police officer brutally rough up a Black motorist on a U.S. highway. Early this month, a police videotape showed officer W.H. Beckwith dragging Sandra Antor from her car and shouting obscenities. Beckwith was later fired.

Concluding that his action did not merit federal charges, the U.S. Justice Department ruled this week that no civil rights charges will be pursued in the incident. Beckwith still faces an investigation by the State Law Enforcement Division while Antor plans to file a lawsuit.

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## Editorial

U.S. Senate aspirant Harvey Gantt invited executives, columnists and reporters representing the state's black press to the offices of his Charlotte-based architectural firm last week. The network of papers — known as the North Carolina Black Publishers Association — cover the state from Greenville (*The Minority Voice*) in the east, to Asheville (*The Advocate*) in the west and most of everything in between. One could not tell from the hubbub of activity in this model office place of multiculturalism that someone here was running for a senate seat that irrepressible symbol of all that is the exact opposite mirror image of Gantt's place of business, not to mention his persona and politics. NCBPA papers are read mainly by some 250,000 African Americans in a dozen newspapers each week. North Carolinians who read these black newspapers tend to vote more than those who don't. And Gantt knows well that political campaigning is largely a media activity. Though not to the extent of television, the press influences elections, thus Gantt's appeal to the publishers to endorse his candidacy. Getting to the point of recommending to their readers that they vote for Gantt included moments of burdensome debate, and the exchanges contained elements of quarrelsome back-and-forth. When Gantt ran against the field in the Democratic primary and later against Helms in 1990, there was no debate. The fact is, in 1990, Gantt was the candidate of choice for virtually every Democrat opinion leader — from liberal party leaders to "watchdogs" in the state's thousands of black pulpits. Getting to the basis of why some black leaders — many well-known to readers of the Association's papers — are either hedging on their support of Gantt this time or are outrightly supporting Charlie Sanders, Gantt's opponent in next month's primary, was the point of debate in last week's historical meeting with Gantt. However, rather than signify a schism in the black community, this endorsement marks the diversity of opinion that is as much a part of the black community as it is a part of other interest groups. We go on record to support Gantt early on for a number of reasons which were eloquently explained by him, although we were already skeptical of Sanders. For one, we do not believe that Sanders is "the only

Democrat who can beat Jesse Helms." We have examined the exit poll data and precinct trends from 1990. Clearly, Mr Helms' narrow margin of victory over Gantt in 1990 was a result of white Democrats not supporting Gantt. By his own admission, Sanders was one of the less-than-yellow-dog Democrats. Also, in 1990, Harvey Gantt galvanized broad-based support and came closer than any of Helms' opponents up to that time. "Why are some black leaders and party heavyweights not supporting you?" was the \$64,000 question posed to Gantt. To that we agreed that Sanders

does appear to come off like the Democrats' equivalent of Steve Forbes in the Republican primary presidential campaign, who, with a pocket full of money, has crafted an image of a deliverer on everything but a white horse. We don't think North Carolina voters, especially blacks, should or can be bought this easily, under the guise that only a wealthy candidate can beat Helms. Neither do we like what we don't know or see in Sanders' record of relationships in the African-American community. We challenge the black leaders who have sided with Sanders to speak directly — in our pages — to the signal their changed support sends to young people in our state; does it not say that a black person can't win? In the end, the NCBPA papers those with a policy in place to back candidates) are going on record to endorse Gantt eagerly. The *Chronicle* does so spiritedly. Harvey Gantt, former mayor of Charlotte, is our choice to unseat Senator Jesse Helms. In taking our stand with Gantt, we stand against key opinion leaders in the Democratic Party who support Charlie Sanders. And what an opportunity our differences make. Our member papers — long stalwart of political opinion in our respective communities — take this opportunity to persuade and compel, and maybe even embarrass those who stand against Gantt, and to speak directly to those who legitimate their leadership: black voters of North Carolina. The people deserve more from their leaders than murmurs like "Harvey hasn't called me since 1990." When did Sanders call you? Isn't there a higher calling: to defeat Jesse Helms — which we can do together — behind Harvey Gantt.

## Healthcare Consortium receives grant

The Carolina East Behavioral Healthcare Consortium has been awarded a \$304,900 grant by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust of Winston-Salem, Mr. Charles R. Franklin, Jr., Chief Executive Officer for Carolina East Behavioral Healthcare Consortium, said recently on behalf of the Consortium's Board of Directors.

The Carolina East Behavioral Healthcare Consortium (CEBHC) is a brand new health maintenance agency which was recently formed to coordinate 10 Area Community Mental Health Programs, including Pitt Mental Health Center, represent 25 counties that are overwhelmingly rural, sparsely populated, and include many of the poorest counties in North Carolina. The CEBHC was formed to minimize the administrative costs

of the Carolina Alternatives initiative in capitated managed care for Medicaid clients (children and adults). Control of administrative costs will promote two key goals: 1) to maximize the number of underserved non-Medicaid eligible clients who are provided needed mental health and substance abuse services; and 2) to enable the development or purchase of needed services missing from the continuum of care of individual Area Programs through economies of scale.

Pitt County residents will see significant benefits because more services at lower costs will be available, according to Ms. Pat Tate, Coordinator of Managed Care/Employee Assistance Program for Pitt Mental Health Area Program.

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