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Luther L. Hemby named Greenville's Young Citizen of the Year

As a part of National Youth Service Day, April 23, the Greenville Human Relations Council announced its recipient of Greenville's "Young Citizen of the Year." One of the functions of the Greenville Human Relations Council is to encourage the youth of the community to be positive and productive citizens. In order to recognize a young person for outstanding volunteer service to the community, nominations were solicited. The key question was: "Do you know a young person who has made a difference in our community?"

Luther L. Hemby has been chosen as Greenville's "Young Citizen of the Year." Hemby is a student at J.H. Rose High School. He is a humanitarian in every essence of the word. He is committed to community service through organizations such as New Directions, Boys & Girls Club, Keystone Club, March of Dimes, and the Shad Festival. Luther serves as a role model for the students at Rose and is actively involved in the Environmental Science Club, Future Homemakers of America, Students Against Violence Everywhere, and Rampant Society. In his community he assists the elderly by running errands, cutting grass, and visiting the sick. He is also actively involved with two congregations: Anointed Ones Church and Selvia Chapel Church as a choir member and youth group leader. There were seventeen youths nominated this year. They are: Marvin Arrington, Jr.; Konosha Barfield; Michele Busby; Holly

Burton; Mark Carson; Mary Ruth Davis; Sarah Elizabeth Davis; Joseph Featherston; Lauren Peer Fleming; Luther Lyndell Hemby; Felicia LaTonya Higgs; Jacquelyn Alice House; Casey James; Jasmine Royal; Jenine Stevenson; Dorothy Nacole Taylor; and Andienne Shante Whitehurst.

The Greenville Human Relations Council recognizes the value and the contributions which our young people are making to this community. Let us continue throughout the year to recognize these positive and excellent role

models who will be our future leaders. All of the nominees are to be commended for volunteering their time and talents. The current members of the Human Relations Council include: Murray Merner, Chair; Gene Williamson II, Chair-elect; Daniel Funk, III, Dorothea Handron, Delores Harris, Clifton Hickman, Jane Reel, and Paul Wennerberg.

Along with the title "Young Citizen of the Year," Mr. Hemby will appear on the "Carolina Today" television program, receive a trophy, a savings bond, a Belks gift

certificate, a J.C. Penny gift certificate, an MVP Club Card cour-

tesy of Grand Slam USA, a cash prize courtesy of Greenmount As-

sociates, and a cash prize courtesy of Dan Funk III.

Why don't poor blacks bother to vote?

Thirty years ago, black people in Mississippi—and across the South—were risking their lives and livelihoods in an effort to secure the vote.

Today, a significant number of them don't bother to vote, and don't think it matters that they don't.

What happened? Did they desegregate the voting-rights lunch counter only to discover there's nothing on the menu they like? Do they lack the informational wherewithal to make intelligent choices? Do they have trouble reading the menu, or figuring out the connection between its fanciful promises and what's likely to show up on their plates?

The answer may be "all of the above"—and more.

I've just been talking to Ruby Buck, executive director of Mississippi Action for Community Education (MACE); Ed Brown, who was director of the now-defunct Voter Education Program; and Fred Hartwig of the Peter D. Hart polling firm that recently did a series of focus groups among blacks in the Mississippi Delta.

They were all dismayed at responses they heard from people whose families and communities are in near-desperate need but who doubt the ability of the political process to make things better.

The focus group participants who are more or less regular voters have at least some faith in the system. A quarter of them think national and state governments have been a positive force in their lives, and a majority believe their local governments play a positive role.

But according to Hartwig, the non-voters or occasional voters see nothing positive coming from any of the three levels of government, and only a single respondent thought his local government had

done more to help than to hurt. Listen to Hartwig:

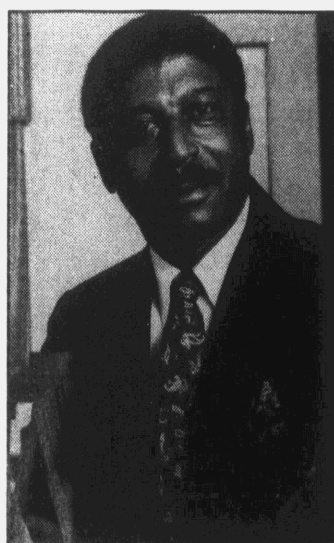
"One participant said he didn't know the difference between Republicans and Democrats and described them all as 'con artists.' The nodding of heads and murmurs of assent around the table indicate widespread agreement. No participant in any of the five focus groups made the slightest distinction between white and black politicians. It was their unanimous view that in the phrase 'black politician,' 'politician' is the operative word.

"They had no words or phrases to describe Newt Gingrich, Bob Dole, Gov. Kirk Fordice or even Bennie Thompson (the lone black member of the Mississippi congressional delegation). As a result, most do not know whether or not it would make any difference if a Democrat should beat Fordice in the gubernatorial election this year, or if a Republican should beat Thompson, or a Republican should beat Bill Clinton."

Buck, for whose organization Hartwig did the survey, said the findings "document what I had suspected all along—that community leaders have gotten away from the nuts and bolts of community organizing, (leaving) a void between elected officials and community residents at the local level."

Brown offers an explanation: "In the early days, our goal was to elect black officials. The black elected official was presumed to be an agent for change in the lives of the people. Just get rid of the reactionary whites and things will get better. And in truth, some things have gotten better. But because black politicians lack power, the people often don't see much material difference in their lives."

All of the explanations make
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REV. A.C. BATCHELOR

Batchelor addresses Winterville's senior citizens

The Winterville Senior Citizens Organization recently held its Annual Black History Month Celebration. This year's theme: "The Black Woman....Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". Rev. A.C. Batchelor, pastor of the Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church in Simpson, was the keynote speaker for this occasion. Other program participants included: Willie Jones, Winterville's Mayor Pro Tem; William Worthington, Winterville Alderman; The Honorable Lin Kilpatrick, Mayor of Winterville; Mrs. Pauline Anderson, Retired Educator; Mrs. B. C. Maye, Retired Educator; Mrs. B.W. Mebane, Retired Educator; and others. According to the Senior Citizens Manager, Calvin Henderson, this program is one of the highlights of the Center's yearly activities. Planning efforts are already for next year's observance.

Workers again say no despite UFCW appeal from Jesse Jackson

Despite appeals from the Rev. Jesse Jackson, a union failed for the second time to win support from workers at the Perdue poultry plant in Lewiston.

By a vote of 947-755, workers rejected the United Food and Commercial Workers, defeating the union by a wider margin than the 952-851 vote in June 1995.

"We are very pleased that our associates again voted for the company and rejected the union, this time by an even greater margin than the last," said Perdue spokesman Dick Auletta. "We appreciate the support of all our workers and the community."

After the 1995 vote, the National Labor Relations Board ruled Perdue had violated election rules, and ordered a new election.

"Seven-hundred and fifty-five voters are very disappointed in

the vote," said union spokesman Ernest Bennett. "Those 755 workers stood up to a campaign of fear and intimidation and 947 did not."

Jackson appeared at rallies for the union last weekend and again Thursday as workers voted on UFCW representation.

"You're not fighting for welfare but fighting for fair share," the civil rights leader said. "As Perdue's profits go up, the worker's life options should not go down."

Bennett said union representatives will meet with workers to discuss whether they will challenge the vote again. Bennett said the company made threats of plant closure if workers voted for the union and promises of benefits if they voted against it. Individuals were also threatened and harassed, he said.

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THE THIRD ANNUAL WYOMING WELLS DISTRICT CONFERENCE OF GREATER NORTH CAROLINA JURISDICTION... met at the Wells Chapel Church of God in Christ. Shown here are superintendent A.B. Parker and Pastors, Elders and ministers, missionaries, mothers and members. Congratulations on a successful conference. Photo by Jim Rouse

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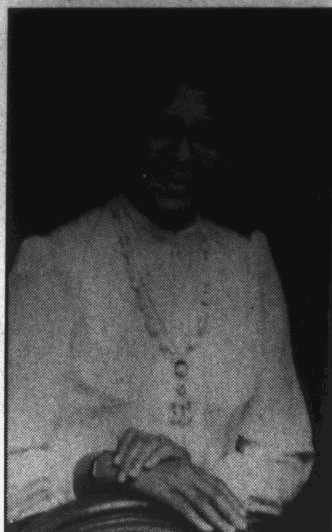
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from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



BEATRICE MAYE

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2. He's hard-working; thus, holding a job; self-supporting.
3. He puts God first in his life,

his spouse second (if married), children, then mother and dad.

4. He loves, supports and cares for his wife and children.

5. He disciplines his children with love (teaching, training, and showing how), not punishing them by hitting, spanking, abusing, ruling with an authoritarian style.

6. He's temperate in all things, controlling his anger.

7. He avoids the use and sale of intoxicating drinks as beverage. This includes substance abuse (illegal drugs), and gambling.

8. He sets the right examples, teaching/precepts and examples.

9. He respects his spouse and children by giving them time, respecting schedules, cooperating with household chores and caregiving.

10. The family spends time together, whether watching TV, listening to the radio, playing, traveling, or on outings.

11. He's not a miser, spending his money on himself only.

12. He keeps God's commandments.

13. He lives by the "fruit of the Spirit" as stated in Galatians 5:22-23: Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

14. He fights against the "work of the flesh", which are these: Adultery, hatred, wrath, strife, envy, murder, drunkenness. They which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

15. He encourages, shows appreciation for his wife, his children by attending school, church,

or community functions.

16. He works diligently for patience and gives praise lavishly.

"Happy laughter and family voices in the home will keep more kids off the streets at night than the strictest curfew".

HEALTH FACTS

• the U.S. obesity (overweight) is the second leading contributor to death, after smoking.

• When you cough, germ-and-bacteria-carrying air is expelled from the lungs at speeds exceeding 100 mph. So don't forget to cover your mouth.

• Driving in a car equipped with air bags doesn't give you license to skip your seat belt. An air bag can save your life, but you also risk serious injury, or even death.

• Convulsions or seizures. Most seizures occur because of failure to take prescribed medication.

• Needle' need to be doused in rubbing alcohol to be sterile.

• Buy a new toothbrush every three months for effectiveness.

• To prevent varicose veins — eat a high-fiber diet. Avoid shoes with very high heels. Stay away from support hose.

• To avoid the "stresseating trap" - Keep a mirror in the kitchen and look into it when an urge to splurge hits. Ask yourself why you are eating. Turn to nonfood stress alleviators. Exercise, run up a flight of steps or go for a quiet walk instead of reaching for a bag of chips.

• Avoid skipping meals. Relax with herbal tea or warm milk instead of ice cream.

• Eating out, order lean beef or broiled or grilled chicken or fish; salad with no-fat dressing, and a plain baked potato. Enjoy a favorite dessert once a week.

• Eating just a single donut for breakfast each morning can lead to a one-pound gain every 24 days. Instead, try a high-fiber cereal with

skim milk and fruit.

A pizza adds weight fast.

Make exercise a priority; aim for at least 30 minutes, 3 times per week. It will help control weight.

At around 35, metabolism begins slowing. Cutting calories and building lean muscle mass can prevent weight gain.

Don't clean the kids plates.

No white bread, no colas, instead vegetable juice.

Walking is about the easiest way to trim down and tone up. Walking improves your cardiovascular health, strengthens muscles, reduces stress and burns fat. Put a little pep in your step.

Laughter is good medicine. It eases anxiety and relieves pain, aids digestion, the arteries contract and relax, improving blood flow, except for patients with asthma, and possibly alleviating high blood pressure.

The Deaconess Board of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church honored the Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees in its initial "Get-Together Dinner" in the church's Parlor immediately following the morning services, Sunday April 21, 1996. Deacon and Mrs. Willie Barnes of St. Mary's Baptist Church were guests.

Mrs. Gloria Pearsall and Mrs. Richardine Faison, hostesses

Saturday, April 20, 1996, the article, "Tragedy Shows It's Sometimes Better to Defer a Child's Dream" written by Tracey Bennett is the granddaughter of James and Mildred Williams of 1212 Davenport Street. Mrs. Mamie Garrett's niece, Betty Price of Los Angeles, California, was buried Friday, April 19, 1996 in California.

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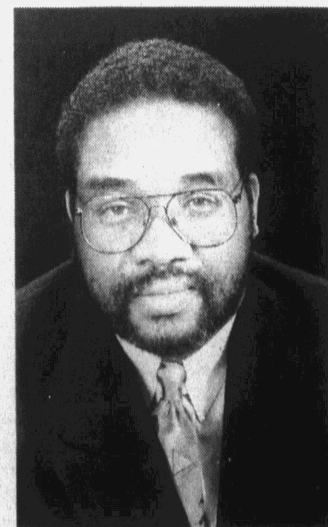
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In The Service

Fuentes recently reported for duty

Marine Staff Sgt. Victor R. Fuentes, whose wife, Stephanie, is the daughter of Inell Bowden of 2816 Best St., Greenville, recently reported for duty with 1st Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Okinawa, Japan.

Fuentes' new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore commands around the world. Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Fuentes are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force in history.

The 1978 graduate of Boys High School of Brooklyn, N.Y., joined the Marine Corps in July 1978.

Officer Carr is halfway through deployment

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Gene R. Carr, whose wife, Carlene, is the daughter of Dorothy Payton of 703 Bradley St., Greenville, is currently halfway through a six-month overseas deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the guided

missile destroyer USS John S. McCain.

Carr is one of 323 Sailors aboard the ship who have traveled more than 16,000 miles since departing Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Carr has been operating in the Persian Gulf helping conduct maritime interceptions of merchant ships suspected of violating the international embargo against Iraq.

On one routine boarding, Carr's ship discovered an Indian flagged vessel transporting more than 200 tons of dates from Iraq. Exporting dates from Iraq is prohibited under the agreement.

Carr's ship is one of the newest ships in the Navy, and with its sophisticated radar and combat system, it is coordinating air defense assets while in the Persian Gulf.

During the deployment, crew members aboard Carr's ship have been attending college courses at sea, while others have participated in exchange programs with foreign ships in the area.

Spending most of the deployment at sea, Carr and fellow Sailors also have visited Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. Carr was at sea, in the Persian Gulf, during New Year's, where the crew continued to work through the holiday, but did have a chance to enjoy a special meal.

Carr's involvement in the deployment is an example of how U.S. men and women are serving in the Navy and Marine Corps

around the world in support of U.S. interests. Whether projecting power ashore, delivering humanitarian assistance, cargo or troops from the sea, these highly trained naval forces provide a unique forward presence and crisis-response option, which can be withdrawn quickly when no longer needed.

The 1978 graduate of Rose High School joined the Navy in March 1979.

Robinson completes six-month deployment

Navy Seaman Felix Q. Robinson, whose wife, Arketa, is the daughter of Mary A. Brown of 107 Lakeview Terrace and Charles Gray of 1800 McClellan St., Greenville, has returned to Norfolk, Va., after completing a six-month overseas deployment aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Shreveport, which included duty in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia.

Robinson is one of more than 800 Sailors and Marines aboard the ship who completed the 27,000-mile voyage. Robinson's ship was part of the three-ship USS Wasp Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), which also included the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, the dock landing ship USS Whidbey Island and the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

While in the Adriatic Sea, Robinson and fellow Sailors and Marines provided ready support for the peace implementation forces in Bosnia. Robinson's ship also used an unmanned remote controlled small aircraft to con-

duct reconnaissance missions. The aircraft can be used for surveillance, over-the-horizon targeting, spotting gunfire and battle damage assessment. The remote controlled plane also can operate more than 100 miles from the ship at altitudes of 12,000 feet, and is equipped with video and infrared cameras.

While on deployment, Robinson and fellow Sailors and Marines participated in several multinational amphibious landing exercises with forces from Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Turkey and Ukraine. Equipped with a Marine landing force, helicopters, Harrier attack aircraft, high-speed assault hovercraft, armored vehicles and landing craft, the USS Wasp ARG provided area commanders with a wide range of capabilities, which included the ability to evacuate civilians, rescue downed pilots, conduct reconnaissance, and serve as the leading force in amphibious landings.

Robinson's ship conducted more than 2,300 helicopter takeoffs and landings on its flight deck and launched landing craft from its flooded well deck. While off the coast of Bulgaria, the crew coordinated a civilian evacuation exercise.

While spending 149 days at sea, Robinson also visited Bulgaria, Italy, Sicily, Spain and Turkey, and had an opportunity to visit local sites. Sailors and Marines from Robinson's ship also volunteered their time to help local charities. Robinson's involvement in the

deployment is an example of how U.S. men and women are serving in the Navy and Marine Corps forward deployed in support of U.S. interests.

The 1990 graduate of J.H. Rose High School joined the Navy in December 1994.

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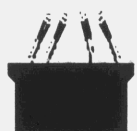
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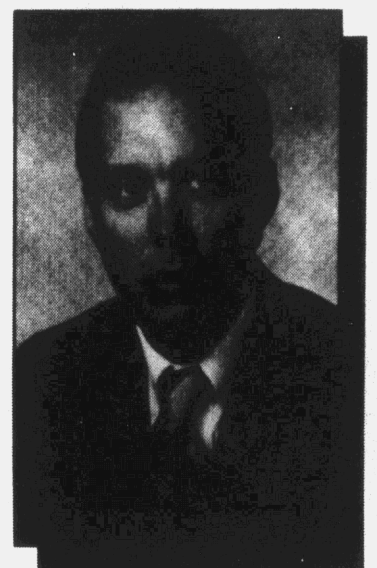
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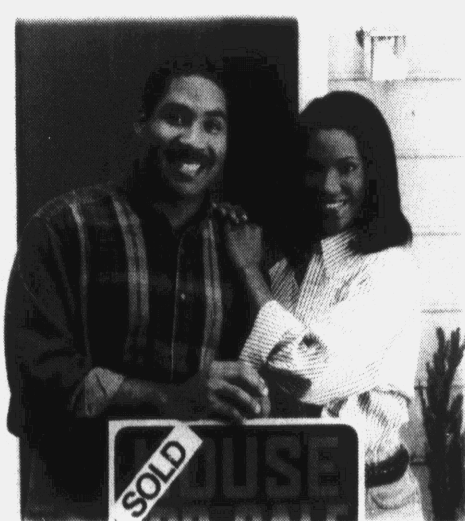
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STANDING FOR THE CHILDREN . . . Shown in front of the United Church of Christ in Washington where Bishop James L. Woolard is pastor, supporting the youngsters are: left to right, Reginald Lovick, Lora Davis, Dorothy Comegys and William O'Pharrow.

Staff photo by Jim Rouse

Extension Notes

by Mitch Smith
County Extension Director

The Extension Service relishes those times when we are able to celebrate the successes of our customers. Today's column is one of those opportunities.

Chad Jones of Clayroot is one of 35 young tobacco farmers and farm supply dealers who attended the 1996 Tobacco Short Course. This four-day curriculum is conducted by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension

Service with the assistance of a grant-in-aid from Philip Morris, USA. The primary purpose of the cooperative Tobacco Short Course is to provide the latest technological information which will help young farmers decrease cost of production while protecting the environment and maintaining leaf quality. As a part of this program, these future agricultural leaders took an all-day bus trip to visit the J.P. Taylor Stemmary in Henderson, NC and the Philip Morris manufactur-

ing and research facilities in Richmond, Virginia. Other educational sessions were held in Raleigh and included training sessions with the Federal Grading Service and the NCDA Agronomic Division labs where soil tests, nematodes assays, and tissue and water analysis are conducted.

Like other important industries in Pitt County, the future of our county's agriculture will be shaped by the quality of our leadership. Chad is a rising star in Pitt County agriculture.

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Greenville, NC

Began with firm as part-time Computer Programmer, 1985

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Mother of six children: 4 attend Farmville schools--2, high school; 2, middle school; 2 attend college--Senior at Duke University; Junior at University of North Carolina at Greensboro

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I LOOK FORWARD TO SERVING YOU FOR ANOTHER SIX.

From Page 1

Blacks vote

sense. Few politicians have made the economic interests of poor people their major focus. Community organization has long since gone by the boards. And—though it was hard to see at the time—merely replacing white politicians with blacks ones is not the same as

political reform.

But I think it may go even farther. Because the absence of political power was the salient feature of the pre-'60s South, it may have been natural for the disfranchised to suppose that the right to vote would fix everything.

Natural, but wrong. Political activity is vital, but it takes economic activity to solve economic problems.

There are a couple of lessons in all this. The first is that no one thing fixes everything; black folk in the Delta and across America need the ballot, organization and business development all at the same time.

And here's the second: You have to watch politicians—even when they look like you.

State government to ease overcrowding

State government should ease conditions of dilapidation and overcrowding in public schools in North Carolina's counties, a member of the Legislature's School Capital Construction Study Commission told educators at a statewide conference today. Commission member Michael L. Weisel of Raleigh, who is also a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer, said state efforts will alleviate disparities between counties and create a more positive environment for learning.

"We've seen schools where toilets overflowed due to inadequate septic systems; where classrooms had been established on a stage in an auditorium; where teacher lounges had been converted to classrooms and janitorial closets into reading labs," said Weisel. "We've seen water damage, crumbling plaster, hazardous fire conditions and other deteriorated building conditions in many schools in North Carolina counties. School facilities of North Carolina are in crisis. Quality teaching and learning cannot occur in deteriorated, dilapidated, cramped and inadequate schools."

Weisel's remarks came at the state conference of the North Carolina Association of Educators — an organization of 70,000 educators who endorsed Weisel's candi-

dacy in the May 7th Democratic primary.

To address school needs, Weisel called for a statewide initiative — combining a bond issue and establishment of a school construction trust fund — to alleviate an estimated \$6.2 billion in school renovation and construction needs. For the most critical needs of schools, Weisel proposed a \$1 billion bond offering for voter consideration. Proceeds from the bond offering would be allocated to counties based on average daily membership of the county's schools, low wealth classification of the county, and the county's previous efforts to address their own capital needs. An allocation formula would also include the rate of growth in the county, to address situations where school capital needs have outpaced capital financing approaches.

Weisel said the bond offering would serve as a short-term solution to school capital needs. He proposed a long-term plan which creates a School Construction Trust Fund, similar to the State's Highway Trust Fund. The School Construction Trust Fund would establish a dedicated stream of revenue that could be used only for the renovation and construction of schools.

The School Construction Trust Fund would be built up over a period of three years, until the fund is established at \$600 million. At the time, the fund could be drawn upon by counties — based on the same formula as the bond money — to address construction and renovation needs. Revenue to establish the Trust Fund comes from several sources: the portion of the state's corporate income tax

currently earmarked for school construction — an amount estimated at \$64 million for next year; about \$75 million in revenue previously earmarked for the state's "Rainy Day" fund, which will be fully funded in June; and the remaining \$61 million from increased revenues related to current growth.

In previous years, the state of North Carolina has addressed disparities between county schools through funding initiatives. According to Weisel, on at least four occasions — in 1949, 1953, 1963, and 1973 — the state assisted counties with school construction needs.

"As a state, we must help out counties who cannot help themselves. Children should not be penalized educationally because of where they live," said Weisel.

Weisel, a former vice president and portfolio manager for Kemper Financial Services, is campaigning full-time for the office of State Treasurer. In addition to serving on the School Capital Construction Study Commission, he is also a member of the State Banking Commission and is a former trustee to both the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System and the Local Government Employees' Retirement System.

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Workers say no

Auletta denied that.

"That is absolutely and totally untrue," he said, adding that the union organizers "are just sore losers."

Auletta said workers voted against the union by a greater margin this time because they didn't believe the union's promises of a better workplace.

"Our associates realized some of the promises made by the union weren't going to happen," Auletta said.

Wages at the Bertie County plant are equal or better than unionized plants in the southeast, he said.

Workers have complained of unfair seniority pay and absentee practices, and inadequate workers' compensation for on-the-job injuries.

The approximately 2,000 workers at the Perdue plant come from about a 60-mile radius, including Northampton and Hertford counties.

Bennett said UFCW will continue to campaign for unions in poultry facilities, but acknowledged it will be a difficult fight.

"As long as Perdue continues to threaten workers," he said, "it will always be a struggle to win a union."

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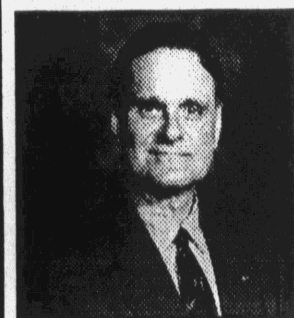
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How to end the racial crisis in America

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During the 1992 presidential campaign, when I was in the midst of my second run for the White House and several months after Ross Perot had announced his independent candidacy, I traveled to Orange County, California to speak to a conference of Perot supporters. It was an eye-opening experience.

Orange County is one of the whitest and most conservative places in the country. Most of the folks at that conference had never exchanged more than a few words with a Black person, much less listened to a speech by one. But there I was, talking to 200 white Perot supporters about how the two parties prey on racial divisions and how a new independent movement had to be based on building bridges between whites and the African American community. I got a standing ovation.

Two years later, I ran as the insurgent candidate for Governor of New York in the Democratic primary. My opponent was the liberal icon, Mario Cuomo. No one could give a better talk about race relations than Cuomo; phrases like "going forward together" and Americans need to "wash ourselves clean of the stain of racial prejudice" rolled off his tongue. Yet his

tenure in office had turned New York into a cauldron of racial antagonism in which racial and ethnic groups were literally at each other's throats, competing for a share of the dwindling political and economic rights that Cuomo and his patronage machine dispersed.

My campaign was a political expose of Cuomo's racial divisiveness, his disrespect toward the African American community, his hypocritical undermining of the democratic process. The media, for the most part, were complicit with Cuomo in his disdain for me and for these concerns. But on primary night, when the election returns came in, they told a startling story. Twenty-one percent of the voters had supported my campaign. What's more, that vote had come from the state's two most polarized constituencies: Black voters in the inner cities and white voters in the state's suburban and rural countries. In Black districts I polled 35% of the vote. In white counties, in particular where Perot had scored his biggest percentages in 1992, I polled as high as 42% of the vote.

Those results demonstrated the potential for a new electoral coalition, one that defied traditional political wisdom. It hinted that

Black-white political unity might be achieved, but only under certain conditions - only if the two communities could find a way to challenge the status quo together.

Twenty million white Americans voted independent in 1992, in spite of the fact that the political establishment warned them not to do so. In 1995, a million Black men came to Washington as an independent "third force," in spite of the fact that the political establishment told them to stay put. White and Black disgust with two-party power is at an all-time high. They are natural political allies. Nevertheless, many political activists and observers in both communities argue that the long history of racial division must be overcome to build that alliance. I believe that the building of that alliance is what will close the racial divide.

For years I have advocated for a multiracial independent political coalition to be created. This advocacy has extended to urging Ross Perot and the Reform Party, whose party-building efforts I am supporting, to extend a strong and explicit welcome to the African American community. At the same time I am urging Black voters to

leave our dead-end relationship with the Democrats and go independent.

Practical political considerations indicate that if you take the white 20% who voted for Perot and add to that Black voters - who make up roughly 10% of the votes cast in national elections - you're talking about a powerful and viable new bloc. But its ability to win elections is only half the story. The other half is that if these constituencies can come together in the activity of independent party-building, we can begin to reorganize the racial polarization that has deadlocked the country.

As an African American, I am keenly aware of how desperately Black America wants a way out of generations of endemic racism and Democratic Party manipulation. As a bridge-builder to white independents - now between 25% and 35% of the electorate - I know that white America wants a way out of the fear and loathing that have become the hallmark of two-party politics. If there is hope for moving beyond the country's racial crisis, in my opinion, it lies in the prospects for the joint creation by whites and Blacks of a new political party.



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State school board urges local control; stronger accountability measures

For the first time in many years, local school boards will be able to make their own decisions about evaluation of personnel, textbooks to be used by teachers and length of classes if the General Assembly adopts recommendations offered today by the North Carolina State Board of Education.

Dr. Jay Robinson, chairman of the Board, outlined the proposals to the General Assembly's Education Oversight Committee. He said the recommended changes also will hold every school in the state accountable for ensuring each student a year's worth of progress for a year's worth of schooling.

"If you believe that government closest to the people governs best, you're going to love these recommendations," said Dr. Robinson. "Adopting these recommendations will also send a clear message that

the General Assembly believes that local education control must come with local accountability."

The Board's recommendations would require major changes to state laws, primarily removing control of day-to-day school operations from the State Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh and moving it to local school districts. At the same time, the State Board of Education would be able to take stronger measures to intervene when students in local schools are failing to make progress in reading, writing and mathematics. This intervention might include stronger measures to remove personnel employed by a school board, appoint an interim superintendent, and displace the powers of the local board of education for a specified period of time if schools show no interest in making progress. Robinson said the State Board probably would invoke those powers only in the rarest circumstances.

Robinson said the only additional cost for the education reform plan would be a \$21 million incentive program for schools that significantly exceed their performance standards and \$3 million for assistance teams to help schools that need it the most. "That request is much less than 1 percent of the entire education budget," he said. "That's comparable in size to many incentive and assistance programs that private-sector businesses have for their employees." The recommendations offered by the State Board today are part of The ABCs of Public Education, a plan developed by the Board at the direction of the General Assembly. That plan also was responsible for down-sizing the State Department of Public Instruction by 40 percent and returning savings to local school systems. Improving the performance, focus and efficiency of local schools is the next step in that plan.

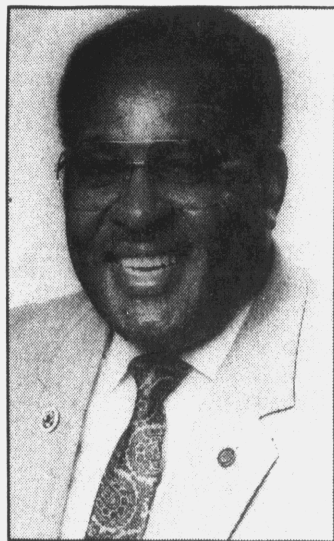


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During the past year 3,855 people have lost their jobs: Edgecombe County (1,740 people affected), Martin County (660 people affected) and Pitt County (1,145 people affected). While the NC Employment Agency's statistics were not available for Washington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

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Black Awareness Festival kicks off summer season

To help kick off the 1996 summer season, the Crystal Coast Economic Opportunity Commission will hold its "Fourth Annual Black Cultural Awareness Festival" on Saturday, May 4, at the Crystal Coast Civic Center, Morehead City.

This year's festival promises to be even bigger than its previous ones, featuring local and regional entrepreneurs offering

original jewelry, original hats and spring and summer clothing, prints and paintings, books, records, specialty crafts, delicious homemade pastries, a sweet potato pie contest, authentic African and American-inspired clothing, and other enticing items.

The festival starts at 10 a.m. and is open to the public. Admission charge is \$1.

Gospel groups, musicians, dancers, and children's activities will headline the day's entertainment. So far they include the New Hope Singers, the St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church Youth Choir, the Fox Sisters, pianist and singer Fletcher Allen, and the Ebony Ensemble. Festival commentators thus far include Reverend Erlinda Jones and Attorney Ralph Bryant, Jr.

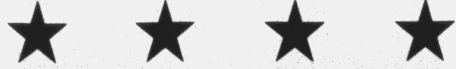
There's still time for organizations wishing to secure a booth, which are \$25 each, or for persons and groups to sign up to be part of the entertainment, said Mary Nolen, festival chairperson. "Because there's been so much interest, we've extended the deadline to May 1. Everybody wants to be part of the festival. This is another positive way that we are showcasing our talent and our economic potential."

The Crystal Coast Economic Opportunity Commission seeks to increase knowledge about and opportunities for the area's specialized businesses. President is Linda Hill.

Persons wanting more information should call Mrs. Nolen at 728-2732. Persons and groups wishing to perform should contact Ms. Michele Bryant at 223-5736, or Mrs. Margaret Mintz, Commission secretary, at 223-4294.

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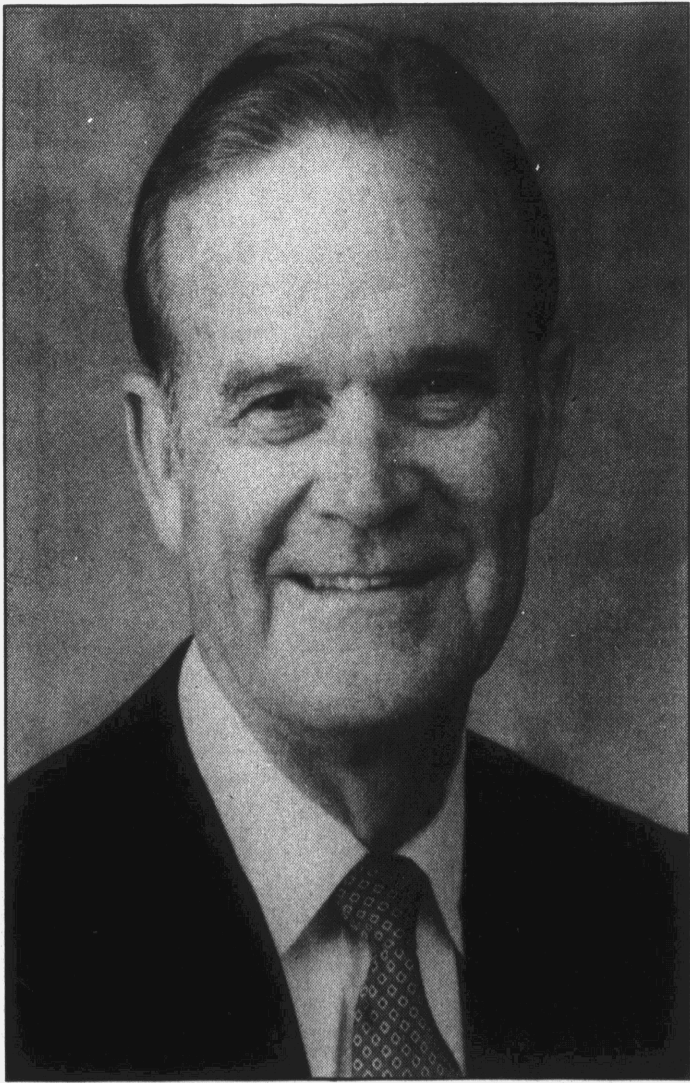
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Farrakhan and Mike Wallace never lost their TV cool

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan was Mike Wallace's guest on "60 minutes" last Sunday. Wallace's history with the Nation of Islam goes back to the early '60s when he narrated the TV expose, "The Hate that Produced the Hate," which, for the first time, introduced the Nation of Islam to a national American public. Wallace was also present at the Apollo Theatre last year when Betty Shabazz and Farrakhan gathered to raise monies to defend one of her daughters against federal charges concerning a planned assassination of Farrakhan. Wallace donated \$1,000 to the daughter's defense fund.

Wallace's interview with Farrakhan was often good natured as if he was talking to an old friend. He queried the leader about his father and mother, who Farrakhan said were African-Caribbeans. Farrakhan noted that his father and mother separated "because my father was a philanderer." Wallace reminded Farrakhan that he used to be called "The Charmer," Farrakhan acknowledged with the added filip that he was a budding calypso back then. He said that he was playing in a club and one of the patrons, who liked his act, called him "The Charmer" and the name stuck, for a while.

Wallace, a Jew, never lost his cool as he asked Farrakhan pointed questions concerning alleged statements that Farrakhan has made about Jeew. Farrakhan, as cool as Wallace, said that yes, he has said that there are "synagogues of Sa-

tan." He emphasized that the Bible makes references to synagogues of Satan in which God's laws are not respected. Farrakhan noted that there are mosques of Satan and churches of Satan, in which the words of God are only given lip service.

Farrakhan, who reached the apex of leadership with the success of the Million Man March, stated that he was not an anti-Semite and declared that he'd be glad to sit down with the Jewish leadership in an effort to resolve differences.

In regards to racism, Farrakhan said that indeed, whites are guilty of practising insidious racism against Blacks, but he insisted that Black people are responsible for their own liberation and must stand up and do something for themselves.

Nelson Mandela and Farrakhan are the only Black leaders who have, on national TV, caused white interviewers to momentarily hesitate, lose their presence of mind, or seem to wish they were somewhere else as they received a specific answer to a question. Mandela stunned Ted Koppel when the newsman questioned him about the relationship between the Palestinian Liberation Organization and the African National Congress, which Mandela heads. Koppel noted that the Jewish community didn't like the connection. Koppel seemed out of it when Mandela responded that the Jews' enemy was not necessarily ANC's enemy.

Wallace had a similar experience when he attempted to chastise Farrakhan for his recent visit to Nigeria, a country that Wallace insisted is "the worst in the world," in terms of not practising democracy. Wallace looked as if he wanted to slide beneath his chair as the minister reminded him in strong, authoritative tones that unlike America, Nigeria never dropped atomic bombs on Japan, killing millions, or committed genocide against millions of Native Americans. He said that America is 200 years old and only started practising democracy about 35 years ago because of pressure from the Human Rights and Civil Rights movements. He emphasized that it was not fair to expect Nigeria, which is only 35 years old, to become an instant democracy. The minister demanded that America "hush her mouth. She has no moral authority to judge anyone."

MOVE trial to expose police terrorism in Philly

It was Mother's Day, 1985 when police dropped a bomb on 6221 Osage Avenue in a working class West Philadelphia neighborhood. Killed were 11 MOVE family members, a Black naturalist group, and two square blocks of residential housing burned to the ground, leaving 250 men, women and children homeless.

Eleven years later, Ramona Africa, the only adult to survive the police assault and fire, will have her day in court on April 23 in a wrongful death lawsuit brought against the city.

"You don't bomb people because of the way they live. You don't burn babies alive because of how they're raised. This government has never ever cared about Black peoples complaints at all let alone a hand-full of Black people alleg-

edly complaining about their neighbors. That is not grounds for coming out and dropping a bomb on somebody," said Ms. Africa, in an interview.

"So people need to really understand that and not accept as legitimate these ridiculous excuses put out to try to justify what they did," she said.

When police raided the house, they claimed complaints from neighbors about loudspeakers outside the MOVE home, which ran statements against the government and defended MOVE family members imprisoned for a 1978 clash with police—an officer died in the incident—and garbage piled in a backyard were reasons for their actions.

But Ms. Africa, other activists and the chairman of a commission

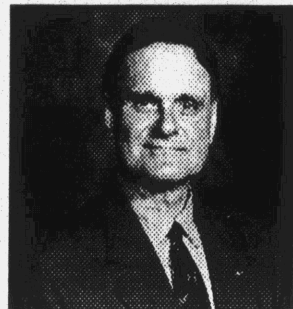
that examined the incident say those excuses don't make sense and can't hide the truth.

William Brown III, the head of city's "MOVE Commission," which investigated the tragedy, says if the MOVE confrontation had taken place in a "similar" white neighborhood the results would have been far different.

A state grand jury found some of the police officers committed perjury before the MOVE Commission and grand jury, but did not indict a single police officer, said Mr. Brown.

With the recent passage of a far reaching anti-terrorism bill in Congress and growing hysteria about "domestic terrorism" and "militias," lawyers and Black activists say the MOVE trial is im-

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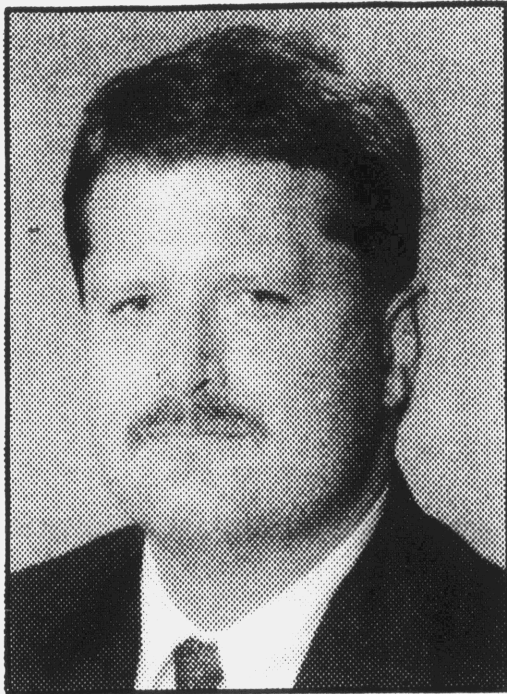
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MOVE trial

portant. Not only for justice for the victims but as a reminder that when the government focuses on "extremist" groups, more than likely Blacks will be the targets.

"Congress held hearings on the excessive force which was used down in Waco, and I certainly don't agree with the way they went into Waco and burned up all those people, but they held hearings on that and you had rightwing Republicans making these protestations about the FBI: 'How could they have done this?' There hasn't been one outcry from Congress that I can hear about what happened to MOVE," said Atty. Robert Boyle, who has defended Black political prisoners.

The other important issue is that the MOVE trial may bring more attention to Mumia Abu Jamal, a MOVE supporter and a prominent death row inmate, and his fight to stay alive, he added.

Another painful part of the MOVE saga was the fact that a Black mayor, who later lamented the bombing, did not show the sensitivity expected of him as the drama unfolded and defended the

bombing after it happened, said Ron Daniels, director of the Center for Constitutional Rights.

"What we found was a Black mayor who in fact was using the same kind of brutality, the same kind of violence that we had fought against so long in the fight for justice...All over the country Black people should be focusing on this particular case," he said.

The burning of the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Tex., has meant white groups, like the Montana-based Freeman, who are at a stand-off with federal officials, are approached with a caution "never granted to Black people. We know that if these people out in Montana were Black people what would be going on would be a quick assault, quick and dirty, brutality, the whole scene and nobody in the nation would even know much about it," said Mr. Daniels.

"This trial is very much a political trial, it will expose the behavior of the city, it will expose the attitude of the city...and it will, inevitably and unfortunately, expose the fact that very often Black people in these positions feel com-

pelled to act in a way similar to that in which white people might have acted in enforcing, quote-unquote, law and order," he added.

For Ramona Africa, the suit is a culmination of over a decade of work that includes seven years in prison. She was jailed after the MOVE tragedy. The suit is not just for the dead but for the living—nine MOVE family members, jailed for the 1978 incident and Mumia Abu Jamal, who as a reporter documented the city and police attacks on MOVE and whose murder conviction, she says, stems from his exposes of police brutality and misconduct.

Ms. Africa said the presiding judge has already tried to influence the trial's outcome by drawing white jurors from the suburbs. Mr. Goode will be the first witness called in the case and current Mayor Edward Rendell, who was states attorney at the time of the bombing, will also testify, said Ms. Africa.

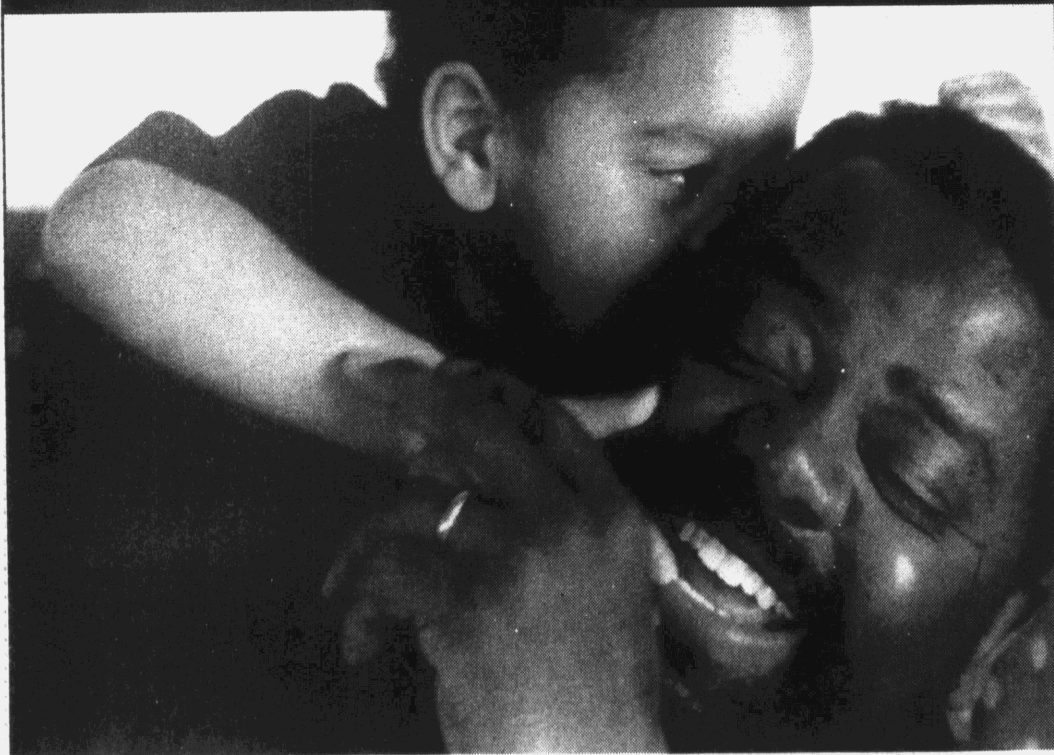
"People really need to watch this very closely and understand that this ain't about MOVE, this is far bigger than a handful of people called MOVE," she added.



BROTHER BEN WOOTEN (R) . . . and his family (son and wife, from left) and a friend were on hand to enjoy the activities at the Tom Foreman Park for the First Annual Fun Day named in honor of the late Rev. Alonzo Mills. The West Greenville Community Development Corporation and several other organizations sponsored this event. (See "Faces and Places" in next edition). Brother Wooten is a member of the Pitt County "Million Man March" Committee. He invites the entire community to come out and support the youth/family day march on Saturday, May 11 beginning at the Roxy Theater at 10:00 a.m.

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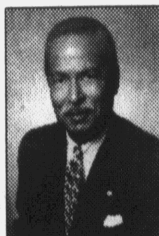


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Valeria Lynch Lee

Does Republican Party really want Blacks?

The sight of Republican presidential candidate Alan Keyes being handcuffed and hustled away from the pivotal Republican presidential candidates' debate in Atlanta in February looked bad. It convinced even more blacks that the Republican Party doesn't want them.

Keyes' positions on the issues of abortion, welfare, affirmative action and domestic spending are squarely in line with Republican conservatives. Keyes knows he can't win the nomination. However, he insists he is not running for symbolism and show. He's running to make the point that the party needs blacks to win the White House and that blacks need the party to break what black Republican commentator Tony Brown brands the "plantation politics" of the Democrats.

While many top Republicans claim they want to double the number of blacks in the party, they have blown every opportunity they had. Colin Powell was the first. Polls consistently showed that the general could win a head-to-head race with Dole or Clinton. He was universally liked by blacks and non-black voters, liberals, moderates and even many conservatives.

The general never got out the box. The major conservative groups from the Christian Coalition to the American Conservative Union ganged up on him. Pat Buchanan threatened to wage "war" if Powell actively sought the Republican nomination.

Buchanan didn't let up even after Powell declared he wasn't running. He made it clear that he considered Dole a "sell-out" if he didn't pick a hard-liner on abortion and other social issues as his vice presidential choice. It was an open slap at Powell. The general still didn't have the right stuff for the Republican Party.

This is absurd. If Powell actively stumps for the Republican presidential nominee, it would force large numbers of blacks to listen and ponder the party's political message. This would be dangerous for the Democrats. Blacks make up a major part of the population in the nine states that control the majority of the nation's electoral votes.

Only 58 percent of blacks surveyed in a L.A. Times poll now call themselves Democrats. This is the lowest number in years. Clinton got 82 percent of the black vote against George Bush in 1992. If Republicans make any effort to tap black dissatisfaction with the Democrats, there is no guarantee Clinton could waltz back into the White House.

Republicans are blind to this reality because they, like most Americans, buy the myth that blacks are doctrinaire Democrats. For nearly a half century following Reconstruction, the Democratic Party was the party of segregation and Jim Crow. Blacks by necessity were staunch Republicans. The first dozen black elected congressional officeholders were Republicans.

During the Depression blacks leaped at FDR's promise of jobs and relief, and voted overwhelmingly Democratic. But they did not totally abandon the Republicans. In 1956, Republican President Dwight Eisenhower sent the first civil rights bill since Reconstruction to Congress. The same year, Ike grabbed 40 percent of the black vote to win re-election. In 1960, Nixon also received a sizable percentage of the black vote against Kennedy.

The Democrats got the black vote back in 1964 partly because Johnson made good on his civil rights pledge. But also because blacks feared that Republican candidate Barry Goldwater's platform of "states rights," sent a strong signal that blacks were not wanted in the party. Blacks got the same negative signal from Nixon. Powell criticized his former bosses Reagan and Bush for not showing more "sensitivity" on racial matters.

Despite the cold shoulder from Republicans for three decades, many blacks have not closed the door to the Republican Party. Keyes said he would go on the hunger strike to protest his treatment, but he would not bolt the Republican Party. Powell gave no thought to making a bid for the Democrat nomination or running as an independent candidate. He insists that he will remain loyal to the party.

The fact that Keyes and Powell vow to stay in the party reflects the increasing conservative shift of many blacks. GOP National Chairman Haley Barbour notes that polls show that 25 to 45 percent of blacks now call themselves conservatives. This should not surprise anyone. African Americans are among America's oldest native sons and daughters. They have generally embraced conservative values and goals.



CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE visits Greenville and Eastern, NC, and Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church where Rev. Sidney Locke is the pastor, held its program honoring Habitaat for Humanity. Shown above is candidate Valeria Lee (center) who is running for Secretary of State. Shown with Ms. Lee is her sister on left and Janet Bullock on right. Be sure to vote on May 7.

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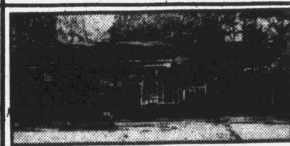


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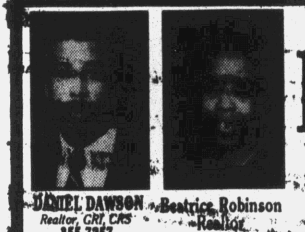


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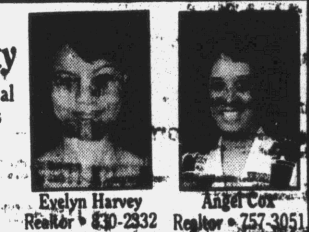
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| 1961 - 65 | ECU, football and track |
| 1965 - | Flight instructor, ECU FIP program |
| 1965 - 68 | Pilot, Piedmont Airlines |
| 1969 - 70 | Teacher/Coach, Walter Williams, Burlington, NC |
| 1970 - 71 | Teacher/Head Football Coach, North Lenoir H.S. |
| 1971 - 75 | NCCU Law School |
| 1975 - 77 | Assistant District Attorney - Pitt County |
| 1977 - 79 | Private Law Practice |
| 1979 - 80 | District Court Judge - Pitt County, Appointed by Gov. Hunt |
| 1980 | Elected District Court Judge, 3rd Judicial District, Pitt County |

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And they were right. I was able to go to Clemson and MIT, start an architectural business, become Mayor of Charlotte.

Today, too many people are working their hearts out, but still aren't able to make ends meet. They're trying to raise children in neighborhoods where the streets aren't safe enough, the schools aren't good enough, and the job opportunities just aren't there.

The reason I want to go to Washington, the reason I will defeat Jesse Helms, is so we can make the promise of America real again for anyone willing to work for it.

That's what I think is at stake in this election - for Gabrielle and for all our children. And **that's why I really want to ask for your vote. I hope you'll join me on May 7th.**

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