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## Gov. Hunt proposes tax cuts, credits to create jobs

Before an audience that included Charlotte's business community, Gov. Jim Hunt today unveiled his plans — ranging from tax cuts and tax credits to worker training funds — in his 1996 budget to create jobs and boost financial security for North Carolinians.

"North Carolina needs more jobs that pay good wages and we need to do a better job training our workers for those jobs," Hunt said at a Citizen's Forum on Jobs today. "Our economic record is good, but we have to be aggressive in finding ways to keep good jobs and investment coming to our state and building a business climate that nurtures the companies already here. 'Hunt's education budget calls for raising teachers' salaries to the national average by 2000, cutting class size in the second grade, making schools safer by putting a uniformed officer in every high school and boosting universities and community colleges with pay raises for teaching faculty and other resources."

**Tax relief** The financial and economic security program in Hunt's budget includes cutting the food tax by 1 percent, increasing the homestead exemption for senior citizens and cutting the corporate income tax; rate by .25 percent, as part of a gradual roll-back from

7.75 percent to 6.75 percent during the next four years.

**Worker training** In addition to the worker training tax credit, Hunt proposes to increase funds available to the Community College System for worker training by \$10 million annually to help North Carolina workers get better jobs and improve their skills to keep those jobs as companies adopt new technologies.

**Tax credits** Hunt's proposals would boost the economy with new tax credits for investment, new jobs, research and development and worker training as recommended by the N.C. Economic Development Board. Specifically, Hunt proposes to: Create an investment tax credit to stimulate investment in machinery and equipment by new and expanding industry.

Create a worker training tax credit so existing and new employers can train workers in new technologies. Create a research and development tax credit to stimulate innovation and product-related research and development. Expand the existing Jobs Creation Tax Credit statewide so that companies creating jobs in the state's most economically distressed counties get a higher credit, while companies locating in the state's most

prosperous counties get a lower credit. Currently, the tax credit exists for 50 of the state's most distressed counties.

**Rural counties** To help rural counties, Hunt has proposed \$5 million in loans and grants to improve water and sewer and other infrastructure needs in the 10 most distressed counties in North Carolina. He also has proposed additional jobs and investment tax credits for companies that locate in these counties.

**Small business** Small businesses would benefit from the research and development tax credit, the jobs tax credit and the investment tax credit. In addition, Hunt proposes a new business incubator and expanded venture capital.

**Existing industry** Hunt's proposal would expand the Technological Extension Service at N.C. State University, which helps existing companies take new technology to the factory floor.

**Financing economic development** Hunt's budget would make more money available to create jobs by easing Industrial Revenue Bond requirements for companies that want to lease manufacturing facilities and boosting funds for site improvements and building renovations.

## Woodside Antiques to hold 31st semi-annual outdoor show and sale

Woodside Antiques will hold its 31st semi-annual Outdoor Antique & Collectibles Lawn Show and Sale on Sunday, June 2nd in Greenville from Sunup to Sundown. This show is the largest in Eastern North Carolina and will feature over 100 antique dealers from the states of North Carolina and Virginia. Participating vendors will be exhibiting antique furniture, glassware, silver, jewelry, tools, advertising,

quilts, linens, primitives, coins, toys and more. Admission is free and parking will be available for \$1.00 across from Woodside Antiques which is located on Allen Road between 264 business and 264 bypass. The \$1.00 charge for parking is a donation to the Law Explorer Post #33. Breakfast, lunch and drinks will be available throughout the day's events.

The first antique show held by

Woodside Antiques was in 1965. Since that time, the event has grown and this year's event expects to draw up to 4,000 people from all around Eastern North Carolina. Currently two shows are held per year, on the first Sunday in June and the second Sunday in October. For more information on this week's show please contact Mr. Michael Cable at (919) 756-9929.



**MOTHER OF THE YEAR...** Sycamore Hill Baptist Church honored mother Rosa Bradley who was selected mother of the year is shown above wearing the crown she received and the beautiful roses. Mother Rosa Bradley who is the owner of Rosa Bradley's Home for Adults has been taking care of the sick and ageless brothers and sisters for years. Congratulations and Happy Birthday. Shown below is Black College Day last Saturday on the Town Commons. Voter registration and fun, fun.

Staff photo by Jim Rouse



**JUST HANGING AROUND...** is Joy 1320's own Lil' Buddy Jones, along with Joy 1340's own William Clark and old time friend and faithful listener of Joy 1340 is Lil' Walt, who passed away several weeks ago. Lil' Walt was a veteran Radio announcer in Eastern N.C. Help keep is dream alive, listen to Gospel music every day.

Staff photo by Jim Rouse

## Kweisi Mfume embraces generational change

By Alvin Peabody

He's only 47 years of age. And for most of those who know him, describe him as "energetic," "articulate" and "up to the challenge."

Therefore, it was not surprising when the new head of the NAACP declared Tuesday that "it's time for us to begin to cherish our youth," as the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization commences on the threshold of what he termed "a generational change."

On Tuesday, Mfume made one of the biggest changes in his life when he was sworn in before a packed audience in the Great Hall at the U.S. Justice Department in Washington, D.C. And he takes over an embattled organization that is facing a huge financial debt, as well as a decline in membership, particularly among the nation's Black youth.

"You must not resist the change that is coming," cautioned Mfume, a former U.S. congressman (D-MD.). "Instead, you must embrace it, all of its new blood and ideas, if we are serious about formulating a new agenda for the next century."

This, he pledged to change, especially as it impacts the organization's 2,200 branches nationwide. "Young people want to be involved, but they want to do so

meaningfully. Only a strong, revitalized and focused NAACP can meet the challenges of today and tomorrow," Mfume added.

Jamie Smith is a young student at Baltimore's (Maryland) School of the Arts, and serves as president of the Harlem Park Youth Council of the NAACP. She, too, agreed with Mfume that "youths of today have some important roles to play in remaking the future of this historic organization."

"As long as our churches are being burned down and our people are being harassed, there's still a need for the NAACP," said Smith, who, at age 16, became a member of the Youth Council. "This organization has given me guidance and encouragement, and there are scores of others like me who would like to serve the NAACP and out communities around the country."

Another area of focus for the civil rights organization is achieving voter empowerment and creating an infrastructure for economic opportunity and parity for Blacks. "We've got to continue to insist on equal justice, which has always been a crucial point in our history," said Mfume, who was later congratulated by four of his five sons.

"the poor of this nation must not be transformed," he added.

"Redlining against Blacks and other minorities must be stopped, while racism and sexism will not be allowed to enjoy a quiet acceptance; yes, the job before us will not be easy."

During her remarks, NAACP Board Chairman Myrlie Evers-Williams pleaded that, "from this day forward, all negatives about this organization must be placed on the side, as we've begun dealing only with the strength and unity that we've established today. We have someone now who is able to lead us out of the despair that we feel today; one that can lift all of us up and one who is strong and can never take no for an answer."

Also addressing the gathering was President Bill Clinton, who went on to praise the efforts towards justice and equality in America today. "This country owes a lot to the NAACP, because we've become what we are because of the NAACP," Clinton said.

For his part, George Mason University professor Roger Wilkins (nephew of Roy Wilkins, a former NAACP executive director), noted that "the great principles of justice, equality and respect have always been the hallmarks of the NAACP and I really don't see it changing under the leadership of Mr. Mfume."

## Valeria Lee endorsed by earlier rivals

Valeria Lee has been endorsed by two former rivals in her race to become North Carolina's Secretary of State. Raleigh lawyer Howard Kramer and Greensboro activist Joyce Langston both publicly endorsed Ms. Lee and called on their supporters to vote for Lee in the upcoming second primary. Langston, Lee and Kramer were three of the six candidates in the first Democratic primary for Secretary of State.

"Valeria Lee will make an excellent Democratic candidate and a first-rate Secretary of State," Kramer said. "I endorse her candidacy enthusiastically, and call on my friends and supporters, as well as all the other Democrats in North Carolina, to give her their unequalled support in the June primary."

"She has a great deal to offer our state and its citizens," Kramer said.

"Valeria is the best candidate running to look out for the interests of the little guy," said Ms. Langston. "Once in office, she will make sure that the average citizen will have access to important government information and that the citizens are protected from unethical business practices and securities fraud."

Howard Kramer has previously served North Carolina as its chief deputy Attorney General as well as executive director of the North Carolina Sheriffs Association. Kramer led in the number of votes in 12 counties, especially those in the mountains, and enjoyed strong

support from the law enforcement community around the state. Ms. Langston came in first or second in the number of votes received in 20 counties.

Between them, Kramer and Langston shared 28 percent of the total number of votes cast in the first primary.

No one candidate received a substantial plurality on May 7. In accordance with the state's election laws and as the candidate

winning the second-highest number of votes, Ms. Lee—who won 21 percent of the votes cast—requested that North Carolinians be allowed to vote again in June.

State election law defines a substantial plurality as more than 40 percent of the votes cast. The highest vote-getter got just over 25 percent of the vote. The second primary is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4.

## Local Frigidaire plant honors suppliers

Frigidaire Company has demonstrated further evidence of its commitment to total quality management by recognizing suppliers who meet more than 24 separate total quality management criteria throughout the year.

The local Frigidaire refrigerator plant recently honored 17 supplier locations with certified status in its annual Supplier Certification Program. The program was created to develop competitive relationships with the best suppliers in the appliance industry. The Supplier Certification Program is part of the Frigidaire Company's commitment to excellence called Vision 2000, a program designed to assure total quality management in products and operations.

Frigidaire Company's goal is to direct 90% of its suppliers into certified or preferred status by the year 2000.

"With a total of 88 facilities certified, we have significantly increased the number of suppliers who meet our quality criteria," says Scot Dail, manager, purchasing quality systems at Frigidaire Company in Dublin, Ohio. "Last year's program certified only 54 suppliers. Since suppliers must renew their certified status each year with plant personnel, we are very proud of this marked increase."

The Supplier Certification program is administered by a crossfunctional team from engineering, material control, purchasing and operations.

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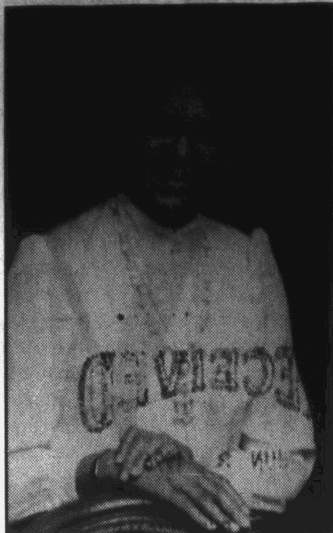
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## from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



BEATRICE MAYE

### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 1996

For a happy and long life, consider these:

1. Don't destroy your name. Build your character, your reputation. The way you live determines that. I refer to Luther Hemby, "Greenville's Young Citizen of the Year 1996". He's unique.

2. Accept yourself. Know yourself. Continue to improve yourself. Assess yourself. Evaluate yourself. You are unique. There's one YOU.

3. Expect and perform hard work, time is precious, never be late, do not loathe or cheat. The man who reaches his goal, perseveres to the end.

4. With all your getting, get God in your life and stick with Him through the rough times, and through the good times. Say no to temptations - alcohol, beer, cigarettes, drugs, and promiscuity (sex). Don't be so caught up in cars, houses, boats, luxury that you ignore the need for a spiritual relationship. The young folk who are brought up in Sunday school and church, the Boys and Girls Clubs find balance and value in living.

Do something constructive and wholesome with your opportunities. Our communities especially need young people whose lives are exemplary. Big brothers and sisters, don't set the wrong examples for little brothers and sisters. Remember, "those who can, do; those who can't, complain, criticize and condemn".

### Additional Facts...

The New Yorker Magazine Survey of Black Americans, April 29-May 6, 1996, which is devoted to Black Americans states, "Favorable ratings for political personalities - Coretta Scott King 83%; Jesse Jackson 82%; Johnnie Cochran (O. J. Simpson's lawyer) 75%, Gen. Colin Powell 70%.

For most Widely Admired Cultural personalities according to the survey - Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson and Oprah Winfrey.

"Anyone who will gossip to you about others will gossip to others about you". Peter Brody

Walk twice as fast and you'll burn more than twice as many calories, according to the Tufts University Diet and Nutrition Letter.

To Spank or Not To Spank Does spanking really help children? Surely the answer to this question is a disputatious one. Spanking releases the parents anger, perhaps frightens the child or puts fear in him for the time being but soon the physical hurt or pain is over. Does it really change the child's behavior?

Are we honestly teaching children that this is the way to punish their kids in parenthood? Some

parents say - "If it was good enough for me then it's good enough for them".

Does spanking increase the chances that this antisocial behavior would increase over the years?

Spanking is an easy, quick way to get the child's attention wherein dialoguing and teaching are time-consuming. In other words, parenting requires discipline whereas discipline does not require spanking or hitting. Usually children who are spanked hit or kick other children. "What kids need today is plenty of LSD - Love, Security, and Discipline".

(Mrs.) Beatrice C. Maye

### DISCIPLINE, continued...

After love, discipline is the most important thing you can offer a child. Discipline is not the same as punishment. Its purpose is to teach, not to penalize, and its goal is to help the child learn to develop her own self-discipline.

When you hit a child, you're saying that violence is the way to settle things. When you belittle, demean or compare her unfavorably to someone else, you endanger her self-image.

When you walk in the door, pick up your child right away and hold her. Children learn best by imitating their parents' behavior. In a way it's frightening to realize that your every gesture, emotion or thoughtless remark is being recorded by your child to be copied later on.

Parents, look at and resolve your "bad" modeling behaviors so they can pass on to their kids the messages they really want them to hear.

### CHOICE SCRIPTURES

1. So if you want an eternal home, leave your evil, low-down ways and live good lives. Psalm 37:27

2. I will try to walk a blameless path, but how I need your help, especially in my own home, where I long to act as I should. Psalms 101:2

3. The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. Deuteronomy 14:23

4. Unless the Lord builds a house, the builders work is useless. Ps. 127:1

5. Children are a gift from God; they are his reward. Psalms 127:3

6. Woe to you who get up early in the morning to go on long drinking bouts that last till late at night - woe to you drunken bums. Isaiah 5:11

7. Seek first the kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:33

8. And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up. Galatians 6:9

9. Don't point your finger at someone else, and try to pass the blame to him. Hosea 4:4

10. A home filled with strife and division destroys itself. Mark 3:25

11. Your souls aren't harmed by what you eat, but by what you think and say. Mark 7:15-16

12. Good salt is worthless if it loses its saltiness. Mark 9:10

13. Never criticize or condemn - or it will come back on you. Luke 6:37

14. I am the Bread of life. No one coming to me will ever be hungry again. John 6:35

15. Give me an understanding mind so that I can govern your people and know the difference between what is right and what is wrong. 1 Kings 3:9

### Additional Truths...

1. Who gets to the summit and who doesn't is a question of whose mind-set is ready for it.

2. Tenacity (persistence) is the most important skill.

3. In 1994, 24% of American children lived in mother-only families.

4. Fatherlessness is the most harmful demographic trend of our generation.

5. For the most part, we don't want to be told of our shortcomings.

6. Character is what you are in the dark. Dwight L. Moody

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## READVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Pursuant to General Statutes of North Carolina, Section 143-129, as amended, sealed proposals will be received by the City of Greenville, North Carolina, ~ in the Public Works Department Conference Room, 1500 Beatty Street, Greenville, North Carolina, until 10:00 AM, on Thursday, May 30, 1996 and immediately thereafter opened and read for the 1995/96 Street Resurfacing Project.

The Street Resurfacing will consist of placing approximately 17,738 tons of bituminous concrete, Type I-2, and making necessary adjustment~ to valves and manholes. Dirt street improvements will consist of placing approximately 539 tons of bituminous concrete Type I2, and fine grading approximately 5,800 square yards of crushed aggregate base.

Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the Purchasing Agent, City of Greenville, Post Office Box 7207, Greenville, North Carolina, 27835-7207, and the outside of the envelope must be marked "Proposal for 1995/96 Street Resurfacing Project". The name, address, and North Carolina license number of the Bidder, and the date and time of Bid opening shall be clearly indicated on the outside of the envelope. One (1) unbound copy of the Proposal form is furnished in the Specifications which must be executed and submitted.

Each Proposal must be accompanied by cash, cashier's check, or a certified check, drawn on a bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company or a Bid Bond as prescribed by North Carolina G.S. 143129, payable to the City of Greenville, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Bid, as a guarantee that a Contract will be entered into and that a satisfactory Performance Bond will be executed. Contractors are notified that legislative acts relating to licensing of contractors will be observed in receiving Bids and awarding Contracts.

Plans and Specifications describing the work may be obtained from the Public Works Department at 1500 Beatty Street or by written request addressed to P. O. Box 7207, Greenville, North Carolina 27835-7207.

The City of Greenville reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any informalities, and to award Contract or Contracts which appear to be in its best interest. The right is reserved to hold any or all Proposals for a period of forty-five (45) days from the opening thereof.

Minority and Women Owned Firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

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## Community News

## Robinson opposes school bonds as ripoff

Vernon Robinson, GOP Candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, characterized the proposed state bond referendum as "a rip-off of the voters and taxpayers of North Carolina" and said that "he would oppose any such bond referendum that grabs power from voters at the local level." "The short session is not the appropriate time to consider this controversial power grab from voters at the local level," said Robinson. At a Raleigh press conference Thursday, Robinson detailed his opposition to a statewide bond referendum for school construction. He also visited with members of the General Assembly to build support for his effort to stop the state bond referendum.

Among the reasons given for his opposition are:

1) No confidence that the African-American Community will get a fair deal with the bond money. The pattern in urban areas around

the state has been to let inner city school fall apart and build schools in suburban areas. I have no confidence that equity issues are adequately addressed in this proposed bond referendum.

2) Regulations from the Department of Public Instruction gold plate school buildings and unnecessarily increase building costs. "Taxpayers don't have confidence that their money is well spent. The gold plating of school buildings is another reason why these voters have little confidence in the education establishment. A comprehensive review of how over-regulation increases school costs is needed now and should be done before any proposed bond referendum is passed. If not, any such referendum will likely be defeated in November by angry taxpayers," observed Robinson.

3) Private sector leasing and buyback approaches to school construction. Even with regulatory

reform, the private sector can build school faster and at lower cost through lease and buyback contracts with local school districts. "This approach, given the need for school buildings noted by state bond referendum advocates, will provide buildings more quickly, at lower cost and without subverting the will of local voters," said Robinson.

4) Subversion of local control by bypassing local voters with a state bond offering. "Bond referenda have been defeated all over the state because voters don't believe the local education establishment when the voters are asked for yet another bond issue and higher taxes. Seniors on fixed incomes are being pushed hard and there is no relief in sight. A statewide bond referendum will result in less attention paid to the concerns of local voters," explained Robinson.

5) The impact of school choice legislation to reduce the demand for expensive traditional public school buildings. "Without the passage of strong charter school legislation, full and fair learning grant or voucher legislation and without the passage of legislation to provide every child learning services on the internet, hundreds of thousands of children who would leave public schools are forced, instead, to stay in public schools that are not working, with

the result that new schools will be built unnecessarily and paid for by the taxpayer. One of the many restrictive provisions in Senate Bill 940 prohibits. African-American churches from leasing space to charter schools which will deny children greater educational opportunity and increase the burden on taxpayers. No state bond referendum should be passed without the passage of empowerment legislation that expands educational opportunity," said Robinson.

6) The patronage and pork barrel aspects of the proposed state bond referendum. "This bond referendum smells a lot like rotten pork barrel and will create a new patronage system that ignores the concerns of local voters. It appears that powerful legislators plan to steer more than their fair share of bond money to their districts, districts that won't provide for legitimate school construction needs locally. There is no reason why taxpayers in one part of the state, who have responsibly and efficiently provided for local school needs, should pay for building schools in another part of the state where the education establishment has no voter confidence," observed Robinson.

7) The availability of alternatives such as the McDaniels plan to keep school construction at the local level. Sen. Mark McDaniels' plan to shift welfare programs like Medicaid to the state, thus leaving counties with greater resources for school construction. This alternative and other alternatives that relieve local governments of ex-

pensive unfunded or underfunded mandates so that local money can be used for school construction

should be explored fully before any state bond referendum is authorized by the General Assembly.

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## HEROES OF THE GAME



Our heroes. They're not just on the court shooting three point shots or catching fly balls in the outfield. They're in our homes, our churches and our neighborhoods. They come in all shapes and sizes; they're our families and our friends. They're all playing the same game, the game of life.

A part of staying in the game is taking care of one's health. Unfortunately, many African-Americans get sidelined by the "Silent Killer" high blood pressure.

High blood pressure is called the silent killer because often, you don't know when your pressure is out of the ballpark which can lead to a stroke.

Such strokes can result in partial or full paralysis, slurred speech and sometimes, death. It's up to you to stay in the game. Keep tabs on your blood pressure by having it checked regularly at your doctor or local health department.

Know your numbers. No adult pressure should be higher than 140 over 90. If it is, see your doctor. If you already have medication, take it as prescribed. Avoid salt, high cholesterol and high fat foods. Bench the alcohol. Get some exercise, even if it's a daily walk.

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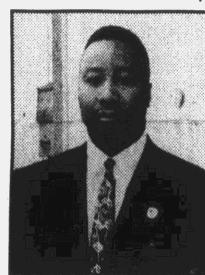
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Local Plant

ing and quality disciplines from the Kinston dishwasher plant. Each certification team continuously measures a given supplier's progress throughout the year, adding more qualified suppliers to the Frigidaire Company suppliers list each month. A supplier will progress through four levels of recognition: conditional, approved, certified and preferred status. Certified and preferred suppliers are recognized at year end and reviewed annually.

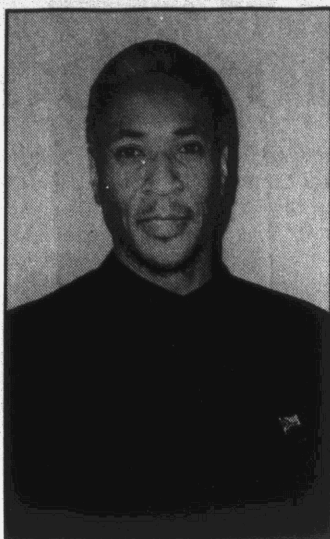
"Our suppliers are partners in Frigidaire's commitment to excel-

lence," continues Scot Dail. "This program honors suppliers who work with our manufacturing facilities to ensure that customers who purchase Frigidaire appliances will always receive a trouble-free product."

The 17 dishwasher plant supplier locations were honored with certified status by the Kinston plant team. They include: Brown Products of Axton, VA; Chardon Rubber of Chardon, Ohio, Circle Plastics of Circleville, Ohio; DSM Engineering Plastics of Evansville, Indiana; EAR Specialty Components of Indianapolis, Indiana; Elco Industries of Rockford, Illinois; EMB Corporation of Elizabeth town, KY; Exxon Chemical Corp. of Baytown, Texas; Georgia Industrial Fasteners of Norcross, Georgia; Glover Printing of Raleigh, NC; Hose Assemblies of Mishawaka, Indiana; Mallory Controls of Sparta, Tenn.; OEM/Miller of Aurora, Ohio; Tag & Label Corporation of Anderson, SC; and three locations of Tuscarora Plastics, Inc. in Conyers, Georgia, Beaver, Penn., and Butner, NC.

Frigidaire Company, headquartered in Dublin, Ohio is a leading manufacturer of household appliances in North America. The company markets its products under the brand names Frigidaire, Tappan, White Westinghouse, Gibson and Kelvinator. It is the North American unit of AB Electrolux of Stockholm, Sweden, the world's largest major appliance producer.

# A Step toward self reliance



REVEREND  
MARK C. OLDS

Within the last year, I have written a book entitled, "African American Christian Nation. I am the publisher, promotional manager and marketing strategist.

"African American Christian Nation" has produced some encounters with persons who have refused to place my book on their shelves. Most have been very polite and explained in detail their store, company or corporation policy. Some stores only purchase books from certain distributors. Others require new authors to have literary agents. (I understand the arrangement around promotions and marketing certain products or authors.) Still others informed me that they only patron a particular classification of books. My book simply did not fit the category of books that some particular stores or franchises specialized.

One market that I did research to make sure that my book would have a greater degree of acceptance was the Christian book stores. I began to call or visit these Christian book stores before my book's return from the printer. I only negotiated with those stores that detailed their policy and financial arrangements. I successfully placed my product in the Cleveland and Akron area book stores both Christian and secular (black and white owned).

On Cleveland's southeast side, Mr. David E. Wilson owns a Chris-

tian book store. A reliable estimate, African Americans purchase 65% to 80% of the total sales in Mr. Wilson's establishment. A number of African American churches have accounts with his store. These churches purchase choir robes, pulpit supplies and all manner of church related materials.

In October of 1995, by agreement with the manager, I left twelve (12) copies of my book at "Rainbow Family Book Center" owned by Mr. Dave Wilson. In November, I received a message on my voice mail to pick up the twelve copies of the book immediately. Mr. Wilson has never provided a clear explanation and has steadfastly refused to submit a reason in writing.

Several ministers of the ministerial alliance that I am a member initiated dialogue with Mr. Wilson. They were convinced there had to be some misunderstanding and the matter could be resolved swiftly. Well, meeting dates were established, but Mr. Wilson never kept any of them. Finally, on March 22, 1996, Mr. Wilson stopped playing games and flatly stated, "As owners of Rainbow Family Book Center, together with our Advisory Board, we have unanimously decided not to carry this book for the reasons outlined to Rev. Olds back in November." I have not seen the outlined reasons mentioned in the correspondence.

The advisory board consists of some hand-picked black preachers and black employees of Mr. Wilson. History informs us of the process in America whereby the dominant society's policy extracts a spokesperson(s) to speak against his or her ethnicity for the perpetuation of an oppressor's position.

Mr. Wilson has conveniently avoided any confrontations by buying himself time through non-existent meetings to safeguard his selling seasons of Christmas and Easter!

First, this is a censorship issue. It appears that of all the thousands of titles in Mr. Wilson's possession, "The African American Christian Nation," is the only title to have undergone this special censorship process. If all the authors on the shelves of Rainbow Family

Book Center are read by this advisory board (Dan Quayle, Pat Robertson, Chuck Colson, Russ Limbaugh, Chuck Swindoll, Kenneth Copeland and others), I apologize for not recognizing the immense knowledge (conservatism) internalized by this group.

Censorship and banning were strong tactics of the old apartheid government in South Africa. It cannot be permissible in southeast Cleveland.

Second, it is a racism issue. It is a racist act for Mr. Wilson to try to silence anyone's opinion other than what he chooses to embrace (Oh! I forgot the reading machine [his employees and his advisory board!]).

Mr. Wilson also stated in that March 22, 1996 correspondence, "Much prayer, fasting and discussion has gone forth concerning this matter and in making this decision." One does not have to look back too far in the history of this nation to recall that many white slaveowners professed Christianity. These alleged Christians did much praying, fasting and discussion on retaining Africans and African descendants' slaves.

One does not have to fast and pray about some things. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not murder. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not be a racist. Thou shalt not practice injustice. Thou shalt not censor another brother speaking the truth.

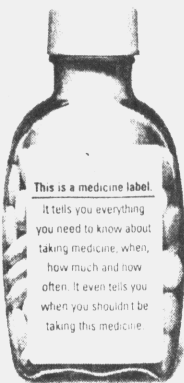
Maybe, just maybe, Mr. Wilson is being a blessing to the African American community. He could be telling us that we should be shopping African American owned

stores. I commend Ribbin's Book Store and other African American owned book stores who have found no problem with the book. Why should African Americans provide 60% to 80% of Mr. Wilson's revenue by purchasing books and other church related supplies from the "Rainbow Family Book Center?" If we (African Americans) were shopping in our own stores, then we would not have to be bothering Mr. Wilson with our books, our opinions and our cultural sensitivities. Thanks Mr. Wilson.

It is time for a strategic effort of channeling the resources of African Americans into self-sustaining economic bases. The resources and consumer power of African Americans have to become recognized as an available asset which will remain among African Americans. This very fact signals another call for the African American Christian Nation. This is not an isolated issue. The African American Christian Nation needs you! "Ask not what the African American Christian Nation can do for you, but ask what can you do for the African American Christian Nation!" Send your resume immediately to: TEE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN NATION, Attention: Reverend Mark C. Olds, 3550 Warrensville Center Road, Suite 101-South, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122.

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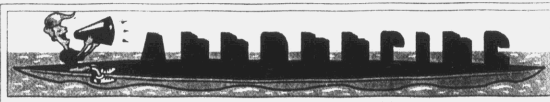
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# Obituary

## Gary A. Taylor

Gary A. Taylor, the son of the late William and Bessie Jenkins Taylor was born on November 8, 1952 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He departed this life on Thursday, May 16, 1996 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, North Carolina.

Gary A. Taylor completed his formal education in the Philadelphia Public School System. He had a yearning to become a doctor. In order to achieve this dream, Gary realized that a college education was necessary. He attended Howard University College of Pharmacy in Washington, D.C. It was while attending Howard University that he met the former Sandra D. Barnhill.

Gary and Sandra graduated

from Howard and worked as retail pharmacists. In the year 1976, they were united in Holy Matrimony at the South Philadelphia Branch of the United House of Prayer For All People where he had been a member since birth. From this union, three beautiful daughters were born: Ina, Gina and Nina. Gary was a believer in paying Tithes and offerings. He was ordained a Deacon under the pastoralship of Apostle H.M. Swarner. Soon afterwards, he received the blessing of the Holy Ghost. Gary was motivated to be more diligent with his service of God, so he became the Assistant Treasurer of the Church and worked with the youth auxiliaries. In the early 1980's when our Bishop made a national call for "Elders", Deacon Gary Taylor was

one of the first to answer the call. About one year later, after moving his family to Greenville, North Carolina, Elder Taylor was appointed to the position of Assistant Pastor. In the year 1989, Elder Taylor became an active member of the National Teachers Association of the United House of Prayer For All People. He presented his first seminar on preventative health care through herbs in Charlotte, North Carolina during one of our National Sunday School Conferences.

Elder Gary Taylor was a wonderful husband and an exemplary father who believed in the sanctity of the family. He possessed an exuberant personality that won him many friends who became members of his extended family. Gary served many people as a

pharmacist, but he also served in other capacities. Among his many accomplishments, Elder Gary Taylor was a radio talk show host, a motivational speaker, and a freelance writer. Additionally, Elder Taylor served on the Board of Directors of the Pitt-Greenville Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors of Parents For Public Schools of Pitt County; and he was a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Along with his wife, he established "Back To Herbs Professional Health Food Store in Greenville, North Carolina, where he became a successful entrepreneur. Through his herbs, his personalized attention, his faith in Almighty God, and his belief in God's servant on Earth, Elder Taylor helped heal the bodies of many people who will testify that they

are better today because of his efforts. Elder Gary A. Taylor leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Sandra; his daughters: Ina, Gina, and Nina; two brothers: Daryl L. Taylor of Philadelphia, PA and William P. Taylor of Chester, PA; two sisters: Andrea T. Elliott of Willingboro, NJ and Maragat Taylor of Chester, PA; his father-in-law and mother-in-law: Mr. and Mrs. David Barnhill of Greenville, NC; one brother-in-law: Walter L. Elliott of Willingboro, NJ; Craig Taylor, nephew of Philadelphia, PA, and a host of other relatives and friends.

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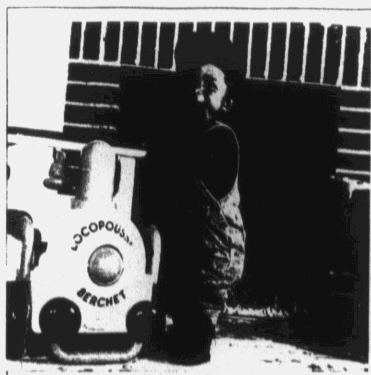
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# Dump Clinton ...Part I

**By: Dr. Lenora Fulani**  
The Democratic Party has made no secret of the fact that it wants the Black vote in 1996. And needing that vote is about more than winning the presidential election. Because the 1996 presidential contest is not simply about reelecting Bill Clinton — which would be the first time since Franklin Roosevelt that a Democratic President was twice elected to office. A Clinton reelection is critical for the Demo-

cratic Party to establish that it has consolidated a new electoral coalition in which fairness, inclusion and growth have been replaced by a program of economic and social limits. That shift in vision comes complete with African Americans being relegated to a small and politically inconsequential role. Within this "New Democrat"-ic framework, we have no choice but to suffer the humiliations of the Lani Guinier episode and the at-

tacks on respected Black leaders like Louis Farrakhan. We are expected to vote for the reelection a President who has endorsed the most radically destructive of welfare plans — the Republican Wisconsin plan — which makes working a condition for receiving assistance, even for single mothers with small children. We are expected to support an administration which is poised to undercut protections for youthful offenders, a technical

term for our sons and daughters. We must accept platitudinous appeals to the principles of affirmative action while its practical application erodes on the job, in our schools and in job training. This is the Black Agenda, as rewritten by Bill Clinton. And it is this agenda that we are being instructed to accept not simply for this election, but for political eternity. We cannot accept the new defi-

nition of the African American political agenda as defined by Bill Clinton. But how do we respond? In my opinion it would be a terrible mistake to allow the fear campaign against the Republicans to box us in once more. Many African Americans already see through it. Thirtythree percent of Blacks, according to recent polls, believe that there would be no difference between a Clinton and a Dole administration.

In 1988, the rejection of Reverend Jesse Jackson by Michael Dukakis and the Democratic Party spurred Minister Farrakhan and me, along with other Black leaders, to proclaim that the Black agenda could only be furthered in an independent political framework. In an effort to test the waters, Minister

Farrakhan supported my independent presidential candidacy that year. A quarter of a million Americans voted for me, the vast majority of them African American. It was a small statement. But it was loud enough to convince the Democratic Party's white leadership that the pressure on Reverend Jackson to stay out of the next race, and in the party, would have to be substantial. It was.

In 1992 Jesse didn't run, either as a Democrat or independent. He supported Bill Clinton, while Clinton staged a series of carefully orchestrated moves to prove that he was not beholden to Jackson, and therefore not beholden to us. That same year I again ran as an independent. So did Ross Perot. Half the Black community stayed home. Eighty-five percent of those who voted backed Clinton, declining to challenge the new Black agenda that was being foisted upon us. But 20 million white Americans, in a grand-scale act of civil disobedience, voted independent. They said: "Dump the Two-Party System," thereby setting the stage for the creation of the new independent political party emerging in 1996.

Now Bob Dole has resigned his Senate seat to go directly to the people — mainly because the strategy of projecting himself as a statesman failed. (Clinton had a 13% lead in the national polls.) The Democrats are trying to keep on top, with us at the bottom. Both major parties are hoping to stifle the independents. Dole is worried about Perot. Clinton is also worried about Perot. Perot's base of support is growing among younger, white, blue collar Democrats. And among African Americans, too. Add to that threat the popularity of the Ralph Nader campaign, and the Clinton administration could lose its shot at a second term.

What must the Black community do in this season of realignment? Realign! We must realign in two ways. First, we've got to set the record straight with regard to the Clinton plan for Black America by rejecting it and rejecting him. Indeed, we intend to deprive him of enough Black votes to get him dumped. Second, we've got to take affirmative action and go independent. The Black community has viable options this year. Ross Perot's Reform Party — which will be on the ballot in all 50 states and which will most likely win ballot status, thereby creating permanent, legally recognized parties in close to 30 states — is an important one.

I have long advocated a partnership between the Black community and the Perot voter who share a powerful common interest in political reform. Together with a growing number of African American activists, I am involved in building the Reform Party. The other independent option is the Green Party presidential candidacy of Ralph Nader, who has also become a voice for democracy.

Part II of "Dump Clinton" next week.

## Major Equine survey coming soon

The Agricultural Statistics Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture will soon be conducting a major Equine Survey. This comprehensive survey, the first since 1971, is part of the newly created Rotational Survey Program. Approved by the General Assembly in 1994, the Rotational Survey Program is designed to provide information on sectors of the state's agriculture which are outside the scope of the department's current statistical program. As part of this program, the Equine Survey will be conducted once every five years.

The 1996 Equine Survey will be conducted in two phases. Phase I will collect inventory, value, and owner demographic information. Phase II will focus on equine related expense, income, and asset data. The first phase of the survey will have a July 1, 1996 reference date and the second phase will be centered around a January 1, 1997 date.

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# Olympic Games and Special Olympics The Training is the Thing

**By Dan Jansen**  
(Don Jansen U.S. speed skating gold medalist at the 1994 Winter Olympic Games is a member of the board of directors for Special Olympics International. He is active in the Olympic movement and delivers motivational speeches to corporate and civic groups.)

As an Olympian, I join with millions of Americans who are excited and proud that our nation will soon host the summer games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta. As most Americans sit in front of television sets (unless we're lucky

enough to be able to attend in person), the primary focus will no doubt be on competition and medals. I can tell you that having the gold medal placed around your neck while the American flag is raised and the "Star Spangled Banner" plays is an experience like no other, in sports or life.

Important as the competition is, it is merely the tip of the iceberg: no athlete, no matter what their level of natural ability, comes close to taking part in the Olympic Games without extensive training. The athletes who will compete in Atlanta this summer have been preparing for months and years, some for virtually their entire lives.

My experience with another world-class sports program - Special Olympics - adds a further dimension to my understanding of the importance of training. Every year nearly one million athletes with mental retardation or closely related developmental disabilities and 500,000 volunteers take part in more than 15,000 Special Olympics games, meets and tournaments around the world, involving 23 summer and winter sports. These competitions have helped Special Olympics gain extremely high name recognition.

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The ninth Special Olympics World Summer Games, held last summer in New Haven, Connecticut, brought together more than 7,000 athletes from 143 countries and attracted a half-million spectators while generating worldwide press coverage. So naturally, when many people think of Special Olympics, they think of Games.

Some people are surprised to learn that the games themselves are not the end-all for Special Olympics athletes. The training, with competition as a focal point, is what Special Olympics is really all about. It is in training that skills are honed and techniques learned. It is truly "training for life", not only for the athletes, but also for the thousands of volunteers who work with them day in and day out. The relationships achieved, for example, between Special Olympics athletes and their coaches, are extraordinary. Everyone who participates takes away something that would be difficult to achieve under other circumstances.

A Gallup survey of more than 1,000 Americans showed that 96 percent understand the benefits of sports activity for people with mental retardation. This is important because Special Olympics sports training for children and adults with mental retardation not only provides the benefits of physical fitness, it also helps encourage participation in the athlete's community life, builds friendships and skills and helps them experience the joy of achievement. Over 80 percent of the Gallup respondents said they believe that Special Olympics enables persons with mental retardation greater interaction with the general public. Just nine percent said Special Olympics segregates people with mental retardation.

A study by Yale University's Child Study Center found that Special Olympics participation

leads to "higher social competence scores...and more positive self-perceptions." Other research by a team of scientists from Texas Tech University showed that children who participated in Special Olympics improved significantly on psychological tests and ranges measuring attitudes toward school and physical education activities compared with children in a control group.

As you watch the summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, think about what those superb athletes have done to prepare for their events. And think about the one million Special Olympics athletes preparing for their events. The competition is exciting. But the training is what makes it all worthwhile.

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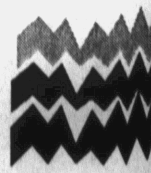
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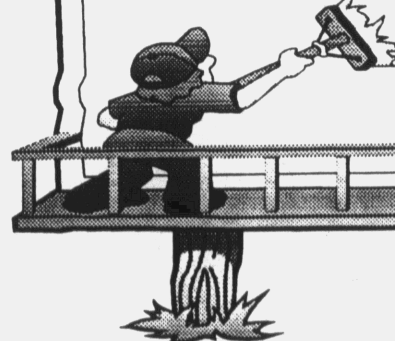
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