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## Democrat announces bid for 2nd House District seat

Daniel Mallison III, a 37-year-old Beaufort County resident, has filed to run for state representative for the 2nd House District.

He has more than 10 years experience in Human Services, and is employed at Tideland Mental Health Center where he serves a five-county catchment area, which includes Beaufort, Hyde, Martin and Tyrrell and Washington counties, as the Single Portal coordinator for the Developmental Disabilities Section. His responsibilities there include coordinating admissions and discharges of Developmental Disabilities Services, as well as maintaining tracking data used by the state for funding, future planning and programming. This data and information is also available to Coalition 2001, Mental Health Associations, the Association for Retarded Citizens and other organizations, including lobbyists for the General Assembly.

Mallison, a Democrat, is the son of Rosa and Daniel Mallison Jr., both natives of Beaufort County. His family moved to New York when he was an infant, and there he received a public school education. He is a graduate of North Carolina Central University with a bachelor's degree in sociology. He is married with two sons. His wife, Victoria, is a teacher in the Exceptional Children's Program

at John Small Elementary in Washington.

Mallison entered this race in hopes of bringing more direct knowledge and experience in the field of human services to the General Assembly. Child care, education, mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse as well as Medical Services are challenged to serve a growing population with limited resources, he said, and state lawmakers have an equally difficult challenge to allocate funds cost effectively.

Mallison has statewide recognition for advocacy for children, senior citizens and the disabled including people with Traumatic Brain Injury.

"Our political leaders are ideally public servants committed to the improvements of the human condition," Mallison said in announcing his candidacy. "I feel that the North Carolina State General Assembly would be better served by my experience, knowledge and dedication to the field of human service. Our capacity as a state to weather the storm of managed care, block grants, welfare reform and other cost-reduction initiatives will depend upon informed decisions by our lawmakers. Many of the citizens in the 2nd district are afraid in these uncertain times. They feel helpless and hopeless in

making a difference in a system of government which seems too complex and overwhelming to access or change.

"Almost daily, I meet people with serious problems, who feel that their voice will not be heard, their plight not understood, and that nothing they say or do will make a difference. Many of our senior citizens feel unfairly pushed aside, forgotten, and add that it is difficult to access appropriate medical services, particularly in the rural areas.

"Our children and senior population are valuable treasures to our community. They represent our memorable, esteemed past and our unseen, but hopeful future. Issues that effect them should be addressed promptly and effectively. Their voices should be heard by all."

Mallison is vice president and chairman of Allocations for the United Way of Beaufort County, board members of the United Way of North Carolina and member of the Public Policy Committee, board member of the Association for Retarded Citizens, Eastern Regional Vice President of the Community Living Association and member of the Legislative Committee, and currently is asked to serve as chairman of Minority Affairs for Democrats in Beaufort County. Other affiliations include being a member and Past Master of Widow's Son's Lodge No. 1 Arabic Temple No. 40, and a member of East Rock Lodge No. 141. Political experiences include fund raising, public relations, voter registration and grass roots organizing in Connecticut.

## Tuskegee photos on view at ECU

An exhibition of works by former Tuskegee Institute photographer Prentice Herman Polk is the second in the 1996-97 series of shows in East Carolina University's Mendenhall Student Center.

The Photographs of P.H. Polk, a traveling show, will be on display in the gallery through October 27. The selection on view includes items showing Polk's full range of professional and personal artistic interests. As official photographer for Tuskegee Institute for more than 40 years, he documented the day-to-day activities of scientist George Washington Carver, administrators and distinguished campus visitors. His studio repertoire includes impressive portraits of Tuskegee's black social elite.

Polk, who gained the greatest acclaim for his portrayals of people and scenes from more rural sur-

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MALLISON ANNOUNCES BID FOR HOUSE

## Agent says he knew about drug sale way back

By Herb Boyd  
Special to the AmNews

Charges made by the San Jose Mercury News in an recent series of articles that the CIA financed Contras in Nicaragua through the sale of cocaine to Black street gangs were further confirmed Monday at a press conference held by activists Dick Gregory and Joe Madison in Washington, D.C.

Celerino Castillo, a former narcotics agent for the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), joined Gregory, Madison and others at the Marriott Hotel press conference and admitted documenting evidence that the agency knew of the shipments of cocaine flown from Central America to the United States.

"The evidence is there," Castillo said. "I have case-file numbers, times and dates."

Castillo said he began recording narcotics trafficking in 1986, while investigating these activities at an air base in El Salvador. In his case-files, he said, are the amounts of cocaine, the identifiable numbers of the air planes, informant numbers and even the names of some of the pilots involved in the shipments. Castillo said he first heard of the shipments from infor-

mants and then later confirmed the rumors.

When he reported the findings to the DEA, the only response was the agency's investigation of him, he said. In 1991, Castillo took a disability retirement from the agency.

In a later development on Monday, Gregory, Madison, Rev. Joseph Lowery and Mark Thompson were arrested by the Federal Protective Service for allegedly impeding public traffic as they demonstrated outside the building.

"I'm not sure whether they will be released immediately or not," Mrs. Dick Gregory said Tuesday afternoon in a phone interview. "But I think they will be arraigned this morning."

Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said the possible link of the CIA to the "crack" cocaine epidemic of the 1980s was a part of a "dastardly" pattern of government sanctioned abuse of African-Americans.

"The African-American community has always been the most expendable community in this country," Lowery told a press conference prior to his arrest.

Madison, host of a popular radio

show in Washington, D.C. and a board member of the NAACP, said Castillo is an example of what the intelligence community should represent.

"Here is a man who did his job, but he didn't get the support from the top," Madison said. Gregory added, "This is what government service should be about...and we thank you [Castillo] for coming forward."

This is the second time that Gregory and Madison have been arrested for demonstrations surrounding this recent disclosure. Dr. John Newman, a noted authority on the CIA, joined Castillo, Gregory, Madison, Thompson and Lowery at the press conference, and demanded that the CIA be investigated on the allegations that it funneled cocaine to the Black community.

"What we want investigated," Newman said, "isn't whether the CIA participated in selling the crack, but how much they knew about the Contras' drug trafficking and what they did about it."

Madison said their challenge to the DEA to release the reports Castillo filed "only underscores the need for a Records Act. We must have a way to get at the truth."

## NOI planning two events to mark anniversary of Million Man March

Two major events have been planned by the Nation of Islam to mark the first anniversary of the Million Man March. A political convention set up for September 27 through 29 in St. Louis, Mo., and a World's Day of Atonement to be held October 16, at the U.N. headquarters here.

A top aide to Minister Louis

Farrakhan, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Chavis Jr., was in the Big Apple Monday and made a brief stop to discuss the upcoming celebration and other related issues.

Chavis said that at the Million Man March held in Washington, D.C., last October, the organizers made certain commitments to register new voters, increase Black

child adoption, and work to substantially slash the rate of Black-on-Black crime, especially among males.

"What happened to gangster rapper Tupac Shakur this week in Las Vegas is exactly the kind of thing we are trying to discourage in our community," said the former NAACP executive director.

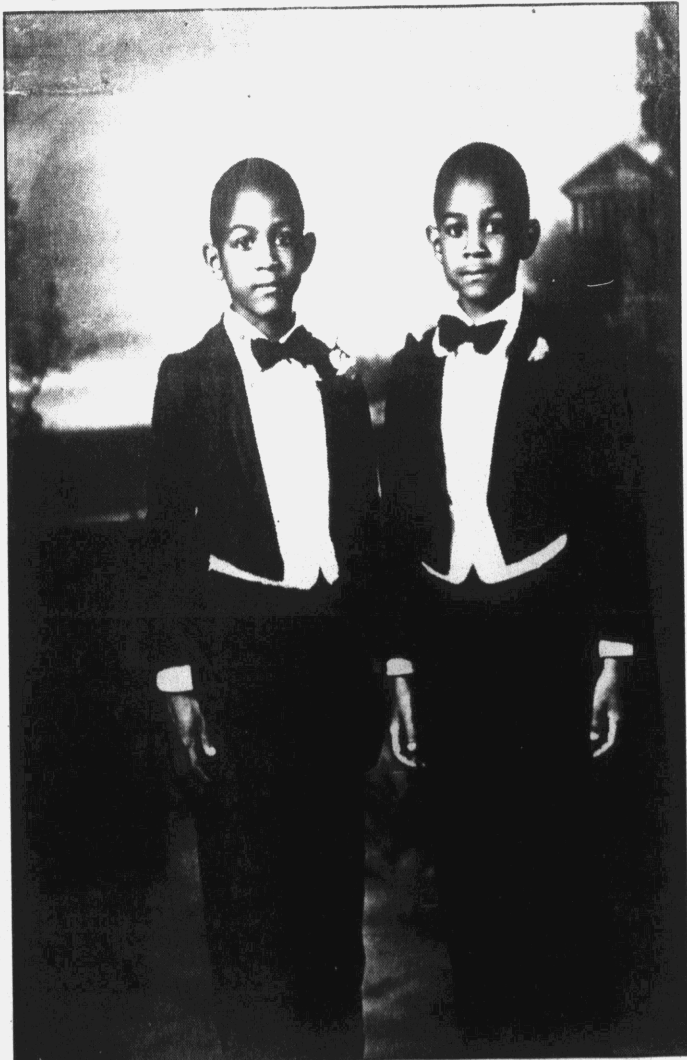
Since the Million Man March, Chavis reported that the Nation of Islam through a national umbrella organization, was successful in registering more than one million new Black voters.

"We are not finished yet because there are millions more out there who are not registered," Chavis continued. In addition, he said that prior to the Washington march, there were up to 25,000 Black children awaiting adoption.

"Out of this figure," Chavis explained, "the National Association of Black Social Workers received some 15,000 applications, more than half of the kids waiting to be adopted by someone."

Had it not been for the Million Man March, Chavis said he didn't think this would have been possible. He also reported a sharp decrease in the rate of Black-on-Black crime in several cities, including New York and Pittsburgh, and attributed this to the Washington event.

But don't tell this to Mayor Rudy (Continued on page 2)



PICTURED ABOVE .... This image of two young formally-dressed boys is from a traveling exhibition, The Photographs of P.H. Polk, on view at East Carolina University's Mendenhall Student Center gallery through October 27.



FOR DOWN HOME COOKIN' ... cooked by Down-Home folks, nothing beats the dishes offered at Cobb's BBQ. The cooks told our cameraman that their secret ingredient is (promise not to tell)..... Just a dash of happiness!!!!

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## Tuskegee photos

rounding communities, was born in 1898 in Bessemer, Ala., a rural mining and mill town. At 18, he enrolled at Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute (now Tuskegee University) where he discovered photography. He later returned to teach at the campus and serve as its staff photographer, while main-

taining a private studio in town from 1928 to 1984.

The Mendenhall Gallery series opened with Reunion Iron, a sculpture show that ended September 20. Later exhibitions in the 1996-97 series are Sculptures and Wall Reliefs by Hanna Jubran (November 3-30), Works in Glass by Art

Haney (January 6-24), the 21st annual Illumina Student Art Exhibit and Competition (January 27-Feb. 23) and Sacred Space: Photographs from the Mississippi Delta (Feb. 28-Mar. 28).

The gallery is available for visits when Mendenhall Student Center is open. Mendenhall's operating hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 11 p.m., Fridays, 8 a.m.-midnight, Saturdays, 1 p.m.-midnight and Sundays, 1-11 p.m.

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## Anniversary

Giuliani. He has attributed recent crimes reduction in the Big Apple to "community policing." Chavis said the Nation of Islam has known all along that Black folks have the capacity to impact what goes on in their community.

"We wanted to establish that we do have the capacity to decrease crime in our community if we took more self-responsibility as a purpose," Chavis emphasized in his interview.

He said if anyone should take credit it would be Farrakhan because "he allowed God to use him to organize and lead the Million Man March." Unlike the Million Man March, Chavis noted that the upcoming anniversary celebration will focus on men, women and young people.

In bragging about the success of the Million Man March, Chavis said its impact has been international. "Sometimes we in the United States underestimate the positive impact of the Million Man March," he added.

Prior to the historic Washington event, Chavis said African-Americans were portrayed in a very negative way abroad, but thanks to the Million Man March "we are now being viewed differently."



**TIBETAN MONKS FROM THE SERA JE MONASTERY . . . create a sand mandala.** The monks will be at the North Carolina Museum of Art from October 22 through October 31.

## Tibetan monks to visit museum

Visitors Bring Message of Peace Through Traditional Ceremonies and Dance

The Far East comes to Raleigh in October as a group of Tibetan Monks bring a message of peace through the creation of an intricate sand pattern at the North Carolina Museum of Art.

Monks from the Sera Je Monastery in India will visit the Museum from October 22-31. During their week-long stay, they'll create a sand mandala and perform traditional ceremonies, complete with bone-vibrating chants and dances.

In Buddhism, a mandala is an intricate circular diagram used for meditation and prayer. The colorful design is thought to be a palace for a specific deity. At the Mu-

seum, the monks will make a mandala known as a "Healing Buddha."

Although a mandala can be made of a variety of materials, a sand mandala is considered the most precious because of its delicacy and the painstaking practice of creating its geometric pattern. The monks will work continuously on the mandala during Museum hours for ten days, except for short breaks. The public is invited to watch this fascinating and meticulous process.

The monks are touring the United States to raise awareness and support for their exiled monastery. The monastery, which is over 600 years old, is the largest Tibetan monastery in exile.

In addition to making the mandala, the monks will perform a healing ceremony and traditional dances in the Museum auditorium on Monday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for that event are \$10 museum members (\$8), \$5 for ages 18 and under and over 65, and will be on sale at the Museum box office (919) 839-6262, ext. 2152.

On Thursday, Oct. 31, at 10 a.m., the monks will perform the official dismantling ceremony before they destruct the design. Buddhist philosophy stresses the impermanence of things, so the Monks will

destroy the mandala to remove any negativity that may have entered it during its creation. At 10:30 a.m., they will ceremoniously destruct the mandala by depositing the sand in the Museum pond. That event is free.

In conjunction with the monk's visit, the Museum also is offering two educational events: On Sunday, Oct. 20, from 1 to 2 p.m., there will be a film on Tibetan Buddhism, "Compassion in Exile: The Story of the 14th Dalai Lama," in the Museum auditorium. And on Sunday, Oct. 27, from 1-2:30 p.m., the Museum will present "Art, Life, and the Spirit of Tibet," a slide lecture by Peter Gold, a San Francisco anthropologist.

## Firewood to be given to needy families

Trees felled by Hurricane Fran and cleared by state prisoners have been saved for a Wake County organization that will provide firewood to needy families this winter.

"With inmates working to help clear downed trees across eastern North Carolina, we began looking for a way to put the wood to use," said state Correction Secretary Franklin Freeman. "We found Wake Opportunities."

Wood cleared from Northgate Park and Maplewood Cemetery in Durham has been taken to the organization's wood storage area at the Raleigh yard waste disposal site. When inmates clear debris in Umstead State park, they'll load another 40-50 hardwood logs for delivery to the storage site.

"We have enough split wood for the first few months of this winter," said Doris McCain of Wake Opportunities. "Usually we have volunteers from civic, college and church groups split wood and deliver it for us. This year, they'll just have to make deliveries."

The organization provides firewood to about 100 families every one to two weeks during the winter. Most of the clients are senior citizens. Wake Opportunities has provided the Wood Shop program for ten years.

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# Inmates help to clean up debris

Hundreds of inmates are at work cleaning up damage and debris left by Hurricane Fran in state parks from the coast as far inland as Alamance County.

"Our use of inmate labor in the Fran clean up is the most extensive use of inmate labor during an emergency in the history of the state," said state Correction Secretary Franklin Freeman. "In the

last month, state prison managers, correctional officers and state prisoners have worked to clean up communities, schoolyards and parks."

After Hurricane Fran struck one month ago, the demand for inmate labor shifted from emergency assistance in the first days to helping local governments in the first weeks to cleaning up the state

parks.

Correctional officers and inmates from five state prisons are clearing recreation areas today at Falls Lake in Wake County and Kerr Lake in Vance County.

At the North Carolina Sword of Peace Historical Site in Alamance County, Orange Correctional Center inmates are clearing trees. The clean-up job will require more than

a week of work to clear the site where outdoor dramas are staged.

At the Alamance battleground, more than 50 pine trees were down. Inmates from Davidson Correctional Center helped to remove the trees and rake the grounds clean.

"The inmates have gone into parks, cleared campsites and opened trails so the public can use

them again," said Lee Tulloch, a state prison manager.

At Jones Lake State Park near White Oak, Bladen Youth Center inmates picked up debris, filled in the holes where trees had been removed and cleared walking trails.

Inmates from Neuse Correctional Institution at Goldsboro used bush axes, shovels and rakes

to clean up the Aycock birthplace historic site on U. S. 117 near Pikeville.

Along the coast, New Hanover Correctional Center inmates spent all last week clearing debris at Carolina Beach State Park. They've also worked at Fort Fisher and at Kure Beach recreation areas.

## Black activists and grassroots groups urge input at Atlantic Avenue Mall

By Charles Baillou

A number of central Brooklyn activists recently noted the Atlantic Center Mall, scheduled to open in November, is not doing enough to benefit surrounding downtown communities as originally promised.

Assemb. Roger Green said that "fundamental issues" need to be addressed before the 400,000 sq. ft. shopping mall on the grounds of the LIRR Terminal near Ft. Greene Place and spanning Atlantic Avenue and Hanson Place is completed.

The Council of Federated Organizations for the Empowerment of Children and Families (COFO) gathered on the corner of Fort Greene Place and Atlantic Avenue

Friday morning to voice their concerns. According to Green, Forest City Rather, developer of the Atlantic Center Mall, has failed to hold beneficial meetings to address the concerns of COFO.

Citing job priority for the local residents of the surrounding communities of Ft. Greene, Clinton Hill, Atlantic Village, northwest Bedford-Stuyvesant and Crown Heights, Green said Ratner "came to the city to get a special deal to build this complex on the premise that they were going to build jobs for the local communities." And as a result, he asserted, the developer is "one of the key stakeholders here."

Robert Rediker, spokesman for the developer, said by phone that

the retailers such as Caldor, Office max, Sports Authority and Kids R Us, among others, have each agreed to hire help from the local community because "They want to make sure their employees have easy access to their jobs."

While Caldor has completed hiring from a tent on the construction site, which Greene characterized as "demeaning" to the applicants, Marshall's will start hiring Oct. 7 at the Department of Labor office on Fourth Avenue and Dean Street, Rediker noted.

But Green said he learned some of the retailers were hiring outside the borough and away from the surrounding area. Rediker conceded Sports Authority was hiring at its Manhattan stores and

Gowanus Pathmark started hiring September 23 at its Hamilton Plaza store.

Of the companies which have already hired, Rediker said, for example, Caldor has hired 400 people and he asserted a written statement he received notes "over 90 percent" of the hires are from the local neighborhood.

Another issue for COFO is retail space for community businesses.

To that, Rediker, who noted 96 percent of the space has already been leased, said providing space for small businesses "if difficult."

Remarking that space at the Atlantic Center is designed "to accommodate the very large, big box containers," Rediker added "it's very difficult due to the physical construction of the center" to divide the space up into 500 and 600 sq. ft. units.

To Job Mashariki, president of Black Veterans for Social Justice, Rather is missing "an excellent opportunity to bridge the gap between coming into our community and using us in terms of helping them fulfill their tasks and goals."

Unfortunately, he added, "If we are not talked to and addressed in a respectful manner, there will be continued conflict down here."

## Health care for veterans said to be in jeopardy because of budget cuts

Veterans' health care "as we know it" is in serious jeopardy as a result of continued budget cuts at United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers throughout New York State, warned director John L. Behan of the New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs.

"VA hospitals from Buffalo to Northport, L.I., are being forced to cut staff and curtail programs as administrators struggle to meet reduced budgets for the coming fiscal year," said Behan. "Veterans can no longer be confident of receiving the care they need and deserve when they show up at VA hospital."

"What's exasperating is that the 12 hospitals in New York are being hit with demands to reduce spending by up to 11 percent or more at a time when the administration has agreed to additional spending for veterans' medical care," the director said.

"New York State, with more than 1.5 million veterans, has the fourth largest veterans population in the nation, yet the administration in Washington is dramatically cutting funds available to care for our disabled, sick and aging veterans," Behan said. "Where's the money going if it's not being directed to where the veterans are?"

Behan urges veterans and veterans organizations to join Cong. Jack Quinn (R-30th) New York's only member on the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs - in asking Congress to conduct an oversight hearing for an explanation of the administration's decision to cut funding to the nation's veterans health care system.

"Our veterans are entitled to quality health care-it's a promise America made to its sons and

daughters when they went off to war - and it is unconscionable that this administration should arbitrarily destroy this benefit," Behan said. "Veterans should not have to shoulder the burden of the administration's effort to balance the national budget."

Funding reductions are resulting in severe downsizing of VA medical staffs, with many competent and dedicated employees - men and women who have daily contact with patients - being dismissed, the director remarked. "These job cuts not only hurt the employees and the veterans they serve, but also adversely impact the economy of local communities."

In addition to loss of funding, the VA's health care program is in transition from hospital-based care to more outpatient and preventative care.

"These changes are coming at a time when New York's veterans have the greatest need for the VA's

health programs," the director observed, noting that nearly one-half of the state's veterans served during the two world wars and the Korean conflict.

"We have a responsibility to assure that our veterans receive quality health care," Behan said. "If we don't, we are turning our backs on an American legacy of commitment to those who have sacrificed their health and well-being for us."

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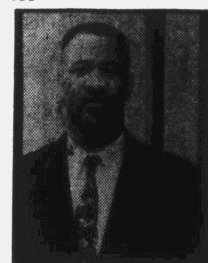
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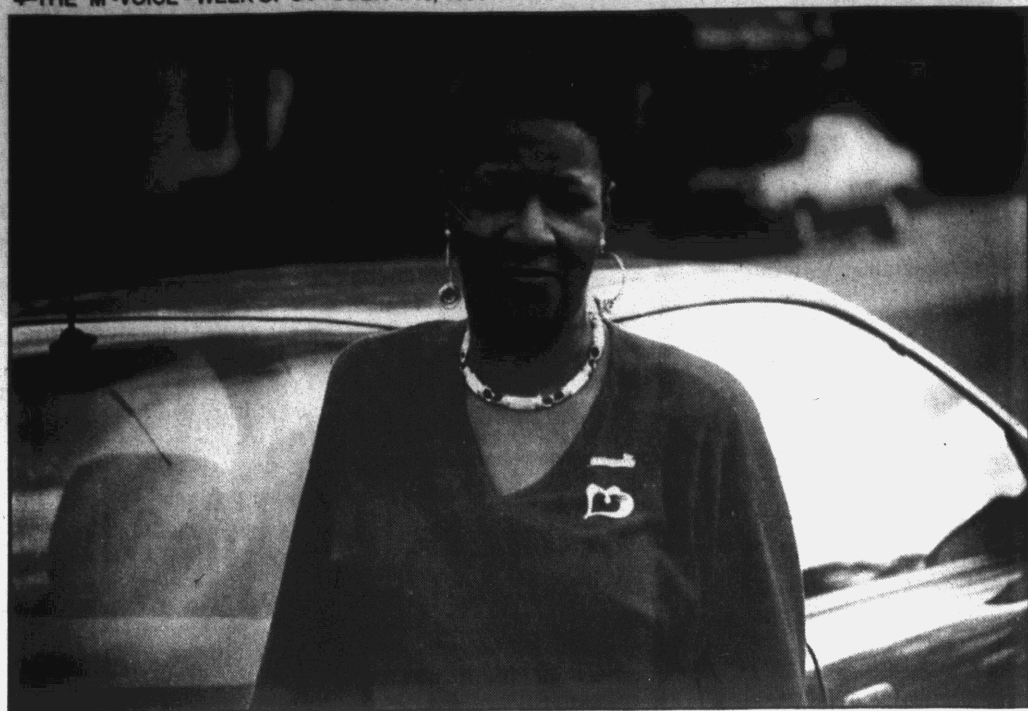
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## Symposium re-examines 'Separate But Equal' issues

A Harvard University law professor and a U.S. Deputy Assistant Attorney General will be the principal speakers as North Carolina Central University's Institute for the Study of Minority Issues brings scholars to Durham Octo-

ber 25 for a re-examination of the concept of "separate but equal" services and institutions.

The one-day conference, beginning at 8:30 a.m. October 25 at NCCU's Miller-Morgan Building, will also feature a reprise of the

U.S. Supreme Court argument which resulted in the decision that North Carolina's 12th Congressional District is constitutionally unacceptable. NCCU Chancellor Julius L. Chambers, who argued

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Phyllis Barrett discovered Weekenders two years ago while attending a spring conference of the American Business Women Association in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. There were vendors there showing their products. The quality, look and feel of the clothes was wonderful. She purchased a couple of pieces. After she returned home, she continued to order another piece whenever she could find the money. Phyllis wanted every piece in the line. She wore the few pieces she had all the time. Phyllis' job requires her to travel a lot and Weekender is the only way to go. A weeks supply of clothes can fit in one small bag. Take them out and put them on, no iron needed. The only way she could get her Weekenders were to call the person that she had met at Myrtle Beach and place a order by telephone.

A year later she attended the spring conference again and Weekenders was there again. The lady she met this time was Margie Scheller of Raleigh. Margie had been in Raleigh for about one year. After moving to Raleigh from Wisconsin she had become the first weekender manager in North Carolina. Phyllis was wearing the Weekenders outfit that she loved so dearly and as Margie was talking about her clothes, Phyllis was the one with all the ams. Margie told Phyllis she should be selling the clothes. Phyllis said no way. She did not think she could ask anyone to buy anything, nor did she have the time to do it if she could. Margie asked her to just let her talk to her and tell her about the business.

Well, now Phyllis is a Weekend-

ers Fashion Coordinator. She was the first and only Weekenders representative in Greenville, N. C. She started her business the first of June. It has taken off like wildfire. It did not take long for her before she had a dedicated group of ladies who wanted to look good and be comfortable without the bother of ironing. Weekenders was the perfect business. Phyllis says she does not have to carry an inventory and did not have to make a large investment to get started. There are no quotas or territories to worry about, so you can do as much or as little as you want. As long as women continue to wear clothes, Phyllis knew there would be a good market for Weekenders. She also knew that if she found that she did not want to continue the business the only thing she would be out was money invested in clothes that she would probably have bought anyway.

Since joining Weekenders Phyllis has sponsored four other Fashion Coordinators and is a team leader and has really start to make the big bucks. Her Fashion Coordinators are Margaret Wilson, Patricia Rouse, Amanda Hamill, Addie Everett and Judy Warren. The opportunity for a Fashion Coordinator in Greenville to make money is great. Phyllis is the first Weekenders Fashion Coordinator east of Raleigh. A city the size of Greenville could have 100 coordinators and each of them could make \$500 each week from sales alone. Phyllis is the Director of Finance with the Greenville, Housing Authority, she is on the trustee board of Philippi Church of Christ, membership chairperson of the American Business Women Asso-

ciation Pirate Charter Chapter of Greenville, past president of the Ruff and Ready Ladies Auxiliary and treasurer for her Neighborhood Association. If you want to know more about her business (Weekenders) give Phyllis or any of her coordinators a call. She can be reached at 919-355-2431, 203 Pearl Drive, Greenville, N. C. 27834.



## Blues from the flu

Get ready folks, here it comes again - the blues from the flu. Yes, headaches, sore throats, sore muscles, runny, clogged up noses, non-productive coughs, fevers and a miserable feeling are waiting just around the corner. The virus that causes the flu blues has been around for a long time and has the ability to change its coat at a moments notice, thus, new vaccines are constantly needed for protection.

After the virus infects one human, it is capable of reproducing itself by the millions and is transferred to another victim by one good sneeze or cough. If the infected person coughs in their hands and touches a door-knob or any other surface, the virus waits patiently for an unsuspecting hand to contaminate again! So, please wash your hands frequently and keep them from your nose and mouth.

When I was in Japan, it was interesting to see those persons who had a cold wear a surgical mask to prevent the spread of the virus. It was almost mandatory that they did. I believe all persons with a cold should wear a mask, especially around babies and senior persons who are most vulnerable.

You can prevent the flu blues. For years I have protected myself by taking 2,000 mg. of vitamin C daily. If I did get a cold, it was never severe or long lasting. You can get plenty of vitamin C if you eat fresh citrus fruits, broccoli, collard greens and sweet green peppers. The herb echinacea is also helpful in stimulating the immune system.

A flu vaccine can also help prevent the flu blues. It takes however, four to six weeks after the vaccination to produce antibodies to fight the virus. To play it safe, the vaccine should be taken by mid-October and no later than early December. The flu vaccine is recommended for persons who are over 65 years of age, especially if they have chronic heart, lung or kidney disease. Persons with diabetes or chronic alcoholics should also receive a vaccination.

All persons with HIV should be protected. Folks who provide community service to older adults or who work in the medical field are also advised to get the vaccine. The vaccine should not be given to any person who is allergic to eggs. I would also suggest withholding the vaccine from persons with an elevated temperature or the signs of a viral infection.

Look for next week's article on several ways of treatment for "flu blues."

## Centura completes purchase of stake in mortgage company

Centura Banks Inc. (NYSE:CBC) has completed its purchase of a 49 percent stake in First Greensboro Home Equity Corp., which was first announced in June.

First Greensboro is a privately owned company specializing in alternative equity lending for homeowners and creative financing for home buyers. It originates, purchases and sells residential home equity loans secured primarily by first liens. Its clients are people whose borrowing needs are generally not met by traditional financial institutions.

Neither party disclosed terms of the deal, although Centura said the investment is expected to add

economic value in the first year. First Greensboro will retain controlling interest of the company.

First Greensboro has 32 offices 11 states, including North and South Carolina, Virginia, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, Illinois, Tennessee, Georgia, Missouri and Oklahoma. The company plans to open four more offices by the end of 1996.

Centura is still the only North Carolina bank offering online banking and bill payment services through Quicken and Microsoft Money, the leading personal finance software packages, and has added online banking through America Online.

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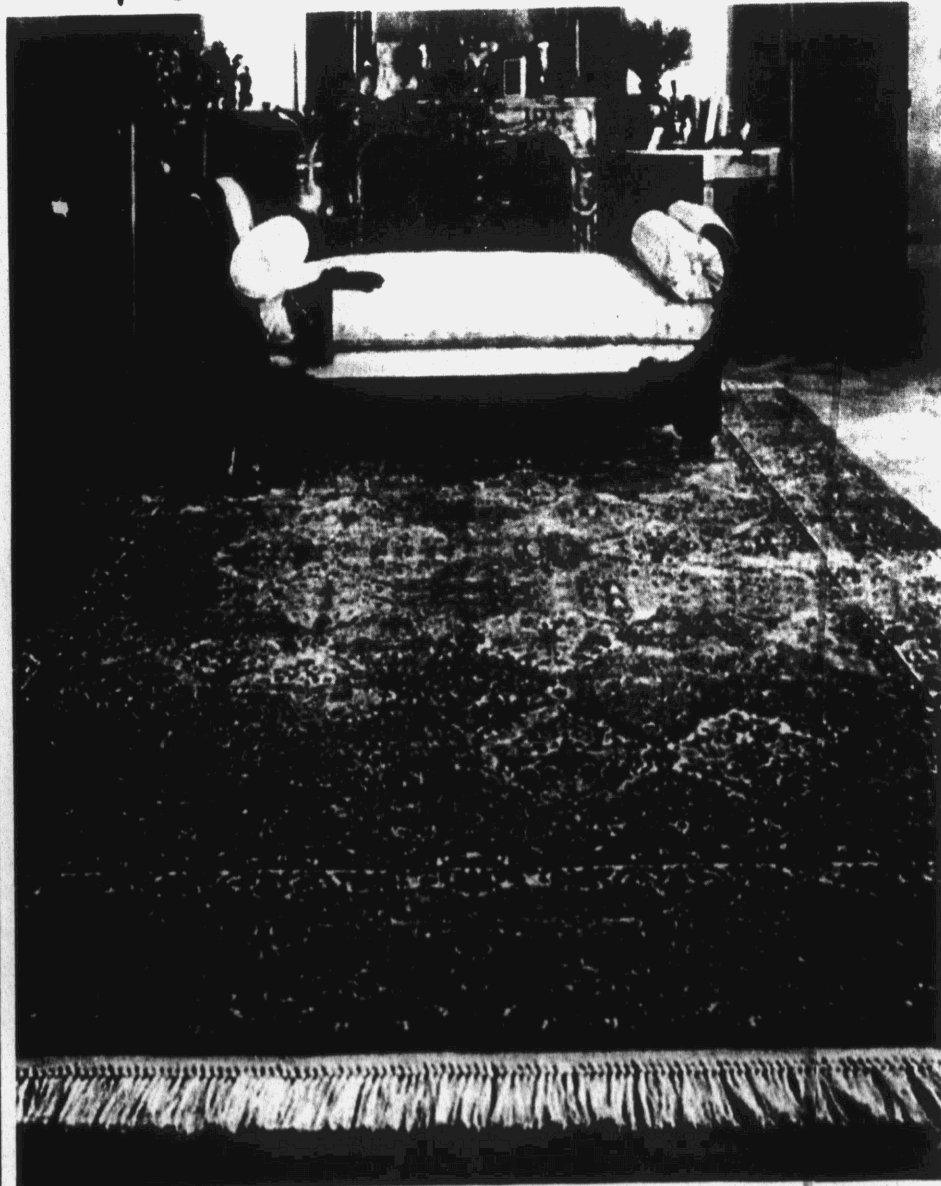


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## Symposium

in favor of the N.C. General Assembly's 12th District boundaries, will debate with Durham attorney and Duke law professor Robinson Everett, who was one of the parties to the original suit challenging the district's shape and took a major role in the Supreme Court pleadings.

The conference will revisit the 100-year-old Plessy v. Ferguson Supreme Court decision. Although the 1954 Brown v. Board of Education decision reversed the Plessy case's approval of the

principal of "separate but equal," said Dr. Beverly W. Jones, director of the Institute for the Study of Minority Issues, "The issue of 'separate but equal' has not yet been resolved, thus inviting us to revisit the Plessy Case."

One argument raised by opponents of the 12th District was that the district actually represented a return to the "separate but equal" concept. By drawing narrow district boundaries which surrounded Interstates 40 and 85 between Durham, went the argument, the General Assembly created a majority-black district unjustified by any other consideration, essentially a separate black district.

The keynote speaker for the October 25 conference will be Christopher Edley, Jr., Professor of Law at Harvard University. Edley will discuss the history, social impact, and relevance to contemporary issues of the Plessy decision

Reginald L. Robinson, U.S. Deputy Assistant Attorney General, will speak at the conference luncheon at noon at the Regal University Hotel on Campus Walk Drive in Durham. Robinson's responsibilities for the Department of Justice include oversight of federal programs which provide special incentives to poor communities. Those programs include the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise City efforts.

Dr. Jones said the National Bar Association and the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers, meeting at the same time as the conference, will add the October 25 conference to the agendas of their annual meetings.

NCCU faculty members have been invited to create course assignments applicable to the issues dealt with at the conference. Their students will be encouraged to attend the conference sessions as they complete those assignments.

Co-sponsoring the program are the Center for the Study of Minority Issues, the NCCU School of Law, the NCCU School of Library and Information Sciences, the Durham chapter of the NAACP, the National Bar Association, and the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers.

The public is invited to attend the conference. Registration is \$35, and the deadline for preregistration is October 11. Information is available at 919 560-5511.

## Extension Notes

Dale E. Panaro  
Extension Agent, 4-H

Adolescence is commonly considered the most challenging stage of development for parents and teens alike. When asked about their problems with their parents, teens often mention that parents fail to listen to them. The following tips should help improve communication between parents and teens.

Effective listening is a skill that needs practice. When communicating with your teen focus on giving your child your undivided attention. Put down the newspaper, turn off the television, and stop other attention consuming tasks in order to focus on the conversation with your teen.

Use a polite tone of voice expressing respect for your child's point of view. Use a tone of voice which would be pleasing to you in a conversation with another adult. Remain calm, especially when discussing touchy issues such as curfews, driving privileges, and guidelines for dating.

Avoid being overly critical. Your child will not confide in you if you are constantly judging his or her behavior and finding it lacking. Let your child know that he or she can talk with you about anything. If you need help being knowledgeable about some issues or if you need a guide to help you make good decisions, contact the public library or purchase a parenting handbook from a local bookstore. Help your child build self-confidence and self-esteem by encouraging, but not forcing, participation in a variety of extra curricular activities. Participation will help the child find new hobbies and interests and perhaps some activities in which they excel. Allow your child to express different interests, ideas, and feelings from your own. Present your own viewpoints calmly and honestly and a mutual respect for differences of

opinions can develop.

Remember to focus on all the things your teen does well. Provide praise where praise is deserved and in proportion to the deed.

Finally, hold family meetings to discuss difficulties and issues. Allow each family member the opportunity to express their own feelings and views. Consider well that teens still need family guidance but they are on the threshold of making independent decisions. A family model is valuable to them and will remain with them for many years to come.

## Govt. illegal drug supplying didn't begin with CIA

By DENNIS SCHATZMAN

Daryl Williams, the onetime (and big time) pimp and drug dealer in Los Angeles and Denver, isn't around to comment on the recent news that operatives from within the Central Intelligence Agency raised money to fund the Nicaraguan Contras by selling crack cocaine to Los Angeles dealers, who then shipped it to Black neighborhoods throughout America.

Had Williams, a onetime football star at Los Angeles High School in the 1960s, not died of a heart attack after hitting a crack cocaine pipe three years ago, he would tell a chilling story about how he would get his supply of cocaine for distribution.

Friends of the late dealer are, however, still around to tell the story. And some of them are singing like birds, which might not

be good news for a former politician who once held a high office in California.

In the early 1970s Williams allegedly purchased the bulk of his cocaine from a pharmacist who lived in fashionable Hollywood Hills. "This man had a castle," one source recalled. "I mean, it had a moat and everything." The dealer and one of his operatives would arrive at the mansion and wait for the shipment to arrive.

In a few minutes, the politician and his live-in singer girlfriend would show up and shortly thereafter, another car carrying the drugs would drive up. Once the deal was consummated, the parties involved would disband. The source made it clear that the politician was the supplier. It saw the transactions with its own eyes.

The pharmacist was later prosecuted for drug trafficking

and his license was revoked. He is now reportedly on the straight and narrow, only selling legal drugs out of his drugstore. The politician was never busted but there were long-standing rumors that he dabbled in drug use here and there.

The issue of government-sanctioned drug dealing came to light recently after the *San Jose Mercury News* revealed the CIA's involvement in a three-part series published in August.

According to the *Mercury News*, Oscar Danilo Blanton, a CIA informant and Nicaraguan drug dealer, would supply crack cocaine to "Freeway" Ricky Ross, a Los Angeles drug dealer. Later, Blanton would help the FBI snare Ross in a sting. A jury found Ross guilty of drug trafficking earlier this year. A federal judge in San Diego, how-

ever, delayed sentencing until U.S. attorneys could provide an affidavit from the CIA saying that the agency never "participated in or condoned" drug dealings by Nicaraguan rebels, including the smuggling of tons of cocaine into Los Angeles during the 1980s.

The CIA is expected to deny any involvement. Daryl Williams, however, is no doubt rolling over in his grave, breaking up with laughter. No telling who else out there is fretting nervously about what other stories might just rise up from among the tombstones.

Dennis Schatzman, a former district court judge in Pittsburgh, writes on political and legal affairs from Los Angeles. He is co-author of "The Simpson Trial in Black and White" (General Publishing Group)

## Beware the 'prison industrial complex'

By BERNICE  
POWELL JACKSON

Twice within a few days I heard a new term which sent chills down my spine. The term was "prison industrial complex." It signaled the recognition of the fact that our economy has gone through one more dramatic change - from the post-World War II military industrial complex referred to by President Eisenhower to the present day, when prisons are the growth industry. We've gone from a nation which builds missiles to one which builds prisons.

The first time I heard the term was in a National Public Radio story about Dannemora, N.Y., which houses a large prison. The prison is the town's largest employer and it is the only place many of the guards have ever encountered Black or Hispanic men, and their racism is evi-

dent. Many of the businesses in the town are dependent on the guards and prison employees and the wives and mothers who come to visit the prisoners. Without the prison, many people in Dannemora would be out of work.

Prison business is big business in America, and not just in Dannemora. Millions of dollars are spent each year in building more prisons. Millions of dollars are spent in purchasing uniforms, linens, beds, paper and other products. Tens of millions are spent on salaries of guards, counselors, doctors and nurses and prison administrators. The prison industry is a growth industry, so much so that private corporations have entered the business.

One of the most frightening aspects of the prison industry is that the majority of those incarcerated are people of color. The

majority of those working in the industry are not.

And then there is death row. As of fall 1995, there were 3,045 inmates sitting on death rows in the United States. Over half of them are people of color. Just about all of them are poor.

Most death row inmates are represented by court-appointed attorneys. In many jurisdictions there are no requirements of proficiency and experience for such attorneys, even though capital cases are extremely complex. The court-appointed attorney must ask for funds from the court each time experts in pathology, ballistics, substance abuse and mental health are used. There are very limited funds available for private investigation.

A recent study by the American Friends Service Committee on Native Americans on death

row found that in over 70 percent of the cases, Native Americans on death row had been substance abusers and that this substance abuse was a controlling part of the inmate's life before he committed the crime. Too often such factors are not taken into account by prosecutors or juries.

What does it mean that we have chosen to invest in prisons rather than in education and prevention for tens of thousands of our young people? What does it mean for a democracy that one of its fastest growing industries is one which imprisons over a million citizens? What does it mean that people of color are overrepresented in the prison population and especially on death row? What does it mean for us all when we have coined a new phrase - the prison industrial complex?

## NCCU Alumna gives \$10,000 gift for scholarships

Rosalyn Whitehead, 345 West 145th St., New York, N.Y., a 1953 graduate of North Carolina Central University, has given \$10,000 to the university for scholarship support.

Miss Whitehead, a native of Wilson, N.C., owned and operated an advertising novelties business in New York City from 1977 until three years ago, when she sold the business to Clifford Jenkins, an-

other NCCU alumnus.

She had been involved in the business, which sold such business promotional items as calendars and pens, for many years before that.

Because of an illness, Miss Whitehead had temporarily withdrawn from what was then North Carolina College a semester before she was scheduled to graduate. She took employment as a

secretary in a funeral home, where she met Clifford Sewell, visiting the funeral director to sell his line of personalized advertising materials.

Sewell was impressed by the young student-secretary, and offered her employment in his business. She declined, declaring her intention to graduate from college first. Sewell kept in touch with her

and attended her commencement exercises, when she received her bachelor's degree in sociology.

Sewell's renewed offer of employment was finally accepted when Miss Whitehead's mother gave her approval. Miss Whitehead was a trusted employee of the company until Sewell died, leaving his business to her.

Mr. Jenkins, who bought the

business from Miss Whitehead, also made a contribution to the NCCU scholarship fund in Miss Whitehead's name. He and his wife are among Miss Whitehead's closest friends.

Miss Whitehead's sister, Mabel Parks, also an NCCU alumna, lives in Wilson.

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# African American Youth Festival

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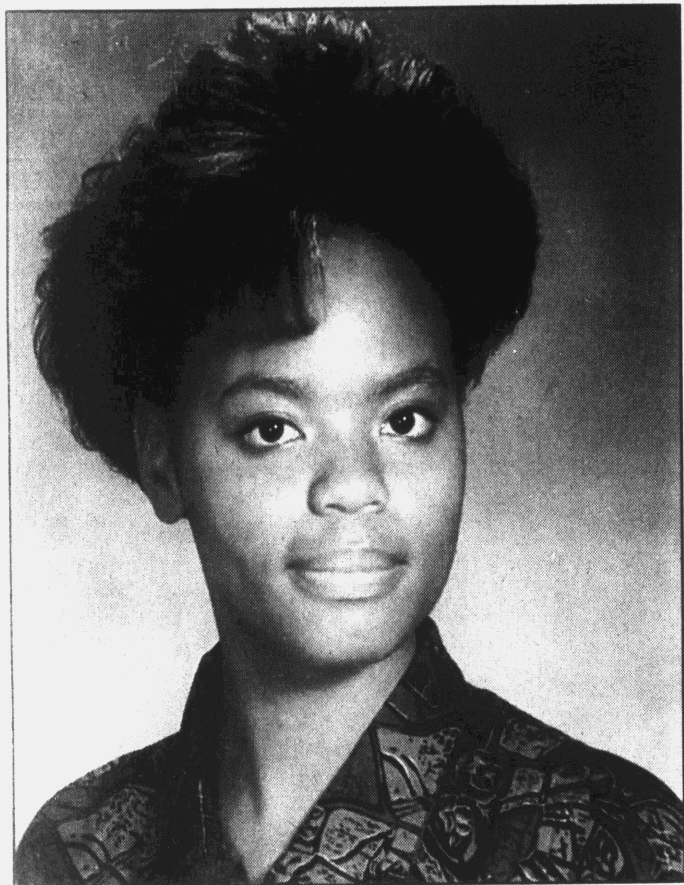




DR. ALPHONSUS OKOLI (L) IS A WELCOME ADDITION to the staff of Dr. Eurcia Land (R). A cordial welcome is also extended to Dr. Okoli from all the residents of Greenville and the surrounding communities.

Staff photo by Jim Rouse

## Suggs makes her dream



DENISE SUGGS

Born in Greenville, N.C. on December 28, 1972, Denise Ann Suggs

*Please  
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entered the world a chosen child. I grew up in the church and always had a burning desire to play the piano. During 1983 my pastor, Reverend Richard Moore of Tabernacle of Faith Revival Center in Greenville, anointed my hands and fingers with oil and prayed for me to play the piano. My mother, Ms. Joyce B. Suggs, found a used piano that I found myself playing day and night until my little fingers were tired and almost cramped. One of the first songs I learned to play "by ear" was "God Has Smiled On Me."

During the next few months, I was appointed the first church musician. At the young age of 11, I ministered in music and song at various local churches and nursing homes.

Calvin Suggs, now Prophet Suggs of Wilson, N.C., was my

mentor. Many afternoons after school he sat with me for hours on end and taught me gospel songs. Oftentimes I wept as I played, initially from frustration. However, the tears turned to those of joy as my playing improved and as God allowed my music to minister to me.

In 1985 my church formed its first choir, for which I have now been the musician for almost ten years. During my years at Farmville Middle School, I was a pianist for the school chorus. To help me read the sheet music, I took piano lessons for less than seven months.

I graduated from Farmville Central High School in 1991 and enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While in college I did not participate in any musical activities. During my summer breaks, I composed music and wrote songs that expressed my concern with some of today's social problems. Among the songs were a few gospel songs that focused on the hope and encouragement that God had given me.

The year is now 1996, and I have resumed my position as church musician, and now choir directress. I still minister in song and music and render mini-concerts and the Heritage Retirement Center in Rocky Mount.

In the years to come, I must continue to rely on God to help me achieve all my goals and heart's desires. I want to be a recording artist and an audiotechnician. My mission statement is best summarized by the scriptures Matthew 25:35-36 and Luke 4:18-19. I feel that my ministry is to spread the gospel to all nations through song and music. The "big picture" is for me to produce enough liquid assets in the music industry to fully fund homeless shelters, feeding facilities and clothing distribution centers.

To God I give thanks for His mercy and musical gifts. To my family I am forever grateful for the tolerance and support to strive for excellence. As I follow God's guidance, I shall do great exploits.



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## Grandparent Study: Grandparents Helping To Raise Grandchildren

Peoria, Illinois...(September 10, 1996)...The Center on Aging at Bradley University is looking for African American grandparents, age 50 or older, who are sharing a household with a young grandchild between the ages of 6 and 12 to participate in the Grandparent Study. This study will examine the challenges and rewards that are faced by grandparents who are raising young grandchildren. The findings from this study will be important to policy makers in their efforts to design interventions and social services for "at risk" grandparents.

The Grandparent Study, funded by the National Institute on Ag-

ing, is being directed by Dr. Rachel Pruchno, a well-known family psychologist and researcher.

This study will also make an important contribution to our understanding of African American grandparents. Traditionally participation in research studies from the African American population has been low; although, findings have shown that African American caregivers have lower levels of stress and burden with higher levels of family support in relation to other participants. African Americans are doing a lot "right" and it is important for them to share their knowledge so that others can ben-

efit from their experiences. Of equal importance to making African American needs and opinions known, is the valuable use of information to develop programs and policies which will benefit the Black population.

If you are an African American grandparent sharing a household with a young grandchild and you would like to participate in the Grandparent Study, call 1-800-695-5927. Remember, by participating you have the opportunity to improve the system and have a voice in the services and policies that are being planned for the future!

### An open letter

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We are asking that you share a flicker of light with another who is in dire need of our prayers and financial assistance.

One of our own, Sister Dollie Johnson will be traveling to Columbia, South Carolina for a bone marrow transplant sometime in September. We are asking you to help us with her personal expenses of \$5000. Why should you help, you ask? Let me share her life with you so you can understand how a woman of faith can capture your heart and inspire you in the midst of her tribulations.

Dollie Johnson started serving the Lord at 7 years old, singing with her father and sisters. She is now singing and serving the Lord with the Junior Consolators of Greenville. She is a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Stokes, Rev. Gregory Black, Pastor.

Her life has been an active one, participating in sports, school bus driver and the mother of two children. Being ill, undergoing radiation and chemotherapy is the only thing that has slowed her down.

What keeps her going as she faces this new challenge in life? In her own words she says, "Faith in God keeps me strong."

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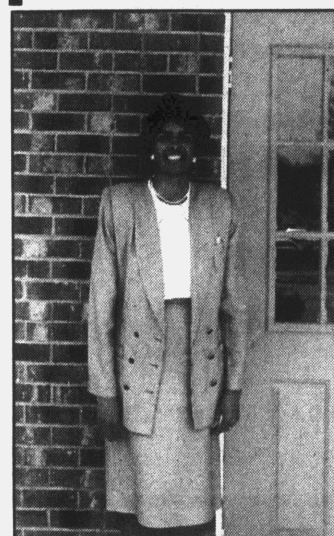


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**DR. BARBARA FENNER (2ND FROM LEFT, SPORTING HER HAT) IS SURROUNDED** by some of the participants and well-wishers at the fifth annual "MISA SOKO WOTOTO" African-American Youth Festival recently. Good food, fun, and fellowship was enjoyed by all. We're already looking forward to seeing you at next year's festival.

Staff photo by Jim Rouse

## New mental health information clearinghouse announced

As part of National Mental Health Month, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) is launching the new National Mental Health Services Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN)—a one-stop source of information and resources on mental health.

KEN offers a traditional helpline for information and referrals through a toll-free telephone service (800-789-CMHS). The public also can reach KEN online, either through its World Wide Web site on the Internet (<http://www.mentalhealth.org>) or through its electronic bulletin board service (800-790-CMHS), which is accessible via computer and modem.

KEN was created to provide ready access to mental health information and resources to users of mental health services, their families, the general public, and those who design, deliver, or finance mental health services.

"Mental illness is one of the most significant health problems in America," said SAMHSA Administrator Nelba Chavez, Ph.D. "At the same time, it is one of the most treatable illnesses. Unfortunately, many people are not getting the help they need—often because they

do not know where to go for help. As part of National Mental Health Month, SAMHSA is pleased to launch KEN to the American public as a way to put people in touch with the information and referrals they need."

More than 51 million Americans have a mental disorder each year, including one in five children. Individuals with depression are 1.5 times more likely to die than individuals with another serious medical condition who are not depressed, and a majority of the 29,000 Americans who commit suicide each year are believed to have a mental disorder.

Users of the bulletin board system can participate in electronic forums where they can raise specific issues for discussion among all users. They also can access a calendar of mental health conferences and events, grant announcement notices, and job listings.

KEN's toll-free helpline and online resources provide linkages and referrals to more than 1,600 consumer and family advocacy organizations; federal, state, and local mental health agencies; mental health organizations and associations; national clearinghouses and information centers; and 16 CMHS technical assistance centers that deal with special issues related to mental health services.

People can order articles, booklets, fact sheets, and videos that address specific topics. Some of the materials available at KEN include *Managed Care: What to Look for, What to Ask, You and Mental Health: What's the Deal?*, a brochure targeting youth, and *A Consumer's Guide to Mental Health Services*.

"One of our most important jobs at CMHS is to get state-of-the-art information out to the field—to the people who can use it most," said CMHS Director Bernard S. Arons, M.D. "We also want to learn from the field—from consumers and their families, from public and private mental health organizations, and from services providers. KEN is a critical link in this information exchange process."

So far, callers and online users like what they find at KEN. One bulletin board user wrote,

"I work in the mental health field and, besides keeping up with the research that is constantly going on... [I] dream of providing a quality system to the people I treat. This bulletin board certainly helps with both of those goals. It seems like a very well run and informative bulletin board. I plan to recommend it to some of my friends."

## Support of statewide bonds for schools and roads

As a consultant to the NC Partnership for Schools and Roads, I want to alert you to two major bonds issues which we will have an opportunity to pass on November 5th. There will be a \$1.8 billion bond for school construction and a \$950 million bond for road projects. These bonds provide funds for

schools and roads in all 100 counties. For our low wealth, rural counties, the state bonds may be the best hope for getting much needed new schools built and secondary roads paved.

I have enclosed a flyer with the specifics of what the bonds will do. I have also enclosed a sheet listing

the dollar amounts that will go to your county if we pass the bonds. Please share this information.

As a business owner, you know the importance of having good schools and good roads in maintaining a strong state economy. North Carolina is a good place to do business because of the many opportunities created by our robust economy.

Because the bonds are public dollars, state law mandates that contracts over \$100,000 should have goals for minority-owned businesses. If your county or city school district does not have an MBE goals program in place, now would be an excellent time for you to get a commitment to implement a program.

The NAACP and NC Association of Minority Businesses are communicating with state officials in the NC Department of Transportation regarding what they will do to increase utilization of MBEs with the proceeds of the road bonds.

As a long time supporter of minority-owned businesses, I'm convinced that we must take advantage of these opportunities. I urge you to do two things. First, contact your superintendent and school board members to establish an MBE program. Second, vote and encourage your employees, family and friends to vote for the bonds.

Thank you in advance for your support of the bonds.

## Recent child deaths part of national trend, were preventable

A Gaston County woman was arrested this week in the fatal beating of her 2-year-old daughter and a mother in Harnett County was charged with strangling her 8-year-old son. The deaths of these children are part of a national trend of greater danger for American children. The number of children affected by child abuse and neglect has increased by 98 percent during the past decade, according to a study issued last week by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

In an effort to stem the tide of violence against our children, Prevent Child Abuse will hold a 40-hour vigil in memory of the 40 North Carolina children who died in 1995 from abuse and neglect. The vigil will begin at 5:00 PM on Thursday, September 26, and the closing ceremony will take place at 9:00 AM on Saturday, September 28. The site for the event is the south end of the Bicentennial Plaza next to the Museum of History on Edenton Street in downtown Raleigh.

The vigil will educate the public

about child fatalities and what each of us can do to help stop violence against children. The public is invited to participate throughout the 40 hours. Speakers at the opening ceremony include: Jennifer Tolle, Executive Director of PCA, Paula Wolf, Executive Director of the Child Fatality Task Force, and Kathy, a teenage survivor of abuse.

Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina was founded in 1979 on the belief that no boy or girl should be abused. PCA is the single, statewide, not-for-profit organization dedicated solely to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. For more information, call 1-800-354-KIDS.

### A Public Forum

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will be held

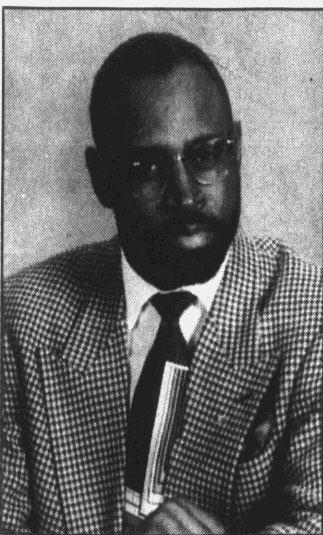
Monday, October 21  
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## Stewart receives degree



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The honorary Doctorate of Divinity degree was recently bestowed upon Elder Thomas Levon Stewart at the annual Coastal

Carolina Gospel Confab of the Gospel Music Workshop of America founded by the late Rev. Dr. James Cleveland. Elder Stewart is a noted evangelist, workshop clinician, playwright, counselor, teacher, and soloist. He presently is writing his first book, which will be published soon. His managerial skills and administrative abilities are exhibited in the Caravan of Deliverance Worldwide Ministries, Inc., founded in 1975. He has traveled throughout the United States, Korea, Japan, Puerto Rico, The Bahamas, Bermuda, Mexico and many other areas as an evangelist extraordinaire. Presently, he is an associate minister and ordained Elder at Faith Tabernacle United Holy Church. Elder Stewart is the Chairman of the evangelism board of the Coastal Carolina Chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America. He has served the citizenry of North Carolina for more than twenty years as an educator.

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- promote quality growth for Pitt County through total quality management; and
- promote a cleaner environment

**VOTE ON NOV. 5th**

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**SENATORIAL CANDIDATE HARVEY GANTT (C)** is flanked by campaign supporters Ed carter (L) and Rev. Sidney Locke (R). Mr. Gantt hopes he'll have enough support to carry him from Carolina to the nation's capital after the November election. Staff photo by Jim Rouse



**OUR ROVING CAMERA CAUGHT** a glimpse of this lovely sister in Williamston during a joy stop. She paused from her duties long enough to share a smile for our readers. Staff photo by Jim Rouse

## Read To Your Children

# 10 Things That Teachers Wish Parents Could Do

1. Be involved in their children's education.
  2. Provide resources at home for reading and learning.
  3. Set a good example.
  4. Encourage children to do their best in school.
  5. Emphasize academics. Too
- many parents get caught up in athletics and in preparing their children for work, when academics should be their first concern.

  6. Support school rules and goals.
  7. Use pressure positively.
  8. Call teachers early if there is a problem so there is still time to
- improve the situation.

  9. Accept responsibility as parents and not expect the school and teachers to take over this job.
  10. View drinking by underage youth and excessive partying as a serious matter.

## Schoolwork Needs to Be #1 Priority Parents Can Help Make School The Top Choice

It's a fact that 35 percent of North Carolina's students spend just 30 minutes or less on home-work each day. Many of these same

students are spending their time watching television or, for older students, working.

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

Teachers say they can tell what kind of a morning children have at home by how they act at school. That is why it is so important to get each day off to a good start.

Do what you can the night before. That may include making lunches, setting the breakfast table or laying out the next day's clothes.

Establish a bedtime ritual.

Expect cooperation in the morning from your children and wake them with a smile. You may have to get up a few minutes earlier to grab your first cup of coffee.

Split the morning and evening parenting responsibilities if it is a two-parent family.

Children need to learn that their primary job is to go to school and complete their schoolwork. Parents can reinforce that fact that schoolwork comes first by: checking all homework assignments and grades on homework; limiting the number of hours your child watches television and spends on extra curricular activities, including work; providing as many resources as you can to help your child learn-educational magazines, games, a dictionary, etc.; encouraging reading to learn and for pleasure; assigning the child or the family homework assignments if the teacher does not; and talking about the importance of a good education.

## Parent's Promise

I promise to:  
make my home a learning center  
make education a family affair  
provide a place and time for study  
spend time talking with my child  
make reading a priority  
listen to my child  
limit television  
visit the school and get to know my child's teacher

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