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BACK TO SCHOOL—Posing for our cameras is the manager of Hiks Fashions located in the Wal-Mart Shopping center in Williamston. For all your back to school fashions, Hiks Fashions is the one to shop.

97 **UNCF** Campaign Sets Record

FAIRFAX, Va.—The United Negro College Fund annual campaign raised a record \$73.5 million for fiscal year 1997, exceeding its goal of \$68.6 million by 7 percent.

Overall fundraising efforts, consisting of the annual campaign and Campaign 2000, a capital drive initiated in 1991, totaled \$98.6 million.

The cost ratio for the past fiscal year fell to a record low of 14.78 percent, compared to 15.64 percent for the previous year, with admin-

sands of young men and women. "Each year the need to generate greater resources to assist UNCF students to obtain a college education becomes more urgent," said William H. Gray, III, president and oldest and most successful Africanchief executive officer of the College Fund.

"This year's fundraising success serves to underscore the impor- black colleges and universities. tance of building a coalition of support from individuals, corporations and foundations who understand the importance of adequately preparing bright and deserving young

the Chronicle of Philanthropy, and as one of the top 100 charitable organizations in the country by the NonProfit Times

Teachers and principals in

Johnston County are illegally us-

ing standardized tests to hold

black students, according to a

federal lawsuit filed by a civil

behalf of 14 unidentified parents, claims that tests to ensure that elementary and middle-school students have learned basic skills are

The lawsuit contends that minority students in general did not perform as well on the tests as white students and will be held back at a higher rate. It also says provisions were not made for students with handicaps that entitle them to such things as extra time for test-

Attorneys for the N.C. Justice and Community Development Center and the New York-based NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund plan to ask for a temporary restraining order. They want to prevent school officials

from using the scores to keep any

student from rising to the next

grade when school resumes this

rights group.

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The College Fund is the nation's American higher education assistance organization. It is a consortium of 39 private, historically

The College Fund currently administers more than 400 educational programs that give students access to higher education, provide

The complaint stems from Johnston's efforts to meet new state requirements that all schools demonstrate that they are teaching students the basic skills they need. Beginning with the past aca-The lawsuit, filed last week on demic year, Johnston County be-

Federal Lawsuit Challenges Standardized Tests

gan giving standardized, end-ofyear tests to measure the mastery of those skills in grades three through eight. Comparable end-ofcourse tests are given to high school students in five core classes. Stephon Bowens, an attorney for

the plaintiffs, said the tests should not be used to decide whether an individual student passes or fails.

"The test should not be the threshold." Bowens said. "We're not sure the test indicates whether (See LAWSUIT, P. 2)



SINGING GROUP RELEASE NEW CD-New life singing group from Williamston just recently released their New CD, The group is shown here outside the studios of WOOW-Joy 1340 AM. 'Keep up the Good Work My Young Brothers!!!

C. Black Publishers Set First Annual Banquet Aug. 21

The North Carolina Black Pub- Minority Voice, Greenville reach a ates, a sports marking and consult-Hill on Thursday, Aug. 21.

The North Carolina Black Pub- to ensure journalistic excellence in sun journalist, Ernie Suggs; Sloan shers Association is comprised of the member newspapers," NCBPA Financial group President, Maceo

William and Ida Friday Center for sociation President Ernie H. Pitt, Inc. Continuing Education in Chapel "the NCBPA was formed to provide

lishers Association First Annual combined weekly readership of ing firm in Chicago and is presi-Awards Banquet will be held at the 250,000 citizens. According to As- dent of Graham Gregory Bozell,

Honorees include, Carolinian the interest of the black press and journalist, Cash Michaels; Herald

osts amounting to 3.41 percent

Since 1944, the College Fund has raised more than \$1.3 billion in its cess to quality education for thou- ganization in the United States by UNCF colleges and universities

men and women to become the leaders of the 21st century."

career opportunity, and strengthen its member institutions.

The College Fund has been cited To date, more than 300,000 men commitment to provide equal ac- as the No. 1 education nonprofit or- and women have graduated from

Williamston Whistlings

By Joyce Gray

Contributing Writer WILLIAMSTON—The moles are working full-time in my yard, causing those rows of hills that sometimes appear as if an old-fashioned plow has been there.

It has at some point challenged one of my neighbors' dogs to dig deeper holes to catch one. I, of course, simply watch every step taken very carefully to avoid losing my balance.

It is a far cry from the activities outdoors now than last year for this body, and, of course, some folk find it hard to believe these feet have not been into the garden area. Proving again that folks find it hard to believe the truth.

There are continuous prayers of thanks offered for the very enjoyable task I do each week... this column. Out-of-towners often ask how I manage. My friend, Ms. Florence J. Wills, states that she enjoys The CAROLINIAN so much that she shares it with another sister in Boston.

I really felt uplifted that she made time to include a short visit with me while in town visiting her brother, Edward O. Jones, and sisters, Ms. Marie J. McNair of Plymouth and Ms. Clara Jones of the homestead.

Florence immediately noticed the grassy garden and I showed her the cartons of canned vegetables from last year's labor. That really didn't amount to one-quarter of the total day and night labor.

Five other families had benefitted. Plus, some got fresh produce.

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many years, but age, hard work and nerves require stepping to a different beat.

her time was up from her cousin, Jay, who must have thought by that time that these two seniors were something else.

Most folks our age won't talk about memory loss as we did. She asked if I had seen a change since being introduced to vitamin E... to some degree, I stated.

So glad I work on a volunteer level these days; otherwise, I might get fired. We both admitted to being happy "old folk," she with her pet dog, Mr. Lucky, and I with writing.

Have not spoken with the pastor of Williams Chapel AME Zion Church since his taking a bride. Congratulations to the couple, Rev. and Mrs. George L. Blackwell (Vivian) of North Elm Street.

There's always a first in my life, it seems. This past June, I discovered there was no month of July on my large calendar from Branch Banking and Trust.

For years, one of those calendars had adorned a wall in my house always, near the telephone. By the end of the year, it had taken a toll. Listings of long-distance calls, dates of mailing, etc. Folk had great interest in these calendars because of the listing of planting and harvesting days, fishing and other signs, plus the large print.

So, in the latter years, they had

These were working hands for become accessible only to the depositors, who often had to make several trips to the bank to get one. I shall take time to examine the We laughed and she inquired if next one before leaving the establishment.

> F.L. Joyner said his brother, Harold, was in town for the Bell family reunion July 2-4. He is one I have not seen in more than 50 years

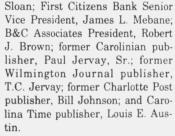
On the sick and shut-in list: Arnard Lyons, Kelvin Rodgers, Ms. Janice Moore, Ms. Marie J. McNair, Andrew Marriner, Joe Rodgers, Ms. Rosa Moore, "F.L. Joyner, Ms. Clara R. Owens, Ms. Amelia Lloyd, Ms. Reba Reddick, I.B. Cordon, Ms. Zenner Midgett, William E. Boston, N.W. Slade, Ms. Gladys Joy Duggins, Ms. Delia Lloyd, Ms. Pearl Nichols, Ms. Betty S. Lanier, Ms. Nellie H. Outterbridge, Ms. Eula Cotanch, Ms. Lillian peel, James E. Smithwick, Ms. Isolene Roberson, Jesse A. Bell, Ms. Lucy P. Brown, Ms. Mattie H. Perry, Ms. Peggy Mabry, Ms. Minnie Chambers, Ms. Lela C. Bond, George A. Perry, Ms. Nonie Smallwood, Melvin Moore, Grady Moore, Nathaniel Hardison, Ms. Novella J. Bonds and Monta Brown.

In the nursing homes: Ms. Courtney Johnson, Ms. Annabell Best, Ms. Madgeline Respass, William Ellison, Noah S. Nicholson, Ms. Martha Cherry, John Hassell, Sr., George Peel, Alton Bell, James A. Jones, Ms. Ruth Ollie Perkins, Luther Perkins, Ms. Hattie Little (See WILLIAMSON, P. 2)

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The keynote speaker for the ban-Challenger; The Charlotte Post; quet, Stedman Graham, is author lisher, Paul Jervay, Sr.; former The Chronicle, Winston-Salem; of the recently published book, You The Fayetteville Press; The Minor- Can Make it Happen: A Nine-Step ity Voice, Greenville; The Carolin- Plan for Success." Graham has ian, Raleigh; The Iredell County North Carolina ties and is Presi- lina Time publisher, Louis E. Aus-News and The Wilmington Journal dent/CEO of S. Graham & Associ- tin.



First North Carolina Charter School Opens

Healthy Start Academy is the first charter public school in North Carolina. The year round school, which has an enrollment of 97% African American students, will also be the first public school of any kind in the United States to be a true year long school. The school calendar will have 204 teaching days, compared to 180 in current N.C. public schools. Christine Chamberlain, Executive Director of the school, stated on Tuesday, "Regular public schools talk the talk with student achievement goals they will try to reach every year. Charter schools have student achievement requirements. Charter schools will walk the walk or be closed down...Period...No excuses...No second chances. Every public school that can't produce results should be closed down. It is unfortunate that only bad charter schools will be the only kind of bad public school closed down in the coming years."

Vernon Robinson, President of the North Carolina Education Reform Foundation and leader of the Charter School movement stated "Christine Chamberlain has followed in the footsteps of Civil Rights Leaders, such as Rosa

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THE HINES TAKE A MOMENT-Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hines take a moment for the 'M' Voice Newspaper's camera on Davenport street (which happens to be named after an African-American native of Greenville, N.C). Brother Billy and his wife Dallas and the 'M' voice Newspaper go way back.

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Parks, who are also starting Charter Schools. The Charter School and School Choice movement is the civil rights struggle of the 1990s.'

Healthy Start Academy will be a Kindergarten through 2nd grade the first year, enrolling 200 students. Within 5 years it will add grades until it becomes a K4 (kindergarten for 4 year olds) to 6th grade charter elementary school.

Anyone interested in starting a charter school in North Carolina has until Oct. 31 to submit an application and applicants may apply to any institution of the University of North Carolina, their local school board or they may apply directly to the State Board of Education.

LAWSUIT

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the student has learned the material."

Johnston educators say they are pleased with the results of their Student Accountability Program. Superintendent Dr. James Causby said students made their best showing ever this year in gradelevel proficiency.

Causby denied the lawsuit's claim that end-of-grade tests are the only factor in deciding whether a student moves to the next grade.

Students who have done well throughout the year but don't pass the test after the three tries can have their case reviewed by the principal, who consults with the student's teacher and looks over samples of the student's work, Causby said. The principal then makes a recommendation to a committee, which decides whether the student moves on.

Early in the year, teachers tried to identify students who might have trouble passing the tests and offered remedial programs, including before- and afterschool tutoring and Saturday programs.

As a result, Causby said, all students—especially minorities—have shown considerable improvement on proficiency exams.

It isn't known how many of Johnston County's nearly 18,000 students will be held back based on their scores from the 1996-97 school year. Between 2,000 and 3,000 students did not pass their end-of-year or end-of-course tests the first time they took them, officials say, but about half of those passed after getting intense tutoring and taking them again two weeks later.

Some of those who failed the second time were given the option of summer school. For the lowest scorers, summer school was required, after which the students will be tested again.

One session of summer school has been completed. A second session will wind up this week, with students taking the standardized test beginning Aug. 5.

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SCHOOL CHOICE LEADER SPEAKES TO YOUNGSTERS-Vernon Robinson, leader of the school choice movement in N.C., speaks to Ms. Ann Hunter's 1st grade class on the first day of classes at Healthy Head Start Academy.

For the masses who left the farm

problems occurred in these large

The commissioners certainly

Whether one uses the system or

not, one pays. My concern is that

septic system and well within the

Of course, none of those who fall

residence eight years now, so I

I do know that there is an area

with the most expensive homes

that have enjoyed not being an-

nexed or paying city taxes for

years. I feel sure that when those

well-built homes start to deterio-

rate and "For Sale" signs go up, the

water will be declared unsafe.

didn't allude to that.

have to, nor drink the water.

Her sponsor is Ms. Eula M. Scott just because the right to vote or "Katie F's Birthday" several years (Alice), the granddaughter of Mr. speak simply because that right is and Mrs. Willie B. Roberts of the now in existence. Williams community, and Mr. and Mrs. George Woods (Maybell) of convenient. Yes! Costly, too. It does Queens, N.Y. Her church member- not in any promise any freedom ship is with Cedar Hill Baptist from various diseases. Church.

The director of the Christian disease than ever before, just to Education Department at Mount name one. shiloh Missionary Baptist Church is seeking support from sorority or- to work in towns or cities whose ganizations and women's auxilia- water was supposed to be treated ries regarding their outreach min- and made safe and healthy, some istries for wounded women.

Stating that there is concerning cities' water systems to the point interest in women in their area that selling spring water has beabout women with broken spirits, come big business. the auxiliary, along with other Christian missionaries, has been "God gave it and man messed it recently focused in ministering to up." dying women with numerous links which have kept us in bondage were not expecting any opposition, (abuse of all sorts, depression, sui- $_{\rm nor}$ were any of the presenters who cidal states of mind, low self-esstated orally that anyone who did teem, envy and hatred, to name a not want to be hooked up did not few).

The desire is to solicit financial support in sponsoring a "Mighty reading which had to be done be-Women Ministry Conference." Any contribution should be made payable to Mt. Shiloh Missionary Bap- voted in favor of this referendum, tist Church/Christian Education everyone would have a levy. Department, P.O. Box 148, 201 N. Elm St., Williamston 27892.

The director is Ms. Cynthia there was no mention regarding Pointer, the church clerk is Ms. the persons who have gone through Corine Pou. Minister Linwood the expense of putting in a new Dudley is pastor.

Expressions of sympathy are expast few years. tended to the family of Elijah Purvis, a resident of New York for into that category had asked this many years and a native of Martin person to express any concern on County. their behalf, and I have been in my

Purvis succumbed after a lengthy battle with cancer on July 23. Arrangements were being made to place his remains in Martin County after funeral services in New York.

Purvis was the son of Ms. Nancy T. Purvis of Oak City and the late Elijah Purvis.

of Williamston. She is the daughter speak out concerning any issue had ago. I had always intended to ask of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Roberts been denied. This person will the day but never remembered. She called Sunday morning. I, of

> course, apologized. Hadn't sent a Water and sewer are fine. Very card, either but she accepted the belated happy birthday very gracefully... thank God, stating that she didn't miss reading her CAROLIN-Today there are more African-IAN. Her blessed day was the 26th. Americans suffering with kidney

Woman's Day at Weeping Mary Baptist Church, Jamesville, July 27, was started on the hour. In the absence of Pastor Joseph Thigpen, Deacon Chester Davis gave the call to worship, Ms. Marion Davis presided and explained that there was a sudden death in the pastor's family.

The Cedar Hill Baptist Church Today, it may be factual to say, Choir rendered music under the direction of Ms. Hannah Griffin, to the delight of the congregation.

The theme for the program was, "Fruits of the Holy Spirit," Galatians 5:22. Scripture was read by his writer. Prayer was lifted by a person from Plymouth and Ms. Dorothy Davis gave the welcome.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit: Lovedine H. Brown; Long Suffering-Ms. Neil Austin; Gentleness-Ms. Marion Davis; Goodness-Ms. Eva Ward; Faith—Ms. Eva Butler-Hill; Meekness-Ms. Dorothy Manning; Temperance-Ms. Novella Hagan.

Ms. Parie Smith and Ms. Annie Hawkins lifted the offering. Ms. Eula M. Scott expressed words of thanks. More than nine churches were represented.

Due to the board member's eye surgery, the Endowment Department of Love and Charity Grand Lodge canceled its July 26 breakfast meeting in Plymouth. A special called meeting will take place at a later date.

the Plymouth NAACP Branch, has been invited to share her comments on the national NAACP con- dent.

vention with the youth at the "NAACP Day" at St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Sunday, Aug. 10, at 1:15 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. The program is scheduled to last 45 minutes, and is sponsored by the Youth Council.

The Martin County Branch NAACP will hold its regular meet-Ms. Ethel Council, president of ing at 3 p.m. on Aug. 10 at Greene Memorial Church, East Main Street. Jerome W. Aikens is presi-

N.C. Artists Show Works At East Carolina University

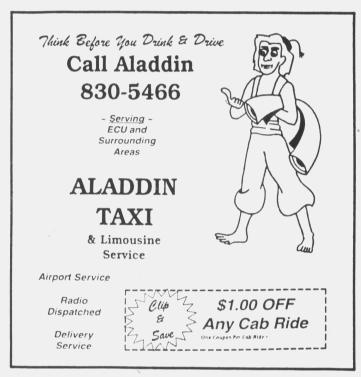
Student Center through Aug. 15.

Werthwein of Harkers Island, is an assemblage of two-dimensional her work after the pottery was the visual form, the quiet beginnings of life on Earth to its full cul- Mendenhall staff member. mination." Her exhibition consists of four sections in oil and three silk gauze textiles. The semi-abstract are available for viewing from 7:30 works represent ocean and tropical images: seas, sun, rain and foliage. Blackness, by potter Charlene Fridays.

Recent works by two North Caro- Johnson, is a series of African-inlina artists are on view at East spired hand-carved pottery, includ-Carolina University's Mendenhall ing vases, bowls and lidded jars. New to eastern North Carolina, the

artist has been making pottery for Send You Rain, by Linda 15 years. Seven years ago, she began hand carving and trimming pieces reflecting "the spirit beyond thrown. "Her pieces are like snowflakes. No two are alike," said a

Located in the student center's second floor gallery, the exhibitions a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.



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fore the vote, as it is law, it was clearly stated that if the voters

However, as I listened to the Ms. Eva Mariner; Joy-Ms. Carolyn Manning; Peace-Ms. Geral-

and Alexander Hodges

Robert Lloyd, Robersonville resident, was transferred from Martin General to Pitt Memorial where surgery was performed last week.

Ms. Najla Shunta Roberts, a student at Williamston High School, is a 1997 participant in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.'s biennial debutante presentation.

The presentation serves partly as an instrument to support the national and local projects of Alpha Kappa Alpha. It will be held at the Martin County Auditorium in Williamston on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

The Minority Voice Inc.

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Pictures received by The 'M

Member of the NC Black Publishers, ASCAP, BMI,

Some folks asked why I spoke out at the public hearing on July 22 regarding the proposed water system in District I.

Often I think about how so many folks fought, died or were forced to end of the month of July, just leave loved ones and inheritance

Personal opinion, it's a new day, new tactics with the same old objective in plan.

On my calendar it noted at the



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Study Finds Link Between Ethnicity And Foot Ailments

(NU) - Your attitude about feet and their care could very well depend on the ethnic group to which you belong, according to "Attitudes Toward Foot Care," a survey conducted for the American Podiatric Medical Association.

The survey showed white respondents took more prescription drugs for foot ailments than did minorities (35 percent to roughly 25 percent). Also, minorities said they tend to favor nonprescription products as foot remedies.

The survey also found that minority and white respondents tend to suffer foot ailments in different proportions. Minorities reported the highest incidence of pain and discomfort, heavy foot perspiration, thickened or deformed toenails, bunions, hammertoes, infection, and warts. Whites reported more foot odor, corns and calluses.

Foot ailments are among the most common of our health problems, according to the APMA. Many stem from the cumulative impact of a lifetime of abuse and neglect.

Studies show that 75 percent of Americans experience foot problems at some time in their lives. Nowhere near that many seek medical treatment, apparently because they mistakenly believe discomfort and pain are normal.

For healthy feet, the APMA says you should be familiar with the most common ills, such as deformed toenails, bunions, corns and calluses. The APMA warns that self-treatment often can turn a minor problem into a major one, and persistent conditions require the care of a podiatrist.

For more information on common foot ailments and proper foot care, call the APMA at 1-800-FOOTCARE.

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For more information, write College Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 12100, Raleigh 27605-2100, or call 821-4771 or toll-free, 1-888-CFI-6400, or check their website at http://www.cfi-nc.org.





IN CELEBRATION OF DAD!!!-Shown above is D.D Garrett, Jr and his lovely wife, who just recently moved back to North Carolina, they were in town recently in honor of a celebration for his father D.D. F Garrett, Sr. Bro. Garrett who is a Minister encourages everyone to keep the good Lord first in their life.

SOLVING PROBLEMS

With Family Mediators, Divorce Doesn't Have to Be Win or Lose

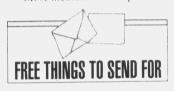
(NU) - Is there a way to control the damage caused by bitter divorces and nasty custody battles?

Across America, a growing number of people are using a process called "mediation" to turn potentially expensive and emotional family proceedings into a successful effort at resolving problems.

Mediation is a voluntary settlement process that provides an alternative to the costly courtroom battle --- and it gives decisive control back to the principal parties

The Academy of Family Mediators offers the following answers to questions most commonly asked by people considering mediation:

Q. What does a mediator do? A. A mediator is an impartial person who helps people in conflict work together to make practical, informed decisions about the future. Most mediators have previous



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To learn about joining the Women's Health Institute, call 1-800-54-WOMEN

For a free copy of Childhood Vaccines, what they are and why your child needs them, send a self-addressed.

professional experience as lawyers, social workers or psychologists. They also have special training and experience in family mediation.

Q. How expensive is it?

A. Mediation is less costly both emotionally and financially than most traditional adversarial processes. It also helps reduce the backlog of cases waiting to be processed by the courts

Q. How does mediation differ from litigation?

A. Mediation does not set up a win-lose situation or try to fix blame on any party. It is a process designed to help find solutions that satisfy everyone involved through communication, information sharing, brainstorming and reality testing.

Q. What are the main areas where mediation can help in familv matters?

A. Mediation has successes in divorce, child visitation, financial support, division of assets and debts, adoption, custody matters, property and inheritance disputes, and cases regarding care of the elderly

Q. Why is mediation growing so fast?

A. Experts say most people have a strong desire to avoid mudslinging in family relationships. People view mediation's biggest advantage as its ability to ease the "sting" of divorce for the children.

Q. What are the desires of couples who choose mediation?

A. They want a settlement to take into consideration the impact on spouse and children; to recognize the importance of cooperative, postdivorce relationships; to reach a "fair" agreement for both sides; and to view the process in terms of give

Off-The Cuff Tips for Men On Buying Khakis

(NAPS)-As the trend in casual business clothing continues, the khaki cotton pant has become as indispensable to a well-dressed businessman's wardrobe as the grey wool suit once was. Although the new environment is less formal. there are still standards of appropriate attire that the khaki pant meets with taste and versatility.

According to Gary Aronson, vice-president of merchandising and design for Haggar Clothing Company, the khaki pant in pure cotton is the cornerstone of men's casual office wear. "It offers the ultimate choice for flexibility, comfort and style," says Aronson. "A well-made 100 percent cotton khaki pant can be paired with a henley and a t-shirt for a comfortable casual style; with a solid-color oxford cotton shirt and a vest for a dressy casual look; or with a banded collar shirt, vest and blazer for a dressier effect.

To identify the best khaki cotton pant, Aronson offers the following advice:

• Find one brand that offers a



Haggar Clothing Co.'s new Ultimate Pant in khaki paired with a long sleeve knit shirt, suede vest or wool blazer makes the perfect outfit for the office and after hours.

khaki cotton pant in a soft fabric with a style and fit that's comfortwears extremely well. able, and stay with it. New colors can then be added with confidence. · Choose a khaki pant with a

double-pleat, sharp crease and a cuff; a style versatile enough to be part of a dressier look. • Buy a pant made from 100

percent cotton which breathes and cost-conscious.

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· Look for a wrinkle-free pant that enables a fresh look even after

a long day. Aronson also stresses that it's important to find a khaki cotton pant that is competitively priced. Because men are supplementing existing wardrobes, many are more

nuda consists of more than 300 islands, only 20 of which are inhabited.

stamped envelope to: American Academy of Family Physicians, c.o. Main Street Department, P.O. Box 19326, Lenexa, KS 66285-9326.

and take, not win or lose.

For more information about mediation and the names of family mediators near you, call toll-free 1-800-292-4AFM.

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FEATURED IN "BLACKNESS"-A piece of hand-carved pottery by Char'lene Johnson seen here is featured in "Blackness," currently on display in the Mendenhall Student Center Gallery, East Carolina University, Greenville through Aug. 15. For more information, contact the E.C.U. Student Union at 919-328-4715.

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Bell Curve Busted

to anyone with any rudimentary knowledge of either people or sci- the book, and rather than coming to ence that a new study has pretty their conclusions after examining the much repudiated the conclusions of facts, picked and chose facts that fit The Bell Curve.

Indeed, the only perplexing thing for blacks and educated folk is how it ever became an issue in the first place.

published in 1994 and subtitled, In- rior and dangerous, and liberal social telligence and Class in American programs aimed at helping them Life, argued that much of intelligence, and therefore, criminal tendencies, are inherited and that commit crimes than whites.

It also argued that, since these differences were the result of genetic inferiority, social programs to ease how little intelligence is related to the effects of poverty or to prevent crime were a waste of time and money.

both social science and genetic conclusion. circles that blacks' poor performance on IQ and other standardized tests, as well as their overrepresentation in criminal justice circles, was due to environmental and economic factors, not race.

immediately attacked the book, both for its shoddy treatment of scientific fact and for the fact that neither of months, you hear another commentaits authors had a solid background in tor citing The Bell Curve as gospel in the sciences they cited.

Actually, both Charles Murray, a psychologist, and the late Richard Who knows? Maybe it's genetic.

It should have come as no surprise Herrnstein, a political scientist, had a strong political agenda in writing their theories.

Although roundly rejected by academia, the book was embraced in ultraconservative circles as "scientific" vindication of what they knew all As you will remember, that book, along: blacks were inherently infewere a waste of the "good, decent" (meaning white) taxpayers' money.

The book and its authors were liblacks, as a class, were more likely to onized in conservative talk circles fail economically and socially and to and columnists for months afterward, and it continues to be cited as a "scientific" work there.

Will last week's study indicating genetics make a difference?

Probably not. There had been tons of studies before The Bell Curve Now, it had long been accepted in came out, which came to the same

Those who saw the book as a vindication for their personal prejudice social callousness will doubtless not be impressed.

Like the book's authors, they know what the "truth" is, and will Reputable scientists everywhere choose to remember only those "facts" that fit that view.

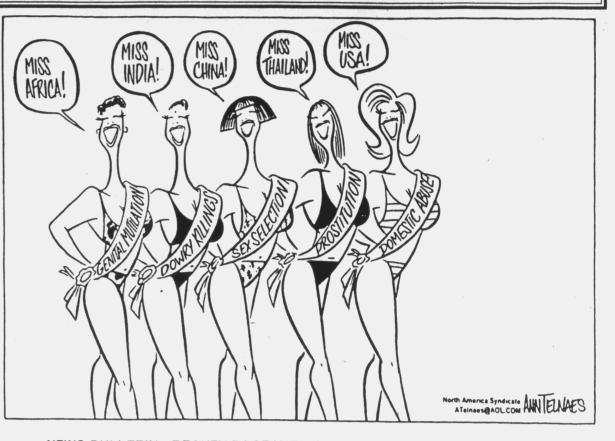
So don't be surprised if, in a few pushing his or her pet theories.

You just can't teach some folks.

Tax Breaks for Higher Education A Good Beginning

That most maligned and mostly the first \$10,000 of tuition and fees taxed portion of the American main- thereafter for every year they need stream, America's working and it and use it. middle-income families, received a posed by President Clinton.

Several other measures supported glimmer of hope recently when Con- by the president that will help famigress approved tax breaks for at- lies to pay for college include "educatending college which had been pro- tion savings accounts" which allow families to deposit \$500 annually into What is being hailed as a "water- an IRA for each child under 18 to acshed event" in fact keeps the door of cumulate tax-free earnings that can be used for postsecondary educa-



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NEWS BULLETIN: BEAUTY PAGEANT TO ALLOW TWO-PIECE SWIMSUITS



WHY WELFARE-TO-WORK ISN'T WORKING

Since President Clinton's signing of the welfare reform act -- the one his policy advisors told him to veto while his "score-points-at-all-costs" political advisors told him to sign -- moving welfare recipients from public assistance to jobs has become a government focus. In his State of the Union address in February, Clinton called on corporate America to join in creating new partnerships with government to evolve welfare-to-work programs. Things don't appear to be going so well

Recently, a front page Wall Street Journal article reported on what it called the "mixed results" of one such program undertaken by Sprint and AT&T in Kansas City, Missouri. These efforts -- loudly trumpeted by the White House at the beginning -- have succeeded in placing a total of seven workers at Sprint, one of whom was let go after the first week. AT&T hired one person whom they fired in two weeks

These statistics do not bode well. And as you might expect, various explanations have begun surfacing. One corporate insider stated that the programs were ineffective because corporate American wasn't "ready." A supervisor at Sprint said, "There are welfare recipients who choose to succeed and those who choose not to." Can the same be said of Presidents?

With the success rate so low, a debate has arisen as to which is the best method to effect welfare-to -work. One camp argues that you must train people before placing them in private sector jobs. The other presents the "job first" argument, where welfare recipients receive a one week crash course oriented toward employment basics, like getting to work on time, and not on job skills. This is the approach that is gaining popularity with policy makers because it is cheaper and because "quick fix" statistics can be used to demonstrate how effectively the program is working. However, there is no quick fix here. The U.S. economy has been structured over the long haul to be an economy without full employment. While the range of unemployment fluctuates between 3% and 7%, depending on various factors, there has always been -- by design -- a sector of Americans relegated to being unemployed. This economic phenomenon has historically helped, among other things, to keep wages down and, thereby, profits up. The welfare and unemployment programs adopted during and after the Great Depression which institutionalized unemployment were based on policy makers' acceptance of this macroeconomic feature of the U.S. economy. Not surprisingly an entire culture of being both unemployed and unemployable has evolved. Schools educate -- but not everyone -because unemployability is desirable. Welfare must discourage self-reliance so that the demand for jobs and job training from within the permanent underclass will be muted. This institutionalized culture cannot and will not be overcome by "job-first" or even by "training-first" approaches. You cannot take a society -- business and the poor alike -socialized over lifetimes for intractable unemployment and then, because the political climate now opposes Big Government spending create a few programs that will suddenly transform the long-term unemployed into reliable workers. Political expediency is one thing Reality is quite another. Politicians of both major parties may hope to pick up votes off a quick-fix approach to welfare reform. Buy until there is a serious, long-term and developmental approach that repudiates political considerations and undertakes to readjust at every level -- from the macroeconomic to the job training and placement modality -- there will be no effective means of moving people from welfare to work.

and education. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise.

Problems arise at school because these children aren't betting an education. They're getting psychologic/psychiatric diagnosis and treatment instead. They get "new math." "while language," and "invented spelling," the stuff of "OBE" (outcome based education). This is not because these are proven educational methods, but because psychology and psychiatry have seduced the university-based "experts" in the field of education into believing that psychiatry knows best how young minds work. Thus, they flit from one fad and uncontrolled experiment to the next -- with our children as their captive subjects -- because their paychecks and tenure are never tied in the least to whether the children can read and are educated and prepared or not.

In 1987, California officials adopted "whole language" (WL) methodology, to the exclusion of phonics (sounding out) to teach reading. On the 1992 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) California's 4th graders tied for last with Mississippi. California officials defended WL and resisted change. As if more proof were necessary, on the 1994 NAEP, California 4th graders -- 86% of them less than "proficient" -- were in sole possession of last place. Nor was it a minority problem, as apologists claimed; Having fallen seven points since 1992, California's white 4th graders ranked last as well.

Having failed to render students literate and capable of self-education, are California's education officials accepting the blame? Are they looking at what works in home-schooling, private schools or in the for-profit remediation industry, all booming, thanks to public education?

No, they continue to blame the victims instead, calling the children "abnormal," "processing-disordered," "MBD" (minimal brain damage), "LD" (learning disability), "ED" (executive disorder), "dyslexic," "dyscalculic," etc. -- all of it impugning the children's brains, all of it without a shred of scientific validity.

Behind in reading and more unsure, anxious and fearful with each new semester, the children are given another label "ADD" -- and a drug to go with it: Ritalin

opportunity open for individuals to improve their economic status tional expenses. through access to higher education. That's the good side.

The other, maybe not-so-good, side of the coin appears to be a clear message to students that at least two years of college is the new educational standard.

This is an era when education beyond high school is essential to compete for the best new jobs.

But let us get back to the tax break at hand. The HOPE Scholarship, as it is termed, provides a tax credit of up to \$1,500 for the first two years of college for working and middle-income families, and is certainly a powerful incentive that indicates college is available to each and every American who works hard.

Furthermore, the tax break for lifelong learning is the "sleeper" item in the entire package, which offers a tax credit to juniors, seniors, graduate students, or those who take a course or two to enhance their job skills.

Students of all ages will get a 20 percent tax credit on the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002, and Americans.

The bill will allow families to withdraw savings from their IRAs penalty-free for higher education.

Another feature allows employers to provide employees up to \$5,250 in educational benefits per year that is excluded from the employee's taxable income.

Finally, working and middle-income families will be able to deduct interest paid in the first 60 months of repayment for a government-backed student loan.

And if statistics are any motivation to you, the U.S. Department of Education projects that 341,000 students in North Carolina will benefit from these two new tax breaks for higher education.

Finally, let us remember that this "hand-up" is available to that segment of American society that gets income the "old fashioned way"they EARN it.

And yes, we do agree, these are much belated and much needed ways and means to provide avenues to growth and improvement for all



Lenora B. Fulani twice ran for President of the U.S. as an independent, making history in 1988 when she became the first woman and African American to get on the ballot in all fifty states. Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party. She can be reached at 800-288-3201.



BY FRED A. BAUGHMAN, JR., M.D.

Virtually all children who have appeared normal from birth to the day we send them off to school are normal, and are capable of age and grade-appropriate literacy, numeracy

In 1980, the American Psychiatric Association made a list of the most common symptoms of emotional distress of schoolchildren, and in a stroke that could not be more devoid of science or Hippocratic motive, termed ADD a "disease". In 1987, to cast a wider net, they changed it -- not by science but by vote -- to "ADD with or without hyperactivity" (ADHD, which I will refer to simply as "ADD").

The fundamental flaw here is that ADD has never been proven to be a disease, or anything physical or biological. Asked if it was or not, Paul Leber, M.D., of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration responded on December 22, 1994 that "as yet no pathophysiology for the disorder has been delineated." Gene R. Haislip of the U.S.. Drug Enforcement Administration responded on October 25, 1995: "We are also unaware that ADHD has been validated as a biologic/organic syndrome or disease."

In their 1995 annual report, the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) of the United Nations warned that the worldwide production of methylphenindate (Ritalin) -- an addictive, Schedule II drug -- had increased from 3.0 tons in 1990 to 8.5 tons in 1994, with the U.S. accounting for 90% consumption. INCB also reported that a small percentage of physicians issue the majority of prescriptions and that abuse amongst adolescents had increased, along with reports of serious damage to health.

The INCB further cautioned that Ritalin is actively promoted by a "parent association" that has received significant contributions from the manufacturer of the drug and urged that international conventions prohibiting the advertisement of controlled substances to the public must not be undermined by the activities of such "parent associations."

Where does the widespread belief that ADD is a "disease" -- suddenly the most common childhood disease of all -- come from?

CHADD (Children and Adults with ADD) is the "parent association" alluded to in the INCB report. Thirty-five thousand members strong, and comprised of believers in drugging as the essence of child-rearing and education, it is funded by the manufacturer of Ritalin. The ADD "epidemic" has grown from a half million in 1988 to 4 million today; Ninety percent are children.

Routinely, and with full knowledge of its medical advisory board, CHADD misrepresents the research literature. It routinely proclaims that ADD is a proven disease, just like diabetes, and that Ritalin is just as essential for ADD as insulin is for diabetes. In yet another misrepresentation, it claims that Ritalin is neither dangerous nor addictive.

In plain words, ADD is an expensive, elaborately woven illusion of a disease -- not a disease at all. It was created and exists to support the elaborate, extensive ADD industry, one doubling in size every 3-4 years.

Not a disease, ADD has every appearance of being a forprofit invention. Ritalin has every appearance of being a (See VIEWPOINTS, P. 9)

Church Briefs

BY FAYE WHITE Associate Editor

Editor's Note: If you would like to have your church's special event included in this column, please submit it to Faye White, 'M' Voice Church Calendar, at least two weeks prior to the event.

PHILIPPI CHURCH OF CHRIST Christian Women's Fellowship will hold an overnight retreat from 10:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15 until 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16. Speakers will include you're invited to come and learn 7:30 nightly. how to fellowship together in love.

Ms. Lillian Ruth Dudley Fleming Sunday, Aug. 10. Rev. Patsy Faiand Brother-To-Brother.

UNLIMITED OUTREACH MIN- LaGrange **ISTRIES OF DELIVERANCE** held their first revival August 4 Stephanie Winfield's birthday. Mu- ville sic will be rendered by the "New Majorie's Flower & Gift Shop on begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

Fourteenth Street HOLY MISSION UNITED HOLY CHURCH hosted a Men's & Women's Conference Aug. 4-9. Rev. W.C. Elliott, Pastor of St. Rest United Holy Church in Winterville, speaker for night services. Morning service topics included: Monday-Nutrition; Tuesday-Bible Quiz; Wednesday-Praise and Worship Workshop; Thursday-Marriage Seminar; Friday-Youth on Parade. A Music Workshop will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9.

FULL GOSPEL CHRISTIAN Evangelist Vanessa Byrd and Min- CHURCH will hold Youth Revival ister Harriett Bailey. Ladies, Aug. 13-15. Services will begin at

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST FLEMING CHAPEL AME CHURCH in Falkland will cel-ZION CHURCH announces that ebrate Women's Day at 11 a.m. on will preach her initial sermon at son, of the Antioch Missionary Fleming Chapel at 6:00 p.m. on Baptist Church in Goldsboro, will Sunday, Aug. 10. Special music deliver the sermon. At 4 p.m., the will be provided by The Inspira- Rev. Charles Howard will be intions Gospel Singers, The Gospel stalled as the new pastor of St. Crusaders, and Terrance Hooks John. The Installation Sermon will be delivered by Rev. W.J. Cox, of THE "BODY OF CHRIST", the Shady Grove Baptist Church in

FAITH ASSEMBLY OF GOD will have four weeks of marriage through 8. The Anointed Pastor enrichment seminars beginning at Ella Grimes, of Miracle Deliver- 6 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 10. The ance Center, was the speaker for sessions are entitled: "Making the the week. A Gospel Music Program Most of Your Marriage." Faith Asis scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Satur- sembly of God is located next to day, Aug. 9 in honor of Bishop Wal-Mart on Hooker Rd. in Green-

GUIDING LIGHT TEMPLE Golden Doves". Dedication of the OF FAITH will hold Revival Aug. Church will be held at 4 p.m. on 12-15. The anointed woman of Sunday, Aug. 10. Body of Christ faith--Overseer Mable Hargrove--Unlimited is located beside will be the speaker. Services will

Name Told For Pitt County Title 1 Pre-K Program: CUBS

a ne name for it's Title 1 Pre-K pro- in late August to identify students gram: "CUBS". The letters stand with the greatest need for prefor "Creating Unlimited Beginning school education. Students" one of the program's goals. Nine sites will have two and three day CUBS classes for four year olds during the 97-98 school year. Applications are now available at all elementary schools and at the Third Street Pre-K Center. Interested family members may call Judy Beckert-Jones at 355-9555 or 752-3227 for more information. Those who turn in applica-

"Pitt County Schools announces tions by August 15 will be screened

For energy-saving strategies, call the Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Customer Service Center at 1-800-DOE-3732; or write to SEREF, P. O. Box 1036, Washington, D. C. 20013. For free facts on insurance, call the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education at 800-268-7680; or on the Internet at http://www.LIFE-Line.org.

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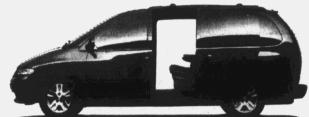
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THE "M" VOICE-AUGUST 7 - AUGUST 14, 1997-5



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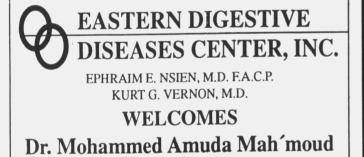
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6-THE "M" VOICE-AUGUST 7 - AUGUST 14, 1997

MAMIE WILLIS HEMBY Ms. Mamie Willis Hemby, 81 of 408 Darden Dr. died Saturday, July 5, 1997. Funeral services were conducted at Wells Chapel Church of God in Christ. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

She was born in Beaufort County and attended the Pitt County Schools. Ms. Hemby was a member of Wells Chapel Church and retired from Carolina Leaf Tobacco Co.

She is survived by daughters, Bertha Woolard and Delores Hall, both of Greenville; a son, Chester Core and a brother, Johnny Willis Jr., also of Greenville, plus 21 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Phillips Bros. Mortuary.

KEMARCUS DESHAWN HANSLEY Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and grave service for Infant KeMarcus Deshawn Hansley of 1804 Johnson Circle Ayden, who died at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville Tuesday, July 1, 1997.

Graveside service was held for the infant at the Winterville Cemetery with Dr. W.H. Mitchell officiating

He is survived by his parents: Toria Edwards and Kimberly Hansley of Ayden, 6 sisters; Keandria Hansley, Jylynn Hansley, Shalena Hansley, Keosha Burney, Jomja Moore, and Maella Williams all of Ayden, 3 brothers; Quinlan Hansley, Emmanuel Hansley and Keithian Burney all of Ayden, Maternal grand parents; Henry and Brenda Hansley of Greenville, his foster grand-parents: James and Shirley Burney of Ayden.

ISAAC LEE TYSON

Isaac Lee Tyson, 45, of 221 Sneeds Ferry Rd. No. 5, Sneeds Ferry, died Thursday, July 10, 1996.

Funeral services were held at the Mt. Calvary FWB Church, Greenville. Burial followed in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Tyson was a native of Pitt County. He was a 1969 graduate of CM Eppes High School. He was a graduate of Kings Business College, Raleigh. He was a U.S. Army Veteran, and a member of Grace Baptist Church in Wilmington, N.C. He was also a self-employed painter.

His survivors include his wife, Brenda Pippins Tyson of Greenville, five sons: Isaac Tyson II of Greenville, Jureco Bunn of Stokes, Brooks Tyson, Alex Tyson Both of Greenville and Nicholaus Windley of Washington, one daughter, Candance Tyson of Greenville; his father, Leon Gilbert of Greenville; nine brothers, Don Taft of Green-

Rev. Dennis Taft of Greenville, Danny Taft of Wilmington; Swindell Taft, Carlton Taft Both of Greenville; Albert Ray Atkinson, Willie Earl Gilbert both of Greenville; Leon Gilbert, Jr. of Chicago, Ill. and Herman Taft of Greenville; eight sisters, Mary E. Roberson, Daisy Holland, Linda Taft, all of Greenville, Bonnie Lane of Wyoming, Linda Rogers, Beverly Felder, Janice Atkinson and Lizzie Gilbert all of Greenville.

ERNESTINE HARTSFIELD

Associates Funeral Home sadly announces the death of Missionary Jennette of Belhaven; Edna Lee of Ernestine Hartsfield, 68, who de- Bronx, N.Y. parted this life on Friday July 11 at 4 p.m. She was a resident of South Hampton Long Island and for the past 8 years she was a resi- nounces the death and funeral serdent of Greenville and a member of vice for Mr. John Walter Daniels Selvia Chapel FWB Church and age 81 of Saint Nicholas Ave. New managed Hartsfield Family Care York, N.Y. formerly of Winterville, Home at 701 W. 4th St., Green- who died at North General Hospiville. Funeral services were held at 1997.

Selvia Chapel FWB Church with Funeral service was held at Good Bishop T.L. Davis officiating. Hope Freewill Baptist Church in Burial followed at Randolph Cem- Winterville with the pastor, Bishop etery in Bolivia.

Bishop A.H. Hartsfield of Green- etery.

daughter, Erma Hartsfield of County Schools. He was a member Brooklyn, N.Y.; sister, Erthly Wa- of Good Hope Freewill Baptist ters of Bolivia; and three grand- Church. children of Brooklyn, N.Y.

He is survived by his wife, Inez

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For more information contact Pat Alexander, President 353-0656 Cynthia Doctor, Vice President 830-0315

JERRY LEE CREDEL Jerry Lee Credle, 47, of 315 Atterbury of New York, N.Y. and Union Street, died Thursday, July 24, 1997 in Wake County Medical Center.

Funeral services were Sunday at St. James Church of Christ in Belhaven. Burial was in Northside Cemetery

Mr. Credle was a native of Beau-Lendel Daniels both of Winterville; fort County and attended the local 18 grandchildren, 16 great grandschools. He was a member of St.

James Church of Christ.

Surviving are mother, Della Hall Credle of the home; sons, Wakie Credle of the home, Phillip Credle of Belhaven; brothers, Frank Credle, Jr. of Belhaven; sisters In profound sorrow Rountree and Rachel Banks of the home, Ivy Ward of Chocowinity; Dorothy

JOHN WALTER DANIELS

Mitchell's Funeral Home antal in New York, Friday, July 25,

W.H. Mitchell officiating. Burial Survivors are two brothers: followed in the Winterville Cem-

ville, Zenus Hartsfield of South Mr. Daniels was a native of Pitt Hampton Long Island, N.Y.; County where he attended the

Delta Sigma Theta, Inc.

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JORDAN I. ACKLIN

Infant Jordan I. Acklin, 6 months, died Saturday, July 26, 1997 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were at Flanagan Funeral Chapel. Burial was in **Branches Cemetery.** Infant Acklin was a native of Pitt

Wilson of Greenville; father Eddie Acklin of Greenville; brother, Joshua Mayo of Stokes; sister, Quaneshia Anderson of Greenville.

Surviving are mother, Gabrielle

County.

The average age of a first time mother is 23.7, only slightly high-er than the average age of firsttime mothers in 1940 but nearly two years higher than in 1960.



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GRANDPARENT STUDY FACT SHEET

Characteristics of Grandparent Caregivers

The following statistics have been provided by the U.S. Census Bureau.

✓It is reported that there are 831,000 mid life and older adults caring for their grandchildren with neither parent present in the household. The total number of children in these households is 1.02 million. This number of grandchildren under 18 living with their grandparents has increased by 6% over the past 25 years. However, from year 1992 to 1993 the figures jumped significantly up to 17%.

✓The median age of grandparent caregivers is 57. A majority of them, 77%, fall between the ages of 45 and 64 with the remaining 23% age 65 and older.

✔68% of this population is White, 29% African American, 10% Hispanic origin, 2% Asian/Pacific Islanders and 1% American Indian.

✓20% of grandparent caregivers are single with 13% widowed and 7% divorced. The remaining 80% are married. 93% of these single grandparents are women.

✓ The income of grandparent caregivers is outlined as follows: 27% are at or below the poverty level, 14% are near poor (100-149% of poverty), and 56% have incomes of less than \$20,000. The median income is \$18,000.

✓ 58% of grandparent caregivers have less than a high school diploma. The percentage of grandparent caregivers who have received a high school diploma is 26%. And 5% have attained a bachelor's degree or higher

Census Bureau statistics report that a majority of grandparent caregivers reside in the South, 57%. The remaining 43% of caregivers are split evenly among the following three regions: Northeast, Midwest, and West.

About the Grandparent Study

The Center on Aging at Bradley University has received a three year research grant from the National Institute on Aging to conduct a study on the psychological well-being of grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. The study is entitled the Grandparent Study. The purpose of the study is to document the experiences of these grandparents and identify areas in which they find satisfaction and fulfillment, as well as those areas in which grandparents need more support.

The Center on Aging is seeking grandmothers, age 50 or older, who are living with a grandchild under the age of 18, with neither parent present in the household. The spouses of the grandmothers, age 50 or older, are being asked to participate as well. Participation entails taking part in a personal and confidential interview for two hours over the telephone (or in person if living in Central Illinois).

Grandparents interested in participating or learning more about the Grandparent Study can contact the Erin Driscoll at 309/677-3593 or 800/695-5927.

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Teens With Spinal Cord Injuries Say 'Yes, We Can'

(NU) - Two years ago, 17year-old Nikki Davis suffered a spinal cord injury in a traffic accident. But despite being confined to a wheelchair, Nikki has learned to scuba dive and ride a horse, play tennis and "run" track.

Nikki was one of eight teenagers participating in the firstever spinal cord injury sports camp developed specifically for children last spring in Chicago.

"From the moment they experience their traumatic injuries, these patients often hear, 'You can't do this,' and 'You can't do that," said Kris Johnson, senior

recreational therapist at Shriners Hospitals' Chicago Unit, where Nikki receives treatment. "I wanted to foster a positive 'I can' spirit among our patients."

For four years, Johnson's patients have experienced the thrill of "flying" across Lake Michigan as part of the Chicago Park District adaptive sailing program.

The SCI sports camp expanded on that idea. A Shrine group in Union, Mich., put up \$8,000 for the weeklong camp. Among their activities were scuba diving, horseback riding, bowling, tennis, archery, track and sledge hockey (a game played with wheelchairs mounted on ice skates).

The teens also underwent fitness testing at a local hospital, where staff members volunteered time to the project.

"Camp was the best time I've had since my injury," said 16-year-old Ben Winfrey, who was accidentally shot in the neck while his cousin was loading a gun. "The road racing with adapted wheelchairs was best of all."

The racing took place at York High School in suburban Elmhurst, Ill. Linda Mastandrea, a Paralympic Games gold medalist, led a workshop in racing using lightweight racing chairs lent to Shriners Hospital by the Chicago Rehabilitation Institute. Teens "ran" miles around the track as Mastandrea coached and cheered them on.

At Underwater Safaris in Chicago, a certified instructor taught the teens to dive into 10 feet of water. "Before I knew it they were bouncing around at the bottom of the pool." Johnson said. "It was easier than swimming for them."

At the end of a whirlwind week, all the teens earned recognition for



Nurses Relieve Burden on New Parents





Antonio Jacks, left, said scuba diving during the weeklong SCI sports camp was a "great new experience."

their efforts at an awards dinner. For more information about the SCI sports camp or other Shriners Hospitals programs nationwide, call 1-800-237-5055.

Kitchens and Bathrooms Can Be Danger Zones

(NU) - Young children are especially vulnerable to being burned in a kitchen or bathroom accident.

Parents, babysitters and older siblings should memorize these important safety tips, prepared by Shriners Burns Institutes:

In the Kitchen

• Keep children at a safe distance from all hot liquids, including soup, coffee and tea.

• Avoid using a tablecloth if a toddler's around. If a child tries to pull himself up by the tablecloth, a hot liquid could fall.

• Keep all hot items near the center of the table.

• When cooking, keep young children in a highchair or playpen.

• Keep appliance cords away from the edge of counters, and keep them unplugged and disconnected when not in use. Dangling cords can be caught in cabinet doors or pulled by curious children.

• Keep pot handles turned in.

• Store cookies and other treats away from the stove so no one will be tempted to reach across a hot burner. • Establish a "SAFE AREA" in the kitchen where the child can be placed. Consider establishing a "NO ZONE" directly in front of the stove and instruct your child to avoid this area. You can mark the zone with yellow tape or other material.

• Use a fill-through-the-spout teapot with central handle, single, small opening and "spout whistle."

• Store detergents, cleaning agents, bleach and other chemicals in a locked cabinet out of children's reach.

• Be careful with microwaves. Food can be unevenly heated, posing the risk of scalding food. Also watch for hot steam escaping from plastic containers.

• Don't let children under the age of 7 use the microwave.

In the Bathroom

• Know what your children are doing. Consider putting a small slide-bolt latch on the upper half of the outside of the bathroom door to prevent young children from enter-

ing without supervision.

• Run cold water into the tub before adding hot water. This will prevent scalding if a child should fall into the tub while it's being filled.

 Always check the bath temperature before placing a child in the tub.
 In the tub, face children away

from the faucets, keeping them near the other end of the tub. • Consider lowering the thermo-

stat setting of the water heater to 120

to 125 degrees Fahrenheit. (At 130 degrees, a serious burn can occur in 30 seconds; at 140 degrees, in only five seconds.)

• Consider installing shower/tub valves, available at hardware stores or from a plumber, that reduce water temperature to 115 degrees Fahrenheit or less.

For more information about Shriners Hospitals and Shriners Burns Institutes, call 1-800-237-5055.



(NAPS)—For a free booklet on retirement planning, *Top 10 Ways* to Beat the Clock and Prepare for *Retirement*, write the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210 or call (202) 219-9247.

To learn about Medicare and healthcare plans, call the Patient Access to Specialty Care Coalition at 1-800-756-1100.

For facts on travel to Hong Kong, consult the new Hong Kong Tourist Association "Wonder Net" home page at http://www.hkta.org.

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 A.M., on Monday August 18, 1997 and immediately thereafter opened and read for the 1996/97 Street Resurfacing Project.

The Street Resurfacing will consist of placing approximately 8,637 tons of bituminous concrete, Type I-2, and making necessary adjustments to valves and manholes. Dirt street improvements will consist of placing approximately 1,600 tons of bituminous concrete Type I-2, and fine grading approximately 15,000 square yards of crushed aggregate base. Also includes the placement of theromoplastic traffic markings on ten (10) streets.

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 1996/97 Street Ressurfacing 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, cashiers check, or a certified check, drawn on a bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company or a Bid Bond as presscribed 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.

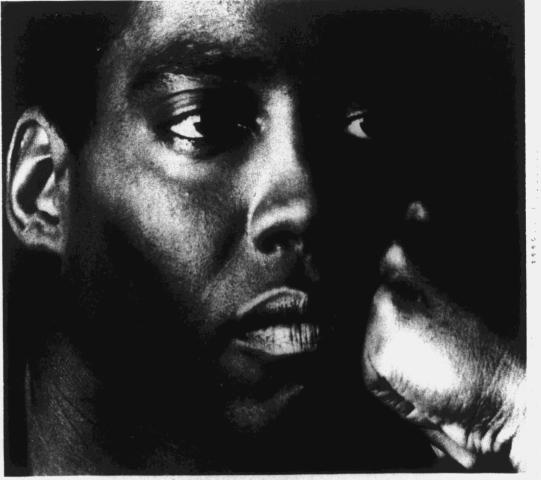
Plans and Specifications describing the work may be obtained from the public Works Department at 1500 Beatty Street or written request addressed to P.O. Box 7207, Greenville, North Carolina 27835-7207.

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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The goal of The Philadelphia House is to provide a home for HIV/AIDS persons and assist them in finding permanent and suitable housing where they can enjoy the "joys of living" as others do. The Philadelphia House is the first home of the Greenhouse Program, Inc. established in 1993 in Greenville, N.C. It is a non-profit, tax exempt organization as described under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Our organization depends solely on community contributions and donations. The Greenhouse Program, Inc. serves as a "Parent" Corporation which expects to set up other homes within the Eastern North Carolina regions as needed to be developed. These homes will serve as a place of shelter (home) for the HIV/

(NU) - Christine Anderson and her husband were thrilled when she became pregnant, and the pregnancy went well. But when baby Sally finally was born, she was diagnosed with perinatal asphyxia and brain damage.

The Anderson's baby was in the intensive care unit for two months, during which they agonized over how they would care for their baby 24 hours a day when she eventually came home.

It's a question that thousands of Americans must face each year, and one being answered increasingly by providers of home health care services such as Interim HealthCare, one of the nation's largest. The service provides certified home health aides, personal care aides and medical social workers.

Interim provided the Andersons with two nurses who work 10-hour shifts administering oxygen, tubefeeding Sally and giving her medication. The nurses report that baby Sally managed to steal their hearts with her big smiles, especially during their strolls outside. Christine has returned to work and looks forward daily to returning home to be with her daughter.

For people like the Andersons, home care is proving to be an essential part of the nation's health care system. For more information about home health care, call 1-800-671-2369.

Did You Know?

An environmentally-conscious way to protect plants from pests is now available at local lawn and garden centers. SunSpray Ultra-Fine oil developed by Sun Company is unlike traditional chemical pesticides, the new formulation smothers insects instead of poisoning them.

The 1996 Goodyear National Highway Hero Award went to truck drivers Chris Kendall and Rob Lomanno, who saved three children from a burning car. AIDS homeless population for as long as they need our services.

We appreciate your support in helping The Philadelphia House and the homeless HIV/AIDS population.

DRUG TASK FORCE AGENT

A Two County Narcotics Task Force in northeast North Carolina is seeking applicants for undercover agents. Applicants must possess the highest degree of integrity, be certified in North Carolina as law enforcement officials. Experience in narcotics enforcement and/or financial investigations is preferred. Applicants must also be willing to undergo background investigations including psychological, financial and polygraphy testing. Positions include random drug testing. Agents will be responsible for the enforcement of the North Carolina Controlled Substances Act and the Criminal General Statutes of North Carolina. Salary depends on qualifications. A completed Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission form F-3 is to be received by Keith Roach, P.O. Box 308, Williamston, North Carolina 27892 no later than 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 27, 1997. The Narcotics Task Force is an equal opportunity employer. Minority applicants are especially encouraged.

Don't just worry about HIV. Do something about it.

Just worrying about HIV infection won't do you a bit of good. But knowing whether you are infected can.

Today, it's more important than ever to get tested. There are things you can do that can help you live longer.

Also remember, if you are infected, you can pass the virus to others through sex or sharing drug needles and syringes, even if you show no symptoms. Talk to a doctor your health department or other AIDS resources within

Talk to a doctor, your health department, or other AIDS resources within your community. Or call your State or local AIDS hotline, or the National AIDS Hotline at 1-800-342-AIDS. Call 1-800-243-7889 (TTY) for deaf access.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HIV is the virus that causes AIDS.

VIEWPOINTS

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dangerous, addictive, entry-level drug.

The UN-INCB report alluded to increasing reports of illicit traffic, injury and even death from methylphenindate (Ritalin). Major N.C. News media have reported that kids are crushing and sniffing Ritalin tablets for a cheap high. Youngsters that are supposed to be on the drug at school are instead "cheeking" their daily dose, then selling it to their buddies.

A teen from Roanoke, Virginia, died from snorting Ritalin. Three children, said to have concurrent ADD and Tourette's syndrome, have died taking Ritalin with Catapres (clonidine). Four children (last count) have suffered sudden cardiac deaths taking desipramine, a common alternative to Ritalin in ADD.

Every child on a drug -- or any treatment whatsoever -for ADD, with their parents and teachers concurring, suffers from the misconception that they have a disease of the brain. This "disease" makes them not normal, unable to control themselves without a pill, unable to learn any better than they are learning now. So why try?

As these children grow older, their substance abuse disorders -- alcohol, licit and Illicit drugs -- are said to be a "complication" of their adult ADD. There being no proof that ADD is a disease, are we not forced to conclude that the substance abuse disorders in this group are the result of having been made as children to believe they had a brain disease, and then being made to take dangerous addictive medicines for it?

U.S. parents, and the federal agencies that should be protecting them, are accepting dangerous, behavior-modifying drugs as an essential part of rearing and educating millions of entirely normal children. This must be exposed and stopped. If a flawed written or spoken explanation led you to accept a diagnosis of ADD for your child and to give informed consent for treatment, you may have recourse under the law

Wake up, America! There is no such thing as ADD! You've been deceived. The children you are drugging are normal. They have no disease.

According to Ian Lyons, President of Applied Scholastics, his organization has "successfully educated these wronglylabeled children utilizing the educational breakthrough known as Study Technology developed by author and humanitarian, L. Ron Hubbard." For alternative solutions to help children who manifest lack of concentration, nervousness towards their studies, learning difficulties, contact the Applied Scholastics Referral Service at 1-800-424-5397.

Dr. Fred Baughman, Jr., a frontline pediatric neurologist for 35 years, has discovered and described several real diseases

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A CALL

Former Durham NAACP Head new members to a chapter that Seeks State NAACP Presidency

By Cash Michaels

The former head of the Durham NAACP has now decided to seek the office of state NAACP president, The CAROLINIAN has learned exclusively.

In a July 28 letter to current state NAACP President Melvin "Skip" Alston, Min. Curtis E. Gatewood says he has forwarded his nominating petition via certified mail to Keith Sutton, state NAACP executive director.

"While assuming that you will also be a candidate for this position, I can assure you that my campaign will remain positive and focused solely on the issues/solutions which I feel will best serve the organization and the community," Gatewood wrote Alston.

"I will not allow this to be the type of campaign where the NAACP and other oppressed victims of discrimination and injustice beat up each other, while not providing attention [or] offense towards the true culprits of systematic racism and classism."

Alston, who was just appointed state NAACP president May 31 after serving as interim president for over a year succeeding Kelly Alexander, Jr., is expected to vie for election to the post this October, when the state membership elects a new president during its state convention in Raleigh Oct. 30

"The time is right because we can no longer wait to save our community... from this ultraconservative force."

Min. Curtis Gatewood on his NAACP state presidency bid

through Nov. 1.

In an interview with The CARO-LINIAN Monday evening, Gatewood, who left the Durham branch presidency in June after being appointed District 8 director by the state NAACP Executive Committee, stressed that his campaign was not against anyone in the NAACP, but against crime and drugs in the African-American community, public schools hostile

East Carolina **Bank Awards Scholarships**

ENGELHARD-The East Carolina Bank (ECB) recently awarded a merit scholarship to Laquella Tyson of Greenville. Laquella is a rising sophomore at East Carolina University.

The East Carolina Bank Honors Scholarship each year provides an outstanding student from one of the counties in The East Carolina Bank's service area with up to \$4,000 to attend East Carolina University. The scholarship program was established in 1994 through a \$100,000 endowment from The East Carolina Bank. Recipients are eligible to receive \$1,000 which may be renewed annually for up to four years provided the student maintains a B grade average Tyson, the daughter of Gerry and Bonita 'Tyson, is a 1996 graduate of J.H. Rose High School in Greenville. At Rose, Tyson was very active in the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Vocational Honor Society, Math Honor Society, North Carolina Scholars, National Macy's Scholars, Varsity Track, and was a volunteer with the Special Olympics and the Children's Miracle Network telethon At ECU, Tyson is pursuing a premed curriculum and hopes to further her education in the field of obstetrics and gynecology. Tyson is a Peer Mentor at ECU and serves as a Minority Tour Guide. While pursuing her degree, Tyson is employed as a Developmental Technician at Howell's Child Care Center.



ALSTON GATEWOOD

toward black children, and the "ultra-conservative atmosphere and Jesse Helms tone" presently pervading the state.

"The time is right because we can no longer wait to save our community, save our state from this ultra-conservative force," Gatewood said. "We can't wait."

When asked what he would bring to the state presidency of the country's oldest civil rights organization if elected, the 37-year-old Wayne County native said his record of making "real change," a spiritual element which he says is important for there to be righteousness, and a willingness to take a strong stand on the issues affecting the black community, something he says has been "missing" since the civil rights struggle of the 1960s.

"We believe we're setting the tone for the grassroots, bringing the movement closer to home, Gatewood said.

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Min. Curtis Gatewood P state presidency bid	 22,500 - 411 Lathan St., 3 BR. Fire Damage, need some repairs, reduced from 25,000. 44,750 - 410 Ford St., 3 BR., 1 Bath, Lot 40 x 120. Brick, Nice Neighborhood, Rent 365.00. 40,000 - 1005 Fleming St., 8 Rms, 4 BR., 2 Bath, 	Several Nice Building
He said the theme of his cam- paign would be, "It's Time to Walk the Walk," an indication that since the deaths of civil rights leaders Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X three decades ago, black people have been "talkin' the talk," but not moving forward. Though a member of the NAACP since age 9, Gatewood began gar- nering attention when he won a	 2,930 Sq Ft, Near Sady Saulter School, Need repair. 40,000 - 602 E. Gum Rd., 2 Bed Rms. Dwelling, 1 Bath, Central Heat, Garage, Fenced, Rent 250.00. 42,500 - 105 S. Melvin St., BR., 1 Bath, Cement Blk. Freshly Painted, Kinston, N.C. 47,500 - 550 County Ac, 5 Rms, 3 BR., 2 Bath, Cement Blk, Grifton, N.C. 47,800 - 1231 Davenport St., 5 rms, 3 BR., 1 bath, Brick., Rented 325.00. 41,500 - 304 Rountree Dr., 2 BR., 1 Bath, 	Lots. We handle Conv., HUD, VA & FMA Financing
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some say became a haven for

middle-class blacks who did little.

The Baptist minister made out-

reach to the grassroots in low-in-

come and public housing communi-

ties a top priority, saying that the

only way they could free them-

selves from drugs and violence was

to empower themselves.

law enforcement alike

Gatewood rece ived nati ognition from ABC and CNN New in December 1995 when he called on African-Americans to boycott Christmas, saying the most holy of Christian seasons had lost its true meaning to exploitation of the poor.

1996 was a year of honors for Min. Gatewood and the Durham The Durham NAACP hit the branch. In January he was apstreets, leading the "1,000 Man pointed state NAACP Direct Action Stand Against Violence and Self-Committee chairman. Two months Hatred," which drew well over its later, his chapter was recognized goal; it became a base organizing having the highest percentage committee for the Million Man branch membership increase in the March when the national NAACP state. wanted nothing to do with it; and it

In October 1996, Gatewood was founded Brothers Protecting the honored as state NAACP Branch Hood, street patrols in high-crime, President of the Year, and the drug-infested neighborhoods that Durham chapter voted top Branch have been praised by residents and of the Year.



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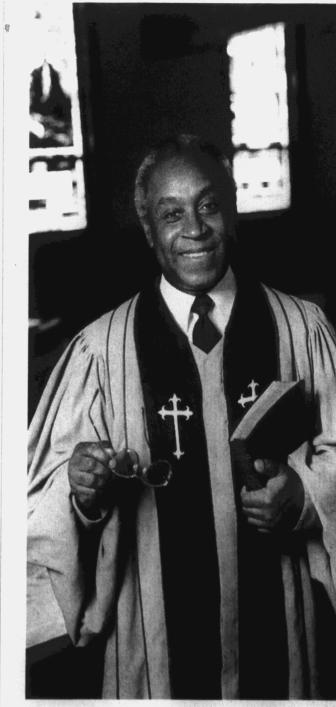


There may be more beautiful times, but this one is ours. ---Jean-Paul Sartre

We Beg Your Pardon

In the July 31 - August 4, 1997 Edition of the "M" Voice the article headlined "Winner Unlimited Hold First Anual Hoop Camp" should have included:

BY ANDRE RICHARDSON We apologize for this oversight.



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