



LOOKING TO PROGRESS-The Rite Step Academy is looking forward to educating our young children, and preparing them to face the "next millenium." Pictured here are: (I-r) Brother William Pierce, Brother Tony Worthington and Brother Derek Brewington. (Jim **Rouse Photo)**

Police Dept. Decides Force Not Excessive

From Staff Reports An internal investigation has ruled that Greenville Police Officer Bruce Groccia did not use excessive for in the arrest of a drug suspect

last month. The arrest, which was taped by a TV news reporter shows that arrest on the news and put Groccia Groccia hit the suspect in the stom- on administrative leave with pay ach, and was aired on local TV stations

Additionally, the Greenville Police Department issued an 11-page fax earlier this week, which included one page release indicating that Officer Groccia had been returned to active duty, and the Department has concluded that he did not use excessive force, plus a 9-page opinion rendered by independent expert, Dr. Darrell Ross, who advised the department during the investigation. Ross is an expert in the field of use of force and defense tactics by law enforcement officers

Groccia "had to make a decision in less than two seconds, fearing he could be stuck with a needle," a potentially deadly weapon, according to the Ross report. By punching the suspect, Groccia was attempting to strike the radial nerve on the suspect's right arm, creating an inability of the person to grasp things with the hand or make a fist, the report stated.

clined comment on the ruling. Questions to department officials have been referred to City Attorney Dave Holec.

Groccia returned to work Monday, 18 days after Hinman saw the

pending an investigation. Groccia and another officer were the lessening of force after it was arresting Leonard Tyson. Tyson not longer needed, and the reaction was charged with several drug-re-

Police Chief Charles Hinman de- lated offenses. He was let out on sion to use force, according the bond and later arrested this past Saturday on similar drug charges, according to police reports.

> The department's decision was based on several factors, including the resistive behavior of Tyson, information relative to the needle in his possession, knowledge of a fellow officer being struck previously, time Groccia had in making a deci-

department's statement.

Holec said the department wanted to conduct as thorough investigation as possible. He went on stating that Dr. Ross was not paid for his review of the incident, and he is research director of Pressure Point Control Tactics, a use-offorce training and research organization based in Millstadt, Ill.

Dr. Ross cited numerous inter-(See OFFICER, P. 2)



Michael Jordan To Visit U.N.C. **Campus For Family Institute Affair**

By Karen Stinneford

UNC-CH News Services perstar Michael Jordan will visit auctioned, including: the University of North Carolina at

the institute. Several one-of-a-kind ship team CHAPEL HILL-Basketball su-sports memorabilia items will be •Golf clubs, basketballs, base-

and live auctions to raise money for tire Chicago Bulls 1997 champion-

balls, jerseys and photos signed by By Joyce Gray •The necktie Dean Smith wore such athletes as Scottie Pippin,

AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE—Sister Cassie Harris (center) is surrounded by her children following worship service at the Philippi church of Christ recently. Sister Cassie is the first recipient of the C.H.E.M. Award gibven by the Philippi Christian Women's Fellowship to aid in her education. Congratulations sister Cassie. We're all praying for your Academic success. (Haywood Johnson Photo)



Martin Luther King, Joe Louis,

Arthur Ashe, Roy Wilkins, Thur-

good Marshall, and Charles

McLean, just to name a few. Not

moving to the tune of "I, me," but

genuine concern about the well-be-

ing of those who know what love is.

I, too, pray for those two mother-

less children, the ex-husband who

now must look into their faces and

see reflections of the woman he did

not love, and deal with the worldly

outpouring of love from those who

Let me make two corrections

from the Sept. 1 issue: Florence,

1930 (in the Jones family reunion)

never even met Princess Diana.

His mission

takes those who have completed Sometimes it's very difficult. who are It is already the third of Septemdient, He keeps throwing the life rope out further in order to give ber and of course I was glad to see them another chance to do right, those raindrops fall, even though simply because He is love." the lawn might show need of cutting much sooner than my wallet is There comes to us one in every generation who we can as common prepared for ... another story in itpeople connect with. We had our self.

Chapel Hill Sept. 20 to celebrate the first birthday of the Jordan Institute for Families at a gala dinner and auction at the Dean E. Smith Center.

Jordan, a 1986 UNC-CH graduate, will be joined by other Tar Heel athletes including Mia Hamm, a soccer standout in the 1996 Olympics, and Jerry Stackhouse, a starting guard for the Philadelphia 76ers.

They and other celebrities, scholars and champions of children and families will honor the institute's debut year at the UNC-CH School of Social Work.

Last year, Jordan pledged \$1 million to establish the Jordan Institute for Families, the largest gift given to Carolina by a professional athlete

The black-tie dinner will feature music, entertainment and silent

legiate basketball wins.

•The track shoes worn by---and "world's fastest woman."

•Four front-row seats to the Chicago Bulls' April 11 game Michael will celebrate this milepost tickets, two nights' stay in a hotel the family structure," said Dr. and dinner at Michael Jordan's restaurant in Chicago.

•A No. 23 Chicago Bulls basketball jersey, framed and auto- alumni, Michael has been a great graphed by Michael Jordan.

•A sterling silver Michael Jordan Nike sneaker and baseball and personal commitment he's mitt, one of only three existing sets.

•A basketball signed by the en-

the night he tied Adolph Rupp's Wayne Gretzky, Dan Marino, Joe longstanding NCAA record for col- Montana, Charles Barkley, Grant Hill and Larry Bird.

Other items to be auctioned inlater autographed by-Marion clude trips to Disney World, luxury Jones when she won the gold weekend getaways, first-class medal in the 100-meter dash at the plane tickets to London, theater World Games and became the tickets, works of art, books, bone china and luggage.

"We are extremely excited that against the Orlando Magic. The with us and help us raise money to package includes first-class plane support our work strengthening Richard Edwards, dean of the UNC-CH School of Social Work.

> "As one of Carolina's best-known benefactor to this institution, and we are grateful for the time, effort given to advance the cause of children and families. His generosity (See MICHAEL JORDAN, P. 2)

Contributing Writer WILLIAMSTON-The women of the world were stunned when it was confirmed that the down-to-Earth, shy Princess Diana was dead. Some of us, yes, even me, sat

sion sets devouring every word, almost in disbelief. Those of us who watched the wedding 16 years ago and some, such as myself, thought how lucky this man, Prince Charles, was to get a young, beautiful, innocentlooking, educated and rich but classy lady to say yes to his pro-

in saddened silence by our televi-

posal. Then, when we heard he had admitted to have never loved her, we also had our hearts broken.

As a young child, I asked why someone in the community had died so young. I was told that person was so nice and pretty. My thinking at that young, inquisitive age of six was that folks lived to get old if not killed accidentally.

and Ms. Sarah Purvis (under St. Well, the response was, "God Paul's Women's Day). Sorry, folks. (See WILLIAMSTON, P. 2)

Black Doctor Invents Hangover Drug

A drug, which is being described by pharmaceutical experts as the first of its kind, has been formulated by a Henderson physician, Dr. James P. Green.

"The national and international potential of Dr. Green's new drug, Vitaquil, is huge," stated a national pharmaceutical representative. "This is the first drug that effectively treats the aches and pains of overindulgence."

When Dr. Green was an intern at Charlotte's Good Samaritan Hospital, he formulated a drug that would treat his patients for the major symptoms of overindulgence in alcohol. The formula worked, and became well known around Good Samaritan Hospital and Charlotte.

ing into the hospital on weekends new product is has the trade name just to get the mixture because it "Vitaquil," and is being marketed quickly relieved the aches and nau- through Green Pharmaceuticals, sea of overindulgence. It was Inc. of Henderson. known as 'Dr. Green's Mixture' then.'

That was 1960. In the 37 years that followed, Dr. Green, who practices family medicine in Henderson, continued to test and refine his formula.

Patented by the U.S. Patent Office and approved by the FDA, this product is an over-the-counter vitamin, health food formulation for the relief of symptoms of overindulgences: overactivity, overeating, and over-drinking.

It has been tested and found to markedly reduce the symptoms of As he described it, "Folks who hangovers, indigestions, and pains national markets.

partied too much would come pour- resulting from overexercise. The

The primary ingredients of Vitaquil are common vitamins that replace those lost through overindulgence in exercise or drinking and natural herbs that soothe and relieve pains and indigestion. It was tested by two independent agencies which performed controlled tests to determine its effects on hangover symptoms and its effect on psychomotor skills of subjects who had been intoxicated.

Market studies conducted by two nationally recognized firms predict that sales of Vitaquil have the potential to reach annual sales of \$300 million in national and inter-



AT&T ANNOUNCES INNOVATIVE ENHANCEMENTS-Basking Ridge, N.J.-Thanks to AT&T SoundScan technology, AT&T customers placing calls using 1-800 CALL ATT from public facilities such as airports, hotels or busy street corners can now hear conversation even with heavy noise in the background. AT&T sound Scan is part of a series of technology innovations AT&T designed to improved the calling experience for its customers. Other new services include AT&T True Voice Plus, AT&T call organizers and AT&T International Redial. (Photo by Flex H. Bryant, Jr.)

Getting in and out of those airconditioned stores, which some seem to be set to the highest volume, has been a major task. Nevertheless, my Father shines His light upon His child continuously ... so much so, that some folks still think I can do more than I can

I am also thankful to my friend. Ms. Mary Weston, for her calls and prayers. The news from New York which she keeps abreast of and so willingly shares with me.

I often tell her some folks just do not like to write and can't afford the calls. She will probably stop dealing with those nonfunctional newspaper boxes and traveling across town to pick up her copy 2-THE "M" VOICE-SEPT. 17 - 28, 1997

A MISSICIL

Lending his pipes for cause



aconess Classic sponsors raise \$100,000 for Alzheimer's research, cancer treatment and independent living for senior citizens. Rawls has raised millions of dollars for Black colleges and needy children. He said that after a car crash years ago he became a better person.

WILL SMITH

Smith comes full circle



nickname and gone Hollywood, but the star of Independence Day and Men in Black isn't through with hip-hop music. After doing a rap ditty and video for Men in Black, Smith is working on his first album in nearly four years. Working without a rap partner now, the 28-yearold Grammy-winning entertainer is looking to repeat the success of Jazzy Jeff and Fresh Prince. His hits include summertime and Parents Just Don't Understand.

COOLIO

Coolio stays true to 'soul'



his record label and people around him to produce an album that would duplicate the level of success attained by 1995's Gangsta's Paradise. But instead of being swayed by public opinion, he allowed his vision to permeate the set lyric-and production-wise and achieved a personal goal that he believes has gone unattained since his debut set, It Takes a Thief was released in 1994

SIMPSON'S MOM

WAYS TO SHOW CHILDREN YOU CARE Con't. 58. Clip magazine pictures or articles that interest them. 59. Give them lots of compli-

ments 60. Catch them doing something

right. 61. Encourage win-win solutions. 62. Give them your undivided at-

- tention
- 63. Ask for their opinion.
- 64. Have fun together.
- 65. Be curious with them. 66. Introduce them to your
- friends and family. 67. Tell them how much you like
- being with them. 68. Let them solve most of their
- problems. 69. Meet their friends.
- 70. Meet their parents.
- 71. Let them tell you how they
- feel 72. Help them become an expert A. I Apologize
- at something.
- 73. Be excited when you see them.
- 74. Tell them about yourself.
- 75. Let them act their age.
- 76. Praise more; criticize less.
- 77. Be consistent.
- 78. Admit when you make a mis-
- take
- 79. Enjoy your time together. 80. Give them a special nickname
- L. Love you! 81. Marvel at what they can do. M. Marvelous!
- 82. Tell them how proud of them N. Nice
- you are.
- 83. Pamper them.
- 84. Unwind together.
- 85. Be happy.
- 86. Ask them to help you.
- 87. Support them.
- 88. Applaud their successes.
- 89. Deal with problems and con-
- flicts while they're still small.
- 90. Chaperone a dance. 91. Tell them stories in which
- they are the hero.
- 92. Believe in them.
- 93. Nurture them with good food, to
- good words, and good fun.
- 94. Be flexible.
- 95. Delight in their uniqueness.
- 96. Let them make mistakes.
- 97. Notice when they grow.
- 98. Wave and honk when you
- drive by them.
- 99. Give them immediate feed-
- back. 100. Include them in conversa-
- tions
- 101. Respect them.
- 102. Visit their schools.
- 103. Help them learn something new

104. Be understanding when they have had a difficult day.

- 105. Give them good choices. 106. Respect the choices they make
- 107. Be silly together.
- 108. Hang out together.
- 109. Make time to be with them.
- 110. Inspire their creativity.
- 111. Accept them as they are
- 112. Become their advocate.
- 113. Appreciate their personal- Subject Maintaining a good relationship



Mrs. Beatrice Maye

FRIENDLY WORDS MAKE

HAPPIER DAYS

B. Best Wishes! P. Pardon, please

G. Good Morning U. I Understand.

FAMILIES: How to Raise the

Perfect Parent

(Big insight from little kids into

what makes an ideal mom)

2. Be proud of me if I didn't get

3. When I am crying, say nice

4. Treat me like you treat your

5. Give me things to look forward

6. Please learn to respect my

8. Sometimes can you play with

once in a while, by myself, without

A REPORT CARD FOR PARENTS

(A self-evaluation for

parents to complete)

thing about your own personal re-

port card? Nobody has to sign it.

Nobody has to see it, unless you

want to share it. You will be sur-

card can improve over just a few

you're doing well I the subject;

circle "F" if you're not doing well at

Do you know what's the best

friends a little more, just as I re-

7. Let me get wet in the rain.

me instead of saying no?

all the answers correct.

C. Can do!

D. Delightful!

E. Excellent:

F. Fantastic!

J. Just great!

K. Keep it up!

H. Hello!

I. I care.

ing.

things

customers.

spect yours.

my sister.

ing it wrong"

O. Outstanding!

Q. Quite correct.

T. Thank you!

Very good!

W. Wonderful!

X. Excuse me!

Y. You are my

friend.

Z. Zero bad

R. Right!

S. Super!

Providing a quiet environment for study with privacy, good lighting and the right materials. A B C DI

Making a habit of going to the library so my children get plenty of practice in using the library. A B C DF

Requiring my children to do their own homework, but helping them when necessary with explanations. A B C D F

Taking an interest in their pursuits and showing pleasure and pride in their accomplishments. A BCDF

Reading aloud in the family (Aregularly, B-often, C-sometimes,

D-rarely, F-never). Encouraging my children to bring home classmates of different ethnic, religious or economic back-

grounds. A B C D F Teaching my children moral and ethical principles, such as fair play,

truth and respect for others. A B C D F Seeing that my children have

regular physical and dental checkups, plenty of exercise, good nutrition and enough rest. A B C D F Never pressuring them to go be-

yond their capacities, whether in schoolwork, athletics or other pursuits. A B C D F Enforcing reasonable, understandable rules about behavior. A

BCDF Showing respect for their ideas and preferences. A B C D F

WILLIAMSTON

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1. Listen to me when I am talkwithin the near future.

Grade ()

There is, to date, no plan outline regarding the annual Thanksgiving Breakfast. Some parents are simply going to have some time to give for two hours that morning. Being too busy elsewhere just won't allow the youth program to continue.

A call to a family member informed me Abraham Cordon was released from Beaufort County Hospital earlier today, Sept. 4.

All branch presidents and Mem-9. Take me somewhere special bership Committee chairpersons are invited to a meeting called by the State Conference of Branches, 10. Say "It would help if you do it NAACP, Melvin Alston, on Sept. 20 this way", instead of "You are do- at 1 p.m. at the St. Matthew AME Church in Raleigh. The church is located at 1629 Bennett St. The pastor, Marion Robinson, may be reached at (919) 821-7011.

Folks are reminded that the Prayer and Praise Program is still in effect every fourth Saturday (next one is Sept. 27) at Williams prised at how much your report Chapel AME Zion Church, 119 Rhodes St., Williamston. The pasmonths. Give it a try! Circle "A" if tor is George Blackwell.

> A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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COLECUS

Groccia has some type of pathologi-

al way to it." He continued, "...I know for a fact that this is not the

end of the Groccia saga. I hope to

God that it is. I get this eerie feel-

ing that this is a walking time

bomb for the Greenville Police De-

MICHAEL JORDAN

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will be felt for generations to

Other celebrities appearing in-

clude Leah Rabin, the widow of Is-

raeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

Rabin, who will offer a prayer for

peace before the dinner. Yitzhak

Rabin was assassinated in 1995

shortly after speaking at a peace

rally in Tel Aviv. He received the

Nobel Peace Prize in 1994 for his

efforts to ease ethnic tension in the

Shirley Caesar, a Grammy

Award-winning gospel singer, and

Loonis McGlohon, Charlotte pia-

nist and composer, will perform at

the dinner. Pam Saulsby, an an-

chor at WRAL-TV in Raleigh, will

preside over the evening's activi-

Children," a long-running child-ad-

different disciplines to work

collaboratively to strengthen fami-

lies. Its primary goal is to apply de-

and operation of programs helping

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nation.

views with officers, withessed a reporters and other officials in report, pointing out "In the context of this arrest situation, it is my opinion that Officer Groccia intended to strike Mr. Tyson on the radial nerve in his forearm to stun him as trained. Mr. Tyson was instructed to stop resisting, but would not comply. He made several arm motions toward his waist area on his right side. Officer Groccia was justified in the degree of force utilized," Dr. Ross concluded.

The incident had prompted leaders of Citizens Against Racism to call for Officer Groccia's dismissal. He was the same officer at the center of a 1995 claim of police brutality by CAR protesters. The city later settled a lawsuit resulting from that incident out of court for \$23,000.

The same officer was named in February in a lawsuit by a man claiming he was falsely imprisoned for resist, obstruction and delay charges when the would not answer the officer's questions about a ties. Saulsby is the host of "For the fight

CAR spokesman, Randy Royal, said of the decision, that he was saddened but not surprised, and lies brings together experts from pointed out that a more appropriate investigation would have involved community leaders. Royal said, "Mr. Groccia is going veloping knowledge to the design

to continue, unfortunately to say,

money through being sued. This

type of behavior being exhibited by

& Blood Drive

Mrs. Simpson falls ill



causing a court battle over a baby grand piano to be delayed.

The piano, allegedly belongs to O.J. Simpson's mother, but the Goldman family is trying to attach it.

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114. Talk openly with them. 115. Tolerate their interruptions.

- 116. Trust them.
- 117. Share a secret.

their sidewalk.

with my children's teachers. Grade (Circle One) A B C D F Attending parent-teacher conferences. A B C D F Following through when my chil-

118. Write a chalk message on dren need special help I a subject such as math or science. A B C D F



all.



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THE "M" VOICE-SEPT. 17 - 26, 1997-3 Many Homeless Children Left Behind At Preschoo

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Of the two to three million Americans who are homeless each year, 27 percent are children. According to a report recently released at a Capitol Hill press conference. many of the youngest homeless children will be left behind as their peers go back to school because they lack access to public preschool programs.

"Preschool has proven to be a critical first step in a solid education, a step which can help end the unhappy cycle of poverty and homelessness," said Maria Foscarinis, Executive Director of the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP), the

report. "Unfortunately, homeless children still do not always get the preschool education they deserve and which they are entitled to by U.S. law."

The Stewart B. McKinney Homelessness Assistance Act was amended in 1994 to allow homeless children access to publicly funded preschool programs.

The report, entitled Blocks to Their Future: A Report on the Barriers to Preschool Education for Homeless Children, is the first comprehensive look at homeless children's access to these programs since the McKinney Act was amended. The report is based on a survey of 93 State Coordinators of organization which compiled the Education for Homeless Children

Preschool Critical First Step In A Solid Education For Children

istrators and family shelter providers across the country.

The report finds that almost 50 percent of the family shelters surveyed said few or none of the eligible homeless children participate in preschool programs.

Other significant findings are: 60 percent of respondents identified the lack of available spaces in public preschool programs as a barrier to homeless children's enrollment in those programs; 70 percent of all respondents indicated that current federal, state and local funding is inadequate to meet the preschool needs of homeless children; and

and Youth, early childhood admin- many children who are enrolled are only able to access such programs because of private organizations have stepped in to fill the gap left by the government.

> Only 24 percent of the shelters surveyed have a preschool program, but they represent 64 percent of the programs that indicated that all or most of their residents attended preschool. When compared to other industrialized nations, the United States ranks near the bottom in the percentage of its children actually attending preschool, the report's authors said.

Despite problems, the report

made a difference for homeless children. Nearly 40 percent of all respondents noted an increase in the number of homeless children participating in public preschool programs. Although some of this growth may be due to a rising number of homeless children, a large part of the growth is due to increased outreach efforts by some state and local officials.

As a result of the report, the Law Center called for increased funding for the McKinney Act Education Program and Head Start, vigorous monitoring and enforcement of compliance with the McKinney Act Education Program mandates by the U.S. Department of Education, and greater White House support.

Representative Louise McIntosh

crucial role in the p education amendments to the McKinney Act, joined the Law Cen-

ter in releasing the report. "In 1990, I fought for and passed a law to provide grants to states for transportation for homeless children, to set up before-school and afterschool programs and to provide them with school supplies and a hot meal," said Slaughter. "We are on the right track, but as the report shows, we have miles to go before homeless children have access to the education they need."

Attend The **Church Of** Your Choice!



AT MARTIN COUNTY AUDITORIUM-Sister Sandra McCleary and Bro. George Buck White are seen here at the Martin County Auditorium. Sister Sandra directs the W.C. Chance Center in Robersonville and teaches school, while Bro. Buck White operates Signature Barber Shop in Williamston. (Im Rouse Photo)





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Credo of the Black Press

The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and natural antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human rights. Hating no person, fearing no person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

Growing Up Fast

Some black families who made ing about ticket prices. their annual pilgrimages to amusement parks this summer and fall up at the gate.

It wasn't that prices had gone up. That has become a recognized fact of entertainment life at these enclaves of fantasy, like \$2 "small" fountain soft drinks and \$4.50 hot dogs.

One expects to drop a fortune at these places, and generally comes prepared to do so. The dad who reacts with shocked amazement every time he gets hit with a bill of \$20 for a bit of food and a gulp of liquid for himself and his entourage isn't going to make many friends or get much sympathy, either from his fellow travelers or his own family.

summer that was just going too far where can I get them jobs so they for some of the local tourists we have talked to.

Walking up to the ticket window after sweltering in outrageously long lines for an inordinate amount of time, many a family of mom, dad and two kids was hit with a whopping entry fee for four "adults."

Since time immemorial (well, at least as long as most folks are willing to admit being able to remember, the "adult" fare has been 12.

Maybe it came from the biblical we agree. cutoff point of when a young man or woman was able to accept responsibility in the community—at 13.

But as long as anyone can remember-during the days of the circus, the long lines at county fairs and movie houses, and yes, at amuse- teeth and pay up. ment parks, the cutoff point between

When they got to the ticket window this year, however, they found were in for a shock when they lined out that a number of venues, apparently in unison, had come up with a new age for "adulthood." Seven.

> Yes, we were surprised, too. And you can imagine the incredulity with which that announcement was greeted, particularly by folks from the community who had made the trek of several hours to get there.

> Many a family arrived with an eight-year-old and a 10-year-old in tow, thinking they had two children, only to be told they were mistaken. What they had was two adults, and they needed to pony up or move on.

At least one irate father was heard But a new indignity surfaced this to intone that "If these are adults, can help pay for these tickets?"

Strange how little humor "amusement" establishment employees can dredge up at moments like these. They doubtless knew in advance how outrageous the new line of demarcation was, and ready with their only defense: stonewalling and repeating "policy."

It is an outrageous excuse to squeeze those few extra dollars from cutoff age between "child" and hardworking parents who have little recourse once they get to the gate,

But what is there to do? We could organize boycotts and marches, but the fact of the matter is that, like the aforementioned hot dogs and drinks (not to mention \$17 tee shirts and hats), folks will probably grit their

After all, it is the '90s. We need all



Racism Still Impacts Lives

BY TREY BANKHEAD

I know, I know...;the title of this column simply did not surprise you, right? You've read it all before...How the White man is oppressing us, so you're expecting yet another ranting article about the injustice of racism.

Well, you're right...but not in the way you might think. Recently, I discussed the matter of racism and prejudice with one of my classes. My class listed all the old arguments, all of the indignities "they" have done to "us." They defined "prejudice" as "a fear of people who are different from what is considered normal," and as "hatred of one group by another." While the class seemed to think that dating outside one's race causes more problems than it is worth, there seemed to be no controversy regarding simple friendships with people of other races.

Life is so simple I the classroom.

I encountered racism this past week. When it happened, I discovered just how well I did not know someone I had once called a friend. The situation surprised and angered me, and I was shocked at the intensity of my surprise. I mean, why should I be surprised that racism still exists? I'm a Black man living in the South. So, you'd think I'd be used to racism, right?

Black person does the same thing to somebody White. Then, they justify it by saying "They do it to us." But, does that make it any more RIGHT, just because we're doing it now? If so, then all the oppression we've taken over the years has been justified

An old saying goes: "You do not defeat an enemy by becoming him." In other words, if we stoop to the same level as those who actually are oppressing us, we will make the same mistakes. Also, if we hate ALL White people for the actions of a few, then how are we any different from the Klan? The Skinheads? The Nazis? The answer "they did it to us" doesn't make it any more right. People are different. Those differences exist, and must be accepted.

I'll close by quoting actor George Takei: "We have to recognize diversity not as a problem or something that is going to divide us, but as the very thing that makes it possible for us to survive.'



KILLER COPS: OUT OF CONTROL By Dr. Manning Marable

Along the Color Line

Black Americans were outraged last month with the brutal torture of a young black man in Brooklyn by New York City police officers. Abner Louima, a 30-year-old Haitian immigrant employed as a security guard, was arrested after an altercation with police. Once he had arrived at the precinct, Louima was viciously assaulted. Louima was raped with the wooden handle of a toilet plunger up his rectum, and then in his mouth, breaking his teeth. The police officers screamed racist epithets as they worked on Louima. One attacker even shouted, "This is Giuliani time, not Dinkins time," a reference to Republican Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's predecessor, black liberal Democrat David Dinkins. Released in critical condition, the same cop threatened Louima that he would kill him and his family if the incident became known.

the full adult ticket price and the the diversion we can get, no matter much greater savings one received how much it costs us. for a child's fare was "12 and under."

thought to question it when inquir- be great!

It was so ingrained in the Ameri- amusement park business: After a can consciousness that few people jolt like that, your place had better

Son Of Blaxploitation

been used to describe what are, de- bers? pending on your orientation, some of ences, where they can see themselves as empowered heroes.

After a brief, very successful run in the '70s and early '80s, the genre gia seem to be breathing new life conventions. into the art form.

flock to movie houses where they are don refreshing and soothing. being depicted in such a demeaning light, but the fact is that they are doing just that.

There are films like Malcolm X, Rosewood, Mandela, Sarafina and the like. But black folks line up to see Juice, Boyz N the Hood, Dead Presidents, Booty Call and Friday.

And the original "blaxploitation" epics, like Sweet Sweetback's Baaadass Song, Shaft, Superfly, Coffy, and Blackula, have taken on in respectable numbers in your local video stores.

Why this fascination with pimps, more popular.

But a word to the wise in the

The term, "Blaxploitation," has "ho's," drug dealers and armed rob-

The genre's defenders say the rethe most stereotypical, degrading vival is no different from the maintrash since Stepin Fetchit, or great stream audience's fascination with fun produced by and for black audi- Fast Times at Ridgemont High, Ferris Bueller's Day Off, or any of the Cheech and Chong epics that kids nowadays have rediscovered.

Those movies were mindless, full seemed destined for oblivion. But so- of sex, drugs, and rock and roll, with cial conditions and just plain nostal- little regard for authority or moral

A generation that has spent years Critics rail about the decline in being lectured to about the avoiding values and the fact that black audi- pitfalls and political incorrectness at ences still seem so determined to every turn finds their mindless aban-

> Thus it is with young (and not-soyoung) black theatre-goers, we are told. They know what is good and what is right. They know they have a duty to uplift the race.

> But it is fun to go out and sit through a movie that will make you laugh and feel good, where you don't have to spend every minute thinking. One has to do too much of that at school, they say. Not to mention life.

Those of us who admire good cin-"cult classic" status and are pulling ema and good examples may deplore this trend as much as we want.

But we will only make it that much



mes did not beco ne common in after the Revolutionary War.

A few days ago, I was talking with a Black friend about a trip my wife and I had recently taken to Atlanta. During the trip, we stayed with some friends. While I was telling Penny about all the things we and our friends had done, she listened. However, at one point, she interrupted, and, with an icy tone, asked me: "What race are your friends?"

Not knowing the point of the question, I told her "White." Right after I told her that, Penny became angry and distant. She no longer wanted to discuss the trip, and kept trying to change the subject.

It was then that I realized how little I really knew her. I tried to discuss the matter with her, to find out why she was so angry with me about this, but she refused to discuss it. Later, when I spoke with her again, she pretended nothing had happened. But I know now that, no matter what, things will never be the same. Penny has a problem with White people. And she now has a problem with me for having White friends. And what scares me the most about the whole situation is that she is pregnant. What lessons of hatred is she going to teach her unborn baby girl? As a bumper sticker I've seen says, "Hate is NOT a family value."

It is really so hard to believe that, sometimes, people DO get along? People usually assume the worse about people. My Black female friend was angered by my having White friends. Why? These are people who have supported me when I needed uplifting. My wife and I feel we can discus pretty much anything with them. We trust them. In a very real sense, they are family to us. Should we give up this support simply because they're white? True, there are some experiences they will never understand, because they are not black. Likewise, there are some things WE won't understand either, because we're not White. But, unlike with my "friend," we can discuss those differences without anyone being offended! We argue about politics, morality, religion, and parenting. We don't agree on everything, but that's okay, too. Each of us have our own ideas and experiences to bring to the relationship.

That is what makes our friendship work: Our differences. Our uniqueness. Each person's individuality adds something to the relationship. They are our friends because of who the ARE, not because of their skin color!

As a teacher, I see a lot of Black students saying how they "hate White people" and that "Whits aren't worth anything." The whole point of the Civil Rights movement was to gain equal rights, and for people to be judged on their abilities, not their color. It was about the fight for freedom from racism. How can we expect to ever get there if we're now doing the same thing? We can't expect people to treat us with equality if we don't respect people's differences

I wonder what whoever ends up teaching Penny's daughter is going to have to deal with. I have the hardest time convincing my students that racism is wrong no matter who is doIng it. They'll complain when they're discriminated against by White people, but many of them will applaud if a

However, the public outcry over this case was so overwhelming and immediate that Giuliani had no alternative except to distance himself from his pals in the NYPD. Several police officers were arrested, while their supervisors rere both transferred and suspended.

As sickening as the Louima case is, it is not unusual. Throughout metropolitan New York and across the country, there are similar incidents of police brutality and murder. This pervasive pattern of police violence has also led to hundreds of black and Latino public demonstrations and protests, calling for justice.

For example, in New York City on June 28, 1996, 10,000 people marched down Fifth Avenue from 59th Street to the United Nations, in a demonstration protesting "the burning of black churches and police brutality." Singing, "We Shall Overcome" and "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Us Around," the marchers represented a range of religious, labor and civil rights organizations. In the Bronx, protesters outraged at the shootings of two Hispanic young men by the police staged a "boisterous sit-in" in October 1995, outside the Bronx District Attorney's office.

On June 13, 1996, in Brooklyn, Aswan Keshawn Watson, an unarmed 21-year-old black male, was killed by two white plainclothes officers who fired 18 bullets into him. Activists in central Brooklyn held a mass forum on Aug. 5, 1996, charging Watson's death as "evidence of blatant police contempt." On May 2, a Brooklyn grand jury found that these officers "were justified in believing themselves to be in danger" when they mistakenly judged Watson's car steeringwheel lock for a gun.

In Patterson, N.J., in February 1995, teenagers led a demonstration outside that city's police headquarters to protest the killing of a 16-year-old boy by a rookie police officer. In Staten Island on May 1, 1994, hundreds of school children, parents and working people marched in the Clifton section of the borough to protest the death of Ernest Savon, who allegedly was fatally beaten by police. To publicize the scores of police shootings of black and Latino young men in metro New York since 1993, several mothers' groups and community activists have organized annual protests on the theme, "Racial Justice Day." The April rally brought 300 protesters to City Hall Park. As the demonstration moved uptown toward Washington Square Park, chanting, "The people united will never be defeated," hundreds of onlookers joined the march, growing the estimated number of protesters to 1,000.

"Arise, O Men Of God"



MOMENT TO FELLOWSHIP-Taking a few moments to just fellowship with each other following an inspsirational morning worship service, Elder John Barnes (seated left) and Bishop Randy Royal (seated center) are jolined in comraderie by elder Booker Ellis (standing center) and Deacons Calvin Houpe and Ronald Lee. (Haywood Johnson Photo)

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The first African-American graduate of Duke University says she is excited to attend and participate in her 30th class reunion.

According to her, graduating from Duke represents a very important milestone not only in her life, but in the lives of residents in the Durham community, and the Duke University family as well.

Durham who currently lives in Atlanta, said last week that she an-

toric, yet fun-filled moment." This year's theme, "Surfin' With 1967. the Blue Devils," held this past Dr. tivities: lunches, information sessions, tours and "A Conversation

Dr. Mary M. Harris, a native of with President Nan Keohane."

Dr. Harris was one of five African-American students to integrate ticipated the gathering to be a "his- Duke in 1963, and graduated a semester early, before her class of

Dr. Harris is also the author of weekend, included an array of ac- numerous books, curricula, and producer of education videos and tapes





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Exhibit Hall Open for Entries1:00-5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

Exhibit Hall Open for Entries1:00-5:00 p.m.

MONDAY - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6TH-10TH

Government Highway Safety Exhibit: Near the East Carolina Village of Yesteryear.



MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH

The Daily Reflector Family Night - Clip a special fair coupon from The Daily Reflector for a one dollar discount per person at the gate. (Children admitted free with parents). Option night: Wristbands inside gate are \$10.00 or you may purchase individual ride tickets.

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Exhibit Hall Open Handicapped Children9:30-11:30 a.m.
Gates Open
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH

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Gates Open
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Midway Opens4:00 p.m.
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DOING 'HER THING'-Sister Becky Branch, owner and operator of Renue Salon, is shown (standing) doing "Her Thing", helping to make our nubian sisters beautiful. From the contented look on this





FROM OUR ARCHIVE-Shown above is the late publisher of THE CAROLINIAN Newspaper, P. R. Jervay, Sr., who is responsible for Bro. Jim Rouse being in Greenville today. Bro. Rouse and the staff of the "M" Voice salute this great African American, who paved the way for the Black Press in the Tarheel State. (Jim Rouse Photo)

LWV Tells Of Voter Registration Drive

The League of Women Voters of Pitt County announces that it will conduct a voter registration drive at the PAVA Fair at the Plaza Mall on Saturday, 20 Sept. 1997 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All newcomers to Pitt County, and all other residents who have changed their address, their name, or party affiliation are welcome to come by the LWV booth for a registration form. General information on Pitt County League will also be displayed and available. Feel free to contact Amina at 931-4484.

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