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EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA'S MINORITY VOICE-SINCE 1981

## “We Need Love” To Be Presented On Area Stages By Futuretrenz

The Kinston stage has become synonymous with good theatrical experiences. *We Need Love* was originally presented and workshoped at Grainger-Hill Performing Arts Center in 1994, artistic producer Ronn Sheddick. It is now cast with professional New York talent and set to begin its national tour. Written by North Carolina School of The Arts alumnus, Gregory LeGrand Kerns, it stars Jay Brevard as Jamie Martin, a former Golden Gloves turned writer and Charlene Modeste as Daisy, his girlfriend and an aspiring gospel singer who feels she is living in sin. Daisy, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina with a cum laude degree in marketing. Ian Eaton appears in the role of Hafeel,

Jamie and Daisy's friend and roommate. Hafeel speaks with a pseudo-nigerian accent and his real name is Harold (Ha) Fields (Feel), and he is a Bishopville, South Carolina native. He is a cartoonist by trade, and Jamie and Daisy are the closest thing to family that Hafeel will allow in his life, even though he was raised with nine brothers and sister “all living on top of each other with no plans of the future.” Then there is Reginald Daring the last of the great playboys of the world played by Ray Thomas. Reginald is earning well over six figures as a pro basketball player and exclaims, “You can't be so nice to them. Otherwise you won't get anywhere. Know what I'm saying?” Everything for Jamie and Daisy

seems to be going great and Jamie has developed to the point where he is ready to get married and thus end the internal turmoil that Daisy is suffering. That is, until their old college friend Charlene Lawes (played by Angela Nirvana) comes to visit, escaping her farther and matrimony. Her father wants her to marry Roger because he wants to merge Roger's father's handbag company with his cosmetic company and feels that the marriage will seal the deal. But Charlene doesn't want to marry a “geek”. Charlene's father insists that she can learn to love Roger as his wife, Charlene's mother learned to love him, or else he is going to cut her off financially. Ms. Lott attempts to set matters straight but is no

match for the hilarious mishaps and things to come. Daisy facing a moment of crisis, finds her strength in the spirit of the Lord. *We Need Love* is set in 1997 in Atlanta, Ga. The play explores the many different aspects and types of love. As Jamie articulates, “We need love. We need spiritual love, platonic love, physical love and brotherly love. Some of us only want it in small doses from casual acquaintances. Some of us want it from the same familiar face day in and day out. But, we all need love.” As in life, in *We Need Love* we find everybody looking for love; but also, as in life, everyone wants it on their own terms. Jamie wants

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**PROUD PARENTS**—Brother Arlee and Sister Earlene Griffin, proud parents of JOY 1340's own “Gospel Mix Party” host, Reggie Price, are shown following an inspirational morning worship service. These smiles reflect the JOY that's on the inside. (Jim Rouse Photo)

## NUL Leader Tells 3 Parts Of Dream

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Hugh B. Price, president of the National Urban League, addressed the opening session of the league's 87th annual conference recently.

Education, economic opportunity and compassion are the three ingredients that make up the foundation of the American dream, Price said.

“Every ethnic group that has survived and thrived in the face of adversity views education as the cornerstone of their success,” Price told the audience. “They out-learn, out-prepare, outwit and outwork all who would do them in. They operate on the leading edge of technological and scientific knowledge to maintain a competitive edge. So must we!”

If the system fails, he warned, “public education cannot shield itself from changes that are sweeping society. If urban schools continue to fail, customers will be obliged to shop elsewhere for quality education.”

He called for a “clear-eyed and unsentimental” approach to the fight over affirmative action. The three-lane turnpike to education has been scaled back to two, he said.

“Only two lanes are left: traffic flow and the passing lane. Prefer-

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**THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER—STAYS TOGETHER**—Shown here (l-r), Anthony Miller, his wife Nikki and their two youngsters, and Sister Mavis and Brother Raymond “Cookie” Williams (proud grandparents of these future world leaders). Three generations of love and joy experienced through family unity. (Jim Rouse Photo)

## Williamston Whistlings

By Joyce Gray

Contributing Writer

**WILLIAMSTON**—The message hasn't gotten through to a lot of the young folk yet that many things are taking place daily to turn the clock backward for the African-American population.

As I was asked several “whys” by

one young man whom I have only seen a few times earlier today, I had the assistance of another young man a few years his senior, who had to spend many summers in the country with his grandmother who taught him about hard work, as well as some bits of history.

Yesterday was one of those days I had to have some answers in life. So after waiting, writing, calling as to why membership cards were not arriving to Martin County's post office box for 15 months, I finally got to speak to one of the right persons in the headquarters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. She even gave me a date of mailing.

So, somewhere between the post office in Baltimore and Williamston post office box, all cards disappeared each month. Someone is definitely in a position that seems so secure that there is no worry about covering tracks when either destroying mail or misdirecting it.

All those years in which I did home delivery of The CAROLINIAN, there was the feeling that it was me someone was trying to hurt—personally.

Now, of course, I am not the Martin County branch. I may be one of the few who have never ceased to speak out, wear a tee-shirt, button, pin or ask for a membership, but shall I leave this world anytime soon, hopefully some activity will continue until there is no further need for a civil rights organization.

I publicly admit my being annoyed that seeking help from those who were supposed to assist me with such findings, failed to do so, and those words, “Call me if you need me,” are some I don't ever

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## Five Named To President's Initiative On Race Staff

Judith Winston, executive director of the President's Initiative on Race, last week announced the appointment of five senior members to its staff.

The new members are Lin Liu, deputy director for policy planning and research; Michael Wenger, deputy director for outreach and program development; and Claire Gonzales, deputy director for communications.

Also joining the initiative are Audrey Hutchinson, chief of staff, and Robert Wexler, general counsel.

Ms. Winston also announced that Laura Harris, executive vice president of Americans for Indian Opportunity, will serve as a senior consultant to the advisory board and the initiative staff.

The second meeting of the initiative's seven-member advisory board is scheduled for Tuesday. The White House has announced that President Clinton will attend part of the meeting.

The agenda will include presentations of demographic data on the U.S. population and social science research on race and prejudice.

Dr. John Hope Franklin, chairman of the advisory board, and Ms. Winston will also report on recent activities of the initiative and discuss coming plans.

Commenting on the additions to her staff, Ms. Winston said, “I am delighted by the caliber of experience and expertise that these individuals bring to this endeavor. I

was fortunate to receive an overwhelming amount of interest from exceptionally well qualified candidates, which made the selection process difficult. I am confident, however, that we have assembled a strong team that is capable of accomplishing the president's goals for this initiative.”

Ms. Liu has more than eight years of experience in immigration and immigrant policy, having worked at the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Office of Management and Budget and the Rand Corporation, a research institution focusing on public policy issues. She most recently was the assistant commissioner for policy at the INS, where she led the task force on welfare reform issues.

Prior to joining the initiative, Wenger was the Washington representative for the Appalachian Regional Commission, acting as the liaison for the 13 governors representing the Appalachian region, tracking legislative issues and helping to develop policies to promote economic development in the Appalachian states.

Before serving with the commission, Wenger held several positions in the state of West Virginia, including commissioner for the Department of Employment Security, deputy commissioner of operations for the Department of Welfare and chief of the Division of Community Development in the Office of the Governor.

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**GENERATIONS CONVERSE**—Brother Rodney White (l) and his constant companion, his daughter, Mia, and Deacon David Merritt (c) take a moment to enjoy counsel with Deacon F. H. Mebane (r) on the campus of Philippi Church of Christ. “Your young men shall dream dreams; the old men have visions.” A combination that keeps cooperation, love, and respect between the generations of these Men of God. (Jim Rouse Photo)



**RETURNS TO THE RADIO**—Lil' Buddy Jones has returned to doing what he does best, announcing on Radio Station WTOW in Washington, North Carolina, following a lengthy recuperation. The entire JOY 1320 crew is glad to welcome Lil' Buddy back to the airways. (Jim Rouse Photo)



## Affinity: Perspectives

by  
Dee Apetsi and Jackie Bowrier Harper

Dear Jackie and Dee:

I am a born again Christian and love the Lord. Recently, I met a handsome Christian man who loves God, has a secure job, and admires me and my children. I always thought that I would flip if I met a man with these qualities. Don't get me wrong. I do want a man with these qualities, but I don't want this one. My friends and family think I am making a big mistake. What's wrong with me?

Everything I Always Thought I Wanted

Dear Everything:

It is interesting that you didn't mention anything about chemistry between the two of you. Even though chemistry isn't everything in a relationship, it does play a major part. Pray about the situation and give it some time. In every good relationship, time set aside for friendship adds sparkle to both parties involved.

Jackie

Dear Everything:

Listen to Jackie. That lack of "chemistry" Jackie is referring to is your spirit sending you signals...they are red flags that you should not ignore. It sounds like he's a real nice guy...maybe just not for you. As for your friends and family, don't be pressured into a relationship you know will fail...you define the relationship...be friends! Oh, and incidentally, tell him you know this great gal who writes a newspaper column.

Dee

Dear Jackie and Dee:

I have a very good friend who is engaged. It is common knowledge that her fiancée is on crack. I would like to talk to her about it, but I don't want to destroy our friendship. What can I do?

Helpless

Dear Helpless:

If it is common knowledge in the community, what is it that you want to discuss? Chances are, your friend knows already. An unselfish thing to do is to risk a friendship to help a friend. Making yourself available if and when your friend wants to talk is something you can do. Who knows, she may want to discuss it with you but would feel more comfortable if you mention it first.

Jackie

Dear Helpless:

Love is not only blind, sometimes it can be downright dangerous! A crack head will steal from his mamma to support his habit. He's probably draining your friend dry, too, if she has not succumbed to its lure already. Why not suggest they attend a pre-marital seminar? Phillip and Community Christian churches are two that are well-recommended. In the meantime, be supportive, but not a martyr. They are in my prayers.

Dee

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Ms. Gonzales joins the initiative from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, where she served as the director of the Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs since April 1994.

Prior to joining the administration, Ms. Gonzales was senior civil rights policy analyst for the National Council of La Raza for four years. She also has experience in the private sector, where she practiced law with the firm of Baker & Botts in Houston, Texas from 1986 to 1989.

Ms. Harris, who is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, has been with AIO, a New Mexico-based organization devoted to issues relating to tribal leadership and governance, for the past five years.

Both Ms. Hutchinson and Wexler held senior positions in the U.S. Department of Education prior to joining the initiative. Ms. Hutchinson was most recently the special assistant to the acting under secretary, overseeing day-to-day management of the department.

Wexler was special counsel and executive assistant to the general counsel at the Education Department. Prior to that, he worked for 12 years as an attorney in the department's Division of Business and Administrative Law.

The President's Initiative on Race may be contacted by writing to: the New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Room 3236, Washington, D.C. 20503, or by calling (202) 395-1010.

## NUL

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ably the passing lane or else they will inhale exhaust fumes of students who are racing toward opportunity.

"Children must understand that 'dissing' education is tantamount to a death warrant for their dreams."

Price also announced a "Campaign for African-American Achievement," which will join forces with the Congress of National Black Churches, a dozen sororities and fraternities, civic clubs and professional groups.

"Convincing our children that achievement matters is the number one task for the campaign," he said.

One of its first commitments will be to expand the recognition of teenagers "Doing the Right Thing" into a community-wide celebration.

The second will be to challenge educators and elected officials to deliver for children, he said.

"As consumers of public education, we can no longer accept the status quo in urban schools. Too many of our kids are served miserably to allow it to continue," he said.

He issued a warning to all involved in urban schools about the "revolutionary forces" that are now at work, noting that some districts are replacing entire faculties of failing schools.

"We Urban Leaguers believe passionately in public education. But make no mistake. We love our children even more. They, not the school they attend, are our destiny," he added.

## from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye

## TO THE EDITOR

President Clinton, who climbed the steps of Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, Thursday, Sept. 25, 1997, made these statements in the *NEWS & OBSERVER*, Friday, Sept. 26, 1997, "but while it has a different face, discrimination remains virulent today." "There are still people who can't get over it, who can't let it go, who can't go through the day unless they have somebody else to look down on."

Let's list five ways to make the world nicer:

All of us are guilty at one time or another of an insensitive remark, a thoughtless gesture or an impatient blast of the horn - unkindness that inspires ill humor in others. Try more frequently to make gestures that cause a ripple effect of goodwill and you will have done your part to make the planet a better place.

1. Do something that isn't required.

2. Give it up - your seat on the bus, your place in a supermarket checkout line, your dominance of the television remote control.

3. Help out a needy stranger. Serve meals in a soup kitchen. Volunteer to read to the blind. Visit a nursing home regularly.

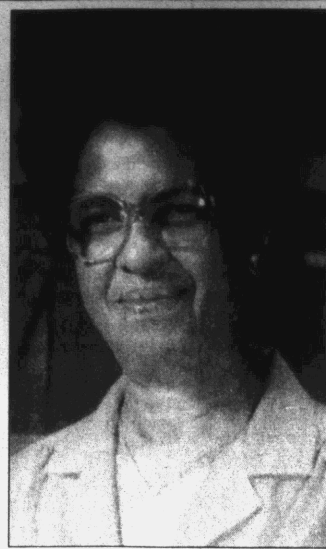
4. Bite your tongue. Do not ask: How old she is. If she's pregnant. Why doesn't he marry that girl. Do they plan to have children. How much does she weigh.

5. Strew lots of compliments. Send a heartfelt note of congratulations when you hear of a pal's latest achievement of unexpected fortune. Praise someone's appearance.

"It is usually best to be generous with praise, but cautious with criticism" QUIPS AND QUOTES by E. C. McKenzie

Hoop Screams. (Men's Wearing of Earrings) Rebecca Johnson From: *Gentlemen's Quarterly*, April 1997 v67n4, p. 84.

Abstract: Straight men, especially those over 25 years old, who wear earrings either want to stay



Mrs. Beatrice Maye

or feel young. It is also their way, though subconsciously, of putting off as far as genuine commitment and marriage is concerned.

Earring Aide (Celebrities who wear earrings) (Style Watch) (Column) Brief Article, Janice Min

Get a grip, gang. These days, studs and hoops, plus bolder, dangling earrings adorn the lobes of rugged as well as the radical. Witness twinkle-eared basketball great Michael Jordan, baseball's David Justice, tennis's Andre Agassi and Argentinian World Cup star Diego Maradona.

At Gauntlet, a New York City Piercing shop, manager Mark Seitchik counts among his clients "everyone from a retired State Supreme Court judge to 18-year-old street punks." That's good news for single women, at least according to comedian Rita Rudner. Men with earrings "make great husbands," Rudner says "because they're used to pain and they're used to buying jewelry." Take that, Ollie.

Hold the Earrings, Excuses and Ebonics, Tuskegee coach Ben Jobe, from Knight-Rider Tribune News Service, Jan. 20, 1997

"If you plan to live in the ghetto all your life," Jobe says, "then you

can use all the Ebonics you want." There's a but, of course. "But if you want to make it in mainstream society, then forget Ebonics. You know, sometimes, we, as Black people, are our own worst enemy."

Jobe's house of ethics and etiquette at Tuskegee is strict and straightforward for his players. No Ebonics, no earrings, no excuses. When you come here, Jobe says, I don't go for that ghetto stuff. You come here, that ghetto stuff is out. "So are dreadlocks and disrespect.

Jobe does not use cursing as a motivational ploy. And he doesn't yell or scream or holler. He is very calm.

Jobe longs for the reinstatement of the military draft for disciplinary reasons, he is for the death penalty; and he is vehemently against gangsta rap. "We're in a very permissive society," Jobe says, "where we have all these excuses, and we're letting kids run loose like animals. We've got to get a hold of these young people." And hold those earrings, excuses, and Ebonics. That's the Book of Jobe.

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Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1997 at 4:15 p.m.Dubber-Laney Woods; Best Road  
Thursday, Oct. 9, 1997 at 4:00 p.m.Hopkins Park; Middle of Hopkins Park  
Friday, Oct. 10, 1997 at 3:30 p.m.Meadowbrook; Dudley St.  
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## "An American Cafe" To Be Performed On E.C.U. Campus

*An American Cafe*, an original play based on the personal stories and experiences of Pitt County residents, will be performed in Fletcher Auditorium at East Carolina University in Greenville on Friday, Nov. 7, 1997, at 8 p.m. A multimedia and interactive production, *An American Cafe* brings to life the hopes and dreams of Eastern North Carolina citizens.

In a coffee shop, a group of people of different cultural perspectives learn how to build community through sharing stories and listening to each other. In the play, we will meet for example Lavinia, a laptop-toting black woman who has hit the corporate glass ceiling; Carlos, a Mexican who went from migrant to industrial manager; Ruth, an older white woman who has had her share of good and hard times

**Dollars & Sense**  
by Bryon Elson

**IN THE NEWS:** Nearly 104,000 Florida credit union members signed a petition during a 30-day drive urging a state's congressional delegation to support H.R. 1151, the Credit Union Membership Access Act.

To illustrate the significance of the number, the Florida Credit Union League held a press conference where it displayed a peanut for each signature — more than 530 pounds of peanuts in all. An accompanying sign read: "We're Just Peanuts to the Banks, But You'd Be Nuts to Ignore Us."

More than 90 U.S. Representatives have signed up as co-sponsors of H.R. 1151. The bill, introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives March 20 (boy, do these guys move slow!), would protect the right of federal credit unions to extend their services to groups too small to form their own credit union.

growing up in the south; and Rachel, a young Jewish girl whose family members perished in the Holocaust. All come together in this play that blends humor, pathos, and activism. The play is free to the public due to grants from the North Carolina Humanities Council, the Perkins Trust and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

This innovative production is an outgrowth of the project, *What Does America Mean To Me?*, initiated in May of 1996 by PeopleAct, a community theater organization, and the EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY Multicultural Literature Program, in collaboration with the Greenville theater Arts Center. The project was initiated by a grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council to conduct three "conversation groups" made of a diverse cross-section of Pitt County residents who shared their experiences, ideas, and stories of being American.

*An American Cafe* takes these stories, along with responses from the audience, to present a new vision for the 21st century. In this way, we begin to create a living space for us to talk, laugh, and share our feelings on what it means to be an American today.

*An American Cafe* will also play at the following dates and locations: Thursday, Oct. 9th, Ayden Community Theater; Saturday, Oct. 11th, New Bern Civic Theatre (as part of the Chrysanthemum Festival); Saturday, Oct. 18th, DelMastro Auditorium at the Wilson Technical Community College; Friday, Nov. 7th, Fletcher Auditorium, East Carolina University, Greenville; Saturday, Nov. 8th, Moore Hall, UNC-Pembroke; Saturday, Nov. 15th, The Little Theatre, Elizabeth City State University.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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.

**Holy Trinity United Holy Church** celebrates the 18th Pastoral Anniversary of their beloved pastor, Bishop Ralph Love, Sr., Sept. 28 - Oct. 5. Services held nightly beginning at 7:30 p.m. Speakers include: Elder E. L. Lawson (Faith Temple United Holy Church, Wilson); Elder Manuel Stancil (Providence United Holy Church, Raleigh); Elder Norman Johnson (Evergreen United Holy Church, Washington, N.C.); Rev. Blake Phillips (English Chapel Church, Greenville); and Minister Ralph Love, Jr., (Judge's Tabernacle and Mt. Zion Churches). On Sunday, Oct. 5, Rev. Charles Leake will deliver the sermon for the 11 a.m. morning worship and Bishop

Frank Williams, his choir, and congregation of the New Jerusalem Cathedral in Greensboro, will be guests for the 5 p.m. service.

**Union Grove** (Route 3, Farmville) will observe Homecoming/Quarterly Meeting Services Oct. 3-6, with Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Holy Communion at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday; and morning worship at 11 a.m. Sunday. Elder J. H. Wilkes, Pastor, will deliver the morning message; the Senior choir and Senior Ushers will also serve. A Fellowship Dinner at 3 p.m.

**Holy Mission United Holy Church** (1811 South Pitt Street) will host a Minister's Conference, Oct. 6-10, beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Speakers include: Missionary Mary Bridge, Monday; Missionary Mary Tyson, Tuesday; (both of Holy Mission); Evangelist Mary Carmon of Clemmons Grove, Wednesday; Sister Debra Streeter, Mt. Zion; Thursday, and Evangelist Annie Corbitt of Holy Mission on Friday.

**Victory Deliverance Center** (Maury, N.C.) will host a gospel musical program at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 5, to benefit the church's Building Fund. Songs of Praise will be rendered by: Big John & the Cross Jordan Singers of Rocky Mount; Brother John Lindsey and the Male Chorus of Washington Branch Free Will Baptist Church of Snow Hill; and Matthew Jones and The Gospel gems of Hookerton.

**The Evidence Of Faith Evangelistic Church** (416 South Main Street, Farmville): Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11:15 a.m.; Intercessory Prayer & Bible Study Tuesdays at 10 a.m., and Evangelistic Teaching Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

**York Memorial AME Zion**

**Church** (201 Tyson Street) announces "1997 Homecoming & Heritage Celebration", Oct. 10, 11, & 12. Planned activities include: A Prayer Vigil each Wednesday at 7 p.m., A Semi-Formal Black & White keynote speaker. Bishop George F. Battle will deliver the sermon at the 11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship service. A Gospel Caravan will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

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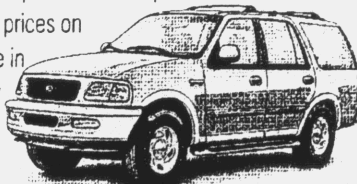
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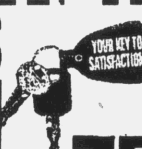
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We told you so.

There were those who said we in the black press were being hysterical and paranoid when we started talking two years ago about where the current trend in rhetoric would lead.

We said then that, now that it was okay to trash affirmative action and to say out loud again that blacks really were genetically inferior (*The Bell Curve*), the old segregationist, white-supremacist arguments would return to the public forum before long.

That was silly, some said. We were talking about apples and oranges. These were new issues, and to compared them with the old segregationist days was just plain tasteless.

Well, last week, U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms made our point for us, in spades (so to speak).

Helms, commenting on the state of public education, said that integration—or rather, forced busing to achieve integration—had ruined our schools.

Talking to a reporter for the Charlotte Observer, and commenting on the 40th anniversary of school desegregation, he said that the whole thing had been a “colossal failure,” and pointed specifically to Raleigh’s Ligon and Broughton High Schools as prime examples.

After busing started and all those

Ligon students invaded that nice, respectable school, he said, things took a turn for the worse. Discipline at Broughton “is impossible,” he said.

What a nice present to give to the black community to celebrate the anniversary of school desegregation.

Long a firm opponent of desegregation of any kind, Jesse put only the barest adornment on his old arguments.

He said it wasn’t black students’ fault. They were just mad because their school had been closed down and they didn’t want to be at Broughton. Couldn’t blame them for being disruptive, he said.

But that was the most he did to try to spruce up the old, obnoxious tripe, though. He dressed up his rhetoric in new clothes and combed its hair. But he didn’t bother to give it a bath.

It still smells.

Of course, maybe we’re being too hard on Ol’ Jesse. Maybe he has grown with the times. Maybe he is sensitive to the problems for black kids that have attended every phase of integration, which the African-American community is beginning to address on a national level.

As a newfound friend of black folks, maybe he was just trying to speak out on their behalf.

### Little Rock Nine: The Real Celebration

By Janetta Kearney

Publisher, Arkansas State Press

Last week we commemorated the survival, maturity and prosperity of nine little black children on Sept. 25, 1957, braved the doors of Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. and desegregated the institution.

In marking the occasion, we were really celebrating our strength, durability and resolve and the protection from God, who makes the impossible, possible.

On Sept. 19, a weeklong schedule of official events began focusing on Central High School, the City of Little Rock, the “Little Rock Nine” and remembrance of a crisis 40 years ago.

There was dissension and disagreement among residents as to what the scheduled event meant. Why was it taking place? What were we celebrating? Why put a new face on the city? How much was this party costing and who was paying for the glitter? True to life itself, all of the nine and others involved from 40 years ago, had a common objective, but dissenting positions.

And so it is.

The “other program,” as some dubbed the event at Philander Smith College on Sept. 27, was the real celebration with the “Little Rock Nine,” their families and representatives of the NAACP in attendance.

The event, spearheaded for the African-American Coalition by Leta Anthony, was also dubbed “The People’s Celebration.” It was a place where those from the grassroots community could come together to remember and celebrate the strides achieved since 1957, and the accom-

plishment of the “Nine” despite a difficult beginning.

“Note that all left Arkansas and returned as successful business adults,” said Anthony as we discussed this “celebration.”

Anthony stressed the need for commemoration by all facets of the community. She said that a major focus had been placed on the building, Central High School, which is an inanimate object, and tended to distract from the genuine connection between the “Nine,” their families, the NAACP, churches and other supporters of desegregation.

Annie Abrams, who participated in planning an event from the Central High Museum, Inc., said before the celebrations began that “the community must applaud... the black leadership of Little Rock for ensuring that they are included in this event. It is clear that the celebration of the birthday of Central High School is no more inclusive in its 70th year than at the beginning. It is also clear that the grassroots community is not an inclusive part of the scheduled celebrations.

“We have had to take this separate and unequal event and produce an inclusive, quality program for those omitted and left out of the general events,” she said.

The “Little Rock Nine” should be applauded for sharing themselves and their families with the community. They are our heroes and heroes, our examples and our role models. They show us what we can accomplish despite a tumultuous beginning, with encouragement from friends, faith in God, hard work and the will to endure to the end.

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## Other Viewpoints

### THE NEW INTERSTATE 69—WE BETTER GET READY!

By Harry C. Alford

President, National Black Chamber of Commerce

When the interstate system was first built, Jim Crow laws were in effect and black businesses did not participate in the lucrative process. Nor did black folk receive any opportunity to invest in the new commercial infrastructure that resulted from the new highways such as hotels, restaurants, gas stations, strip malls, etc. We were not a part of the economic system of America. We were all elated at the new opportunity of being able to use and spend our money at those hotels, restaurants and gas stations. That was enough then.

Now we demand more. It is imperative, if we are to survive, that we start participating in the entrepreneurial process of mainstream America. Never before is it so critical that we examine every opportunity and exploit it to the fullest. The next big opportunity for us in regards to interstate activity is the new Interstate 69. I-69, commonly referred to as the NAFTA Highway, is going to present America with a \$200 billion opportunity. The serious question is: “How much are we going to get?” If we don’t wake up the answer is going to be NONE.

I-69 is already completed from Port Huron, Mich. to Indianapolis, Ind. From there it will begin the final phases. From Indianapolis to Evansville to Memphis through the Mississippi Delta through the Arkansas Delta to Shreveport to Houston and to the Mexican border. This awesome project is going to provide contractors alone a \$15 billion opportunity. More importantly, imagine how many hotels, restaurants, gas stations and shopping centers are going to be built and operating along this major thoroughfare. \$200 billion is not out of the question.

Another important aspect is that this interstate is going to cut through a significant amount of black-owned land. Property values are going to skyrocket and we can be in a position to prosper greatly. I estimate that through black relations and heritage, 25 percent of the national black population is going to be affected by this highway expansion.

The big challenge for us is this: White folks are already forming the planning commissions and cutting the deals without us at the table. If we allow this to continue, we are not going to benefit, but in fact, suffer from the anticipated greed and connivance. Thus, we have two alternatives—to be activists or to be victims. I suggest we become strong activists.

The National Black Chamber of Commerce plans to assemble a national task force addressing the development and opportunities of I-69. We will also have state committees for the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas. Each state committee will have to go “toe to toe” with the applicable governor and Department of Transportation. We want to pool our capital and create partnerships for ownership of hotels, restaurants, gas stations, etc. The national task force will meet with the Amocos, Texacos, and Holiday Inns of the world and map out winning strategies.

The Federal Highway Administration and the state transportation departments will have to approach this differently. Typically, they have fostered racism in their business practices with engineers and contractors. We will have to police this like never before. There may be a need for a few lawsuits and demonstrations if they decided it is going to be business as usual. The bottom line is that we are demanding and must receive our fair share.

Interstate 69 is an opportunity for black America to make numerous millionaires and thousands of new jobs from within its ranks. No one is going to make the opportunities exist but us. We must organize and move with deliberate speed. There may not be another opportunity like this before us again. It is time to get busy!

### SMOKE BUT NO FIRE

By George Wilson

Special To The NNPA

For the past 27 years crowds have gathered in Washington, D.C. for the annual Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference. The event is considered by many to be the premiere social happening for African-Americans. As in prior years, this time hundreds of African-Americans “dressed to the nines” clamored for invitations to the numerous receptions and parties.

The conference did provide those who came with a more conscious agenda an opportunity to participate in a number

of issue forums or braintrusts on subjects as diverse as “The Politics of Natural Hair” to a dialogue between civil rights crusaders and the hip-hop generation. As might be expected, the issue forums that had the biggest names drew the largest crowds. Having forums is a great idea and it provides an opportunity for discussion about issues of importance to those assembled. However, what good does a stirring discussion render if no concrete action follows? These sessions provide an outlet for short-term relief before returning to the status quo. Additionally, the forums take place simultaneously which means that one can only attend one or two sessions and neither one in its entirety. Perhaps, the organizers could consider a less ambitious format with fewer issues.

Earlier legislative conferences sought to provide the grassroots with the opportunity to feel close to the political process. Unfortunately, this event seems to be heading more in the direction of leaving those who aren’t connected on the outside looking in.

For example, a gala was held at Union Station with the price of admission a meager \$500. Entertainment was provided by the “Godfather of Soul,” James Brown, blues legend Bobby Rush and others. We know that the conference is a fundraiser, but the price of admission assured the average working person could not be in the audience. Sources indicate that some who were unable or unwilling to pay \$500 availed themselves of computer technology to duplicate the original ticket. The prices to attend the paid events were prohibitive. How are African-Americans going to foster unity when we set up economic hurdles that keep groups separated?

The theme of the 27th annual legislative conference was “Leadership Dimensions for the New Millennium.” It is my sincere hope that those who consider themselves to be leaders broaden the picture instead of focusing on a small group that in some cases has run out of fresh ideas. The Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference is in need of some fine-tuning that goes beyond just raising more money. With the future looking bleak for so many, we don’t have the luxury of using our financial resources to look like everything is fine, when we know this is not the case.

*Wilson is a 16-year Capitol Hill correspondent for the American Urban Radio Network.*

## This Way for Black Empowerment

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

### DEMOCRACY GETS ANOTHER CHANCE

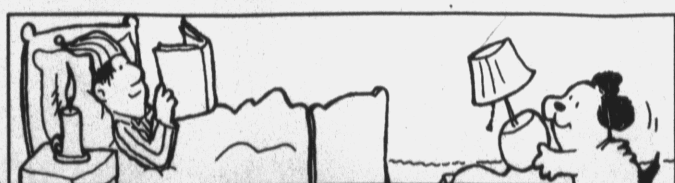
As readers of this column know, over the years I’ve aggressively lobbied Congress for legislation that would open up our political process to new parties, new voices and new ideas. Fair elections must be a central part of any black agenda and over the years members of the Congressional Black Caucus have been in the forefront of supporting this type of legislative reform.

Last week, Congressman Ron Paul (R-Texas) reintroduced two fair election bills into Congress that I have a long history of supporting.

The first bill is the Voter Freedom Act of 1997, H.R. 2477. Drafted initially off the lessons learned from a 1984 effort I undertook with my colleagues to place an independent presidential candidate on the ballot nationally, the bill was originally introduced in 1985 by John Conyers (D-Mich.). In its present form the bill retains its objective to make structural reforms to the ballot access process which has been so manipulated by the major parties in their self-serving effort to monopolize political power and influence.

Basically, the bill would set fair and uniform ballot access standards in federal elections and prevent states from erecting excessive ballot access barriers such as currently exist. For example, right now independents must collect well over 700,000 petition signatures to be listed on the ballot in all 50 states and D.C. This is 28 times the number needed by a Democratic Party candidate and 13 times the number needed by a Republican. Presently 32 states require no signatures of Democrats or Republicans while only three states require no signature of independents. Minor party candidates must also meet discriminatory filing fees, filing deadlines, and restrictions on who can circulate and who can sign the petition that are not required of the major parties.

The second bill, the Debate Freedom Act of 1997, H.R. 2478, was initially sponsored and championed by former Rep. Tim Penny (D-Minn.) in the 101st and 102nd Congress



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**RUNNING FOR ALDERWOMAN IN WINTERVILLE**—Sister Velma Harper (r), shown here with her daughter, Alefa Harper (l) is a candidate to retain the position of Winterville Alderwoman in the Nov. 4th election. (Staff Photo)



**CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE**—Shown attending a recent swearing in ceremony for a new attorney in Wilson, Ms. Erica D. Fitch, are (l-r) Superior Court Judge, G.K. Butterfield, national renown attorney; Toby Fitch, and North Carolina Court of Appeals Judge Jlm Wyn. All three former partners of Fitch, Butterfield, and Wynn Law Offices in Greenville. God has blessed these great men to be able to judge the law at this time in their lives. Keep administering justice!!! (Jlm Rouse Photo)

## Pitt County United Way Completes Assessment

The United Way of Pitt County is please to announce the completion of a community-wide needs assessment. "We think this document will be a very valuable asset to our community," said Tom Pauling, Volunteer Chairman of this effort. "It shows very clearly what people regard as the prevalent needs, and identifies some of our strengths as well."

The United Way, whose last needs assessment was conducted in 1986, contracted with East Carolina University's Regional Development Institute to conduct an updated, comprehensive survey of perceived needs in our community. Extensive questions were asked of Pitt County citizens via a random sampling, and of nonprofit agency directors and agency clients.

Citizens were asked about human service programs in 23 areas; of these, 22 had ratings between "important" and "very important." Over 75% of respondents gave programs in 21 areas ratings of "very important" or "important." Areas receiving the highest ratings included education programs, crime,

drug and alcohol abuse, health care programs, and domestic violence programs. Only one area of the 23, hospice services, was rated as currently meeting local needs. In 12 of the 23 areas, less than one-third of the citizens surveyed thought that existing programs were currently meeting local needs, a view very consistent with that expressed by human service providers and clients as well. Respondents did express positive attitudes concerning existing programs, but felt they needed to be expanded.

"This effort is intended to be the catalyst for some community build-

ing," said Pauling. Jerry Johnson, Executive Director of the United Way of Pitt County, agreed. "The strengths of United Way include more than simply raising and allocating funds," he said. "We are uniquely positioned to utilize the resources of our volunteers and the agencies we are affiliated with to lead some significant community building effort in Pitt County."

"Our planning group for this needs assessment involved numerous community leaders and volun-

teers," said Tom Pauling. "Our intent in involving such a strong and diverse group was to ultimately produce a document that identified community needs and gaps in service provision. We hope that nonprofits can also use this as a reference, a planning tool, and as a source of information for grant-writing."

Agencies interested in receiving a copy of the needs assessment results may call the United Way of Pitt County at 758-1604.

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**NEED A LAWYER?**—Ms. Erica D. Fitch (far right) is joined by Superior Court Judge G. K. Butterfield, Attorney Fitch, N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Jim Wynn and proud Mom, Dr. Ernestine (front and center top photo), and other family members, friends, and well-wishers, following her searing in ceremony. Ms. Fitch is now an associate in the law office of Toby Fitch. Congratulations Erica!! We're all very happy for you. (Jim Rouse Photo)

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## WILLIAMSTON

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care to hear again from any source. My name is all I own. I will do whatever it takes to protect it anytime, any place. When Dr. Benjamin Hooks was in office, I requested that the national office confront the Postal Service with whatever method or influence was possible. It annoys me to no end that we as a people are classified as "lazy, liars, thieves, shiftless" and even a few more negative descriptives. But let a few try to pull ourselves upwards, go into business, own a little piece of land—all kinds of blocks are put into the path of success. Am I being read?

A hearty thank-you to Ms. Nellie Fennell of Harrellsville for that gift of fresh garden vegetables last week.

On the sick and shut-in list: Ms. Annie L. Harris, Ms. Leda M. Duggins, James Moore, Kelvin Rodgers, Ms. Janice Moore, Joe Rodgers, F.L. Joyner, Jesse Allen Bell, George A. Perry, Arnard Lyons, Ms. Rosa Moore, Ms. Clara R. Owens, Ms. Minnie Chambers, Willis E. Williams, Jr., Grady Moore, Ms. Reba Reddick, William E. Boston, Ms. Novella J. Bonds, Ms. Isolene Roberson, Melvin Moore, Ms. Gladys J. Duggins, Ms. Clara Jones, Ms. Nonie Smallwood, Ms. Zenner Midgett, Abraham Cordon, Ms. Lucy P. Brown, Ms. Pearl Nichols, I.B. Cordon, Ms. Betty S. Lanier, N.W. Slade, Ms. Amelia Lloyd, Ms. Marie Jones McNair, Ms. Mattie H. Perry, Robert Lloyd, Ms. Lela C. Bond, Ms. Delia Lloyd, Andrew Marriner, Columbus Brown, Jr., Ms. Lillian Peel, James E. Smithwick, and Ms. Emma Perkins.

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Thirty-nine months ago, I broke my nose and had to have eye surgery. It was another "trying time" in my life as my insurance did not cover such. The faith I had in the highest Supreme sustained me and

today my eye is in good condition and no problem with the nose. It was a few months of extra pressure in my ways, but I gave an extra prayer of thanks for being able to read.

Reading a little, thank God I can read a little, folks might hear me say often. Rereading for a better comprehension often occurs, too. I got a bill from the hospital for services I had not received... \$417. The statement listed a date of service that did not match the date or time I was seen.

Folks just looked at me when I spoke about said incident. I wanted to draw attention that such things could happen. Of course, my written, detailed complaint went to the state auditor. I got a call from the hospital, yet I still stood my ground.

Now the media are telling the world that coverups some heavy, healthy ripoffs to have gone undetected by some well-educated, highly paid professionals. No one knows just how long. Thank God it is now uncovered.

Made me feel so, so good to see Ralph Campbell on television admitting his department's findings at the ECU School of Medicine. I will vote for him as long as I have the opportunity. Right on, brother.

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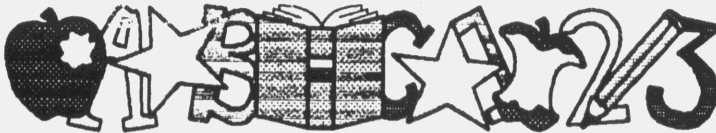


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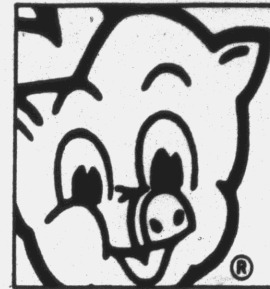
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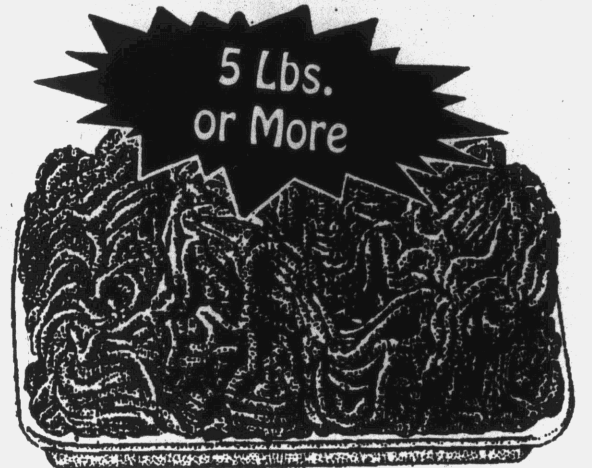
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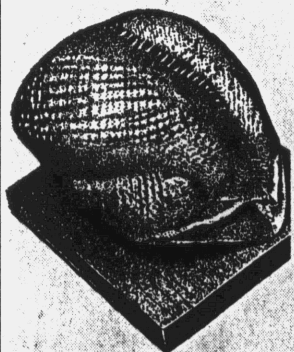
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**ROBERT LEE WORTHINGTON**  
Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral service for Robert Lee Worthington age 82 of 504 Railroad Street Winterville, who died at his home Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1997.

Funeral service was held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church in Winterville, N.C. with the pastor, Bishop W.H. Mitchell officiating. Burial followed in the Winterville Cemetery.

Mr. Worthington was a native of Pitt County where he attended the County Schools. He was a member of Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church where he served as a Trustee, a member of the Senior Choir and the Male Choir.

He is survived by his wife, Pearl Daniels Worthington, 3 daughters; Gearldine Provite and Gloria Nobles both of New Haven, Conn., and Hilda Lee of Goldsboro, 1 sister, Mable G. Hooks of Winterville, 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The body will be on view Satur-

day from 2 to 8 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville.

For further information concerning this obituary, you may call Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville at 756-3497.

**ARTHUR "RED" ANDERSON**  
Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral service for Arthur "Red" Anderson age 60 of 1005 Lincoln Place Brooklyn, New York formerly of Greenville, N.C. who died Tuesday, Sept. 16, 1997 at Wycoff Heights Hospital in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Funeral service was held Monday at 3 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Chapel in Winterville, with Dr. B. R. Anderson officiating. Burial followed in the Winterville Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine H. Anderson of the home, three daughters; Arlene Anderson of the home, Cheryl A. Smith of Fort Worth, Texas and Theresa Anderson of Washington, D.C., three sisters; Alice McLawhorn, Elizabeth Cannon both of Winterville, N.C., and Helen Washington of Brooklyn, N.Y., two grandchildren, a number of nieces,

nephews other relatives and friends.

The body was on view Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville.

For further information concerning this obituary, you may call Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville at 756-3492.

**FLOYD DICKENS**  
Floyd Dickens, 86, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 1997 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C. Funeral services were Saturday at 11 a.m. at Noah's Ark Church. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Dickens was a native of Pitt County and a member of Noah's Ark Church. He was the owner and operator of Pitt Street Cab for over fifty years.

Surviving are: one son, Floyd Dickens, Jr. of West Chester, Ohio; one daughter-in-law, Jacqueline B. Dickens of West Chester, Ohio; one grandson, Floyd Dickens, III of Co-

## Obituaries

lumbus, Ohio; three granddaughters, Yvonne D. Gorham of Greensboro, N.C.; Daphne Dickens-King of West Chester, Ohio; Karen Dickens of Evanston, Illinois; two sisters, Delmar Dickens Faison of Wilson, N.C.; Evelyn Dickens Moore of Greenville, N.C., one brother, Raymond Dickens of Falkland, N.C.; and a host of relatives and friends.

Visitation was Friday from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Noah's Ark Church. The family received friends at University Towers, 500 E. 3rd Street, Apt. #312, Greenville.

Arrangements were by Rountree and Associates Funeral Home.

**FLOYD HARRINGTON**  
Floyd Harrington, age 67, died Tuesday Sept. 16, 1997 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Arrangements are by Rountree and Associates Funeral Home, 757-2067.

**BEVERLY LOUISE NICHOLSON**

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral service for Miss Beverly Louise Nicholson age 33 of 403 Perkins Street in Greenville, who died at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville on Sept. 21, 1997.

Funeral service was held Friday at 3 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Chapel in Winterville, N.C. with Eldress Shirley Braxton officiating. Burial followed in the Winterville Cemetery.

She is survived by 4 sisters: Janice Thigpen, Barbara Pattaway and Annette Nicholson all of Greenville; and Osborne Blount of Florida, a number of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

The body will be on view Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville.

For further information concerning this obituary, you may call Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville at 756-3492.

## Trivia Test

by Aaron E. Tucker

1. What were the first names of daughters of the late and great American president Richard Nixon?
2. What was Richard Nixon's middle name?
3. What was Priscilla Presley's first name on the hit prime-time drama, "Dallas"?
4. Name the actor who portrayed Mason on the 1980s soap opera, "Santa Barbara".
5. Who were the leading male and female stars of the 1987 hit movie, "Children Of A Lesser God"?
6. Who is Allen Konigberg?

7. Who recorded the chart-topping single, "Just Want To Be Your Everything"?
8. Name the state capital of Vermont.
9. Name the short-lived 1971 sitcom series that starred Larry Hagman and Donna Mills.

### Trivia Test Answers

1. Julie and Tricia; 2. Milhous; 3. Jenna; 4. Lane Davies; 5. William Hurt and Marlee Matlin; 6. Actor Woody Allen; 7. Andy Gibb; 8. Montpelier; 9. "The Good Life"

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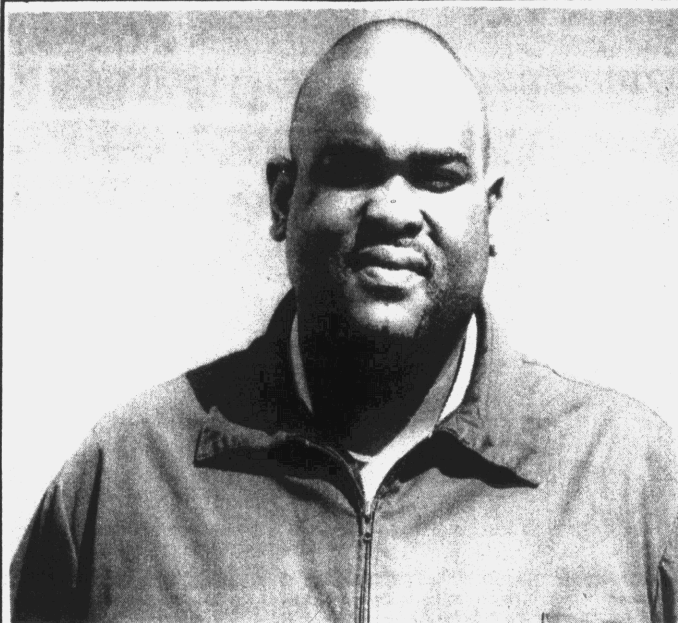
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6. CLEANUP THE INNER CITY.



## VOTE CALVIN HENDERSON FOR MAYOR NOV. 4, 1997

## RE-ELECT Chuck Autry, Councilman-At Large

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- A vote for CHUCK AUTRY is a vote for fairness
- A vote for CHUCK AUTRY will mean a strong voice for the Citizens of Greenville and all City employees
- A vote for CHUCK AUTRY will mean a better West Greenville

## VOTE FOR CHUCK AUTRY FOR GREENVILLE'S BEST FUTURE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1997

## VOTE Chuck Autry, City Councilman-At-Large

PAID FOR BY COMMITTEE TO RE-ELECT CHUCK AUTRY CITY COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE

## CITY OF GREENVILLE

### DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT BY PUBLIC AUCTION

Pursuant to General Statutes of North Carolina, Section 160A-270, the Greenville City Council has authorized by resolution, the Purchasing Manager to dispose of the following surplus equipment by public auction.

Auction will be held at the Public Works Facility, 1500 Beatty Street, Greenville, North Carolina, commencing at 10:00 a.m., rain or shine, Saturday, 4 October 1997. Payment for items purchased may be made in the form of cash, cashier, certified or company approved checks by the end of sale or within 72 hours with 10% deposit if purchase exceeds \$100.00.

### 1997 SURPLUS LIST

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| 1 ea Silver desk lamp                                 | 1 ea Condensing section   |
| 1 ea IBM Selectric II Typewriter                      | 1 ea Cordless Drill - skill m#2735                                      |
| 1 ea 35mm Camera / minolta 3000                       | 1 ea Scroll saw - craftsman - m#315 18400                               |
| 1 ea SVHS Camcorder / Panasonic s#AC-455U             | 1 ea Volt meter - mura m#80m  |
| 1 ea ES100 Olympia typewriter                         | 1 ea Front end loader w/cab (1975) john deere m#410                     |
| 1 ea MR-2 Microfiche reader                           | 1 ea Weed trimmer - hofco ww850   |
| 1 ea 20 Bin collator                                  | 1 ea Leaf loader - good roads m#pta-4864                                |
| 1 ea GBC Combo binder                                 | 1 ea Leaf loader - good roads m#pta-486                                 |
| 1 ea GBC Thermo binder                                | 1 ea Forklift - motow m#s4024   |
| 1 ea ABDick Metal plate mkr                           | 1 ea Copier - Savin m#9350 A#3290                                       |
| 1 ea Paper cutter                                     | 1 ea Typewriter - TEC TW5000 A#1002                                     |
| 1 ea Unassembled workstation                          | 1 ea Typewriter - Olivetti ET2500SP                                     |
| 1 lot Misc. Office supplies and printer ribbon        | 3 ea Calculators  |
| 1 ea Office chair                                     | 1 ea Copier - canon   |
| 1 ea Bar stool  | 1 ea Exercise bike - recumbent - protec                                 |
| 1 ea Canon Typewriter                                 | 1 ea Ariens push mower m#911034 A#2164                                  |
| 1 ea Electric letter opener                           | 1 ea Ariens push mower m#911044 A#2717                                  |
| 1 ea Adler royal calculator                           | 1 ea Flail mower 72" Ford m#917A A#1713                                 |
| 1 ea File cabinet - for computer printouts m#0027     | 1 ea Toro mower deck 72" m#30575-20176                                  |
| 1 ea Refrigerator - kelvinator                        | 1 ea Sensation push mower 21" m#56076-48004 A#1759                      |
| 1 ea Chain saw - stihl m#031V                         | 1 ea Vacuum cleaner - mastercraft #86                                   |
| 1 ea Ladder - durallite 14 ft                         | 1 ea Vacuum cleaner - mastercraft #86                                   |
| 1 ea Ladder - durallite 24 ft                         | 1 ea Wet/dry 16 gal. Vacuum - scars craftsman m#113.1                   |
| 1 ea Ladder - durallite 14 ft                         | 1 ea Wet vacuum - holcomb m#252   |
| 2 ea Large spotlights                                 | 1 ea Baseball scoreboard - electro mech /scorebrain                     |
| 7 ea Barrel clamps                                    | 1 ea Baseball scoreboard - electro mech/scorebrain                      |
| 1 ea Wood eater                                       | 1 ea Royal typewriter - SE 5000 CD                                      |
| 1 ea Hedge trimmer                                    | 1 ea Royal typewriter - 5020C A#1447                                    |
| 1 ea Copier w/20 bin sorter konica royal 2803zmr      | 1 ea Apple IIC Computer s#0151617                                       |
| 1 ea Copier / sharp SF-8800                           | 1 ea Apple IIC Monitor s#490282   |
| 1 ea Copier / sharp SF-8400                           | 1 ea 1983 Ford 4 dr. sedan LTD s#1FABP43GXD110999 A#701                 |
| 1 ea IBM PC PS/2 30 s#72-D18369 A#0142                | 1 ea 1961 American LaFrance 1000 gal. Pumper s#618686 A#916             |
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| 1 ea IBM PC PS/2 30-286 s#3A54550                     | 1 ea 1989 Ford Crown Vic. 4 dr. sedan s#2FABP72G7KX181275 A#684         |
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| 1 ea IBM Monitor m#8513 s#23-FBP46                    | 1 ea 1990 Chevrolet Caprice 4 dr. sedan s#1G1BL5473LA146999 A#973       |
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| 1 ea IBM Quickwriter printer 204 s#11-003756 A#0182   | 1 ea 1982 BMW 733iA s#WBAFF401C7366598 A#3243                           |
| 1 ea Diesel generator s#T90-15-ASK-0336 A#2579        | 1 ea 1976 Ford Garbage Truck F700 s#70EVC60379 A#1130                   |
| 1 ea Garage doors                                     | 1 ea 1969 Ford Garbage Truck F600 s#F60DEF53021 A#1151                  |
| 1 ea Square D safety switch 40amp/240volts/3 phase    | 1 ea 1979 Ford 1/2 ton Pickup Truck F100 s#F10GNDP7870 A#1427           |
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| 3 ea Gas heater ceiling mount 100,000 BTU             |   |
| 1 ea Mitsubishi transistorized inverter fregrol -A200 |   |

ITEMS MAY BE ADDED OR WITHDRAWN UP TO SALE TIME ACCORDING TO CITY DEPARTMENT OPERATIONAL NEEDS.

Information concerning sale items, and appointments to inspect them may be obtained by contacting the City Purchasing Manager, 1500 Beatty Street, Greenville, N. C., Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., or by calling 830-4462.

THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, N. C.

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Purchasing Manager



# Registration Deadline Draws Near

## Oct. 10 Set As Date To Register For Municipal Elections

October 10 is the deadline for new registrations and changes of address for Nov. 4 Municipal elections. Only municipal residents and precincts will be involved.

Unregistered residents within a municipality 30 days by Nov. 4 may register by mail postmarked on or before Oct. 10 or hand deliv-

ered to the Elections Office, 201 East Second Street, Greenville by 5 p.m. Friday Oct. 10th.

Voter registration application forms are available at the Elections Office, 201 East Second Street, Greenville, at public libraries, public assistance agencies, public high schools, Employment Security

Commission, and various other public agencies, including the Department of Motor Vehicles while conducting DMV business.

Registered voters residing in municipal redistricted or annexed areas have been notified of voting eligibility by mail. Pitt County citizens residing in a redistricted or annexed area who have NOT received a new voter registration card should call the Elections Office at 830-4121.

It is important for any registered voter whose address has been changed by the Pitt County Planning Department and who does not have a voter registration card showing the new address to call the Elections Office at 830-4121.

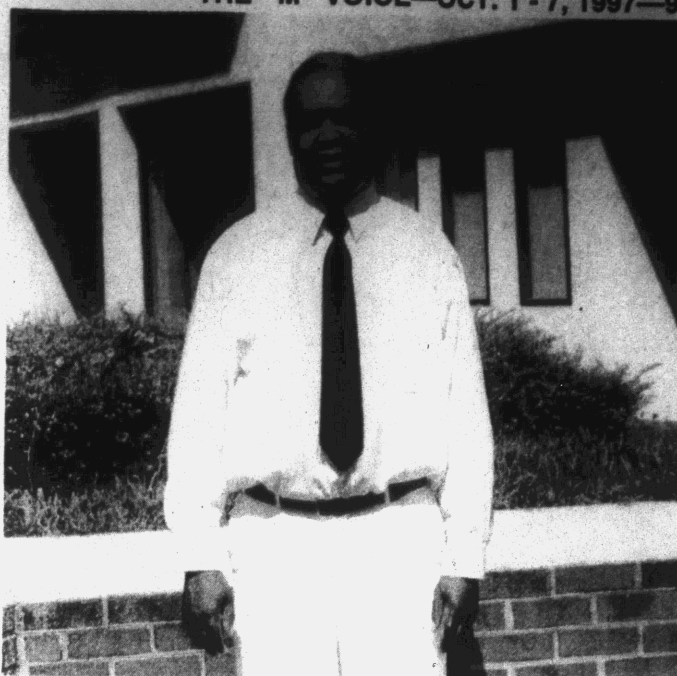
Registered voters who have moved may complete the change of address form on the back of their

registration card and deliver or mail it to the Elections Office to be received on or before Oct. 10.

Voting may be delayed on election day for anyone who does not report a change of address to the Elections Office on or before the Oct. 10 deadline.

Municipal elections in Pitt County are nonpartisan. Election day is Tuesday, Nov. 4. Only precincts with municipal residents will be open. Voting hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

For additional information on elections, absentee voting, assistance with registration drives, and VOTER OUTREACH citizens may call or visit the Elections Office, 201 East Second Street, Greenville or call 830-4121. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



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## Congresswoman Eva Clayton To Sponsor Event

### Youth Of The Community Are Focus

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton will be sponsoring a "Youth Summit 1997" on Saturday, Oct. 18, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for young people, ages 12 to 19 at Ayden-Grifton High School, 7653 N.C. Highway 11 South, Ayden, North Carolina. This event is designed to reaffirm the importance of preparing our youth for the new millennium through education and skill development, as well as alert young people to challenges they may face in pursuit of excellence.

The targeted counties are: Beaufort, Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Martin, Nash, Pitt, Washington, and Wilson; however, the summit is open to all interested youth and adults. Registration will take place and exhibitors will be on hand from 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. The Summit will officially begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at approximately 1 p.m. In addition, there will be work sessions conducted by agencies and individuals associated with youth followed by a Talent Show. There is no registration fee and a light snack will be provided.

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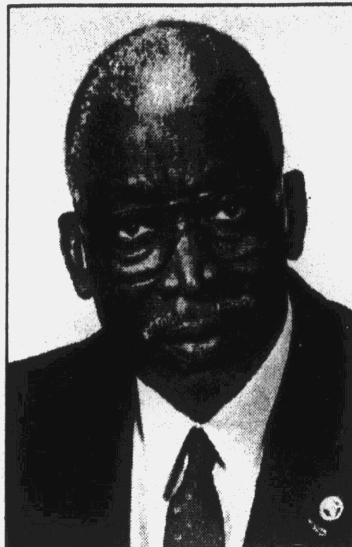
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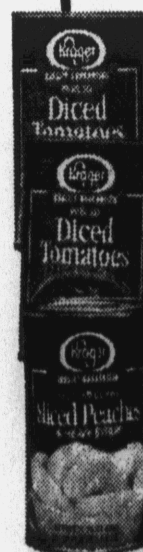
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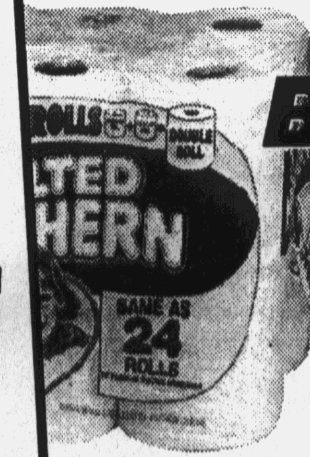
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