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What a strange illusion it is to suppose that beauty is goodness.

—Tolstoy

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Sen. Helms Upsets Ligon Alumni

Alumni of the former all-black J.W. Ligon High School in Raleigh thought nothing could upset them as much as the closing of their alma mater more than 25 years ago, and the Wake Board of Education's subsequent refusal to name the new Southeast High after Ligon.

Sen. Jesse Helms proved them wrong.

When North Carolina's senior Republican senator told The Charlotte Observer last week "I don't know about Charlotte, but in Raleigh, discipline is no longer possible at [Needham] Broughton High School," he reportedly was referring to "the integration of the school after Raleigh's former all-black Ligon High School was closed in the early 1970s," according to the Sept. 25 edition of the News & Observer.

With the country commemorating the 40th anniversary of the desegregation of Central High School in Little Rock, Ark. last week, Helms still maintained that the "failed social experiments" of school desegregation and busing have been "a colossal flop" and "caused more upheaval in the schools," he told the Charlotte paper.

When the N&O asked the five-term conservative to clarify, he replied in writing, "My intent... was to state an obvious truth: that behavior in schools across the country has deteriorated in large part as a result of failed attempts at social engineering.

"I reiterate, and any honest observer will agree, that forced bus-

ing and other failed social experiments were a flop and that hard-working and effective principals, like [Broughton's] Mrs. Diane Payne, are doing their best to cope with difficult situations."

Translation to the African-Americans The CAROLINIAN interviewed about Helms' remarks—"If only we'd left those black children at Ligon and other segregated schools years ago, we wouldn't have the problems we have now in our formerly all-white schools today."

Wake Schools officials have politely and diplomatically replied

that Sen. Helms is, at the very least, in error. They had to tread lightly, though, since the history of Broughton since integration is one of many black students being the consistent targets of documented racism—from insensitive articles published in the school newspaper to a racist so-called "joke" sheet distributed among white students—as reported in years past by The CAROLINIAN and others.

Wake school officials say things are much different now. But Ligonites and other African-Americans, however, were not so gracious about, as one person put it, "Helms' fruit of the poisoned tree remark."

"Sen. Helms is sick," declared an angry Yvonne Trice, a 1965 alumna of Ligon. "He's a disgrace to North Carolina; he's a racist."

What outraged Trice most was Helms' insinuation that black Ligon students brought crime and unruly behavior with them to Broughton.

"We had no discipline problems at Ligon because we had black teachers... who took an interest in us, they knew what we were all about, and they knew our background, and where we had come from. So we had no major problems like they're having in high schools today."



FIFTY YEAR DELTAS—Sorors Selena L. Forbes (l.) and Beatrice Maye (r.) were presented Certificates of Recognition from Grand Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, for 50 years of dedicated service on Saturday at the regular Delta monthly meeting. Pat Alexander (c.), Chapter President, beams with delight.

Deltas Honor Two For Fifty Years Of Service

Sorors Selena L. Forbes and Beatrice Maye were presented Certificates of Recognition from Grand Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, for 50 years of dedicated service, Saturday, Oct. 4, 1997, at its monthly meeting by President/Soror Pat Alexander in the home of Soror Bettye James, hostess.

Both Sorors are retirees from the Pitt County School System, giving esteemed service to the community, likewise.

Soror Forbes, a talented musician (organist and pianist) with 60 years under her belt, is remembered for her service superb as choral directress at the now deleted C.

M. Eppes High School and as organist for Sycamore Hill Baptist Church and St. Gabriel Catholic Church. Presently, she is our honorary chapter musician.

Soror Beatrice Maye, a community leader and role model, has been writing for Black newspapers for over 20 years and presently has a column weekly in the "M" Voice and the Christian Living magazine. Her letters to the editor appear periodically in "The Daily Reflector." Her picture hangs in the E.B. Aycock Library Media Center as its first librarian (media coordinator). Soror Maye is Greenville Alumnae Chapter journalist.

Blacks In Government Ask Probe Of IRS Move To Abolish Affirmative Action

Blacks in Government, an organization of federal, state and local government employees, has requested the president's immediate attention regarding the Internal Revenue Service's move to abolish its affirmative action programs.

This is the first federal agency to initiate efforts of this nature. BIG held a press conference in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 6 to challenge the IRS' move.

In an Aug. 19 memo to all executive managers, the IRS acting commissioner, Michael P. Dolan, stated:

"...It is advisable to temporarily suspend certain aspects of our performance management system which address expectations or measurements in the area of EEO and diversity. This suspension affects

two of the general standards in individual performance plans and two measures used in the Business Review."

"We believe that this unilateral decision to suspend critical elements in the area of affirmative employment programs is a violation of law, regulation, and the president's management directive to mend not end affirmative action," said Oscar Eason, Jr., national president of BIG.

Eason added that this unprecedented action could have a chilling effect on the operation of not just the IRS, but the entire federal sector.

The IRS has also issued new EEO standards for FY 1998 that appear to be general in nature. (See ASK PROBE, P. 2)

Consultant Says Hospital On The Right Track

From Staff Reports

A Chicago-based consultant said recently at a Pitt County Memorial Hospital Planning Retreat that the hospital is accomplishing many objectives established during the first year of its five-year strategic plan.

"Not only was I amazed at how well the organization has really kept to the vision and mission, but how much it has accomplished in such a short time frame. They're really moving," said Neal Peyser, vice president of the Tiber Group. "They, across the board, exceeded what they set out to do."

The five-year strategic plan, which encompasses 1997 through the year 2001, has five goals. They are to: build partnerships with physicians; provide the highest quality care at the most reasonable cost; build partnerships with other

hospitals; develop a comprehensive continuum of care and to improve relationships with providers of insurance products.

PCMH did something toward fulfilling each of those goals during the first 10 months of the strategic plan, which was approved in December 1996, Peyser said.

For example, the hospital is leasing the smaller Roanoke Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie as part of its efforts to partnership with other hospitals. PCMH now offers swim therapy and has been approved to expand its neonatal intensive care unit, both efforts to offer more comprehensive care, he said.

Peyser said PCMH has done an exceptions job of reinvesting the money it makes back into the community by offering new services and programs.

County Funds Withheld From Charter School

From Staff Reports

The Pitt County school system has withheld two monthly payments amounting to \$18,000 from the Right Step Academy reportedly until the charter school can provide updated documentation to verify its enrollment.

Charter schools are eligible for federal, state and local funds, which are also allocated to public schools on a per student basis. The Pitt County school system is responsible for transferring county tax dollars to the Right Step Academy to the tune of \$824.01 per student.

The charter school, which opened in August in the one time Agnes Fullilove building, has grades 6-12, with the heaviest concentration of students in the sixth through eighth grades.

A charter school is a "deregulated" public school run by a private nonprofit group, which gets its "charter" from the state or local board of education.

As long as a charter school meets

the terms of its charter, it is free from many of the rules and regulation governing public schools. After filing an initial roster of 132 students, the Right Step Academy allegedly has not supplied the school system with enrollment reports for September and October. That number has stayed the same because those on the waiting list replace those who quit, Right Step Academy Executive Director William Pierce said.

"We're not going to pay them until we can confirm that the students are there," Aaron Beaulieu, the Pitt County schools' finance officer, said. "we're trying to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money."

Philip Adkins, an attorney for Right Step, stated a letter to Pitt County schools that the charter school will not file any new reports until the school system stops charging for work done by Gibb Chauncey, the director of student information and assignments for Pitt County schools.

Since students transfer to Right

Step Academy from the public schools, Chauncey is responsible for "squaring" Right Step's information with the school system's records.

Beaulieu said it's work that Chauncey normally would not do, but Right Step has refused to pay the \$130 in fees so far.

"The school is somewhat disturbed that you are charging them for reconciling the reports we provide for your information; we will no longer be providing you with the principal's monthly report and roster," Adkins stated in the letter. "If you decide to stop charging the school for work you are doing in accordance with your own requirements, we will again provide the reports."

Chauncey reportedly found discrepancies in some of the charter school's enrollment reports from July and August. The school allegedly counted two students from Greene and Beaufort counties as Pitt County residents. Right Step

(See CHARTER SCHOOL, P. 2)

AKAs On The Move!



THE AKA SORORITY MOVES FORWARD—The Alpha Kappa Omega Chapter of AKA celebrated 25 years of Communication through Service to Mankind on Saturday night at the Hilton Inn, Ball Room. The celebration kicked off on Friday evening at the Dubois Center. The

AKA ladies are definitely a hit when it comes to putting on social events and coming together in unity for a good cause. Hang in there ladies...the best is yet to come. (Haywood Johnson Photos)

Affinity: Perspectives

by
Dee Apetsi and Jackie Bouvier Harper

Dear Jackie and Dee:

I am a young man who has not had many relationships with women and, although I play the role, I am really shy. I work in a health care facility and I contracted HIV by pricking my finger with a needle. Nobody knows. Recently, I met the perfect woman for me. For the first time in my life I am in love. I have kept our relationship in a friendship mode but lately it's getting harder for me. I've decided to buy condoms. I have talked to other HIV-positives who are using them. **I AM HUMAN!** I need love too. I respect your opinions. Please write back soon. I will try to wait.

I Need Love Like Everybody Else

Dear I Need Love:

I agree with you 100 percent. You do need love just like the rest of us which is the unconditional love of Jesus Christ. That is the only love that satisfies the soul. Appealing to the Great Physician who has everything you need is a must. He can fulfill your emotional and physical needs. In the meanwhile, count your blessings, you are fortunate to have met the perfect someone, if there is such a creature. Consider if the shoe was on the other foot, hers. Would you want her to have physical contact with you? I congratulate you on being in love. I read a famous quote which says always make love to ones mind rather than physical contact. Think about it!!! You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Jackie

Dear Like Everybody Else:

I understand your emotional and physical needs to love and be loved but you must realize that you are not like everybody else; HIV is not a cold or flu virus...it kills...death is eminent. If you make love to this woman who you say you love (or others who are HIV-free) you will be placing her in the gravest of dangers...equivalent to attempted murder...because condoms break and they leak. I believe your writing is indicative that you want to do the right thing. You say you respect my opinion. Do this: **call your pastor, doctor/therapist, and PICASO (830-1660) NOW about your situation and heed their advice.**

Dee

Dear Jackie and Dee:

I know the good book says that we should go forth and multiply and that's what I'm doing. I have spread my seed from New York to Florida. God created me with this nature. So why should I take a whole bunch of grief from woman like you who think you're so smart? Why don't you two read the Bible, leave us brothers alone, and shut up!

No Guilt

Dear No Guilt:

Brother, please! Let's not take the scripture out of context. The context of that subject is speaking to someone who is in a covenant with Jesus. Are you in that position? I think not. I am not judging you but making an observation according to information supplied. That same good book that you referred to in your letter also says do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Would you want your daughter or your mother to be a victim of a man with the same attitude that you have? I don't think so. Life is a full circle. No Guilt, please seek help from Jesus first. Think about what you will be meeting up with **REAL SOON.**

Jackie

Dear Guilty As Sin:

I certainly hope you aren't spreading anything more than your seed (STDs???). And you are right. God did create us with that nature just as he created it in all living things. Very few animals are monogamous...not fish, not cats, not dogs...they do not mate for life; it is contrary to the laws of nature...that very nature God endowed us with. Most male animals have an innate compulsion to sustain their gene line by impregnating as many females as they can. Homo Sapiens (human) males are no different. The difference between a natural man and a Christian one, however, is this: Christians, both men and women, fight that innate desire "to go forth and multiply". We hold ourselves to a higher standard than our natural inclinations...that standard is God's word. **Please read: 1 Corinthians 6:13-20.**

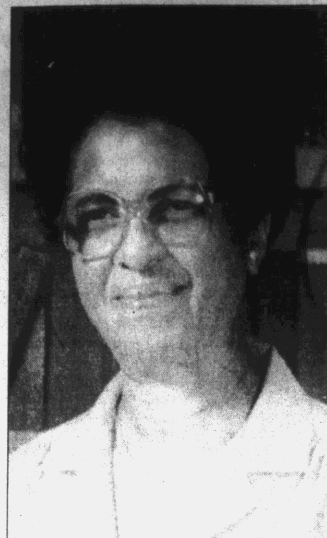
Dee

from the desk of

Mrs. Beatrice Maye

SOME HARD FACTS

1. We are proud of the progress we have made.
2. Kids are not going to do anything unless they have standards.
3. Common sense says, We must work smarter, not harder.
4. What do you want out of life? Do you have specific plans? If not, you'll never reach your goals. Write them down. Look at them often.
5. You must be motivated. Everyone has 24 hours in a day.
6. Winners and losers are the two kinds of people.
7. You must reach out and make success happen.
8. You want to improve your health for the better.
9. Grasp the opportunities that await you
10. You need different ways to make money
 - a. Saving account
 - b. Investing in stocks & bonds
 - c. Owning your own business
 - d. Real estate, a safe and sound investment
 - e. Not renting - Make plans to buy your own house
 - f. Get started in investment
11. You must read. An illiterate person can view the TV.
12. If you don't use your brain, you'll lose it.
13. Pennies make dollars. Save 10 cents out of each other.
14. If you use it, put it back.
15. Pick up behind yourself.
16. Make a "to - do - list" and follow it daily.
17. Court or date the girl whom you'll be proud to have for your wife. Girls date the fellow you'd be proud to have for your husband.
18. You don't play unless you pay. Gambling, petting, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and sex are expensive. Form good habits.
19. Make a good record for it follows you all the days of your life.
20. "I remember him or her when she did_____". Have you ever



Mrs. Beatrice Maye

heard that statement?

21. Treat your wife or husband the way you'd want your father to treat your mother or father.

20 Tips Can Help Churches Give Their Ministers Loving Support

1. Do unto your pastor what you would want done to you.
2. Treat your pastor as a man or woman of God.
3. Treat your pastor as a human being.
4. Allow your pastor and his or her family time to nurture their own relationships.
5. Remember that Sunday is a work day for pastors.
6. Provide regular educational events at the church's expense.
7. Provide an extended sabbatical every few years. Keep a pastor fresh and competent for the long haul.
8. Pay your pastor well. The work he or she is doing is the most important in the world. His or her salary should reflect that fact.
9. Take an interest in your pastor's interests.
10. Say thank you. Pastors des-

Health Pro Warns Against Dangers Of Flu

BY DR. JOHN MURROW
Pitt County Public Health Director

Are you aware that influenza and pneumonia can be fatal, especially for senior citizens? In Pitt County alone, 157 people died as a result of the flu or pneumonia from 1991-95. Of those 157 deaths, roughly 88% were age 65 or over. That's 138 senior citizens that died from an illness that is often regarded as a common winter ailment.



While all ages are at risk of catching the flu or pneumonia, statistics and common sense tell us that our family members age 65 or over run a higher risk of experiencing serious health complications

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perately need expressions of gratitude, for their efforts are frequently taken for granted.

11. Make sure your requests truly merit the pastor's attention.
12. Be your pastor's friend. Pastors (and spouses) need people in whom they can confide and trust.
13. Treat that pastor's spouse with respect.
14. Let the pastor say no. Give your pastor the freedom to set limits.
15. Follow when the pastor tries to lead. If you have called your pastor to be the church's leader, then let him or her be that, and do not try to second-guess his or her efforts.
16. Be honest with your pastor.
17. Allow your pastor to have time for both spiritual and physical exercise. Churches can quickly push the disciplines of prayer, study and physical conditioning out of their pastor's life. Out-of-shape leaders create spiritually out-of-shape churches.
18. Tell your pastor specifically what you liked or disliked about the sermon. Pastors get tired of "That was a nice sermon" every week.
19. Don't talk behind your pastor's back. Take questions or complaints about the church directly to the pastor rather than spreading rumors.
20. Call the church when you are going to the hospital or know of a need. Pastors can't help when they don't know the need.

BY MICHAEL W. ARMISTEAD
Pastor Huntersville
Presbyterian Church

CHARER SCHOOL

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claimed a student who was already enrolled in Pitt County schools as one of its own, Chauncey said, blaming the errors on inexperienced Right Step employees.

"I don't think they're trying to be underhanded," Chauncey said. "It makes me want to check their reports that much closer."

Pierce said nine to 10 students have transferred out, but they have been replaced by students on Right Step's waiting list.

"We're not trying to gyp or connive the county," Pierce said. "We have already given the list of students."

Pierce said the school system is legally bound to give Right Step its per pupil allotment funds. "I hope they will comply with the law," he said. "It's a real simple process. We don't want to push and scream. We just want them to come around."

ASK PROBE

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However, said BIG, these new standards are primarily complaints-processing oriented and appear to support the "colorblind" concept.

"This action by the IRS is the federal sector 'Proposition 209,'" said Blacks in Government in a press release. "The effects of these new standards are distinctly anti-affirmative action."

Family Researchers To Hold One Day Conference

The Pitt County Family Researchers Inc. will hold a one day conference on Saturday, Oct. 18, 1997 at the Willis Building on the corner of First and Reade streets across from the town commons. The meeting will commence at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. The 100 individuals that will be coming to the conference from across the United States all have roots in Pitt County and will spend their day searching for additional information pertaining to their family history.

The goal of the Pitt County Fam-

Blacks in Government is calling for an immediate review of the IRS by the EEOC, Office of Federal Operations. In a statement, the organization called on EEOC to "completely review IRS's Affirmative Employment Programs and EEO Complaint Program to ensure compliance with law and regulations."

Joining BIG in speaking out on the issue were a number of women's and nonwhite groups, including Federally Employed Women, Federal Asian Pacific American Council, National IMAGE, American Indian Cultural Exchange, and the Black Leadership Forum, Inc.

Plant This Seed & Watch God Move!

BY JOY R. BROWN

Ephesians 3:20--Now unto HIM that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us;

Stop limiting the I AM! Who is the I AM? According to the Hebrew language, I AM THAT I AM is written as **Ehveyeh asher ehveyeh**, which means I am the self-existent one; the Eternal, the One who always has been and always will be I AM THAT I AM was shortened to I AM HERE, the Ever present and Living One. So, who is the I AM? God is! He is everything that we will ever need or desire. Since God has everything that we will ever need, we have no need to worry because HE has the ability to bless you **RIDICULOUSLY!**

Those things that you desire in your life, whether physically, materially, or spiritually, just turn it over to the I AM and watch HIM supercede our greatest expectations.

God is getting ready to literally "blow our minds" with the blessings that are on the way.

Remember Isaiah 55:8-9 allows us to know, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." Take your life, your hopes, your dreams, and your desires and place them in the hands of I AM and watch HIM bless abundantly.

God is getting ready to bless superabundantly above the greatest abundance that we've asked or even thought according to the power that works in us. What is that power? **FAITH!!!** God's ability to bless us depends on our willingness to accept what HE has to offer, the very best! Remember, we serve a **BIG GOD!**

There are no limitations when it comes to receiving from God, according to 2 Peter 1:4, "Whereby are given unto us, exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." The promises of God are yes and so be it. So let go what you want and grab hold to the things that God has for you.

Scripture References: Exodus 3:14, I AM; Isaiah 55:8-9, Thoughts and Ways; 2 Peter 1:4, Promises.

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UNC-TV To Air Weeklong Coverage Of The Fair

Nothing could be finer than to be at the North Carolina State Fair. And this year, UNC-TV will be there every week night, beginning on opening night, Friday, Oct. 17., and then during a full week's coverage, Oct. 20-24, at 7:30 p.m., repeating at 12:30 a.m.

Each night, "Today at the Fair" will focus on different aspects of the fair, including its history since the first state fair in 1853; the intense competition, and the best-of-show.

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UNC-TV will help viewers catch the sights, sounds and magic of the annual celebration of the best of the state—a century-and-a-half-old tradition.

The program will introduce the folks who work all year to be a part of this eagerly anticipated agricul-

tural event, while allowing viewers to experience the crafts, the competition, the color and the fun

"Today at the Fair" will be broadcast with closed captioning for the hearing impaired, with support for this service provided by the F.M. Kirby Foundation and Caption Perfect, Inc.

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3. TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER RELATIONSHIP OF THE CITIZENS OF ALL RACES IN THE COMMUNITY.
4. TO FOSTER A BETTER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMUNITY. (A POLICE DEPT. IS NO STRONGER THAN ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY)
5. PROVIDE MORE ACTIVITIES FOR OUR YOUTH THAT WILL GET THEM OFF THE STREETS AWAY FROM DRUGS AND OTHER CRIMES. AND IMPROVE PROGRAMS FOR NATURAL GAS.
6. CLEANUP THE INNER CITY.
7. ENDORSE PROPOSED COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS



**VOTE CALVIN HENDERSON
FOR MAYOR
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WE'RE HERE TO HAVE A REALLY GOOD TIME!!—Sister Gwen Schaffer (c.) and her daughter take a moment to personally let entertainer "D.J. Slide" (l.) know how much they enjoy his performance. (Jim Rouse Photo)

NCCU Invites Groups To Join Homecoming Parade

North Carolina Central University has issued an invitation for community organizations to join the university's Homecoming Parade Saturday, Oct. 25.

Registration forms should be completed by Oct. 17, and are available at the Office of Student Affairs, Hoey Administration Building, NCCU. Call Hazel Davis at 560-6303.

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- A vote for CHUCK AUTRY will mean a better Greenville

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No Apologies, No Regrets

Well, the presidential select panel on racism is moving with all "deliberate speed," to quote another famous phrase from the race relations arena.

As in the first case where the phrase was used (the Supreme Court, referring to school desegregation), the emphasis has fallen on "deliberate."

It has been months since the group was empaneled, with much consternation and hand-wringing on the part of conservatives, who foresaw a mammoth touchy-feely government intervention into Americans' God-given right not to like each other.

They needn't have worried. In that time, only one tentative suggestion has been forthcoming, one conclusion made.

And it has already been shot down before even being formally recommended.

President Clinton has made it clear that, as far as he is concerned, there is no need for him or the government or white people in general to issue a formal apology for slavery.

He hinted that he might be amenable to some sort of apology for segregation, but not for the institution of slavery itself.

In dealing with ways to heal the

deep racial wounds and span the rift between black and white, it had been suggested that such an apology might be in order.

After all, in order to forgive and forget, usually somebody has to ask for forgiveness.

Something like, "We're sorry that some of our ancestors kidnapped, beat, raped, tortured and starved some of your ancestors into being their personal property. We didn't do it ourselves, but we indirectly profited from it, and it bothers us."

"Our ancestors didn't have to do it that way. Because of that, we'd like to do what we can to try to make things up to you as best we can. We don't have to do that, either, but we would like to anyway."

Apparently, even that would be going too far in this anti-affirmative action, we're-tired-of-feeling-guilty age just before the Millennium.

So the panel plods on. Just where the meetings and forums will go from here, though, is hard to imagine.

After all, if the simplest of overtures is too outrageous to even consider, what hope is there when the questions and answers get *really* hard?

Something's Wrong

By Joseph R. Sanders

Our politicians and eminent members of the cloth, in addition to a lot of community leaders, have expressed grave concern about the rising cost of health care, problems of pollution that relate to increased need for health care, and of the continued concern for the welfare of our children.

It is true, the cost and the need for health care is on the rise. It is also true that there seems to be an apparent problem with pollution and our children are being exposed to many kinds of dangerous risks.

So, when the aforementioned group of folks gnash their teeth and rend their robes, you would expect some very positive and very timely actions to take place. Well, 'taint necessarily the case. Let's look at some actions that have taken place and see how they relate to the concern.

Heart disease, lung cancer and stroke kill more Americans than any other disease or factor known. Tobacco and alcohol use followed by diet and lack of exercise are the primary factors related to these killers.

Are there measures initiated by these concerns folks mentioned previously, to reduce the use of tobacco or alcohol or to effect a change in diet, or increase the amount of exercise among the people most at risk of heart disease, cancer or stroke?

One would think that among legislation, community forums, rallies, sermons and other type of information sharing that there would be more emphasis on less use of alcohol or tobacco and more education about the benefits of eating healthier foods and exercising.

That is not so! We have politicians suing the government on behalf of tobacco manufacturers and condemning anyone that speaks out against the use of tobacco, especially among children (that's how they show love

for the children).

As we think about the high cost and increasing need for healthcare, shouldn't we be doing more proactive measures to reduce the need before there is a need?

Something is wrong with the picture as it stands now. Maybe as we all step back, take a deep breath, put aside the monetary factor and look more at the human factor, we may realize that what is best for the survival of our nation is practicing what we preach and less preaching.

We profess to be a Christian nation, followers of Jesus Christ. We profess to love our children and we claim to be concerned about their upbringing and well-being.

That being the case and considering the fact that the Bible tells us that whatever we do should be done to the glory of God, maybe we should be reordering our priorities. Using tobacco and alcohol is not, as far as I see, giving glory to God.

Just imagine what life would be like if the energy and resources that are being expended on defending tobacco and alcohol manufacturers and distributors were used to design programs and activities that would encourage our children to develop positive lifestyles?

Considering the number of lives lost to tobacco use, and the fact that most adult smokers began smoking as teenagers, we should be spending more energy and resources preventing tobacco use among our children.

Let's get our priorities in order and help our young people refrain from making alcohol and tobacco a part of their lives.

If we don't, the problem is only going to get worse. Others are working their best to hook them.

"Children are a cash crop to be harvested." A quote by a marketing executive. Who's going to do the harvesting?

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Belief Is An Incredibly Powerful Force

BY TREY BANKHEAD



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Have you ever looked at yourself in the mirror and just not liked what you saw there?

I'm not talking about "Oh, I need to lose some weight," or "Oh, I've got food stuck in my teeth." I'm talking about the "God, I'm tired of being this stressed, of not sleeping, of the constant headaches and the bags under my eyes" kind of experience.

Regular readers of my column will remember that, not too long ago, I was feeling stressed out and was on the verge of quitting my teaching job. I figured that if I stuck it out, things would get better. They didn't. Instead, things got worse. Much worse. The stress kept building, and I was forced to question not only was I right for my job, but was the job right for me? I pretty much withdrew from everyone, which did not help the situation any. Even some of my students were noticing that I was "too tense," and started looking at me as if they expected me to snap at any moment. Finally, a situation arose where I had to figure out what would not only be best for me, but for my students: staying where I was, or moving on to other possibilities. So, I made my choice, and did what I had to do.

I quit my teaching job.

I have to admit it: that decision hurt, a lot. I absolutely hate admitting to failure. I miss the kids, and my friends among the staff, already. But I really feel that I made the right decision in leaving. I didn't feel as if I "fit" into the job, or that I "clicked" with the kids. I've always believed that, in order for me to do the best that I can at what I do, I must be able to enjoy what I'm doing. So, I've looked at what I was doing, and figured out that what the school needed was NOT

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something that I could provide. Likewise, what I needed was not something the school could provide. My philosophy of work is this: they have to give me what I need, and I need to give them what they need. If either side of that equation breaks down, disaster is not far off. In my case, the equation was skewed to the point that no one was getting what they needed. A change was needed, so a change was made. As a result, I hit a turning point in my life.

Actor/Director Leonard Nimoy once said: "History is replete with turning points. You must have faith...that the universe will unfold as it should." Sometimes, you have to swallow your fear and go for what you think is right. Just because something has suddenly changed does not necessarily mean it has changed for the worse. Looking at our bills and realizing "I'm unemployed!" was a bit of a shock. It really began to look like I had made a very bad mistake. But, somehow, I just KNEW it would work out for the best. I kept faith, even though everything else seemed to be crumbling around me. And it paid off. I'm teaching again, this time at another school, in a different type of environment. I'm also writing more. So, all in all, what could have been a real disaster has turned into a positive change for me.

I guess that's the real point of today's column: That, as long as you believe in yourself, and keep the faith that everything will turn out right, then it will. Belief is a force that has changed history time and time again. If Martin Luther King or Malcolm X had not believed they were doing the right thing, where would we be today? If I had not believed in myself, in my skills, then the lives I've touched just in the past week...where would THEY be? If you believe...in yourself, in God, in whatever you need to believe in...then you will accomplish great things as you strive to attain them. Or, as an online acquaintance of mine said: "When a person really desires something with their entire heart, all the universe conspires to help that person to realize his, or her, dream."

Truer words were never spoken.

I did something that made me happier with myself, and with my job. The impact it's had? I'm less stressed, and am a lot more relaxed. My wife actually wants to be around me again, and is happy that she "got her husband back." I'm more effective in the classroom. I found out who my real friends were, and how much support I really had. I was scary for a while, yes, but it was worth it.

By the way? I looked in the mirror again tonight. This time, I definitely LIKED what I saw.

Other Viewpoints

STRUGGLING TO PAY THE RENT

By Dr. Manning Marable

Along the Color Line

The majority of all African-American families are renters, not homeowners. Most people with low incomes, racial minorities and the unemployed, are always confronted with the difficult challenge of finding decent housing which they can afford. Increasingly for millions of Americans—black, Latino, Asian and white alike—that challenge has become an "impossible dream."

A recently released study by the National Low Income Housing Coalition, which represents a broad spectrum of housing advocacy groups, fully documents this growing problem. The study observed: "Housing costs, for most people, represent the largest monthly expense. Most people pay their rent first, buying food, clothing and health care with what remains."

The report used an index developed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to estimate the cost of decent but modest housing in cities and states throughout the United States. The study found that in almost every state "more than 30 percent of renters paid more than they could afford for one-bedroom apartments and more than 40 percent did so for two-bedroom apartments."

Not surprisingly, housing conditions were worse in major urban centers and in states with high concentrations of low-income working class and unemployed people, such as New York. The study found that 48 percent of all renters in New York State were unable to afford the estimated fair market rent for a one-bedroom apartment, \$687, and 54 percent were unable to afford a two-bedroom rent, \$796. The report estimated that New York renters would have to earn wages exceeding \$13.22 an hour to afford a one-bedroom apartment, and \$15.32 an hour to afford a two-bedroom apartment.

Even these dire statistics fail to capture the vast social consequences of the housing crisis. Hundreds of thousands of families in New York City, largely black and Latino, live doubled or tripled up with their relatives, friends and neighbors. Crowded housing conditions push poor families frequently into unsafe or unsanitary conditions, threatening the health and welfare of their children. Youngsters who have no space for homework and study are less competitive when they go to school. The lack of adequate shelter directly contributes to domestic violence and spousal abuse.

What are the solutions to address the housing crisis? Conservatives who say that the federal government should get out of the housing business, and let the marketplace determine the availability and cost of shelter by the laws of supply and demand, are just wrong. The private sector overall has little interest in constructing millions of new housing units for people of modest means. Luxury condominiums and shopping malls have larger profit margins. We need to devote a greater share of national resources to guarantee that clean, basic shelter is considered an inalienable right. No one could be homeless or poorly housed, in a land of vast material affluence.

But the real solution to the housing crisis can only be achieved by raising all incomes to meet the cost of basic human needs. In short, you can't pay the rent if you don't have a job, or if the job you have doesn't earn enough for you to pay your monthly bills, including rent.

According to the research of the New York-based National Jobs for all Coalition, as of 1996 there were nearly 17 million adults working full-time, year-round jobs, who were earning less than the poverty level for a family of four. Another 4.3 million workers have part-time jobs, but aren't able to get full-time positions. Adding to these millions of Americans are the displaced former recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children. The draconian 1996 Welfare Bill hurled a million children into poverty, and coerced hundreds of thousands of women into welfare programs and low-wage jobs that don't pay enough to afford decent shelter.

Building more affordable housing is helpful, but not enough. Only when all Americans have a real living wage or a guaranteed income if they are unable to work, will all of us be able to pay the rent.



The Battle Hymn of the Republic was written by Julia Ward Howe in 1861 after she visited Army camps around Washington, D.C.



Military historians generally trace the custom of wearing military decorations on the left breast to the Crusaders, who wore the badge of honor over the heart.

Church Briefs

BY FAYE WHITE
Associate Editor

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

Tabernacle Center Of Deliverance will honor their "Kings" and "Princes" at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 19, at a "Guys In Ties" Service. Evangelist Sudie Davis of the Freemount Original FWB Church in Washington, North Carolina, will be the guest speaker. Special music will be rendered by Sister Sandra Shackelford and Daughter Bridget of Farmville and by The "Faithful Few" of St. Mary Baptist Church.

Mills Chapel Free Will Baptist Church will present the Mighty rock Island Singers of Fountain in concert at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25. Proceeds will benefit the church's building fund.

The "Faithful" Male Chorus of Greenville will celebrate their Second Anniversary, Oct. 25-26. The Pre-Anniversary program will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Ayden. The Anniversary Celebration will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday at St. Mary Baptist Church. Various choirs will participate.

Salvation & Praise Full Gospel Church (in Farmville) will hold "WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP" at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18. Minister Patricia Radford (of the Ayden Pentecostal Holiness Church in Ayden) will be the speaker.

Holy Mission United Holy Church (1811 South Pitt Street in Greenville) will hold services at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19. Evangelist Deloris French (of Williamston) will be the guest speaker.

Brown's Chapel Holiness Church (Located on the Belvoir Highway) will hold "Joy Night" Services at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 18. Dr. Felton O'Neal Best (of the First Church of Harvest in Bloomfield, Connecticut) will be the guest preacher. The guest soloist will be Tashayla Joyce Best (of Winterville). Elder Bobby Wooten, Pastor, invites the public to come and share our "JOY."



SISTERS, COMPARING NOTES!—Sisters Mildred Council, of the Greenville City Council, and Alice Mills-Saddler of the Beaufort County Commissioners, met outside the Headlines Family Care Salon recently. Oh, they didn't pause long; they were really in a hurry, 'cause they were about to get their "do's" done. (Jim Rouse Photo)

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(NAPS)—A new workplace rule issued by the federal government makes it illegal in non-union companies for employees to work cooperatively with managers to make decisions that directly affect the worker's well-being.

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N.C. Mutual Begins Celebration

DURHAM—North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. celebrated its 99th anniversary and began a yearlong celebration Monday, Oct. 6, at its annual Founders' Day observance. The program was held at the company's home office auditorium in downtown Durham.

Bert Collins, the company's eighth president, introduced Kenneth I. Chennault as the guest speaker to the 500 guests, civic leaders, policyholders and employees attending. Chennault is president and chief operating officer of

the American Express Corp.

North Carolina Mutual was founded Oct. 20, 1898 by a group of black Durham businessmen, educators and civic leaders. The company began its operations April 1, 1899.

Two of the founders, John Merrick, Durham's leading black businessman of that day, and Dr. Aaron M. Moore, the city's first black physician, led the company through its early years.

They were later joined by Charles C. Spaulding, who became

NCM's third president and led the company to a position as America's leading black insurance business, a position it never relinquished.

North Carolina Mutual's success led to the formation in Durham of a black bank (Mechanics and Farmers), a black savings and loan (Mutual Savings and Loan, now Mutual Community Savings Bank) and other black business, civic and educational institutions, many of which still exist today.

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Rep. Mercer To Challenge Eva Clayton

FARMVILLE—Representative Linwood E. Mercer announced recently that he will be a candidate to represent North Carolina's 1st Congressional District. Representative Mercer, a Pitt County Democrat, announced his plans to seek the office in an interview televised on "Carolina Today."

The three-term State Representative will be challenging U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton, D-N.C., for the seat.

Mercer said, "I want to give the people of the 1st District an alternative. I've worked hard to serve Eastern North Carolina in the State House, and now I'm ready to work even harder in Washington."

Rep. Mercer cited his years of community and government service as qualifications that, he says, will make an able and capable Congressman.

"I've served as Mayor of my town, and as Chairman of the Pitt County Board of Commissioners," said Mercer. "I'm now in my third term as State Representative. I've worked for better and stronger communities at every level of government and now I'm ready to take the next step."

"I'm interested in helping our communities strengthen and expand," Mercer continued. "I'm experienced in building infrastructure in our small towns, I've worked to create jobs, and as a past President of the Farmville Economic Council, I recruited industry to our area. I want to see our working families have opportunities in North Carolina. I've done that on the local and state level, and I will continue as a United States Congressman."



REP. LINWOOD E. MERCER

Representative Mercer also stated that his background as a small business owner helps him understand the need for a strong economy and a reduction in the tax burden on working families.

"Here in the eastern part of the state, we still have plenty of people who fall into the category of 'working poor,'" said Mercer. "and that's the case in many parts of our country. Our tax situation mustn't be a burden. Families, businesses, and our farming community can't take it. We've got to work to insure that families and small businesses alike can flourish in North Carolina and all over America. I've supported the reduction of over 1 billion dollars in taxes in North Carolina. I've voted to reduce things like our tax on food, because I wanted to see North Carolina families prosper. I'll do the same thing at the Capitol."

Rep. Mercer was born in Washington, N.C., and has resided in Farmville for 24 years with his wife, Alice, and three daughters.

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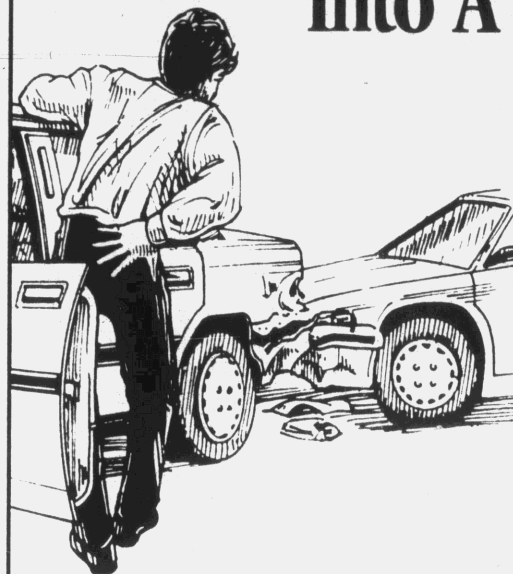
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Ms. Dollie Drewery, 87, of 306 Clairmont Circle, died Wednesday, Oct. 8, at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Selvia Chapel Church. Burial followed in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Ms. Drewery was a native of Nash County and attended the local schools.

Survivors: sons, Herbert Harper, Hubert Drewery, Jr., both of Greenville, N.C.; Charlie West Drewery of Washington, D.C.; foster daughter, Virginia Ebron; daughters, Ruth Langley, Mary Ann Brewington both of Greenville, N.C.; Dorothy Massenburg of Alexandria, VA.; Barbara Jean Trammell of Washington, D.C.; sisters, Loretta Ellis of District Height, MD.; Pecola bunting of Baltimore, MD.; Doris Best of New York City, N.Y.; 9 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

JAMES GARDNER

James Gardner, 74, of East Carolina Care, died Sunday, Oct. 5, in Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services Saturday, Oct. 11, at 12 noon at the Flanagan Funeral Chapel. Burial followed in Branch's Cemetery, Winterville.

Mr. Gardner was a native of Pitt

County and attended the local schools.

Survivors: son, James Ray Gardner of Virginia Beach, VA.; daughters, Mamie Rodgers, Audrey Floyd; brothers, Elbert Gray Gardner of Alexandria, VA, Bonnie Ray Gardner of Washington, D.C.; sisters, Annie Cox of Ayden, N.C., Sarah Elizabeth Cox of Washington, D.C.; 8 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren.

JULIUS STREETER

Julius Streeter, 81, of 612 Hudson Street, died Tuesday, Oct. 7, in Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12, in the Flanagan Funeral Chapel. Burial in the Weaver Family Cemetery, Penny Hill.

Mr. Streeter was a native of Pitt County and attended the local schools. He was a veteran of World War II.

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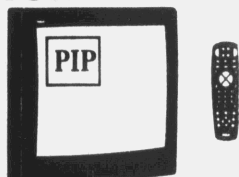
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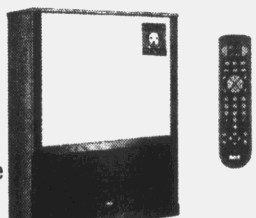


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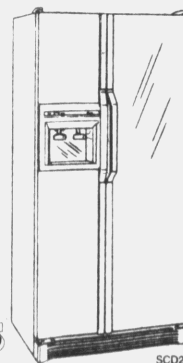


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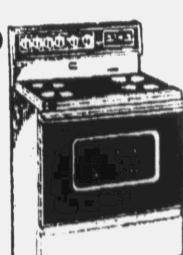
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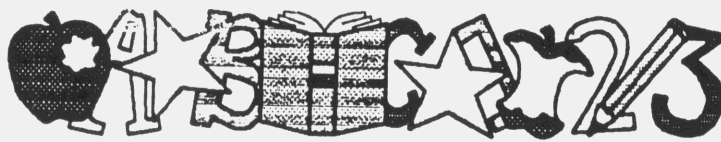
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2. Loop Road
3. Site Utilities
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Siemens Power Names Sales & Marketing VP

Siemens Power Transmission and Distribution (ST&D), LLC has appointed Tim Leyshock to vice president of Sales and Marketing.

Leyshock brings to Siemens 30 years of domestic and global energy market experience. Prior to joining the company, he served as vice president of ABB Power Transmission & Distribution's Western Region. Before that, he spent 24 years in various management positions at Westinghouse Corp., including its nuclear business operations.

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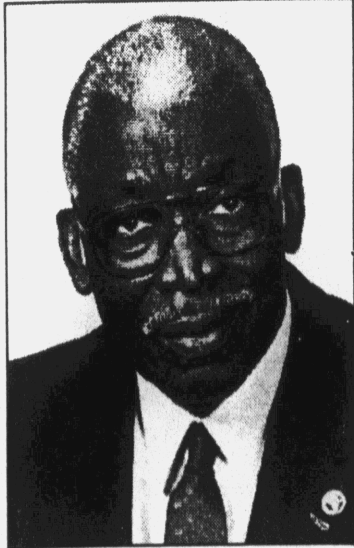
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