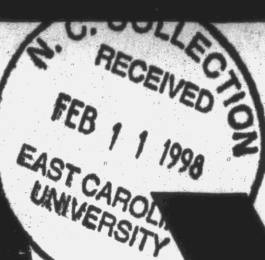


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CONCERNED CITIZENS HOST CONGRESSWOMAN EVA CLAYTON—Concerned citizens recently invited Congressman Eva Clayton to their home. Doctor Ted Mutcheni and Doctor Diane Campbell, sister Helen Mosnroe as shown with Congresswoman Eva Clayton talking to the group of doctors and friends about healthcare issues, and other issues concerning the First Congressional District in Eastern N.C. The group of concerned citizens were encouraged to get out the vote in this year's May Primary. (Jim Rose Photo)

Mt. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Holds 11th Annual King Observance

The 11th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Observance sponsored by the Mt. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, was held at Mt. Shiloh in Williamston with the Dr. Kenneth R. Hammond of Durham, along with his choir of Union Baptist Church. The Martin Luther King, Jr. (See KING EVENT, P. 2)



EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HOLDS 13TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BANQUET—Last Saturday at the Hilton Hotel the East Carolina University School of Medicine recognized outstanding young doctors. Shown Top: Doctor Wiley Hines and son, Wiley Hines, Jr. (soon to be a Doctor), the well known Doctor Andrew Best, Doctor Julius Mallette, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and guest speaker from Raleigh, N.C., Doctor Allen Mask. Below: Young African Americans who will soon be doctors. Left to right: Johnita Yvette Lyon, Nelasha D. Spivey, Doctor Mallette, and Derrick Shayne Hines. The 'M' VOICE NEWSPAPER salutes these young people. May God be with you as you step out into the world of healthcare. (Jim Rose Photo)

Office of the Mayor
City of Greenville
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, for many years, February has been observed by an increasing number of Americans of all ethnic and sociological backgrounds as African-American History Month; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans have contributed immeasurably to the success of our nation from the days of early colonization to the present, despite hardships which included bigotry, disenfranchisement; laws which prevented them from owning land, and slavery itself; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans have excelled in every facet of life, including education, science, medicine, the arts, politics, and every profession; and

WHEREAS, the great State of North Carolina and the City of Greenville appropriately boast a rich and progressive history which includes numerous significant contributions made by Black citizens who clearly had in mind and demonstrated the laudable purpose of making our city a better place in which each person can live and develop; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that there is a need for each of us to know and understand our past in order to better prepare for the challenge of our future.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nancy M. Jenkins, Mayor of the City of Greenville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of February, 1998, as

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH in Greenville and commend this observance to our citizens.

This the 23rd day of January, 1998.

Nancy M. Jenkins, Mayor

UNCF 'Evening Of Stars' Raises Record \$13.1 Million In Funds

FAIRFAX, Va.—The United Negro College (UNCF) raised a record \$13.1 million in cash and pledges during its special "An Evening of Stars: A Celebration of Educational Excellence" aired on Jan. 10 and 17.

The amount raised represents a four percent increase over the prior year's total.

"This achievement would not have been possible without our loyal supporters who called in and made their contributions," said William H. Gray, III, president and CEO of UNCF. "The \$13.1 million raised during 'An Evening of Stars' will provide a valuable and life-changing education for thousands of students who without UNCF support would not be able to get a college education."

Contributing to the show's overall success were Lou Rawls, Debbie Allen, Louis Gossett, Jr., and Alfre Woodard who served as hosts as they presented viewers with a new format featuring four hours of entertainment and vignettes about

the success stories of UNCF students and alumni.

The 1998 "An Evening of Stars" blended the old with the new with performances by Luther Vandross, Vanessa L. Williams, Toni Braxton, The O'Jays, Maze featuring Frankie Beverly, Sinbad, Kenny Lattimore, CeCe Winans, Teena Marie, AZ Yet, Kool and the Gang featuring James Taylor, Jerry Butler, The Dells, Mark Curry, The Chi-Lites, and Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers.

Special appearances were also made by Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Quincy Jones, Isiah Thomas, Ruby Dee, Maynard Jackson and Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell.

National overnight ratings were up 31 percent over the prior year's ratings for the annual show. Total costs were reduced by seventeen percent.

The special was aired on national broadcast network affiliates of CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX, WB and UPN, as well as independents, USSB satellite and cable networks

such as Black Entertainment Television (BET).

UNCF decided to change the annual television special's format after research showed that it was experiencing declining revenues, viewership and rising costs. This year's program was produced and directed by Emmy Award winner Louis J. Horvitz.

UNCF organizers say they are pleased that they made the decision to change the production this year and are already planning for next year's show.

"We knew that we needed to cut costs, increase revenues and give viewers the kind of quality programming that they expect from other television specials," said Gray.

"The increase in this year's ratings, revenues and decreased costs prove that this was the right thing to do. We thank all of the entertainers, students, member institutions, alumni, production personnel and UNCF supporters that made (See UNCF, P. 2)

Mebanes Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

A "once-in-a-lifetime" celebration, honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Deacon Francis H. Mebane, 33° Mason and State Board Member of N.C. Senior Games, and Beulah Whitfield Mebane, both retired educators, was held in Greenville the weekend of Dec. 20-21.

The festivities were divided into three main segments: a Fellowship Hour and Fashion Show, Dance, and Reception.

Their daughter, Gracie Mebane Vines, her husband, Thomas F. Vines, and their son, Justin Mebane Vines, entertained the guests with a party Saturday, Dec. 20, from 1 to 5 p.m., featuring Nathan Cobb's LaBogue Productions followed by dinner for the hotel guests.

Guests came from other parts of North Carolina, Georgia, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey, and Washington, D.C. Also hosting the afternoon event were Dr. Linner Griffin, Ms. Olga Mike, and Ms. Gwendolyn Lee-Tyson. Guests were registered by Ms. Vernisteen Paige.

A formal dance was held at the Bachelor Benedict Club featuring the DeShield's Orchestra. The intermissions featured couples' games, toasts, and reflections from Arthur Selby, Bernard Haselrig's rendition of the "Old Man," Thomas Vines, Howard Pearce, and Attorney Earl T. Brown.

Congresswoman Eva Clayton, U.S. Representative of the First District, brought greetings from President Clinton and wished for the couple many years of continued marital bliss. Following the dance, guests unwound at the Hilton Inn's Greenville Room.

Following breakfast at Christine's, the guests attended church services at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church. A reception honoring the couple was held immediately following morning services in the Ladies' Parlor.

Four "teenagers," Ms. Sadie Rooks, Ms. Sallie Ann Early, Ms. Rosa Bradley, and Ms. O'Coma Wilson—all over the age of 85 years—mentors of Beulah W. Mebane, manned the registration desk. They were assisted by Ms. Wista Gooden of Washington, D.C.

In attendance to the Receiving Line were Ms. Yvonne Pearce, Ms. Margaret Sugg, and Ms. Barbara Brown. From the original wedding party were the honorees—Francis H. and Beulah W. Mebane, Mr. and

Mrs. Joseph Godette, their "infant" daughter, Ms. Josetta Godette Williams, and Ms. Sallye Streeter.

Senior Choir members Ms. Gwendolyn Lee-Tyson and Ms. Olga Mike served as hostesses. Ms. Addie R. Gore served punch. Music

for the reception was provided by Ms. Myriam Carraway, church organist and cousin of the bride.

After the reception, dinner was served at the home of the honored couple.

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PROMINENT COUPLE CELEBRATES GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY—A "once-in-a-lifetime" celebration, honoring the 50th wedding anniversary of Deacon Francis H. Mebane, 33° Mason and State Board Member of N.C. Senior Games, and Beulah Whitfield Mebane, both retired educators, was held in Greenville the weekend of Dec. 20-21. The festivities were divided into three main segments: a Fellowship Hour and Fashion Show, Dance, and Reception.

Affinity: Perspectives

by Dee Apetsi

Dear Dee:

I am a saved Christian woman who is in love with two men. One who I will call "K" is a Christian, a man's man...a serious hunk. He likes being out doors and loves to hunt. Everything is serious to him, he doesn't laugh much and he likes to take control. He is wise and knows a lot about practical things, but he sometime puts me down to make me feel stupid. The other one is "W". He does not believe in God much less Jesus Christ. But he is cultured, educated, and has a lot of money. He has the nicest personality, treats me like a lady, and tells corny jokes that I like and is very intellectual. He never puts me down.

What one does not have the other one does have. I wish I could just roll them up into one person. One who is Christian, has a good sense of humor, who has wisdom and intellectual knowledge, who doesn't put me down and has money too.

Which One Do You Think I Should Choose?

Dear Which One:

A Christian in love with two men? You obviously have a good imagination, try these three tests. Close your eyes, then imagine "K" the Christian hunk standing before you fully clothed in whatever kind of attire he usually wears. Dwell on that for a few minutes. Do you like what you see? Then imagine "K" butt naked...(I'm going somewhere with this so don't start calling the newspaper)...dwell on his nakedness for a few minutes. Do you like what you see? Now, with your eyes still closed imagine "K" without his skin...so you see only his muscles (similar to the illustrations of a muscular man in a biology text...muscles). Dwell in that for a while. Next, imagine "K" without the muscle...just an outline of himself, transparent, but with his organs. His brain on top and his heart, liver, intestines, etc. Now imagine "K" without the organs, just a skeleton before you. Finally, remove the skeleton. You may think there's nothing left, but what remains is the most crucial element of all, his spirit. Do you like what you see? Now try the same test with "W". Chances are that neither of them is for you...but you be the judge. The third and final test will be on yourself...your spirit. James 1:8 says a double-minded man is unstable in all of his ways. Steady yourself, girlfriend, or be prepared to take a fall.

Dee

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Accommodations for out-of-town guests were held at the Greenville Hilton. Limousine service was courtesy of the Flanagan Funeral Homes.

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Community Service Award was presented to Pastor George Hawkins of Tabernacle Center Church of Deliverance and Tabernacle Counseling, Educational, and Culture Arts Center of Greenville.

Pastor Hawkins is very active in the community and surrounding counties as a preacher, soloist, musician, florist, caterer, wedding consultant and director, AIDS service volunteer, hospital chaplain, volunteer and sponsor with the

U. S. Rep. Calls For Probe Of Newspaper Bombing

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Last week, U.S. Rep. Bennie G. Thompson (D-Miss.) announced that he has made a formal, written request

to the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and Brad Pigott, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Missis-

issippi, to conduct a hate crime investigation into the bombing of the Jackson Advocate.

"The Jackson Advocate has been a backbone of the community for nearly 60 years," said Thompson. "Some sad individual has made the mistake of thinking they can hide their cowardly act under the cover of darkness. As of right now, there is nowhere in this country that this person can hide without having to fear the full weight and authority of the federal government."

A preliminary investigation shows that the fire was started at or around 3:08 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 26. There is evidence that the front door was kicked open, gasoline was poured throughout the office and then Molotov cocktails were thrown into the office, igniting the fuel-soaked room.

The Jackson Advocate, which was founded in 1939, has been a controversial voice for progressive issues in Mississippi and in the African-American community.

Predicated on the equal application of the First Amendment to all Americans, the Advocate has pushed the buttons of many public officials, most recently, Jackson Mayor Harvey Johnson.

The Congressman went on to address the perpetrator of this crime by saying, "You will be caught, and when you are, you have my personal guarantee that you will be punished to the fullest extent of the law."

Hate crime laws have become stricter over the last few years, and individuals found guilty of committing these crimes will face stiff federal penalties.

Lt. Governor Calls For 'Lose Control Lose Your License' Plan Of Action

Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker has proposed a safe schools initiative called "lose control lose your license," which targets the three top crimes occurring on North Carolina school campuses: drugs, weapons, and assaults.

"There is nothing more important than providing a safe learning environment for our children," said Wicker. "We can raise teachers' salaries, build new schools, and establish more rigorous standards for our students, but none of that will matter if we allow criminal behavior to disrupt our schools."

Specifically, Wicker's plan calls for a new kind of punishment for students who are suspended or removed from regular school for assaulting a teacher, bringing a weapon to school, and possessing or selling drugs on campus.

That punishment is a one-year drivers license revocation for students 16 and older, and forgoing a drivers license until age 18 for students under 16.

"Having a drivers license is privilege, not a right," said Wicker. "I want every young person to know that they can lose that privilege if they choose to engage in criminal activity on our school grounds. The message we are sending to young people will be, lose control and lose your license."

"It is appalling to consider that last year across our state there were more than 8,000 reports of crime incidents on our school grounds. That includes more than 1,300 assaults on school employees," said Wicker.

"While the level of violence has dropped slightly, these numbers are still unacceptable. I believe if a young person knows that we will take their drivers license if they break the law, they will think twice before making a wrong behavior choice."

Another component of Wicker's safe school initiative is expansion of the School Resource Officer program. Currently, the state provides funding for SRO's to every high school. Wicker wants the same provision for middle schools.

"School Resource Officers are not just security officers on campus. They help teachers with drug and alcohol prevention education. They serve as role models and mentors to many young people. And they provide counseling to help students make wise decisions. I have seen first: hand the benefits of SRO's on our campuses. We need to have their presence at our middle schools as well."

Wicker's "Lose Control Lose Your License" proposal is being endorsed, by State Superintendent Mike Ward, Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Janice Faulkner, teachers, law enforcement officers, and juvenile justice counselors.

Wicker says he is confident that the North Carolina General Assembly will pass legislation this summer putting "lose control lose your license" in place at every school next fall.

A&T State U. Remembers Sit-Ins Impact

GREENSBORO—On Feb. 1, 1960, four North Carolina A&T State University freshmen sat at the Woolworth's lunch counter in downtown Greensboro and refused to leave until they were served. This brave act launched the national sit-in movement and expanded civil rights activities in America.

The Greensboro Four—Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, Ezell Blair (now Jibreel Khazan) and the late David Richmond—moved by their individual conscience and their collective sense of justice, sparked a movement for civic and social justice that resulted in far-reaching improvements in the lives of black Americans and the entire American people.

McCain and McNeil told A&T students what happened 38 years ago during a breakfast forum at 7:30 Sunday morning, Feb. 1, in the F.A. Williams Cafeteria (upstairs), at North Carolina A&T State University.

The breakfast forum featured presentations by A&T student leaders along with musical selections. McCain and McNeil will share reflections, and will lead an open mike session designed to facilitate dialogue with students.

The sit-in leaders suggested this format, instead of simply being recipients of accolades and awards, because they had a desire to pass on their pioneering spirit to students and leaders of grassroots and neighborhood organizations. Therefore, it was decided to take this breakfast forum directly to the students, inside their domain in the cafeteria upstairs.

Chancellor Edward B. Fort said, "In recognition of the pioneering efforts of the Greensboro Four, North Carolina A&T State University kicks off its observance of Black History Month with this Tribute to the Greensboro Four: Celebrating the Past and Shaping the Future."

"In order to understand our future, we must always remember our past," Fort explained. "A&T has a rich heritage of outstanding student leaders who followed their convictions and made America a better place to live. We celebrate the likes of the Greensboro Four, the late Dr. Ronald McNair, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr., and countless others who had their start right here on our campus."

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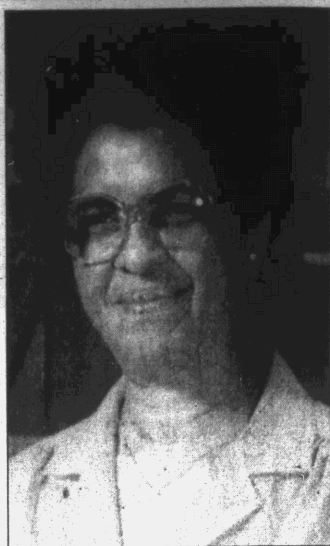
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from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye

A GOOD WORD FOR FEBRUARY (Love)

Love freely, love deeply, love purely. Love yourself the way you've always wanted to be loved, and love others the same way. Love well, love often. Find it in your heart to love those who have never shown you love - they need it most of all. Give so much love that you're certain to get some back. Love all that the earth has to offer - people, birds, stones, insects, trees, mice and oceans. Love something - anything! - with a passion. Love something larger than yourself. Call it God, call it nature, call it the divine, call it the source. Call it love.



Beatrice C. Maye

FEBRUARY 1998 ushers in African-American History Month. The 1998 theme: "African-Americans in Business; the Path toward Empowerment."

Carver Library, West 14th Street, and Sheppard Library, Evans Street, have the 1998 kit. Don't neglect to use it.

Hopefully, schools, churches, organizations, day care centers, groups, fraternities and sororities and groups and individuals, will focus on this month and the achievements and contributions of black Americans.

Question: Do our children know the Black National Anthem? Seemingly, we only sing it during the month of February. It is a hymn—"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

SOME CURRENT AFRICAN AMERICANS IN THE NEWS.

Note: Citing people is always a touchy thing. If you know persons I did not cite, please call their names in).

William Pierce, president and founder of Right Step Academy, Inc., a charter school on Watauga Street, Greenville.

JAMES EBRON, REAPPOINTED TO ANOTHER TERM ON the Pitt Community College Board of Trustees.

Dr. Y. Yolanda Burwell, installed chairman of the Board of the Pitt Mental Health Area Program.

Tony Jones, news team at WNCT-9 as general assignment reporter.

The Rev. Randy Royal, the pulse of Greenville.

Valerie J. Dixon and Alfreida C. Jordan, elected officers of the Greenville Utilities Board of Commissioners.

Carolyn J. Ferebee, elected trustee, Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Monte Williams, a 21-year employee, named a McDonald's Ray Kroc Employee Ambassador.

Wilson McDowell, retired football coach from Pitt County Schools, who has touched the lives of thousands of boys in a positive manner.

A legend in his own time, the Town of Ayden Board of Commissioners and Executive Commission, dedicated the J.J. Brown Park on Sunday, Oct. 26, 1997.

Lena Franks joined WITN-7 and Latonya Nixon, WNCT-9 as morning anchors and general assignment reporters.

Jim Rouse, owner/manager, WOOW and WTOW Radio stations, also the "M" Voice newspaper.

Bernadette Rogers of Smiling Faces Day Care Center, Inc., of Williamston, was one of 24 recipients across the state to be presented the North Carolina Early Childhood Professional Development Award.

Dr. Willie L. Morris, III's Doctorate of Musical Arts degree from the University of Missouri at Kansas City, was presented to him in May 1997.

Selina L. Forbes and Beatrice Maye were presented Certificates of Recognition from Grand Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., Oct. 4, 1997.

Greenville Police Substation (Community Center), dedicated in memory of George Garrett, a deceased social activist, Aug. 20, 1995.

Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, the oldest Black church in Greenville, founded in 1860, a monument was erected and dedicated on the corners of First and Greene Streets (Town Commons), Sunday, Feb. 18, 1996, in commemoration of African-American History Month.

The late R. E. Jones, Sr., was enshrined in the North Carolina Hall of Fame, in the historic House of Representatives Chambers, Capitol, Friday, July 17, 1992. He was assistant director of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service and associate dean of the

College of Agriculture at N.C. A&T State University, until his retirement in 1977. Jones became the first African-American to be inducted into North Carolina Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Attorney Jerome Ramey, Esq., along with several others, have organized an "Investment Club" for the purpose of stock market info as well as investment in the American economy.

Marvin and Shelley Staten, owners, Heel/Sew Quik, footwear clinic, 201 Carolina's East Mall (while you wait shoe repair) and clothing alterations and key making, also Primerica services.

McCloud & Associates, Inc., computer and accounting services, 502-A Dexter St., Greenville.

Raymond (Cookie) Williams, owner/manager, Ray's Wash Tub, Ray's Ice Cream Parlor and Flea Market, 1112-1114 N. Greene St., Greenville.

Cpl. James E. Tripp of the Greenville Police Department Housing Authority Unit was recently selected as the 1997 American Legion Law Enforcement officer of the year.

Tripp's involvement with the residents of the Housing Authority, as well as a decrease in the crime rate since the program's inception, have prompted an increase in the community's sense of pride and security, according to the Greenville Police Department.



TO PARTICIPATE IN JABBERWOCK—Ashlee L. Daniels has been chosen by the Greenville (N.C.) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; to participate in their Jabberwock Pageant. The pageant is designed to allow young ladies an experience of participating in social, cultural, and public service activities while earning educational funds.

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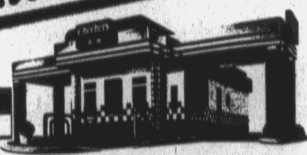
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Celebrating Black History

Black History Month is upon us again, and already we can hear the whining from certain quarters.

You know the ones we mean. The folks from a certain political persuasion who delight in examining in minute detail any news which deals with the problems of black folks.

Yet, these people get impatient and start looking at their watches whenever they see a story emphasizing the positive attributes of the community.

"We just spent two or three weeks with Martin Luther King being shoved down our throats, and now we've got to listen to a whole month's worth of propaganda about how wonderful black people are," we can hear them grumble.

That's right. For the next four weeks, your airwaves and newspapers will be filled with accounts of the strength, goodness, resourcefulness and historical power of the descendants of Africa.

There is one very good reason that black folks don't feel too bad about that prospect. We know that, the instant February is over, the news about African-Americans will once more be murder, rape, drugs and corruption. Back to "normal."

But for the next four weeks, we will get to see ourselves the same as the rest of the populace.

Isn't that a lot of time to spend on one group of people in the country? Not really.

African-Americans represent 13 percent of the U.S. population (and growing). Four weeks represents about 7.6 percent of the year.

So, even with the extra week or so of celebrating Martin Luther King's memory, we figure we actually have another week or so coming. So our detractors are actually getting off easy.

Black newspapers always have a

tough time figuring out what to do to celebrate Black History Month, though.

After all, it is our business to write about black history every day.

We regularly carry features about great black historical figures, and the oral history of the "ancient ones" in the community.

And the news we carry is itself black history—in the making. What to do, then, to emphasize black history even more?

This year, Amalgamated Publishers, our national advertising representative, is giving us all a present.

During February, they will send all their subscribers a series of feature stories dealing specifically with black history.

The features will deal with a different aspect of black history and achievement each week.

The first week will focus on women—"Achievements: Past, Present, and Future."

The second week's focus, medicine, will reveal black pioneers and major breakthroughs.

Finance—"Power Brokers," which will be the focus of the third week of coverage, will look at blacks on Wall Street and their contributions.

The finale of the monthlong emphasis will be sports—"Legends," and will look at both young and old.

Of course, we will add features of our own to help make the observance more meaningful for our readers.

But make no mistake about it. The celebration of "Black History Month" may end with February.

But we intend to keep sharing black history and black history-in-the-making with our readers throughout the year.

So, in a real sense, for those who are "sick and tired of hearing about black history," there will be no relief in the pages of *The Carolinian*.

What A Difference

Listening to the troubles of Bill Clinton last week brought to mind the dramatic changes that have come about over the past generation.

In the '60s, the FBI put a wiretap on Martin Luther King, Jr., and allegedly uncovered some sexual indiscretions.

J. Edgar Hoover was sure he had enough juice to cripple the civil rights movement.

In fact, so sure was he that the American people would turn away in revulsion from King and "his" movement that he actually sent him a letter threatening to go public with his tapes if King didn't commit suicide!

From all accounts, all Hoover had was a few whispered innuendos and some off-color stories told to friends and associates.

But he was certain that he had "dirt" that would destroy America's premiere civil rights leader.

And Dr. King agreed, as did many of his associates.

How times have changed! Many of the allegations against Bill Clinton had were public before even his first campaign for president.

He and Hillary all but acknowledged his affair with Gennifer Flowers while in Arkansas.

The story broke about the alleged incident with Paula Jones (although

she didn't muster sufficient outrage to take him to court until after he was elected—but that's her business).

Then came countless "eyewitness" stories from Arkansas State Patrolmen of trysts in limousines, at public functions, etc., even in the State House—usually on late-night conservative talkfests where it we also got to find out that he killed several of his close associates.

The allegations of sexual misconduct were so thick and heavy that they became the stuff of standup comedians.

Said Jay Leno during one campaign: "The campaign is like *The Wizard of Oz*. Dole wants a heart, Quayle needs a brain, and Clinton just wants to meet Dorothy."

And through it all, the American people just didn't care. The economy is going well, crime is down, there is balance between Democrats and Republicans.

Even with the most recent revelations, it is far from clear that Clinton will have to leave office.

In fact, one suspects that if he received a threat to expose him if he didn't commit suicide, he would just ask for copies of the Polaroids.

A different time. A different morality. A different... race?

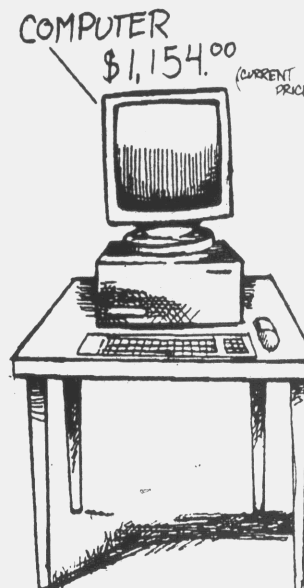
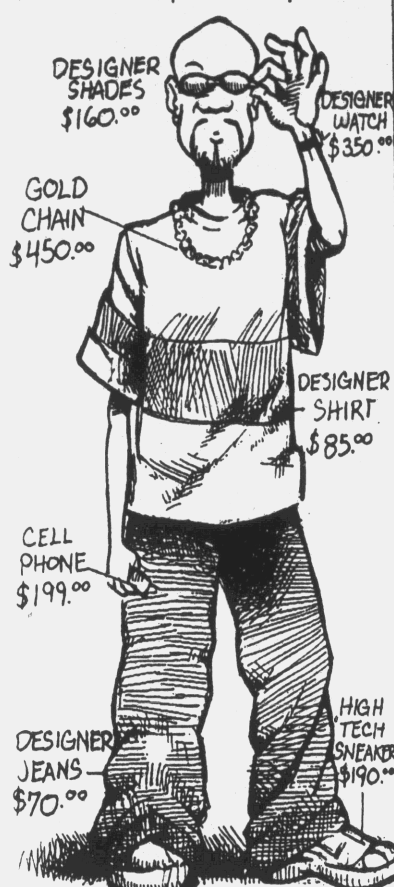


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20/20 Hindsight

By Gilbert Hines

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THE LESSON: SOME PEOPLE KNOW THE PRICE OF EVERYTHING, BUT THE VALUE OF NOTHING

GANGSTAS? THUGS?

YOU AIN'T IT.

BY TREY BANKHEAD



This one's going out to all the teens out there. If you're a teen, or know someone who IS a teen, go ahead and read this. And pass it on.

Okay. I freely admit it. I'm old-fashioned. Granted, I'm only 28 years old, and I'm STILL old-fashioned!

I simply can NOT understand why many of today's black teens are dressing like idiots.

I'll put it this way. What sense is it to wear your pants so far down your butt that, if you move the wrong way, you're going to trip and fall on your face?

The "in" thing among teens seems to be that they want to be "thugs" or "gangsta's." Every time I hear this, I can't help but laugh. I mean, these are kids that have NO idea what the terms even mean, but they want to be what they obviously don't understand. Can someone help me understand this?

Thugs. So, you want to be a thug, huh? Thug is an old word, coming from India. It's from "thuggee," which were a religious assassin cult several hundred years ago. Man enough for you guys? ("Hey, man, that's cool, I'm down w/da't!") They also worshipped a goddess, and required the men to not have sex or drink, or do drugs. ("Hey, man, that's wack! I ain't doin' that!") You guys SURE you wanna be the real deal for "thug" life?

Gangstas... that one's tougher. I know that, during the 1920s and early '30s, organized crime flourished. You've heard of them: Scarface, the Untouchables, Al Capone? Well, blacks had a similar thing going back then, but it didn't really get well known until the '60s. But, the black gangs as wore neat, stylish clothes, and believed in the value of education, unlike today's hip-hop thug-life original gangsta wanna-be's.

I don't know. Maybe you think that it's cool to be on the wrong side of the law. Well, let me put it this way: The original gangstas may have been on the wrong side of the law, but they knew enough to dress in a fashion that allowed them to RUN if it came to that. The current droopy-baggy jeans, big long shirts, and unlaced shoes you like today? You guys couldn't run fast for long if your lives depended on it (and you never know, it just MIGHT someday). Your shoes would fall off, your pants would trip you up as one of my students once said, "Yo thug butt be up in da jail!"

Now, I know a lot of my former students are going to crack some ribs laughing, but, yes, I wanted to be a gangster when I was their age, too. Well, truth is, I probably still wouldn't mind being one. Let's face it, they had the cool cars, the best clothes, the guys had the best-lookin' ladies and the ladies had whatever they wanted. But they didn't get there through random violence, being all up in someone else's face or business for no real reason. They THOUGHT things out, and planned on how to get what they wanted.

Case in point: Do you really think people are going to be respecting you if your hair's flying everywhere, your clothes are barely staying on you, and you don't know how to speak or count? Okay, maybe so. But, will you be getting PAID? As Puff Daddy says, "It's all about the Benjamins," and you won't be making the big money if you look like you just crawled out of a sewer.

The original gangstas dressed well so that people would respect them. They looked, and acted, like businessmen. Have your mom or grandma pull out her old photo albums, and have her show you what the men wore back in the '20s and '30s. Or, go to the library. Yes, they were stylin' (old phrase, sorry)! They went to school, and learned what was there so they could get to where THEY wanted to be, not where someone else was willing to put them. The gangstas demanded respect, but only AFTER they had earned it!

You can't force someone to respect you, it's a right that has to be earned. That's why they had a code of ethics. If two people had a dispute, then those TWO people would handle it. None of this "Let me bring eight of my boys down here to jack you up" mess. Business was kept separate as business. You wouldn't hear them insulting each other's mothers or sisters or fathers or whatever. Family was to be respected—

Other Viewpoints

IS IT TIME TO MOVE ON GARY, INDIANA?

By Harry C. Alford

President/CEO, National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Recently, I wrote an article entitled "Why Gary, Indiana Still Cries." It was a cursory description of a once thriving city that has gone through serious economic challenges void of a balance of political leadership vs. business leadership. Power tilting totally to political empowerment can make terrible business conditions. Terrible business conditions can and will certainly make unemployment, crime, poverty, poor health care and hopelessness rampant. Such is the experience of Gary.

I received quick and sharp responses from people who felt I was too harsh on Gary. It's funny though, none of the bitter letters challenged my claims of corruption. "Leave black folks alone," "white towns have these problems too," "you're not from Gary, shut up!" etc. It seems that many of the residents have accepted corruption, patronage and abuse from local elected officials. It's a way of life to many—too many. If there is corruption, it must be dealt with. The rationale that "If it's blacks bribing, stealing and extorting we should let it exist. After all it's not white folks stealing from us." That is just pure ludicrous! As the late and great Thurgood Marshall once said, "Show me a white snake and then show me a black snake; I'll say you have two snakes—no difference, same bite."

There are a lot of abuses performed over the decades in Gary. Probably the biggest that has come to my attention has been with HUD programs. You all know about the unique Homestead Assistance programs that HUD will exercise in many urban communities. Recently, in the Washington Post newspaper, there was an announcement that various HUD properties, which needed rehab were for sale at prices from \$250 to \$1,000. Buyers must be first-time home buyers and they would also receive an instant \$10,000 low interest loan to go towards the rehab. This is a fantastic opportunity for a new family, single-parent family and/or persons living close to the poverty level but wanting to "pull themselves up" through hard work. It can also be a blessing for a blighted or stressed community. Abandoned homes can be turned into dwellings for the "up and comers" and give life and improvement to a block or neighborhood that is threatened with extermination.

The above Homestead Assistance program is offered throughout the nation. During the past decades homes were offered in Gary for as little as \$1. Not only were there low interest loans but actual grants for the rehabs. This was tailor-made for a community like Gary which has been constantly losing its population and vital neighborhoods. The problem in Gary was that the program was "too good." City officials, mid-level managers and such pirated the program. The recipients were supposed to be first-time home buyers who absolutely would have to live in the dwellings themselves. What ended up was a new crop of "slum lords." The opportunists "bought" up these units for personal income property. There was no significant new home ownership but a bunch of nouveau "good ol' boys" exploiting local poverty victims. This office has been informed that there may be current city council members who are currently profiting from this abuse. How interesting?

The National Black Chamber of Commerce is going to perform a serious discovery investigation on HUD Homestead Assistance activity in Gary. We want to use this as a prototype for other communities who want to see if the "right thing" is happening in their communities. If the abuse is as big as we suspect, we are going to rally a class action lawsuit against the nouveau "slum lords" and corrupt local and federal officials. The hungry, impoverished and hopeless who had an opportunity vanish, a dream deferred, must be made whole.

period.

So, you guys want to be gangstas? Then, at least do us all a favor: Get it right. Do it the way your great-grandparents would have done it. In school, with clothes that look good and using your heads. That way, you won't be so embarrassing to the original gangstas. Or to the rest of us, who have to look at you, and have white people thinking we're ALL like you.

Derrickson Named New State NAACP Executive Director

Melvin "Skip" Alston, president of the North Carolina State Board of the NAACP, announced officially last week the selection of Hurley Derrickson of Greensboro as the new state executive director of the NAACP.

The NAACP State Conference Board met in Research Triangle Park on Saturday, Jan. 17 and chose Derrickson from a field of 25 candidates to fill the post.

Derrickson, a Greensboro native, currently works with the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau. He plans to resign this post and begin his tenure with the NAACP on Feb. 1.

Derrickson has previously participated in the state and local boards of the NAACP in such areas as the Labor and Industry Committee.

He served as chairperson of Greensboro's NAACP Fair Share Committee, and has worked as co-

ordinator of the NAACP's "Get Out To Vote" and voter registration campaign drives in Guilford County and other counties in the state.

In addition to serving as the former NAACP Board's Fair Housing chairperson, Derrickson received the NAACP's outstanding service award in 1987.

Over the past 17 years Derrickson has worked in other areas of civil and human rights.

He served for 11 years as chairman of the board of the Guilford County Community Action Program, Inc., which is a private, non-profit, antipoverty program for the Guilford County, High Point and Greensboro areas and serves more than 200 families each year.

In 1985, Derrickson was appointed to the Greensboro Commission on the Status Women and served six years.

He served six years on the

Greensboro Advisory Board of the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise Program.

He has served on the Greensboro Convention and Tourism Bureau Setrac Funding Committee. Notably, Derrickson has served as vice chairman of the Guilford County Citizens Association Political Action Committee.

Alston stated, "Mr. Derrickson's NAACP experience, professional credentials and demonstrated intellectual capabilities make him the individual to help lead the North Carolina NAACP into the 21st century."

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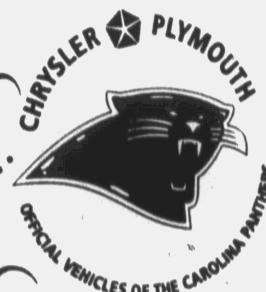
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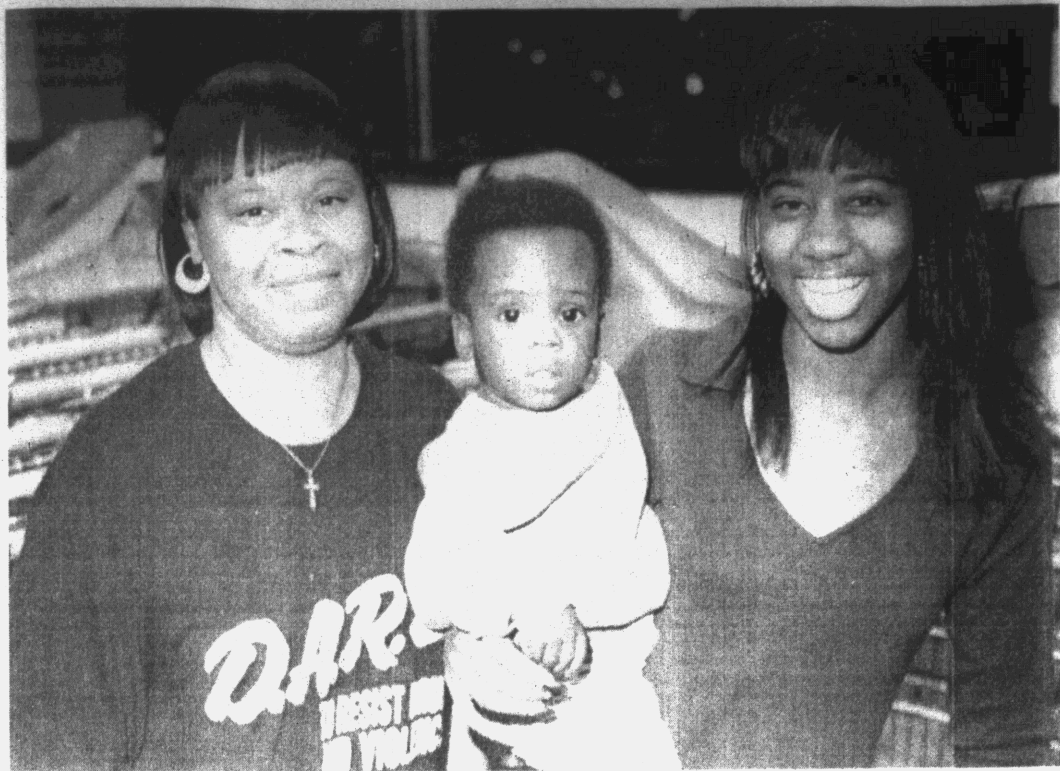
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LATOYA RENEE' BOYD, HER MOTHER SANDRA AND DELTON MOORE [SEE STORY]

LaToya Renee' Boyd Off To A Good Start

Shown in the picture above is LaToya Renee' Boyd along with her mother Sandra and Delton Lavelle Moore. Delton has become a familiar face around the Boyds' household because he is LaToya's part-time baby sitting job.

LaToya baby-sits Delton twice a week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. On Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays Delton is still with the family because the aunt of Sandra Boyd (Mary Cates) takes care of Delton.

This just goes to show that not all of our young black youth are in the streets, taking or selling drugs as society would have you to believe. Some are doing something positive with their lives. With prayer, given a chance and the support they need, our youth can become successful black women and men.

LaToya is a very productive student in junior high school and is the daughter of Willie and Sandra Boyd. LaToya has one brother, Willie Boyd, Jr.

Several months ago LaToya, along with several other black students from various other schools, went to Winston-Salem State University for a visit because they all showed potential for a scholarship.

These are just a few of the positive things that some of our black youth are doing that the media and the papers never mention. But when they get caught for stealing or selling drugs it's all in the TV and the papers and they make sure you know that they are black.

Delton is the son of Jacqueline Vines and Dalton Moore. His grandparents are Annie and

Ernest Richardson; Jean and William Suggs.

Delton celebrated his first birthday on Jan. 15, Martin Luther King's birthday. LaToya is always saying that he's her little baby. But we sometimes think that Delton believes he's the KING.

Keep up the good work, LaToya.

Submitted by Sandra D. Boyd.

MLK PILGRIMAGE PLANNED

A pilgrimage to the Lorraine Motel, now the National Civil Rights Museum in Memphis, Tenn., will be held April 3-5 to mark the 30th anniversary of the assassination of famed civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The weekend is organized by the Commemorative Commission Connecting Community (CCCC), led by Rev. Samuel Billy Kyles, a friend of King and a witness to his murder. Other members include the Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. Benjamin Hooks, former NAACP executive director.

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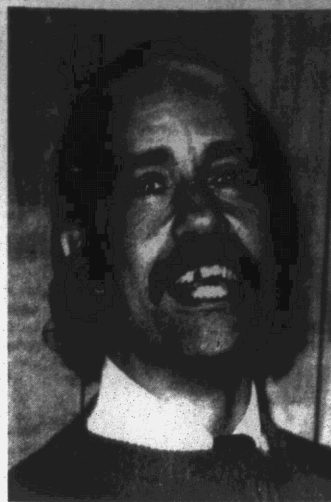
Elected Vice President Of NCBPA

Paul R. Jervay, Jr., publisher of *The Carolinian*, was elected vice president of the North Carolina Black Publishers Association at a meeting held Friday, Jan. 23.

Mason McCullough of the Iredell County News was elected president, replacing Winston-Salem Chronicle Publisher Ernie Pitt, who resigned recently.

J.J. Jones of the Fayetteville Press was named secretary and Peter Greer of the Challenger will serve as treasurer.

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James Pierson Beckwourth

1798-1866



James P. Beckwourth was a true pioneer. He was a lover of adventure, a fur trapper, scout, and trader. He was adopted by the Crow Indian nation. This mountain man discovered a passage through the Sierra Nevada Mountains which helped many settlers reach California more easily.

Beckwourth was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia, on April 6, 1798. His father, who was White, fought in the Revolutionary War. His mother was a slave in his father's house. Beckwourth had twelve brothers and sisters. After completing only four years of schooling, he then worked as a blacksmith's helper for five years in St. Louis, Missouri.

As a young boy, Beckwourth had heard stories about the mountain men who lived in the West. He dreamed about being an explorer and living in the western wilderness. When he was 18 years old, Beckwourth decided to seek adventure in the West. Because he was Black, he had a difficult time finding work. In 1823, he found both work and adventure. He joined up with General William Henry Ashley's Rocky Mountain Fur Trading Company.

Living in the wilderness, Beckwourth soon became an expert hunter and fur trader. He quickly became a crack shot, who never wasted a bullet. He learned the ways of the Indians including their languages. He could throw a tomahawk and bowie knife with the best of them.

In 1825, Beckwourth left the trading company and went to live among the Indians for six years. He was asked to join the Crow and Blackfoot Indian tribes. He was adopted by the Crow nation when a woman claimed that he was her long-lost son. The Crows made Beckwourth a chief and called him "Bull's Robe." He fought bravely in many of their tribal wars and became a mighty warrior.

At the age of 40, Beckwourth left his Indian friends and returned to the life of a mountain man. He opened and operated two trading posts. He fought in the Seminole War in 1842 and the war for California in 1846. In 1848, Beckwourth and his Indian wife met General John C. Fremont. Beckwourth was asked to become his chief scout.

In 1850, while on a scouting journey, he made an important discovery. Just a few miles from what is now Reno, Nevada, Beckwourth found a passageway through the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Thousands of settlers, pioneers, and those seeking gold could now reach California through the "Beckwourth Pass." Later, on the way west, the railroads built tracks through this same pass.

Tales of the mountain men are legendary. They helped settle the West. Preferring to live off the land, the mountain men avoided the comforts of city life. Early western writers wrote about heroes like Kit Carson, Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone. However, many writers failed to mention that one of the greatest men of this time was James P. Beckwourth, a Black man. Speaking of Beckwourth, one writer stated, "Probably no man ever lived who had met with more personal adventure and danger..."

In 1866, Beckwourth fought in the Cheyenne War. That same year, James Pierson Beckwourth, at the age of 66, died mysteriously in Denver. At the time, many believed that the Crow Indians poisoned him to keep his powerful spirit with them and return their people to greatness.

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Luncheon Program

12:30pm

Soror Joyce C. Stevenson, Presiding Chairperson,
Thirty-First Area Founders Day

Prelude
Invocation The Reverend, Soror Dorothy Josey, Chaplain
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Welcome Soror Patricia Alexander, President
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Blessing The Reverend Soror Cynthia Doctor, Vice President
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My Sister's Closet	Project Teach
Government & Legislative Involvement	Historical Black Universities Coalition
Labbercock Pageant Scholarship Fund	Adopt-A-Teen
Forbes-Graves Scholarship Fund	Operation Santa Claus
Ronald McDonald House	Governor's Juvenile Forum
Greenville Community Shelter	Delta Day at the State Capital
Black Colleges Convocation	

Recognition of Special Guests Soror Joyce C. Stevenson
Blessing The Reverend Soror Cynthia Doctor, Vice President
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Lunch
Musical Selections Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church Choir
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Presentation of Speaker Soror Mavis G. Williams
Address Soror Dr. Thelma Thomas Daley, 16th National President
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Response Soror Beatrice C. Mave
Musical Selections Russell Andrews, Pianist
Janice Lullen, Clarinetist

Remarks Soror Jillian Davis, Regional Representative,
South Atlantic Region
Soror Michel Vaughan, NC State Coordinator
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Door Prizes Soror Michelle Barnhill
Invitation to 32nd Area Founders Day Soror Evelyn Hart, President,
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Closing Remarks Soror Patricia Alexander



Sengstacke Newspaper Chain For Sale

By Sonya M. Toler

Reports of the proposed sale of the New Pittsburgh Courier have raised concern among readers who have been calling the paper's South Side office. The news has also sparked the interest of some potential buyers.

After John H. Sengstacke died last May, selling the nation's largest black-owned newspaper chain was always an option to settle his estate, but it is not the only alternative.

Sengstacke Enterprises Inc. includes the daily Chicago Defender, the twice-weekly New Pittsburgh Courier and two weeklies, the Tri-State Defender (Memphis, Tenn.), and the Michigan Chronicle. The chain could be left intact and under

family ownership, if the estate's trustee complies with the wishes of Sengstacke's grandchildren.

A story by the Associated Press in early January said Sengstacke placed his estate in trust with Northern Trust Company of Chicago with instructions that it be sold upon his death and that his heirs, including six grandchildren, have no say in the matter.

Myiti Sengstacke, Sengstacke's granddaughter and the grand-niece of company founder Robert Abbott, fired off a letter dated Jan. 12, to the trust company demanding that Sengstacke Enterprises remain intact.

Speaking on behalf of her siblings, the 26-year-old wrote, "The solution as we see it is not to sell but to nurture and restore these

newspapers back to being a profitable powerhouse. Northern Trust must rise to the challenge to devise any initiatives possible to satisfy the obligations of the estate without the option of the sale of Sengstacke Enterprises. This may entail the advisory board's commitment in securing funds for the resolution of the taxes, fees, expenses, etc., through newly devised means."

The estate is valued at \$10-\$12 million and taxes due are estimated at nearly \$4 million.

An article in the Wall Street Journal, informed that Northern Trust sent letters to 140 potential buyers, both black and white. One of those prospective buyers is Pittsburgh's Edwin L. Edwards Sr.,

the African-American owner of WPTT-TV and eight other television stations across the country.

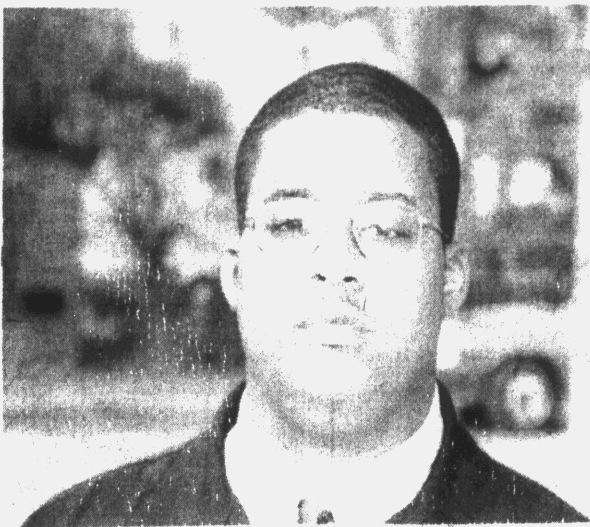
Edwards is a veteran of the communications industry, his first job was as a gofer for a paper in Cleveland. He currently serves as vice president of the Boy Scouts of Pittsburgh Urban Scouting program and sits on the board of several professional, social and civic organizations.

He told the Courier he plans "to make a reasonable offer [for the entire chain of papers] within the next few weeks." Edwards has also made it clear that while a successful bid would give him sole ownership, "that's not to say I won't take on partners."



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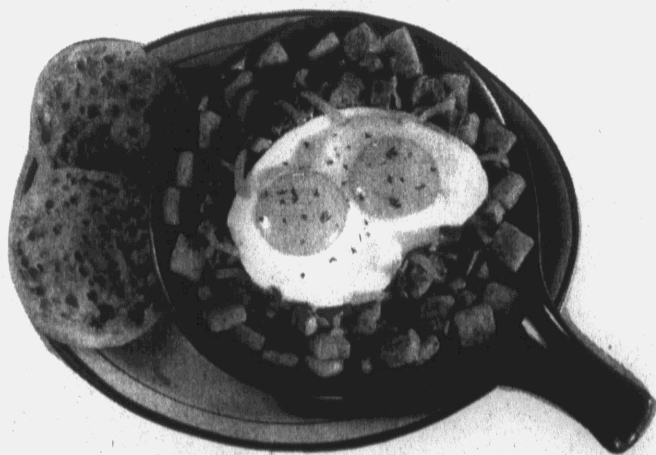
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Johnson Controls & St. Augustine's Sign Agreement

St. Augustine's College and Johnson Controls, Inc. last week-end held a special signing ceremony to formalize an agreement designed to improve systems and save money at the college over the next several years.

Held in conjunction with the college's Founders' Day celebration on Jan. 24 at the Raleigh Convention and Conference Center, the ceremony called attention to the agreement, designed to save the college \$667,000 per year over the next 10 years and upgrade the heating, lighting and air conditioning systems at the institution.

At the ceremony, remarks were made by Lt. Gov. Dennis A. Wicker; Dr. Bernard W. Franklin, president of St. Augustine's College; and Ms. Equilla Wainwright, director of human resources, Johnson Controls.

"It is very fitting that we should hold the signing agreement ceremony during our Founders' Day Banquet whose theme is 'Global Partnerships... Local Connections,'" said Dr. Franklin.

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Keyes Says In Business Of 'Remaking Republican Party'

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In 1992, Alan Keyes became the first African-American Republican to run for president in the 20th century.

Now a radio talk-show host in Maryland, Keyes says he's "in the business of remaking the Republican Party."

"What's going on now is a battle for the party's future," he says. It is a conflict between "a Republican leadership that wants to abandon principle, and a grassroots majority," according to Keyes.

Formerly a member of the Reagan administration, Keyes is well known for his conservative views on abortion, teen pregnancy, homosexuality and taxes—issues that he contends many Americans—black and white—agree with him on.

"The grassroots Republicans that I appeal to are the folks who make and will unmake leaders in the party," he said.

This week on "America's Black Forum," host Juan Williams speaks with Keyes on these topics and more. Commentators Deborah Mathis and Armstrong Williams join them for a lively debate.

In the "Moneywise" segment,

Black Enterprise Magazine Vice President and Executive Editor Alfred Edmond, Jr. and Technology Editor Tariq Muhammad reveal how the Internet can level the corporate playing field for African-Americans.

"America's Black Forum," a half-hour weekly syndicated television show, airs on 68 stations nationwide. Check local listings for air time and station.

ANNAN APPOINTS CANADIAN HIS DEPUTY

NEW YORK, N.Y. (PANA)—UN Secretary General Kofi Annan has announced the appointment of Louise Frechette, a Canadian, to the newly-created post of Deputy Secretary-General of the world body. Annan recommended the post as part of his reform package for the UN. Until her appointment, Frechette was Canada's deputy minister of national defense. Born in Montreal, Canada, she also holds a graduate diploma in economic studies. In the service of her country, Frechette was variously ambassador to Argentina and to the UN. —Jerome Hule

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Black History Month

Paul Cuffee

1759-1817

During slavery, most Blacks wanted their freedom granted in America. However, some Blacks felt that it would be better to leave and return to Africa. People who favored this back-to-Africa idea were called "colonists." Paul Cuffee was an early pioneer of this movement. He also became a wealthy ship builder and landowner.

Paul Cuffee was born near New Bedford, Massachusetts, in 1759. He was the seventh of ten children born to Cuffee Slocum and Ruth Moses. His father was an ex-slave, and his mother was an Indian. Paul's father died when he was only 13 years old. He and his brother later sold their family farm. Paul then decided to use his father's first name CUFFEE and became known as Paul Cuffee.

Cuffee had always loved ships and the rugged life of the sea. He taught himself to read and write so that he could learn about sailing large ships. At the age of 16, Cuffee went to sea. Most of his trips were along the eastern coast of America. In 1783, at age 24, he married Alice Pequit, who was a member of his mother's Indian tribe. They later had six daughters and two sons.

On one sailing voyage, near the start of the American Revolution, Cuffee was captured by the British. When he was released, three months later, he returned to his family. From the money he earned while at sea, he bought a farm for \$3,500. He later decided to build his own ships. He became a merchant and trader. Cuffee built five ships, but lost them and their cargo to pirates. Through it all, his business still grew.

Following the American Revolution, Captain Cuffee, as he was now known, built a major shipping company. In 1810, Cuffee and a business partner built the 109-ton *Traveller* and the 268-ton *Alpha* ships. With his great wealth, he also bought a large amount of land.

Cuffee, although rich himself, was troubled about the problems facing most Blacks in America. He built a school on his farm in Massachusetts, hired teachers, and opened it to the public. Captain Cuffee and his brother helped pass a law giving free Blacks in Massachusetts the same rights as Whites. The federal government would later pass similar laws for the entire Black population in America.

Most Blacks in early America lived under the cruel laws of slavery. There were efforts, however, by both Black and White persons of good will to change the laws and end slavery. However, some people still believed that it would be better for Blacks to leave America and return to Africa. Paul Cuffee, because of his worldly experience, also believed that this was a quick solution to the problem of slavery.

In 1810, a group of colonists, called the Society of Friends, made it possible for Captain Cuffee to sail to the African country of Sierra Leone. He was to study whether colonization could work. Upon returning to America, he gave the Society a favorable report.

On December 5, 1815, along with 38 Blacks, Captain Cuffee sailed the *Traveller* back to Sierra Leone. He also paid the fare for 30 of his passengers. Cuffee stayed with the settlers for three months before returning to America. He was convinced that the settlement would be a success and began planning for his return. Unfortunately, Paul Cuffee became ill and died on September 9, 1817, at the age of 58.

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Black History Month

Clara Brown

1803-1885

Often slave families were separated by slave owners and sold for money, never to see each other again. Clara Brown dedicated her life to finding her lost family.

Clara Brown was born a slave in Gallatin, Tennessee, in 1803, but grew up in Kentucky. She later married and had four children. Life for Clara was hard, but she found a way to survive. She found comfort in having her family with her. However, in 1835, most of Clara Brown's family was divided and sold to different slave owners. For the next 20 years, Clara would search for her family, uselessly.

After the death of her owner, in 1858, she paid \$100 toward her freedom. In 1859, gold was found in the mountains of Colorado. The news spread fast that men and women were making fortunes. So began the Colorado Gold Rush. The famed "Fifty Niners," as they were called, came from everywhere just for one reason—to find gold. To some people, gold was not the most important thing to be found in Colorado. Clara Brown had heard that one of her daughters, Eliza, might be there.

Clara Brown found a job as a cook on a wagon train traveling west. She walked most of the 600 mile trip, which took eight weeks to complete. She lived in Denver for a while but later moved to Central City. She worked with the miners in the hope of hearing information about her daughter. She started a very good laundry business. Brown turned her home into a shelter for the homeless. Her home also served as hospital and a church. Because of her kindness, she became known as "Aunt Clara."

After the Civil War, Aunt Clara had saved over \$10,000! Some of the money was used to buy land in Colorado. The rest of the money she used to search for her family. Aunt Clara began her search in Virginia and Kentucky. When she returned to Central City, she had found 34 family members! She also paid the fare for 16 other newly freed slaves. She helped find jobs for many of them.

In 1882, Aunt Clara heard that her daughter, Eliza, was living in a town in Iowa. She was, by this time, almost 80 years old. She was happy because her long journey was now over. Both mother and daughter finally met in a happy, yet tearful, reunion. Many well-wishers and newspaper reporters covered the event.

In 1885, the famous "Aunt Clara Brown" died in Denver, Colorado, at the age of 82. She left a warm feeling in the hearts of all who knew her. Her kindness and charity were famous, as judged by the many friends that attended her funeral. A plaque honoring Clara Brown was placed in the St. James Methodist Church; Clara Brown was believed to have been the first Black settler in the city, and a seat in the city's Opera House was named in her honor.

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