

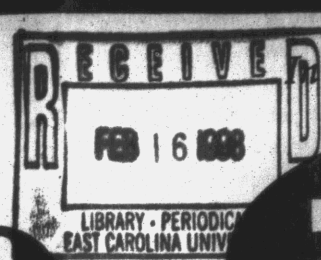
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ISSUE WEEK OF FEB. 10 - FEB. 16, 1998

Calvin C. Henderson County Commissioner Candidate

Calvin C. Henderson is a candidate for County Commissioner, District. Henderson is married to Ms. Beatrice Henderson, a Pitt County native born in Winterville, N.C. The Hendersons have one daughter, Jeannette, and six step children: Vincent, Betty, Sandra, Dalton, Alton and Kelvin.

Calvin Henderson attended W. H. Robinson, and graduated May 1956. From 1955 to 1956 he was in the U.S. Army Reserve. He went on to the U.S. Air Force for a 1956-

'60 stint. In 1967 he attended Pitt Community College in Plumbing & Heating.

In 1973 Henderson attended the N.C. Institute of Governors.

He was awarded an official contracting license by the N.C. Board of Examiners in Plumbing & Heating, making him one of the first Blacks to gain a license in Eastern N.C. in 1976. Since, he has attended many training and workshops in minority contracting at A&T State University and PCC.

Calvin Henderson is the co-founder of the Winterville First Health and Wellness Center, a program established between WCCD, Inc., E.C.U. School of Nursing and the Town of Winterville.

In 1968 Henderson became involved in addressing many of the depressing conditions existing in the Black community including, poor housing, dirt streets, water and sewer conditions, unfair utility rates and many more.

In 1969 he helped coordinate and

lead the first ever mass protest march on City Hall to present a list of demands for fair and equal conditions in the Black community, because Blacks were being taxed without being represented.

In 1972 Henderson was successful in his bid to become the first black to ever serve on the local government board. He served for more than 3 years as a member of one of the first Metropolitan Sewer Treatment projects located in Grifton, N.C. He is a charter member.

Calvin Henderson has worked in many areas of government handling millions of dollars in budgetary funds, and he was a leader in the fight for decent and affordable housing for the elderly and low income citizens in Winterville. He requested the town to apply for status with the Mid-East Housing Authority. This brought more than sixty low income units to Winterville.

He is also a former member of (See CANDIDATE, P. 2)



CALVIN C. HENDERSON

Author Has Eastern N.C. Roots

There will be a reading and discussion of *Just Plain Folks*, a novel by Lorraine Johnson-Coleman. Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. at Quail Ridge Books, Raleigh and Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Cary.

An accomplished storyteller, documenting the life and history of rural North Carolina African-America, Johnson-Coleman has put much of this lore down on paper in her new collection.

Though raised in Queens, N.Y., she was heavily indoctrinated with her mother's Farmville, N.C. roots. So much so, that it developed into a lifelong passion for storytelling and folklore.

She began telling tales professionally in Savannah, Ga., where she lived with her husband, to pay the bills.

Her skills and reputation grew, and soon she was in demand. She has now attained a lifelong dream, having moved home to Greenville, where she works with the Greenville-Pitt County Conventions and Visitors Bureau, developing black tourist opportunities.

She and her husband, Lance, have formed a company, Shantytown, whose aim is both to foster change and to preserve and highlight rural North Carolina black heritage.

An excerpt from *Just Plain Folks*:

"Back then your neighbor was 'bout as regular as pig tracks and I mean you could trust 'em, really trust 'em with your life if you had to, and many times we had to. I remember one neighbor in particular, Sister Minnie, the school-teacher. She lived a good stone's throw away, up the road apex. Times come when we ain't seen her for weeks, but somehow she was always there when we needed her. One time my mama got so sick that

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A Proclamation

African-American history is one of the great human chronicles of all time. It is the story of men and women who, with extraordinary courage and faith, prevailed against centuries of slavery and discrimination to build lives for themselves and their families and to contribute immeasurably to the strength and character of our Nation. It is the story of millions of people who arrived on these shores in chains, yet who had the greatness of heart and spirit to love this country for its possibilities. It is the story of generations of heroes who with their labor, voices, vision, and blood sought to change the essence of our society—our laws, institutions, and attitudes—to reflect the fundamental American ideals of freedom, justice, and equality. African-American history is ultimately the story of America's struggle to become a more perfect union.

Each year during the month of February, we focus on a particular aspect of African-American history to broaden our knowledge and deepen our appreciation of the countless contributions African-Americans have made to the life of our Nation. This year's theme, "African-Americans in Business: The Path Towards Empowerment," presents an opportunity not only to celebrate these contributions, but also to build on them.

Our Nation's system of free enterprise has been a sure path to inclusion and independence for generations of Americans, and today African-American entrepreneurs are reaping its many rewards. In every facet of American endeavor, in the fields of health care, law, government, and education; as artists, bankers, scientists, and computer programmers, African-Americans are excelling and adding significantly to the strength of our economy. If current trends continue, African-Americans will account for nearly 12 percent of the American labor force by the year 2000. And even more promising, according to the most recent data available from the U.S. Census, the number of businesses owned by African-Americans has grown at an impressive annual rate and significantly faster than the number of new U.S. businesses overall. These statistics are a testament to the perseverance, hard work, and energy of African-Americans and of their enduring faith in the American Dream.

As we celebrate National African-American History Month, let us resolve to build on this record of success. We must ensure that every American shares equal access to a quality education—an education that will offer the knowledge and skills necessary to fill the jobs of the 21st century. We must strive to eradicate every trace of discrimination from our society and the American workplace. And we must work together—government, private industry, community organizations, and concerned citizens—to invest in all our people, providing them with the tools they

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ATTEND KING EVENT—These young ladies, pictured at Washington's Civic Center, has a great educational outing and fun time learning about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. recently. (Staff Photo)

Continued Programs For Kids Urged For A Better Today

In today's society, our young black males are classified as an "endangered species," and are looked at as lazy, uneducated, and sometimes dangerous.

Why is that we have a government that could provide programs for our young black children, so that they will not have to turn to the streets. We as taxpayers have a right to voice our opinion on what the government spends our money

on.

There are a lot of programs that are here today as we speak, to help and be there for our young black children to give that alternative than the streets and they should be helped no matter what, by the government.

We have programs such as the Boys & Girls Club of Pitt County, that is in the South Greenville community and are there for the kids. A short time ago, they were trying to raise funds to keep the doors open.

Now, whether or not the government was there to help I don't know, but when it comes to any program that is willing to help, educate, and encourage our kids to stay in school and gives them somewhere to go instead of being out there on the streets, then the government should be willing enough to help and provide them with the funds to keep the doors open.

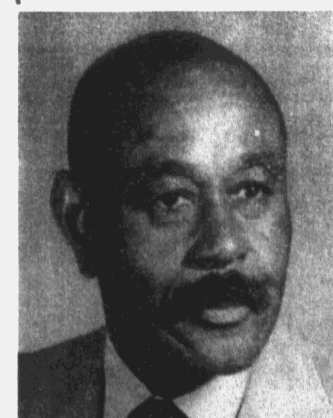
There are some programs that don't require so much attention at such late notice. For example, the Governor's Crackdown for Children. I applaud Gov. Hunt for all that he is doing and trying to do, but really don't you think it is a little too late.

The reason I say that is because if you really look at the reality of it all, women have been taking care and raising children on their own for a number of years without help from these fathers. To be honest, I feel that it is too late, not that late, but all the recognition its getting for doing a job well done is bogus!! Why can't we do something to do to give our young black males encouragement and the drive to stay in school and not on the streets. All the money we spend on the billboards about unnecessary bullshit, we can be creative and try to do something to attract the children's attention to come and participate

in the various programs that we can provide.

When you have a child that grows up in an environment that is full of nothing but negativity, then when that child walks out that front door, we as taxpayers should voice our opinion to the government to try and provide programs for the children so we can reduce the hanging out on the streets and the street corners. There should be programs that just because a child is unhappy at home, that life is not always like that. You have a lot of children that their home life is unhappy and they believe that its always like that, and when the home life is like that, that's when they usually turn to the streets for comfort and the love they can't get from home. You have so many young men out there that are not being encouraged or given the op-

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FOREIGN MISSIONARIES—Alfred and Shirley Willimas bring an unusual blend of knowledge and commitment to Jesus Christ through their work as foreign missionaries. Their years of service include a 2 month stay in Liberia each year for the past ten years. Through their ability to spark enthusiasm in every believer, God has inspired them both to fulfill their innermost dream...that is to help spread the gospel throughout the world. Their spiritual life has enabled them to share and deposit much nurturing, growth, and planting the seeds of faith in Africa. The couple resides in Stanhop, N.J. Alfred is pastor of United Pentecostal Holiness Church in Patterson, N.J. Shirley is the former Shirley Clark of Winterville, N.C.



FROM THE ARCHIVES—Still going great in '98 are some of the members of the C. M. Eppes Class of '58. Seated (l.-r.): Brenda Weathering, Doris Teele (Deceased), Barbara Gainer Brown, Shirley Jones, Ruby Early Williams, (standing l.-r.) Janice Gatlin Crawford, Lester Blount, Barbara Watson, Donovan Phillips, Faye Clark White, Betty Jo Canady (Deceased). They look forward to the celebration of their 40th Anniversary.

PROCLAMATION

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need to succeed and widening the circle of opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. CLINTON, President of the United States of America by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim Feb. 1998 as National African-American History Month. I call upon public officials; educators, librarians, and all the people of the United States to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs that raise awareness and appreciation of African-American history.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-second.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON
V. PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

CANDIDATE

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the Winterville Board of Adjustment, and presently serves as a member of the newly established Winterville Recreation Committee. This commission was established after a lawsuit was brought against the Winterville Board over illegal activities existing within past commissions. The lawsuit was settled out of court. Winterville Concerned Citizens Organization was the plaintiff.

A "born again Christian", Henderson is an active member of Community Christian Church where he serves in the music ministry. Rev. James Corbett is Pastor.

Calvin Henderson is also an Executive Board member of the Pitt County Branch NAACP, presently serving as first Regional Vice President, and on the Legal Redress Committee. He is Vice President, presently serving with the Third Congressional District Minority Council. This District includes approximately 18 counties across Eastern N.C.

A former Boy Scout Commissioner with East Carolina Council BSA, Sunrise District, Henderson also serves as a scoutmaster for Winterville Troop No. 88, and has done so for more than 10 years.

Calvin C. Henderson also has numerous volunteer experiences, and community honors. He feels that in 1998 he is the best choice for County Commission in District 5. He asks your vote and your support.

YOUTH

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portunity to show that they can become better individuals and can make it out here in the white man's world.

This is 1997, and you have so many children that are dropping out of school, clearly because they want to. Now, when you have a 15- or 16-year-old that would rather hang on the streets instead of in school to receive an education, then there most definitely is a problem. When you ask a 15- or 16-year-old why they quit school, a lot of times you will hear the child say that the problems are either with the teachers or students, and a lot of times, with the teenage moms, they have to work to provide for the baby. I applaud any teenager that wants to take care of their child, but to quit school definitely is not the answer.

Another reason, that's when the government should step in and provide these kids with help, financially, mentally, and emotionally, but first encourage them to stay in school to receive an education. Provide day care programs, night school programs, programs to show and teach the skills needed for jobs, so that they can provide for their families.

In larger states such as New York, Maryland, Connecticut, and larger metropolitan cities you hear talk about alternative programs for

go toward programs so that those single working moms, will have a little assurance that their children are in a program that will keep them safe from the streets.

AUTHOR

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she couldn't tend to me or any of them other eight younguns. Papa was 'bout wore out from workin' the fields from sunup to sundown, and it was all he could do to keep workin' enough so we wouldn't all starve. Things was pretty lean back then. Well, it seemed like it all landed on me, the oldest, with a great big thud, and it coulda took me out or at least knocked me down, but I didn't dare let it...

"Well, we tried mighty hard to keep this misery bottled up real tight so none of the sadness would leak out. We was proud folks and didn't want no whole lot of people in our business. Well, word must have leaked out to Miz Minnie somehow or 'nother 'cause she showed up one day with a big steamin' pot of collards, seasoned with a generous helpin' of neckbones. She took a quiet look-see to check on Mama and then grabbed a broom and started sweepin.' In no time flat she had everything all put back together.

"Later that evenin' after she got them other eight to bed, she hugged me real close and whispered in my ear, 'Sometimes if you just ask Him, the Lord will send you somebody to step in for the family that can't make it 'round—somebody just to help you hold

kids that are homeless, with young children to raise, those who turned to drugs, and teenage moms, who want to get an education. These states have a government that wants to help their youth and show them that there is a brighter future for all of them.

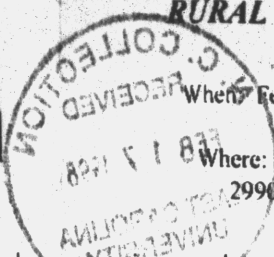
Why is it that we here in North Carolina don't have anything like that? And if we do, I don't hear about them, and I am in the media. Not only am I in the media, but I am also a mother of three, who and I am not ashamed to tell, but have also had my run-ins with the law. Let me clearly say, that when I mean run-in with the law, I don't mean locally, I mean federal and it is not a pretty sight. I was one of those that became tempted by the streets and the fast life and that fast money, that in the mist of it all, I could lose everything. That's including my children, family, happiness, life, and most of all my freedom.

So you see, when I was in school there were hardly any programs that were there for us kids, when we really needed it. When my daughters start getting older and the temptation of the streets starts looking nice to them, & being a mother of 3, I can't always be there, so as a taxpayer, I would like for my tax money to be put to use. I would like for my money to

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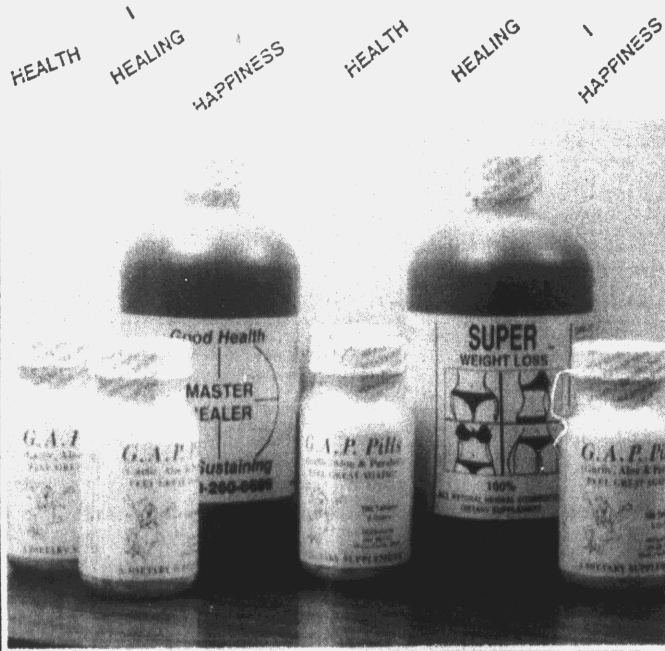
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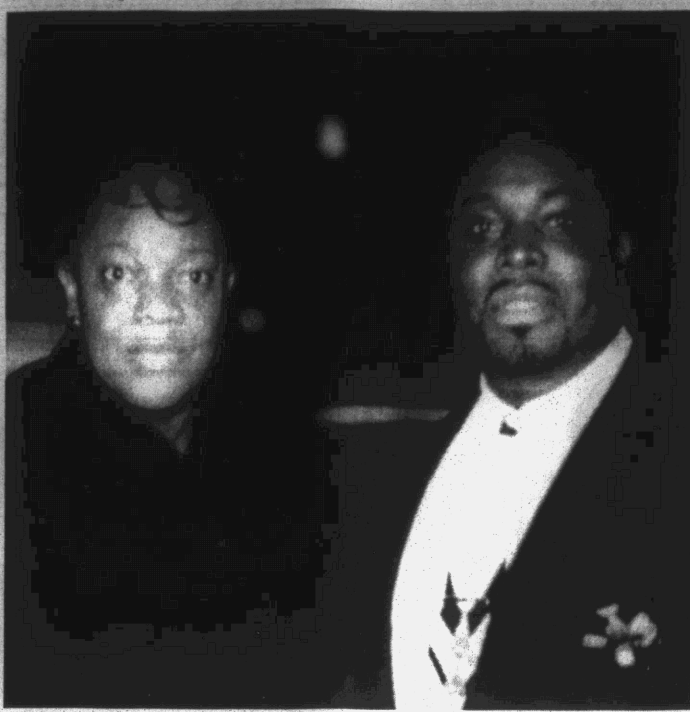
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PAUSE FOR THE CAMERA—This proud couple stopped for our camera. They are members of Temple of Christ. The pastor is Bishop James L. Woolard. (Staff Photo)



STOPS TO TALK—Candidate Mallison stops to talk with constituents and a photo opportunity. Mallison says this time the voters are going to do it. (Staff Photo)

What Makes A Salesperson The Best?

(NAPS)—If someone you know is among America's approximately 14 million salespersons, you may be interested in a recent survey by *Sales and Marketing Management* magazine to determine the best sales force in the country.

More than 100 companies were nominated and many of their customers were interviewed by the Gallup Organization which was commissioned by the magazine to conduct the survey among customers of the companies. Measurement was based on such key factors as:

- Quality of training
- Recruiting top salespeople
- Credibility
- Maintaining accounts
- Building partnerships.

The winner, for the fourth time, was The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company. It's the nation's eighth largest life insurance company with assets of more than \$45 billion. It's the largest company specializing in life and disability income insurance and annuities for individuals. Its products are distributed nationally through 7,200 agents who have

contracts to be the company's exclusive agents. Headquarters are in Milwaukee. The company was founded in Wisconsin in 1857. According to the magazine's editor, William Keenan, Jr., the company had near perfect scores in every category.

The insurance company's president and chief executive officer, James D. Ericson, said one reason for this success is the company's exclusive distribution system. It sells its products only through its agents around the country.

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Obituaries

JAMES E. GRAHAM

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral service for Mr. James Edward Graham, age 76, of 2310 Pepper Tree Road LaGrange, N.C. who died Wednesday, January 28 at Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, N.C.

Funeral service was held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at St. James Disciple of Christ Church in LaGrange, N.C., with Elder Claude Daughety officiating. Burial will follow in the LaGrange Cemetery

in LaGrange, N.C.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred Graham of Goldsboro, N.C., one son, Percy Graham of Goldsboro, N.C., 1 sister, Louise Bryant of LaGrange, N.C., 7 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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

For further information concerning this obituary, you may call Mitchell's Funeral Home in LaGrange. Telephone: 566-4042.

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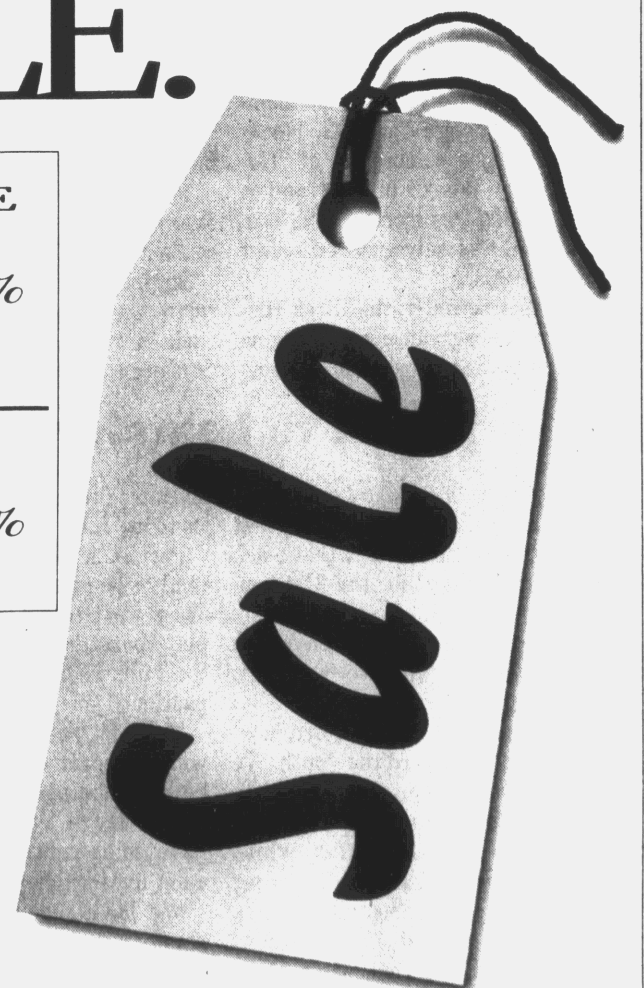
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Credo of the Black Press

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

Waking Up To Black History

If you have been reading the pages of *The Carolinian* these past couple of weeks, you will have noticed an interesting phenomenon.

There is of course story after story of local Black History Month observances by churches, municipalities, museums, schools, state organizations, even the U.S. Post Office and U.S. Mint. That is as usual.

However, this year in particular, we have seen something different. It is not just visible in the pages of *The Carolinian*, either.

Anybody with cable or a satellite dish has seen it, too. Network after network is putting on its own Black History Month tribute.

The Disney Channel. Odyssey. TNT. TBS (okay, those two are owned by the same people, but still it represents two basic cable outlets). The History Channel. Discovery. The Learning Channel. Nickelodeon.

Not to mention HBO, Showtime, The Movie Channel, Cinemax, and any of the dozens of other all-movie channels.

All have planned specials, movies, or features honoring the contributions of black Americans to this country's history.

There are also special promotions being sponsored by the likes of McDonald's and Kmart.

It is true, some of them have marked the occasion for a number of years now. This year, however, it seems that almost everybody is paying tribute to African-Americans.

This is definitely a new phenomenon. Even though Carter G. Woodson started the celebration of "Negro History Week" in 1926 and it was expanded to a month in the '60s, it remained a closely guarded secret until the 1980s.

Until that recently, the Black History Month observance got the same attention in the mainstream press as

observances such as National Archaeology Week or Prevent Blindness Month.

Network news and mainstream newspaper would frequently have a special report on one of their newscasts, or a feature in one issue.

Frequently. Not always.

What a difference this February!

The more cynical among our readers may well say, "These people are just trying to make a buck. They're in it because they see a chance to make themselves look good."

Exactly. But that in itself points to a major change in attitude. Black people and their history have become accepted in American society to the point where corporations see recognizing and honoring black history as being good for business.

We remember when Nat King Cole's immensely popular TV show died because no national corporation would sponsor it.

So, who woke them up?

Partly, awareness has been raised by the success of the Martin Luther King holiday, which serves as a perfect lead-in.

There is more to it, however. A lot of the success of both observances has to do with change.

Little by little, black Americans are being accepted as... Americans.

We have been accused of being pessimists because we so often point up what is wrong with American society.

We just thought we'd take this opportunity to applaud one place where things seem at long last to be moving in the right direction.

Now don't think that we're saying everything is fine and dandy, because it's not.

But in spite of all the negatives African-Americans have had to deal with in the past few years, there does seem to be reason to hope.

We're Learning

The Carolinian has taken it as a personal crusade over the past couple of years to see to it that black people "get online" for the 21st century.

Our arguments have been legion and passionate, and we won't go back into them here.

The main thrust of our effort, however, has been toward the youth. We know that it is going to be hard to get most adults into the new age.

That much is true for white Americans as well as blacks, so we aren't that worried about adults.

After all, a good 50 percent of Americans admit that their VCR clock at home is flashing "12:00."

It's the "old dog/new tricks" syndrome. Adults are perfectly capable of learning; most simply refuse. They won't even learn how to program their stereo remote. Don't try to teach them about computers.

But children, especially white children, are eating up the new technology. If you have trouble programming the channels on your new, sophisticated TV, give it to an eight-year-old. You'll be watching reruns of "The Wild Wild West" in no time.

That has been our concern. While white children were eagerly learning how to manipulate the technology that will shape the next century,

black children were learning the lyrics to rap songs.

Part of it is cultural. Black kids tend to be more physically oriented. They want to be outside, to dance, play sports *do* things. Computers are too often seen as a "white people's pastime."

Not that there's anything wrong with those activities. But one can do both. And computers aren't for white kids. They're for kids who want to have some control over how their adult lives will be shaped.

We have recently seen signs of hope. A study indicated that young black single mothers were twice as likely as white ones to buy computers for their children.

We at *The Carolinian* are seeing an increase in requests from readers and black businesses for our e-mail address (it's caroad@bellsouth.net).

We are getting more and more material from black entrepreneurs who are starting to use the new technology, and technically oriented columns for black people.

Maybe, just maybe, the message is starting to get across.

We ourselves will be getting our web page on line within the next few weeks.

We're doing our part. Keep doing yours. Learn!



PUBLIC OFFICIALS

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REALITY CHECK

BY TREY BANKHEAD



You know, every now and then, I get this crazy idea about running for public office. I mean, how hard could it be, right? Kiss a few babies, shake a few thousand hands until you think your arm will fall off, sit behind a desk and let everyone else make decisions for you. Sounds like fun, right?

Seriously, that IS what I used to think public officials did all day. Shows what I knew.

Still, back to my crazy idea. What would happen, I wonder, if I ended up in a position to, say, make all sorts of new laws. Naturally, I'd make a LOT on enemies. I mean, my sense of politics could never be considered "quiet." I'd have to say I'm a liberal conservative. I know, it doesn't really make sense now, but read on, and maybe it will make a little more sense. (No promises, though.)

Okay. So, I'm the one making the rules. I'd start off with five new laws. Nothing extravagant, mind you. Just a few things to restore that old Southern pride North Carolina used to have.

PUBLIC CLEANLINESS LAWS: Can someone please tell me why, whenever my wife and I go for drives around Eastern NC, we see old barns and houses that look like they've been falling apart for a hundred years or more, and just haven't made up their minds about WHEN they're finally going to fall down? Seriously, who owns the property these wrecks are on? If I were in charge, I'd enact laws that would make it illegal to allow such eyesores to remain standing. If you owned the property, you'd be fined for every month that the wreck kept fouling up the beautiful countryside and making property values fall. The same law would apply to cars that couldn't even politely be called "junk" sitting for years in front yards. And, for that matter, any other kind of trash that some people seem to like collecting for everyone to see on their property. Maybe if the heavy fines hit them, they'll get the idea that North Carolina is supposed to be beautiful, not the "junk-heap state."

ESTABLISH A LOTTERY: I can hear some of the churches going up in flames right now at THIS suggestion. I'd create two state-sanctioned lotteries. The monies from lottery one would go toward the schools, finally giving them a source of funding that simply would never run out. Think about it: new schools, computers, more fair teachers' salaries... you get the idea. Lottery two would be turned toward mental health and social service agencies, allowing people who NEED help to GET help. I'm tired of hearing "this child would do SO well in school if ONLY we had the funds to get her the resources she needs." Put an end to the "if only" crap and get something done. A lottery should be established anyway, if for NO other reason than to stop the BILLIONS of dollars we lose to the states of South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Georgia when OUR residents go over the state lines to play the lotteries in the other states! And don't tell me that "gambling's a sinful activity that Christians don't participate in. If THAT were true, Bingo would not be so popular down here!

MORE SCHOOLS: With the funding provided by the new lotteries, new schools would be a lot easier to build. A consultant recently told Pitt County that it needs to build new schools NOW, because most of our schools are woefully overcrowded. Unfortunately, the same holds true for pretty much the rest of the state. There IS a reason, you know, why Pitt Community College just expanded their remedial education programs... Pitt County schools doesn't have the resources to teach effectively because no one will give them the funding they need. Why ELSE do you think home schooling, private schools and charter schools are moving in so quickly?

MORE EFFECTIVE DRUG EDUCATION: Say this once with me—"prevention." See, I knew you could, even though this seems to be a concept none of the powers that be seem to comprehend. NC teachers are supposed to have the time to teach about drugs and drug avoidance in the regular classrooms. Get real. They don't have time, what with everything

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

DEAR MR. ROUSE:

We wanted to share some good news with you since you are one of our most loyal supporters. The Little Willie Center was recently honored at the Governor's Summit in Greensboro, NC. It was chosen as one of eight exemplary programs throughout the state. It was especially an honor that such a small organization was chosen since the other 150 agencies that were nominated were so much larger than ours. We enclose a copy of selected pages from a program highlighting the eight programs honored on January 21-22.

Continue to pray for the Little Willie Center. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done. With your support, we can provide this program to a larger group of children.

God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours,

Renée Arrington

Director, Little Willie Center

To The Editor:

To use the words of Dr. King to prolong or justify racism is pure hypocrisy. Let's see if this will make any sense to the readers of the M. Voice. In addendum to the article, "Unjust Posture" dated Jan. 14 thru 20 in the M. Voice.

If race [should] no longer matter, implies that it does matter. If you establish a movement to rededicate America to creating a color blind society suggest to me that a color blind society does not exist. If conservatives both black and white admit to the preceding statements then they must admit that a racist society still exists in this country and this in turn gives credence to affirmative action programs and those organizations that fight racism on a daily basis. If racism was eradicated there would be no evidence of or reason to live with, deal with or mention a dead issue!!!!!!!

Thank you

Donovan Phillips

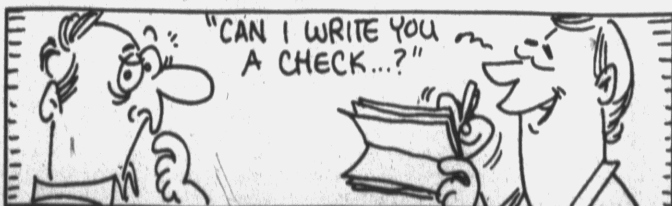
ELSE they have to deal with! I'd revamp and expand the DARE program to have a more permanent place in schools. Perhaps I'd make it a mandatory part of the state's education curriculum, making students take two DARE classes during grade school to educate them about drugs and alcohol, two DARE classes during middle school, and one class EACH year during high school. They say that "ignorance is bliss." Where, there's a LOT of kids out there who are pretty blissful, thanks to the drugs they're taking, and the simple fact that no one has the guts to tell them exactly what drugs can do to them. Instead, parents seem to have the same attitude about drugs as they do about sex: "if we talk about it, they'll do it." That is a childish, stupid, and illogical attitude, and it's got to stop.

Well, I'd say that those new policies would be enough to get me burned in effigy, hung, shot at, and generally hated by conservatives, religious fanatics, the PTA, and the PTO. The media, I'm sure, would have a lot of fun, though. But, tell me: did some of those ideas at least make a LITTLE bit of sense? At the very least, they would make our state cleaner, nicer to look at, and vastly improve our educational system. Then, maybe North Carolina won't just be "First in Flight." Maybe we'll be first in education, too, instead of near last.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: (Don't worry, though: I'm not seriously considering running for public office. Well, not TOO seriously, anyway. Okay, at least not right now. Still, Jesse Helms can't stay in office forever, so maybe I'll start preparing now. Or, maybe I'll run for president, instead. At least THAT way, if/when I get shot at, I'll have some effective protection. What do you think? "President Bankhead." Doesn't it have a nice ring to it?)

"The importance of the Negro press for the formulation of Negro opinion, for the functioning of all other Negro institutions, the Negro leadership and concerted action generally, is enormous. The [black] press, more than any other institution, has created the Negro group as a social and psychological reality to the individual Negro."

—Gunnar Myrdal, "An American Dilemma"



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Bradley University's Center For Aging Extends Special Black History Month Invitation

Peoria, ILL.—Throughout generations, African-American women have been a source of strength for their families. The Center on Aging at Bradley University is committed to learning more about the special



70 YEARS YOUNG—Here is Black History in the Flesh. Mother Sadie Cradel gets up early every morning to be one of the first callers on the "Wake Up Call" on Joy 1320. (Staff Photo)

roles of African American women.

In celebration of Black History Month, the Center is asking for participation from African American mothers of children who have Mental Retardation or other developmental disabilities such as Down Syndrome.

This study, funded by the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development, is conducted by Dr. Rachel Pruchno, a well known psychologist who studies African American and Caucasian families in their middle and later years. Says Pruchno, "This is the first generation of parents to face the challenges and rewards of living to advanced age with an adult son or daughter with mental retardation. In order for policies and services to meet the needs of these families, it is especially important that we speak with African American women."

Participating in the Aging Together study involves a single, private telephone interview. Mothers will be asked to provide informa-

tion about the challenges and rewards of living with an adult child with a lifelong disability, as well as to discuss the concerns and needs they have as they face their own aging. The identities of individuals are kept strictly confidential, and the researchers use results at the group level to provide information to service agencies and policymakers, who may use the results to better serve the needs of aging families who are living with and providing assistance to adults with men-

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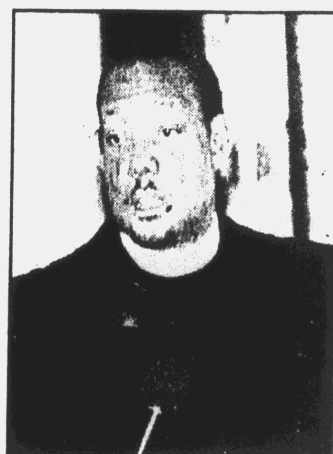
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On a cold day in early March 1770, a shot was fired by a British soldier triggering the start of the American Revolution. It killed the one of the first persons to die for the liberty we take for granted today. As we celebrate Black History Month in Feb., it is appropriate to note that this victim of liberty was a former African slave. His name was Crispus Attucks. This year marks the 275th anniversary of his birth.

Attucks was one of more than 5,000 African-Americans who fought during the American Revolution and one of many who gave their lives so that men, women and children in this country—indeed, around the world—are living free.

As we approach the next millennium, a memorial dedicated to Black Patriots of the Revolution is being planned.

Bells Ring Around Globe For King

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—From the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, to Big Ben in London, to the Catacombs of the Vatican, the immortal words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "Let Freedom Ring!", were epitomized in a world bell ringing ceremony led by Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, President of the Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence, Inc., and U.S. Secretary of Interior Bruce Babbitt.

Since the holiday began, Ms. Coretta Scott King commissioned the Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence, Inc. to commence the bell-ringing ceremony in Philadelphia at noon at the Independence Hall.

At that time bells in the 50 states, Big Ben in London, and the Catacombs of the Vatican, would ring in unity to honor and commemorate the life and legacy of the slain civil rights leader.

Former bell ringers include: Ms. Rosa Parks, "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement"; Vice President Al Gore; General Colin Powell; Dr. Benjamin Hooks; Dr. Dorothy I. Height; and, Dr. Joseph Lowery.

Another highlight of the day was the luncheon held at the stately Wyndham Franklin Plaza Hotel, also sponsored by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence, Inc. Secretary Babbitt and Philadelphia Mayor Ed Rendell were among the dignitaries to address the capacity attendees.

Melba Moore, international musician and actress, led the people in the singing of the National Anthem; "Lift Every Voice and Sing,"

the Negro National Anthem; as well as the Anthem of the Movement, "We Shall Overcome".

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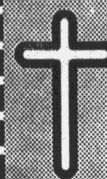
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WHEREAS, the Black church is our community's strongest best organized and most enduring institution; and

WHEREAS, the National Black Family Empowerment Agenda's Black Student Leadership Forum represents a workable community empowerment strategy through a church based networking initiative;

WHEREAS, the Black students of the sixties changed the course of history by starting the Second Great Emancipation - the Liberation of Black Minds; and

WHEREAS, the Black Students stand ready to initiate the Third Great Emancipation — economic self-determination.

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Historical Birthday Celebration In Phase 3

We are in phase 3 of planning a Historical Birthday Celebration on March 28 for Cousin "Sang" Marina Darden and Cousin Gratz Norcott, Jr. "Sang" will be 90 years old and a former florist business owner of Ayden, and Cousin Gratz is presently owner of Norcott Fu-

neral Home of Ayden and Greenville.

Our plans include:

CONTACTING: newspapers, radio stations, television stations, prestigious persons such as President Clinton, Mayor of Ayden, Gov-

ernor of North Carolina, etc.

A SOUVENIR BOOK: We are gathering articles for the Birthday Souvenir Book. It will feature Cousin Gratz's and Cousin Sang's family trees, pictures, marriages, newspaper clippings, stories and lots of articles from Cousin's Scrap Book. You may send copy ready articles now to March 7. Articles that have to be typed must be in by Feb. 28. We plan to have the completed book available by March 21. Remember, the book will be available to friends. So get your order in NOW to be sure that you get one.

So mark your calendars for March 28th and be sure to come and join us in this HAPPY Celebration. Please contact us right away to let us know if you and yours plan to come.

You ALL are invited to a Birthday Celebration for Cousin Sang, Marina Brooks-Darden, and Cousin Gratz, Gratz Norcott, Jr., Saturday, March 28, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Zion Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Venders and Sixth Street, Ayden, N.C.

Coordinator: Mattie de Jesus, 2402 Penny Hill Road, Greenville, N.C. 27834, (919) 830-0336.

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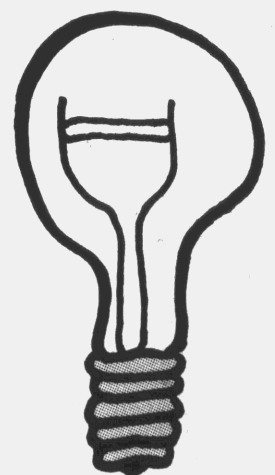
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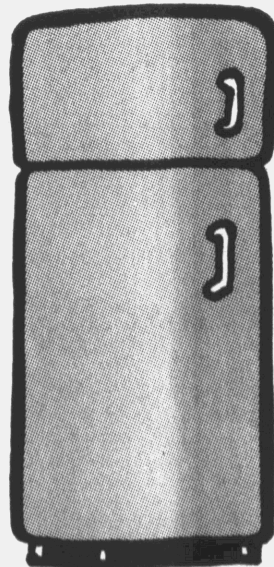
Mailbox - Benjamin Downing
His design incorporated the hinged door opening that is a common feature in all mailboxes.
Patent #462,293 - October 27, 1891.



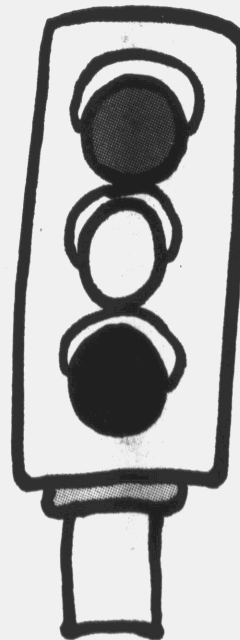
Golf Tee - George F. Grant - Prior to Grant's invention of the golf tee, golfers used their hands to mold a hitting surface from dirt or sand.
Patent #638,920 - December 12, 1899.



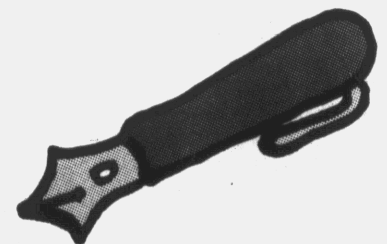
Electric Lamp with carbon filament
Lewis Latimer - He developed key innovations in the electric lamp design resulting in improved durability. These improvements increased effectiveness and lowered cost.
Patent #247,097 - September 13, 1881.



Refrigerator - John S. Swenson - He patented an improved refrigerator design with a water cooler and faucet for the dispensing of cold water.
Patent #499,891 - July 14, 1891.



Traffic Light - Garrett A. Morgan - His invention of the three-way automatic traffic signal helped make the roads safer for all of us.
Patent #1,475,024 - November 20, 1923.



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WELCOMED INTO CLERGY—Harold Gardner is totally focused as Pastor Samuel Jones of Purpose of God Evangelistic Center and a host of other clergy welcome him into their ranks. (Staff Photo)

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Five Indicted In
HUD Misuse Of
Funds Case

Five people associated that received more than \$52 million in Department of Housing and Urban Development rental assistance subsidies from 1990 to 1997 have been indicted on charges alleging they fraudulently diverted some of the HUD funds, HUD Secretary Andrew Cuomo, Attorney General Janet Reno and U.S. Attorney Zachary W. Carter of the Eastern District of New York announced Friday.

The amount of HUD assistance allegedly diverted from eight low-income apartment developments in five states owned by Blackstone Realty Management Co. of New York City remains under investigation, but officials say it is believed to total at least \$2 million.

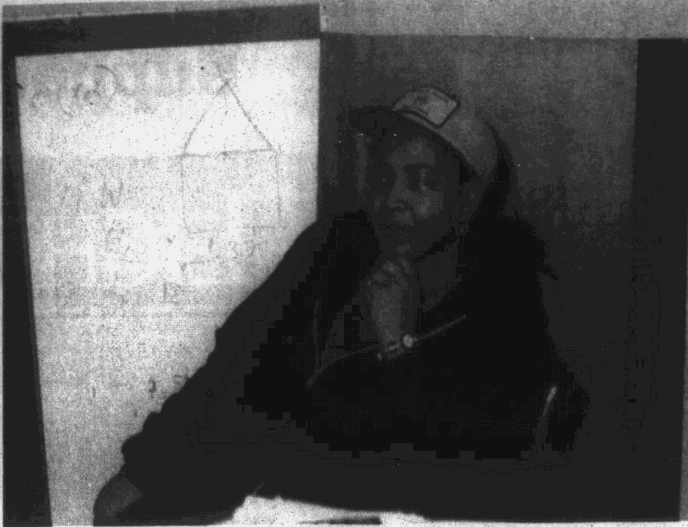
The eight low-income developments owned by Blackstone, which have a total of about 1,000 apartment units, are: Lowe Avenue Terrace Apartments in Chicago; RAC Gardens Apartments in New York City (Brooklyn), Hawthorne Apartments in Newark, N.J., Wade Manor Apartments in Jersey City, N.J., Lockwood Plaza Apartment sand Providence New City Apartments, both in Providence, R.I., and Maclay Street Apartments and Maclay Street Apartments, Phase II, both in Harrisburg, Pa.

Three owners of Blackstone and two employees of a contractor working for Blackstone were indicted by a grand jury last week in U.S. District Court in Brooklyn.

"Landlords who pocket federal funds end up shortchanging their hardworking tenants," Reno said. "By working together with HUD, we can cut down on these violations."

Books
by Ralph Hollenbeck

Emily Dickinson didn't have an atlas in mind when she wrote, "There is no Frigate Like a Book/To take us Lands away ...". Yet such gazetteers do serve not only as references for many persons, but to transform their armchairs into arks of discovery. Their delight should overflow with THE DK WORLD ATLAS (DK Pub.: \$60.00), a most comprehensive and colorful overview of the world today. DK's illustrative skills glow in the numerous photos and drawings, and in the data and details that accompany each of the 450 up-to-date maps. Politics, resources, transportation, industry, and other regional factors are enhanced by a 130-page national directory, glossary and index. A "must" as a reference; enchanting for browsing. Complementary: FLAGS OF THE WORLD (DK Pub.: \$12.95), an "Ultimate Pocket" descriptive guide to state banners ... THE OXFORD ATLAS OF EXPLORATION (Oxford Univ. Press: \$40.00) traces some 3,000 years of human venturing from earliest inhabited areas to modern global "unfamiliar": the seas, polar regions, and rain forests. More than 400 maps, illustrations, and photos chart and illuminate the routes along which unknown and celebrated adventurers were impelled toward discovery. Biographies and a "Time Chart" add to the informative value ... AN ATLAS OF RARE CITY MAPS: Comparative Urban Design 1830-1842, by Melville C. Branch



READY FOR HER CLOSE UP—Sister Burney appears to be saying, "I'm Ready For My Close Up Mr. Demill," but we just couldn't get her to smile. (Staff Photo)

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8. Tomorrow Never Dies Pierce Brosnan
9. Half Baked Dave Chappelle
10. Amistad Anthony Hopkins

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GREENVILLE—Being admitted to the hospital can be a frightening experience for children as well as their families. That is especially true when the child is scheduled to have surgery.

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Lodging Industry Task Force Formed By NAACP's Economic Reciprocity Initiative

As the NAACP's Economic Reciprocity Initiative expands to additional industries, President Kweisi Mfume announced the establishment of a mechanism for on-going oversight of the hotel industry. A Hotel Initiative Industry Advisory Task Force has been created to provide the NAACP with insight and guidance and to help capture information in the industry for each successive report card. The Task Force is designed to involve professionals in the tourism and travel industry with expertise related to hospitality and interests in advancing opportunities for minorities. Volunteers who have stepped forward to become a part of this task force include representatives of convention and visitors bureaus, the American Hotel, Motel Association, tourism entrepreneurs, marketing experts, and trade media.

The group had an initial meeting at NAACP Headquarters in January of this year to review the current status of the NAACP Initiative and to make recommendations on how the advisory committee should be constituted. Participants meeting with NAACP officials included: Valerie Ferguson, Chair, American Hotel & Motel Association; Sol Merbert, Publisher, Editor-in-Chief, Black Meetings & Tourism; Karin Hopkins, Vice

President, Multi-Image Resource Group; Andy Ingraham, President, Horizons Marketing Group, Inc.; Roy Jay, National President & CEO, African American Convention & Tourism & Oregon Convention & Visitors Services; Phala Mire, Executive Director, Greater New Orleans Black Tourism Network; Ramona Risco, President,

Risco & Associates.

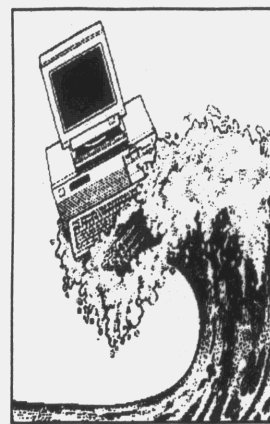
The NAACP is now in year-two of the lodging industry review. An advisory task force is an excellent way to facilitate ongoing implementation of the program. Those who work within the industry represent a valuable asset to the NAACP in advancing its economic empowerment mission.

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PICASO Sponsors AIDS Benefit Concert

THE SECOND ANNUAL Sounds of Support: A benefit concert for people living with HIV sponsored by PICASO (The Pitt County AIDS Service Organization), a United Way Agency.

On Sunday Feb. 8 at 3:00 p.m. a benefit concert will take place at the Hendrix Theatre in Mendenhall Student Center on the East Carolina University campus in Greenville.

The performance will bring together talented musicians from East Carolina University and the Greenville community including the Eastern Youth Orchestra, the Panama Steel Band of ECU, the ECU Gospel Choir and volunteering members of the ECU music faculty for a diverse program of music dedicated to people living with HIV

disease—and to those who have died of the disease.

All proceeds will go directly to support the activities of PICASO. Cost of admission is \$10 at the door. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Mendenhall Student Center or from PICASO Board members: \$10 general public, \$8 students and senior citizens and \$5 children 12 and younger.

PICASO is a nonprofit United Way agency currently providing services for 91 Pitt County families living with HIV disease. Demand for PICASO's services has been on the rise. While the national rate of reported HIV transmission has declined, transmission rates in Pitt County have increased by 11%. PICASO's services include: emer-

gency financial assistance for housing and utilities, a specialized food pantry, case management and assistance accessing other local services.

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Consortium Asks Participation

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The Eastern Assistive Technology Consortium would like to invite people from Eastern North Carolina to participate on the Eastern Assistive Technology Consortium Advisory Board.

The mission is to provide young children with developmental disabilities and their families in East-

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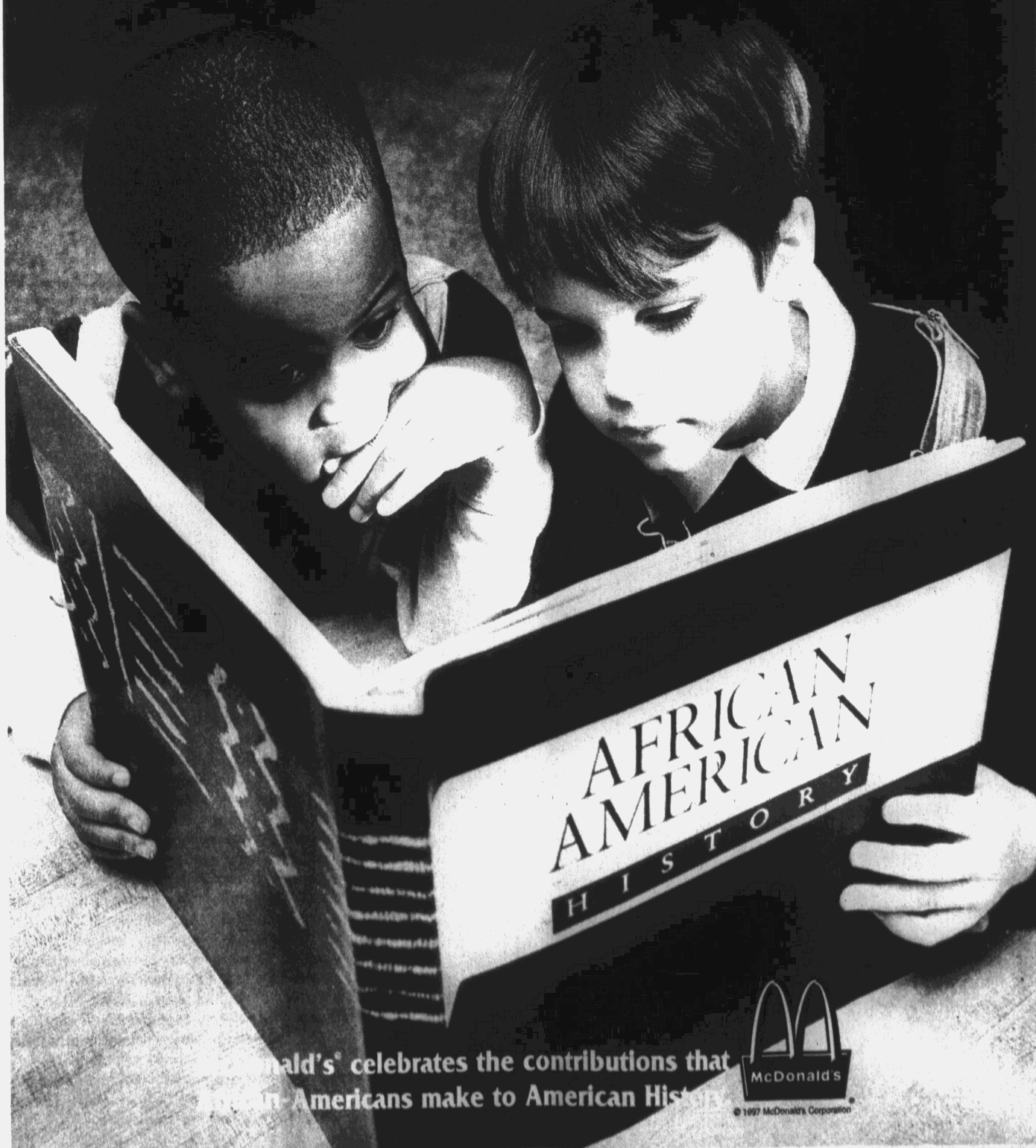
The keynote speaker for the event is The Honorable Judge James A. Wynn, Jr. of the North Carolina Court of Appeals, Raleigh, North Carolina. The event will take place on Saturday, February 28, 1998 at the Hilton Inn located on Greenville Boulevard at 6:30 p.m.

The Best-Irons Humanitarian Awards recognizes those business or industries and individuals who have influenced cultural diversity positively. Each year awards are presented to an individual and a business for their contributions to the betterment of human relations, community relations and citizens equality.

If you know an individual or a business you would like to nominate, please call the Human Relations Office at 830-4494. The deadline for nominations is February 13, 1998.

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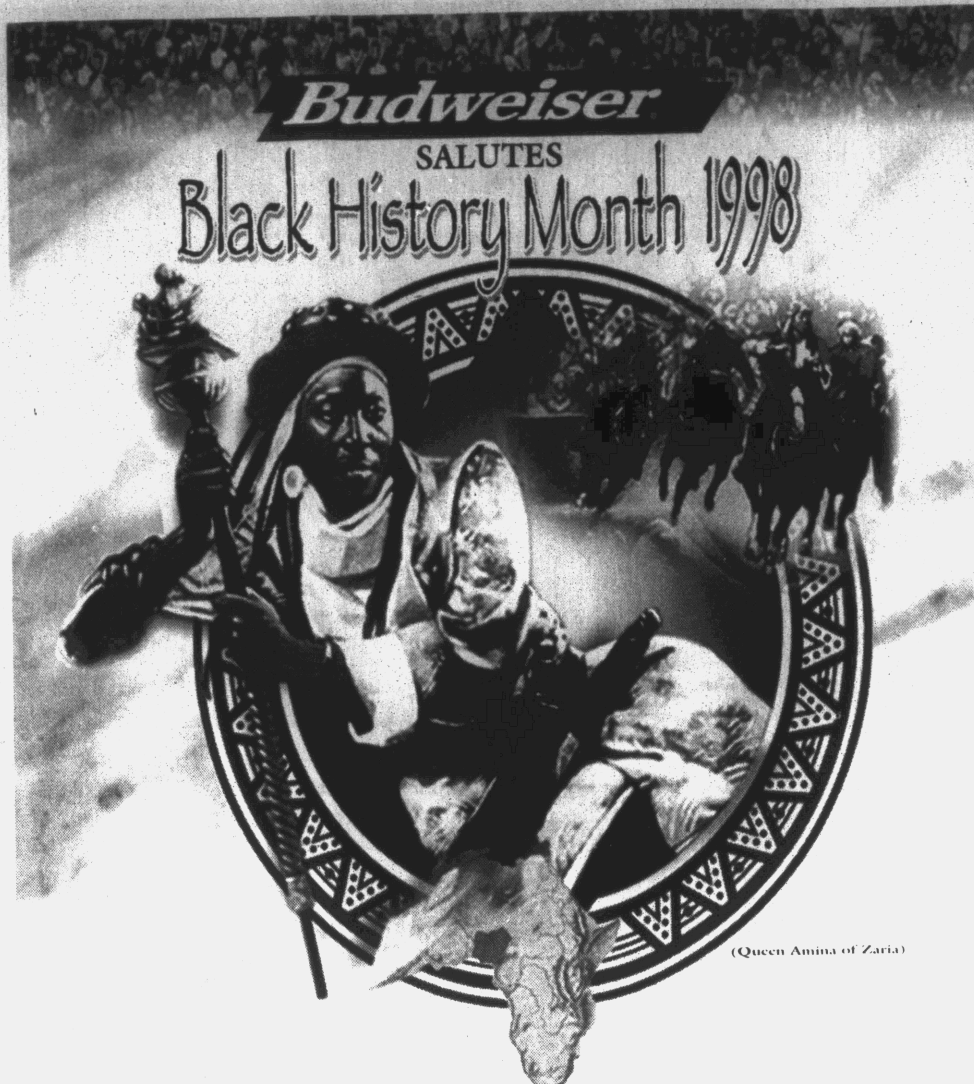
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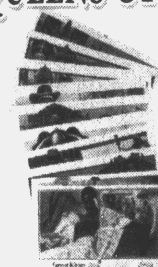
This remarkable program features a series of specially commissioned portraits—each the work of a talented African-American artist. That is what makes this program so unique: it not only celebrates the centuries of rich contributions which African leaders have made to world history, but it also provides a prominent stage on which today's young artist can display their many talents.

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