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ISSUE WEEK OF FEB. 24 - MAR. 2, 1998

Local NAACP Meets On Wintergreen School Incident

Members of the executive board of Pitt County's NAACP held a press conference last Friday concerning the Wintergreen School incident.



GASTON MONK
NAACP President

NAACP members present for the press conference included the president, Gaston Monk; Rev.

Sylvester Hughey, Dr. Elmer Jackson, Jr., Charles Dickens, Calvin Henderson, William Worthington, and a few others. The local media were there for the conference.

The Wintergreen incident concerns Sandy Patchkosky, a white teacher, who allegedly made a racial slur about Black History Month.

When asked by a coworker why so many black parents were present on a particular day, Patchkosky was overheard saying that the parents were there because of "National Niggers Month." When confronted with this by the school's principal, Patchkosky didn't deny that she made the remark.

The NAACP is gravely concerned, not only because the teacher made the remarks, but also because she received only three days' suspension. The NAACP

strongly feels that a stiffer penalty would be more appropriate for this offense.

The NAACP met with Pitt County Superintendent Dr. Howard Sosney to discuss their feelings about the incident. NAACP President Monk felt that the superintendent came across very arrogantly when the members tried to talk with them.

"He started talking about how it was better if a certain member of the NAACP didn't come and that he wouldn't talk if that member came again," said Monk. "The superintendent's concern did not seem to be deep and caring enough."

Bennie Roundtree, state director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), was also present for the press conference. He said that he intends to support the NAACP in helping to resolve this incident.

"It is a shame that a teacher, who is supposed to help in teaching Black History Month, trashed the one month out of the year dedicated to black achievement," said Roundtree.

Also present at the conference was parent Helen Bell, along with her three-year-old grandson Darius. Bell said that the incident really disturbed her and that the teacher must not have been thinking.

Because of this incident, Bell felt uneasy about her seven-year-old grandson Brandon attending Wintergreen. "I feel that he may face racial discrimination at this school," said Bell.

Rev. Dr. Elmer Jackson, Jr., chairman of the Pitt County Black Ministerial Alliance, said that he was concerned about people in general coming together and learning (See NAACP, P. 2)

Pitt County Teacher Of The Year



MS. CAROLYN W. BURNEY

Carolyn Burney Named Teacher Of The Year

Belvoir Elementary School's Carolyn W. Burney has been named Pitt County's 1998-99 Teacher of the year.

The 38-year-old Ms. Burney said of the honor, "The children need us. They need some to care and someone to be a role model."

Congratulatory hugs, signs, balloons and gifts for the third-grade teacher were everywhere recently in Belvoir's halls and classrooms.

Ms. Burney said, "I'm still numb. I haven't come down yet. The entire school has just really, really

been there for me and encourage me all the way."

A walk down the hall brought hugs from colleagues, but it's the excitement and pride from her 24 third-grade students, who called her the best teacher even before she received the award, and that means the most to Ms. Burney.

"They've said that several times. That means more to me than the honor itself. My whole objective is to reach them and touch their lives," she said.

(See TOP TEACHER, P. 2)

Ms. Weathington Celebrates 38 Years In Cosmetology

Congratulations on a 38-year career in cosmetology.

Ms. Brenda Weathington graduated from the C.M. Eppes High School in 1958 and later graduated from DeShazon's Beauty School in 1960.

Ms. Weathington started her career working for the late Ether Grady at Grady's Beauty School and the late Lillie Shiver of Shiver's Beauty Shop.

In 1971, Brenda established her own business. Brenda attributes (See 38 YEARS, P. 2)



MS. BRENDA WEATHINGTON

Second Land Loss Summit Held In State

TILLERY—The National Land Loss Fund, based in Tillery, hosted the second National Black Land Loss Summit in Tillery and at Franklinton Center at Bricks in Enfield this past weekend.

The summit included discussions on the causes of black land loss, the Black Farmers' Class Action Lawsuit and USDA's Administrative Hearing Process, but it also looked beyond racism and the USDA toward the future of the black farmer.

Black farmers filed thousands of discrimination complaints against the USDA but charge that they were largely ignored. They filed a class action lawsuit against Secretary Glickman and the USDA, but say that the Agriculture and Justice Departments "play games" with them and refuse to mediate in good faith.

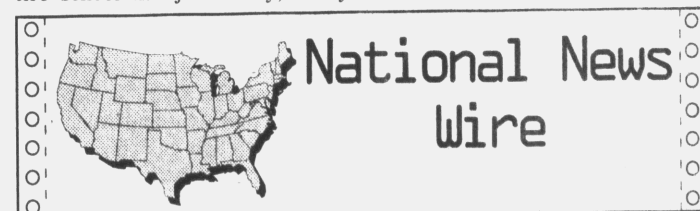
Black farmers requested to meet with President Clinton; he met with "Small and Minority Farmers." These responses are unacceptable, say the farmers.

"Only last week," said Gary R. Grant, director of the Land Loss Fund, "farmers from Alabama, Mississippi and North Carolina, including my father and brother, Matthew and Richard Grant, were once again in Washington mediating and negotiating with the USDA. And once again the system failed. They failed black farmers with one more in a series of hard slaps in the face."

"We are coming together to look at what it will take to stabilize and then secure future growth in the number of African American farmers," said Grant, who is also president of the national Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association (BFAA). "We will be looking within and we will be looking without, particularly at how black farmers fit into the agriculture industry from both the local and global perspectives."

The summit will include an Academic Papers Presentation and four Plenary Sessions, each examining topics such as alternative agriculture, economic empowerment/development, international trade, environmental injustice, and USDA reforms.

The Summit also featured a variety of workshops and keynote addresses by: Pearl Reed, assistant secretary of Agriculture for Civil Rights; U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton (D-N.C.); Dr. Marcus Tillery, associate professor at North Carolina A&T State University; and Dr. Audrey Johnson from the Tate, Turner, (See SUMMIT, P. 2)



EVERS-WILLIAMS WILL NOT SEEK REELECTION AS CHAIR OF NAACP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

On Feb. 10, Myrlie Evers-Williams announced that she will not be a candidate for reelection as chairman of the Board of Directors of the NAACP, and will instead seek to establish an institute named for her late husband, civil rights martyr Medgar Evers. Evers-Williams has served as NAACP board chair since 1995 when she won election by a single vote. "When first elected chairman, I promised to work with the board and our members to restore credibility, financial integrity and focus to the NAACP," said Evers-Williams. "Together we have accomplished that mission." During the first year of her chairmanship the NAACP reported cash balances increased \$1.32 million, expenses were reduced by \$6.7 million (36 percent decrease) and for the first time in more than five years, the contributions, revenue and support exceeded operating expenses. Evers-Williams will remain a member of the NAACP Board of Directors through February 1999. "As a member of the NAACP Board, I will continue to have input into the direction of this great organization. Today, I am confident that the NAACP has the stability and the support needed to meet the challenges facing our people," said Evers-Williams. She is currently consulting with social justice, civil rights, business and political leaders to refine the concept of the Medgar Evers Institute.

COALITION CALLS FOR NATIONAL WEEK OF INVESTMENT

The Coalition of Black Investors (COBI), has called for a National Week of Investment, April 20-24. The observance aims to heighten African-American consumers' awareness of the need to save and invest more aggressively. "The unequal distribution of wealth, power and resources has stagnated growth in black communities," said COBI president Carol Davis. "To build wealth, African Americans must get into the habit of saving and investing, and do so at a higher rate." COBI asks that on Friday, April 24, designated as Pay Day, African Americans must commit at least \$25 or more to deposit in a bank or invest in stocks, bonds or mutual funds. "If we participate as we did in the Million Man

(See NATIONAL NEWS, P. 2)



2nd NATIONAL BLACK LAND LOSS SUMMIT
FEB 19-22 1998



LAND LOSS SUMMIT AT THE BRICK—Enfield, N.C.—Executive Director Gary Grant of N.C. Black Farmers and the Tillery Concerned Citizens is shown with organizers at the Franklin Center on Hwy. 301 for the Second National Black Land Loss Summit. National and local Brothers and Sisters came together to discuss land and inheritance, land and tax, and the federal government lawsuit. (Jim Rouse Photo)

March and Million Woman March and two million of us saved an average of \$50, the net worth of our collective Black community will increase \$100,000,000 in one day!" said Davis. During the Week of Investment COBI will also be sponsoring a student essay contest and calls for Black investment professionals to host seminars targeting children, women, senior and investment clubs. The National Urban League has endorsed this event and Urban League affiliates nationwide will host seminars. For information on investment opportunities, including a list of Black publicly-traded companies, managed mutual funds and resources for locating Black financial institutions and financial advisors, visit COBI's website at WWW.COBIINVEST.COM. For more information on the National Week of Investment call (910) 945-8977.

MATTHEW HENSON STORY COMES TO TNT

On April 6, 1909 one of modern history's most remarkable events took place—two men conquered the North Pole for the first time. One came home to a hero's welcome; the other slipped into anonymity, all but forgotten by history. Turner Network Television presents the film biography of Matthew Henson, the unsung hero of Commander Robert E. Peary's famed North Pole expedition, in *Glory and Honor*, a TNT Original adventure-drama. Delroy Lindo (*Malcolm X*, *Clockers*) plays the role of Henson, the first black man to conquer the Arctic, with Henry Czerny (*Clear and Present Danger*, *Mission Impossible*) as Robert E. Peary. Peary, a civil engineer, was consumed with reaching the North Pole. He hired Henson to be his personal valet in the early 1890s and during the 18 years of association and nine attempts to the North Pole, Henson—by virtue of the fact that he learned to communicate with the Inuit people, served as Peary's translator and drove the dog sleds—became indispensable to expedition. Henson lived his life after conquering the North Pole quietly and with honor. The glory came 79 years later, when, on April 6, 1988, his body was moved from a cemetery in New York and reinterred with full honors in Arlington National Cemetery—next to Peary. On the 1988 tombstone, Henson is at last credited with being "co-discoverer of the North Pole." *Glory and Honor* premieres on Sunday, March 1 at 8 p.m. with encore presentations scheduled throughout the month; check your local listings.

NAACP

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to work together. "Diversity training and cultural sensitivity workshops should be more readily available to educators, and in addition to a stiffer penalty for this teacher, counseling should also be an ultimatum," said Jackson.

Monk went on to say that teachers with this mindset have negative effects in the school system because children respond according to expectations.

"Let the record show that racism and bigotry will not be tolerated in Pitt County," said Monk. "We intend to exhaust the proper steps until this matter is resolved."

The NAACP plans to appeal the decision to the county and state boards. making women look their best with a simple beauty and a stylish hairdo.

When she started her business she was the eighth beauty shop in Greenville. Presently there are 40 black beauty shops in Greenville.

Brenda is the mother of two daughters—Pamla Smith and Patricia Jordan.

Ms. Brenda Weathington gives all the praise and honor to the Lord Jesus Christ for her success.

Brenda's Beauty Shop is located on 1307 S. Greene Street, here in Greenville, or give her a call at (919) 752-1358.

TOP TEACHER

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She tries to do that by motivating the students, giving positive feedback and encouraging them to do better.

"She challenges us a lot. If we get something wrong, she will stay on us until we get it right," said one Burney student.

It comes down to making the children feel special. When they have the self-confidence, achievement will follow, Mrs. Burney said. Part of a teacher's job is to set high standards, she said, but don't interpret her caring nature as a sign of pushover. Ms. Burney keeps the children under control with strict policies.

She won't hesitate to take away a recess or invoke a silent lunch if a student is caught chewing gum.

The strong discipline commands respect from her students. At the same tie, they know they can talk to her about their problems or ask her for help.

"She loves us, and we love her," one students said.

School Principal Barbara Wing said of Ms. Burney, "She has a very caring nature

"We're elated over this honor. Ms. Burney is a superb teacher and an outstanding individual. I am fortunate to have her on my staff," Ms. Wing continued. "She's so deserving. I'm just as happy as he is."

Carolyn Burney and her husband, Edwin, have two children, Javan 9, and Demont, 19.

Workshop To Focus On Hunger

RALEIGH—Local, state and national officials will join volunteers to address the problem of hunger in North Carolina, and discuss creative solutions to end the problem at an upcoming workshop on March 13, at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh.

This Food Recovery Summit is modeled after the national summit held in 1997, and is organized by the Food Distribution Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services with sponsorship from Miller Brewing Company.

Additional sponsors are the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle, N.C. Cooperative Extension Service, Second Harvest Food Banks of N.C. and the Society of St. Andrew.

"Come to the Table: Sharing North Carolina's Harvest" is the theme of the workshop, which is open to all interested parties. Registration is only \$15, and visitors will have the chance to explore topics like tax and liability issues; field gleaning; safe food handling; getting started in food recovery; and marketing. New and innovative ways to combat hunger will also be presented at the day-long seminar.

"You don't need a refrigerated warehouse and trucks to get a local program started," says Jill Bullard, founder of the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle in Raleigh. "Our group started with coolers in the back of a family station wagon, and grew from there." Bullard and a group of volunteers now pick up leftover foods from area grocery stores, restaurants and get fresh produce from vendors at the State Farmers Market to deliver to area shelters and soup kitchens among others.

Rep. Eva Clayton will join Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. and N.C. Ag Commissioner Jim Graham in welcoming Under Secretary Shirley Watkins of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for comments. Rep. Clayton will be the featured speaker at the luncheon. The seminar begins at 9 a.m. and will conclude around 3:30 p.m.

Two rounds of concurrent sessions will allow for maximum exposure to new ideas to fight hunger. Space will be limited by the size of the meeting room, and reservations are being taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional information and registration material may be obtained from Susan Wilder with the Food Distribution Division of the NCDA&CS at (919) 575-4490.

Top 10 Singles

1. Usher "Nice & Slow" (Lafayette/Arista) Last Week: No. 2
2. Janet "Together Again" (Virgin) No. 1
3. Uncle Sam "I Don't Ever Want To See You Again" (Stonecreek/Epic) No. 3
4. LeAnn Rimes "How Do I Live" (Curb) No. 5
5. Busta Rhymes "Dangerous" (Elektra) No. 4
6. Wycleff Jean "Gone Till November" (Ruffhouse/Columbia) New Entry
7. LL Cool J "Father" (Def Jam/Mercury) No. 9
8. Mase Feat. Total "What You Want" (Bad Boy/Arista) New Entry
9. Third Eye Blind "Semi Charmed Life" (Elektra) No. 7
10. Inoj "Love You Down" (So So Def/Columbia) New Entry

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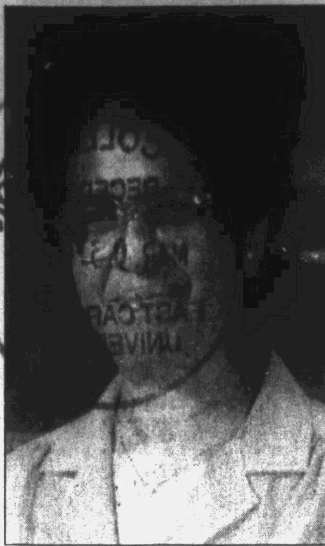
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28 SECRETS TO HAPPINESS

- Live beneath your means and within your seams.
- Return everything you borrow.
- Donate blood.
- Stop blaming other people.
- Admit it when you make a mistake.
- Give all the clothes you haven't worn in the last three years to charity.
- Every day do something nice and try not to get caught.
- Listen more; talk less.
- Every day take a 30-minute walk in your neighborhood.
- Skip two meals a week and give the money to the homeless.
- Strive for excellence, not perfection.
- Be on time.
- Don't make excuses.
- Don't argue.
- Get organized.
- Be kind to kind people.
- Be even kinder to unkind people.
- Let someone cut ahead of you, in line.
- Take time to be alone.
- Reread a favorite book.
- Cultivate good manners.
- Be humble.
- Understand and accept that life isn't always fair.
- Know when to say something.
- Know when to keep your mouth shut.
- Don't criticize anyone for 24 hours.
- Learn from the past, plan for the future, and live in the present.
- Don't sweat the small stuff.

ARE YOU PRACTICING GOOD CHARACTER?

Then you should:
Be a good friend.
Desire to do the right thing and do it.
Every deed should be a good deed.
Be responsible, kind, fair, patient, honest, control self, love, care and share.
Work hard toward your goal.
Show school spirit.
Smile.
Don't talk about school, your teachers, your classmates.
Spend time with an older person.



Beatrice C. Maye

Finish your homework and do your best.

Cheer up a sick friend.

Compliment your teachers, parents, and classmates.

BLESSED IS THE MAN

Blessed is the man who can criticize himself before criticizing others.

Blessed is the man who is as pleasant at home as he is when the world is watching.

Blessed is the man who realizes that God meant him to live eternally and act accordingly.

Blessed is the man who is quick to apologize for wrongdoing.

Blessed is the man who knows right from wrong and indomitably sticks to right.

Blessed is the man who is easy to live with.

Blessed is the man who says "no" to temptation and sticks with it.

Blessed is the man who loves

God supremely.
Blessed is the man who ears God for he need fear nothing else.

Selected

ARE YOU A WINNER?

The winner is always part of the answer;

The Southeast Raleigh is always part of the problem.

The winner has always a program;

The loser has always an excuse.

The winner says, "Let me do it for you,"

The loser says, "That's not my job."

The winner sees an answer in every problem;

The loser sees a problem in every answer.

The winner says, "It may be difficult, but it's possible;"

The loser says, "It may be possible, but it's too difficult."

The winner feels responsible for more than his job;"

The loser says, "I only work here."

Are you a winner? Be a winner!

Adapted

SUMMIT

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Kuralt School of Social Work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Live cultural events throughout the summit included "Heritage of Hope," a special jazz/freedom presentation by Turner Battle, a Steel Drum Band from Durham, Northwest Halifax High School Jazz Ensemble, and a special "Year Round Celebration of Kwanzaa" presentation.

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NAACP HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE—Pitt County and Greenville is growing into a metropolitan area like Raleigh. The citizens of our communities are very diverse. It is necessary that the young and old, fathers and brothers come together during an election year. Shown above are three candidates for County Commissioner seats in District 1 and 5. Businessman Bobby Hardy Jr. Concerned Citizens of Winterville and NAACP Executive Calvin Henderson, incumbent County Commissioner Rev. Farney Moore. They need your vote May 5th. (Jim Rose Photo)

New Durham Branch Opened By Mechanics & Farmers Bank

DURHAM—Mechanics and Farmers Bank, headquartered in Durham, is opening a new branch at 2705 Chapel Hill Blvd. on Monday, Feb. 23.

Julie Taylor, chairman, president and CEO, stated that the bank is opening this new branch in order to expand the services offered its customers.

She added that the Chapel Hill Boulevard branch will be a full-service branch with two drive-in lanes, a full-service drive-up ATM and added lending capabilities.

Mechanics and Farmers Bank has been in operation for 90 years and has branches located in Raleigh, Charlotte and Winston-Salem.

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Area Recreation Calendar Of Events

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GYMNASTICS for ages 3 and 4 and 5-7 will begin in March. Class times vary on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Emily Green will be the instructor. For more information, call (919) 830-4567.

THE TEEN CENTER, located at 1703 E. 14th Street in Greenville, is open Friday nights, 8-11 p.m. for Grades 6-8; Saturday nights, 8 p.m.-midnight for Grades 9-12. Teen activities include dances, billiards, study sessions

(every Tuesday, 3-6 p.m.), volunteering, community projects, etc. Youth Advisory Councils meet the first Wednesday of each month 6:30-7:30 p.m. grades 6-8 and 7:30-8:30 p.m. grades 9-12. All interested people are invited to attend. Call Kelvin Yarrell at (919) 830-4567 for more information.

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Foiled Again

Bill Clinton must be beside himself.

As *The Carolinian* went to press, it looked as if United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan was on the verge of working out a peaceful solution to the Iraq crisis.

We had mobilized men and materiel, battle groups had steamed into the Persian Gulf, goodbyes had been said, and the troops were stoked.

As one captain candidly admitted when interviewed, "There will be a sense of letdown" if a peaceful solution were to be found.

Surely no one would be more let down than Bill Clinton.

If peace talks do prove fruitful, this would mark the second time in his presidency that last-second diplomacy has prevented him from exercising decisive military action.

The first time was shortly into his first term, when he was all set to invade Haiti if the military rulers who had ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide didn't give up and leave.

Not that he or the United States liked Aristide, of course. But there were thousands of Haitian refugees showing up on our shores.

The U.S. government was having to explain why they were being held

in virtual concentration camps as "economic" refugees while Cubans who admitted they just wanted a better life in America were automatically given full political asylum, especially with the press full of reports of massacres and detentions.

So Clinton took the bull by the horns and decided this was the time to look presidential. He announced that we would be coming if they didn't relinquish power right away.

Of course, they didn't, and he would have had his required quick and decisive military campaign if it hadn't been for the efforts of former President Jimmy Carter, who talked the three military strongmen into exercising the better part of valor, literally at the 11th hour.

Now, a chance to show the American people and the world who's boss seems to be in jeopardy by the efforts of the UN secretary general.

There have been some halfhearted rumblings that the U.S. wouldn't accept a "phony deal."

But how exactly we would justify that is unclear, given that the entire reason we were going to clobber Iraq was to enforce UN sanctions.

Poor Bill. Sometimes you just can't start a war.

Just Pardon Them

You're the president of the United States. A former member of your inner circle and several good friends are charged with lying to a special prosecutor, and possibly, with obstructing justice. What do you do? What *can* you do?

Well, if you are to follow recent presidential protocol, there is only one course of action to take.

You pardon them.

That's right. Pardon them and anybody connected with the affair for any and all crimes that may have been committed in connection with it. Pardon them, declare the matter closed "for the healing of the country" and move on.

We can hear our conservative friends already. "That's absolutely outrageous! Clinton will never be able to justify pardoning Monica Lewinsky and Vernon Jordan if they are charged. It totally subverts justice!"

Calm down. First of all, who said we were talking about Bill Clinton? And who said the above scenario was from the immediate future?

Who, for that matter, said it was hypothetical?

Actually, the scene we were talking about has already transpired, in 1992. The White House employee we're talking about is former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. The president was Ronald Reagan and the scandal was the Iran/Contra affair.

We have compared the almost totally fruitless Whitewater special prosecutor's investigation to that of Iran/Contra, saying that the Iran/Contra prosecutor wasted a similar amount of time and money with no results.

Actually, as we pointed out in our opening vignette, that isn't entirely accurate.

The Iran/Contra prosecutor stopped short of charging either Ronald Reagan or George Bush with

any crimes, though many who were privy to the evidence said there was enough to charge them both.

Nevertheless, he did bring charges against several members of Reagan's inner circle, including Lt. Col. Oliver North, Weinberger and others, for lying to Congress and to his investigators under oath.

North was actually convicted, though his conviction was overturned on appeal.

But as the case against Weinberger was set to go to trial, Reagan announced a full presidential pardon for him and the others.

Ah, you say, this case was different.

We agree. This case involved diverting arms to a hostile nation, and bankrolling an armed insurrection against a democratically elected government that we didn't like—all in specific violation of U.S. law.

Another difference is that we heard nobody talking about impeachment, even though it was obvious that Reagan knew what was going on, even if he didn't directly plan it.

Even if every allegation brought up by the special prosecutor in the "Zippergate" scandal is true, all that happened is that Clinton had sex with a consenting 21-year-old.

The only thing that anybody can be charged with is lying to the special prosecutor's grand jury about whether that happened.

While technically a violation of law, it isn't one that appears to bother anybody—except the media and the Republicans (and not all of them, if polls can be trusted).

And the media are rapidly losing interest.

So, yes. Bill should go ahead and pardon everybody involved. Declare the matter settled and move on.

He has the power of the presidency and precedent on his side. And nobody will care.

Well, *almost* nobody.



Other Viewpoints

VOICES ON THE PAST, THE PRESENT AND THE FUTURE OF BLACK MEDIA

Part Three: My Suggestion Box for The Future By Tod Burroughs

Special To The NNPA

Notice how often black people talk about how once we learn how to play the game, the rules change?

It's a truism, whether we're talking about corporate America or the presidential cabinet.

The rules of the mass media are currently changing.

First, there may no longer be a "mass media." Cable, VCRs and the World Wide Web have changed mass communication forever. They are not only here to stay, but growing in power.

Second, print media are either slowly dying or transforming into something else. Something almost three-dimensional and accessible by millions worldwide on the Information Superhighway. Something combining text with moving pictures, graphics and sound.

Third (and this is most important): No one is safe.

That includes the black media. What will happen to black-owned media when Microsoft powerhouse Bill Gates decides he wants to set up 200 black websites to do the job of both black newspapers and black news-talk radio? What if he gets the traditional major black media advertisers? If Whites can start Vibe and Source magazines, national agenda-setting publications on black youth culture, why not other media, particularly in a post-print media environment?

Change is painful, but necessary. Why? Because future news consumers are different.

Please Note: According to the Freedom Forum, a media studies group, a third of all Americans under 30 listed the late-night talk show monologue as their favorite news source in a survey conducted within the past five years. And note again: Newsweek reported last year that half of America's 34 million blacks are now under 30.

The black media are great at organizing "Million" marches, reporting on local church and NAACP news, fighting for the right of Mumia Abu-Jamal to speak freely and printing a never-ending amount of "What Black People Need To Do" Op-Ed manifestos.

What they need to do now is simple:

1) Local black newspapers need to combine editorial and advertising forces. We need the power (and protection) of the black newspaper chains of old. Merge, merge, merge!

2) Seek the Web. Print and broadcast from there.

3) Report information that folks find *vital* to their present and future, and hire reporters who can provide this information. Ebony writes endlessly about celebrities when we need it to write seriously about how welfare reform is wounding our poor. Emerge has not in its nearly 10-year history had a full-time feature reporting staff covering Congress and the White House (even though the publication has been headquartered in D.C. for most of this decade!), so for the most part we get newspaper-style features (mostly from people who work full-time somewhere else) as cover stories instead of hard-hitting investigative magazine journalism. Why do we have to read Time, Newsweek, white-owned hip-hop magazines or Henry Louis Gates' articles in The New Yorker for detailed, critical magazine articles on black leaders and movements? Too little of such writing is in either publication.

Local and national black talk radio does a great job—when its producers care enough to schedule guests and adequately prepare its hosts for interviews. But to be honest, it's often long on caller rhetoric and short on informed dialogue. We need national documentaries and analytical news reports, not just interviews.

The future was yesterday. If enough black media merge, creating black-owned, multimedia print-broadcast-Web conglomerates, the above suggestions can be implemented.

We can either prepare now, or eventually get swept away by new tides. There may always be a need for the black press, but that doesn't necessarily mean it'll be black-owned. For the public of tomorrow will judge its media by the usefulness of its content, not the racial purity of its ownership.

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DO YOU "WALK THE WALK" OR JUST "TALK THE TALK?"

Michael A. Grant, J.D.

Special To The NNPA

"It's time for a check-up from the neck up."—Zig Ziglar
From time to time, I have to check myself out to see if I

am doing what it takes to accomplish my goals.

It is easy to tell ourselves what we intend to do. And many people take great pride in trying to impress others with the magnitude of their plans. Some will talk endlessly about what they are going to do, where they are going to be, and what they are going to have.

We all know individuals like this. Whenever we encounter them, they are getting ready to do something spectacular or, at least, better than the average.

After a while, being around them becomes intolerably boring. After we've listened over and over again, we grow weary with undertakings that never get done. The truth about their real intentions eventually turns on a light of awareness inside of us and we then resolve that, enough is enough.

Observing the fake, the false, and the fantasy in others is done with relative ease. We wait for action to follow words, but it never does. A pattern is established. We judge the person making the false promises to himself/herself to be insincere. Then we move on.

Seeing the faker in others is easy. But what about seeing the pretender in ourselves? What about our own hollow attempts to impress others with what we plan to do? How many times have we told ourselves that we are going to accomplish this task or that, knowing full well that the necessary effort would not be forthcoming?

So, other than the vain attempt to impress others with what we are capable of achieving, why do we talk endlessly about what we are going to do?

I believe the answer is low self-esteem. We are trying to help ourselves feel good about who we are and what we are made of. The irony of "talking the talk" but not "walking the walk" is this: Not following through with plans that we have announced to others (or to ourselves) does not raise our esteem, it lowers it. We also respect ourselves less.

You see, high self-esteem is more than just temporarily feeling good about ourselves. And the good feelings that our talk generates are ephemeral or short-lived. Like the effect of a drug wearing off, our moods plummet to lower and lower levels each time we attempt to do with words what only disciplined action can accomplish.

Sustained high self-esteem has as one of its most essential components integrity. Integrity means wholeness or completeness. When our words and deeds are so integrated with purposeful action that we only say what we truly intend to do, we have integrity. And our integrity helps us to really feel good about who we are.

My grandmother used to recite the poem: "Cheating the man in the glass." I don't recall all the lyrics, but I distinctly remember the poem's potent closing stanza:

"You may fool the whole world down the highway of life and get pats on the back as you pass. But your final reward will be heartaches and tears if you've cheated the man in the glass."

The one person that we can never really fool—not even those most gifted at denial—is our self.

Success in any venture—large or small—demands its payment in advance. There are no easy routes to take. We retain a degree of self-respect when we choose to seal our lips until we're ready to put forth the necessary energy to transform our talk into action. But when we do muster the resolve to get busy—busy "walking the walk" and not just "talking the talk"—we boost our chances of succeeding and lift our self-esteem in the process.

God bless!

Dr. Grant, author of Beyond Blame, is a motivational/inspirational speaker. His company, G&C Motivational Consultants, also conducts seminars, leadership workshops, and team-building meetings. For more information, please contact Victor Cook at (615) 726-1934 or via e-mail at GandCCons@AOL.com.

Education woes

Top teachers say parents are disengaged and students unmotivated according to a nationwide survey. Teachers, by percent, who said:

• The most serious problems are ...

- 44% Apathetic students
- 38 Lack of funds
- 28 Drugs and alcohol
- 18 Violence

• Students have become ...

- 61% Less studious
- 73 More self-centered
- 65 Less responsible
- 68 Less ethical / moral

• Parents have become ...

- 73% Less willing / able to spend time with their children
- 68 Less moral / ethical
- 63 Less involved with their children's school lives
- 53 More self-centered

Out of touch

• Yes, students cheat on tests

4% of parents
40% of students
45% of teachers

• Yes, students copy homework

12% of parents
66% of students
65% of teachers

SOURCE: 1997 survey of 2,733 teachers by Education Communications, Inc.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH GAME

In response to "M" Voice and WOOW 1340 request for personal black history notes from pastors and local churches, the "BLACK HISTORY GAME" was respectfully submitted by the Rev. Dr. Howard Parker, Missionary Andreinne Harvey and Sycamore Hill Baptist Church. Following are excerpts from the "BLACK HISTORY GAME:" (Test Your Black History Knowledge)

1. The daughter of freed slaves, she founded a college in Florida. (Mary McLeod Bethune)
2. She was the first black female astronaut. (Mae Jemison)
3. This woman became a millionaire in 1867 from her invention of the straightening comb. (Madam C.J. Walker)
4. She was recently named Secretary of Labor. (Alexis Herman)
5. This former Congressman is now head of NAACP. (Kweisi Mfume)

6. He led the Million Man March on Washington. (Louis Farrakhan)
7. This Secretary of Commerce was killed in a plane crash while traveling to war-torn Croatia. (Ron Brown)
8. He invented the refrigerator in 1891. (John Stanard)
9. This doctor invented a means of storing blood plasma, thereby saving many lives. (Dr. Charles Drew)
10. She is known as the Queen of Sheba. (Makeda)
11. This person invented the automatic stop signal and sold it for \$40,000 to the General Electric Co. (Garrett Morgan)
12. He was Thomas Edison's assistant and invented the carbon filament that made the electric lamp possible. (Lewis Latimer)

Edith Warren Announces For 8th District House Race

Edith Warren announced recently that she will file as a candidate for state House in the 8th District. This seat is currently held by Rep. Linwood Mercer, who is running for Congress this year. The 8th District includes parts of Pitt, Edgecombe, Martin and Greene counties.

Ms. Warren is a resident of Farmville. She retired in 1993 as the principal at Sam D. Bundy Elementary School in Farmville. Ms. Warren was reared in the Mayo's Cross Roads and Bethel community and graduated from Bethel High School in 1954. "I've been involved in the communities of Pitt County most of my life and I feel that I understand the needs of the residents of State House District 8," Ms. Warren said.

"I plan to run on the issues of responsible use of tax dollars, economic growth, better jobs, and education," Ms. Warren said. "As a lifelong resident of this district, I understand the needs of our small

U.S. Post Office Celebrates Black History Month

MACCLESFIELD—"The United States Postal Service takes pride in celebrating Black History Month and honoring those African-Americans who have helped shape this great nation known as America," says Postmaster Danny Manning.

Last year on Feb. 27, 1997, the Macclesfield Post Office and the Town of Macclesfield honored one of their own, James Knight who was the first African American to be appointed Sheriff of Edgecombe County.

To date, the Postal Service has issued more than 70 stamps that relate to African-American heritage. Fifty-eight of these stamps portray specific people who are recognized for their achievements.

The American Music Series recognized Otis Reading, Dinah Washington, Nat "King" Cole, Ethel Waters, Muddy Waters, and Billie Holiday, to name a few. Jazz musician greats include Louis Armstrong, John Coltrane and Charlie Parker.

Social Reform and Education Series honored Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Ida B. Wells and Mary McLeod Bethune. The Post Office also honored Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. who is the 20th stamp in the Black Heritage Series who served in the Spanish-American War and on General Eisenhower's staff during World War II.

Davis advocated racial integration in the Army and saw it partially implemented late in World War II. The Benjamin O. Davis, Sr. stamp was issued in 1997.



EDITH WARREN

towns and rural communities. We must continue to support our community volunteers like fire and rescue. We also need to work to bring safe and reasonably priced infrastructure like water and sewer for our citizens and to attract new, higher paying jobs to our area."

Edith Warren is a small business owner and currently serves as a county commissioner in Pitt County. Ms. Warren is also a retired educator, having served both as a principal and a teacher for over thirty-three years.

Edith Warren has been married to Billy Warren for 42 years. They have three children: Steve, Cathy, and Lynn, and they have three grandchildren. The Warrens are members of the First Baptist Church in Farmville.

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CELEBRATE HISTORY MONTH—Top: Congresswomen Eva Clayton, Commissioner Jeff Savage and Commissioner Albert Ellis were on hand at Waterside FWB Church in Farmville for a Black History Month Program. Bottom: Donita Norman, Mary Edwards, Diane Norman, Louise Ellis, Jean Jordan, and sister Taylor joined in the celebration of Black History Month at Waterside FWB Church.

Waterside Freewill Baptist Holds History Month Event

"Preparing Our People for the New Millennium," a celebration of black history, was held Saturday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. at the Waterside Freewill Baptist Church, 301 Crestwood Drive, Farmville.

The Hon. Rep. Eva Clayton of the First Congressional District was the keynote speaker.

Ms. Clayton shared how we could prepare our youth for the new millennium through education.

She stated that we should become more aware of our local government, by voting.

Also, Commissioner Jeffrey Savage had words to share and Town Commissioner Albert Ellis of Farmville shared his opinions as well.

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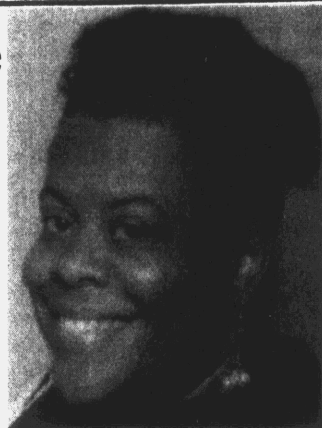
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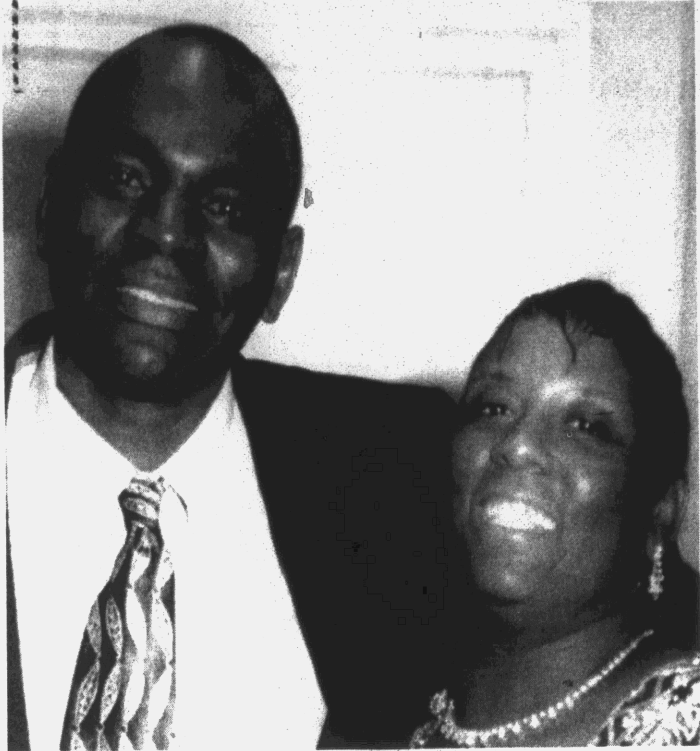
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Isaiah Tidwell Honorary Chair Of 12th National Black Family Summit

Isaiah Tidwell, executive vice president of Wachovia Bank, N.A., will serve as honorary chairman of the 12th annual National Black Family Summit to be held March 4-6 at the Embassy Suites Resort at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach.

Wachovia is a sponsor of the 1998 summit, which is organized by the University of South Carolina College of Social Work and the Columbia (S.C.) Urban League.

The Black Family Summit attracts education, community, religious and business leaders from around the nation to attend lectures and participate in workshops on issues of concern to black Americans.

This year's theme, "Education, Health (Wellness) and Social Welfare: Implications for Economic Viability," encompasses such topics as community revitalization, academic achievement, healthcare, mentoring and financial security, among many others.

In addition to providing a forum for the presentation of professional and scholarly papers and workshops, the summit recognizes the National Black Family of the Year, who will be honored at a luncheon.

"The Black Family Summit provides an excellent opportunity for participants to delve into important issues and come away from the experience armed with ideas and solutions for positive change," said Tidwell, who is based in Charlotte and serves as executive in charge of Wachovia's North Carolina Southern/Western Region.

"Wachovia's support of the summit reflects our commitment to greater opportunity and quality of life in the communities we serve."

The public is welcome to attend the Black Family Summit. For in-

Kevin Smeltzer

Promoted To Captain By GPD

Kevin M. Smeltzer was promoted to the rank of Captain of the Administration Bureau of the Greenville Police Department on Feb. 16.

Captain Smeltzer was hired as a patrol officer in June 1985. He has since served the department as a juvenile officer, a patrol sergeant, and a patrol lieutenant.



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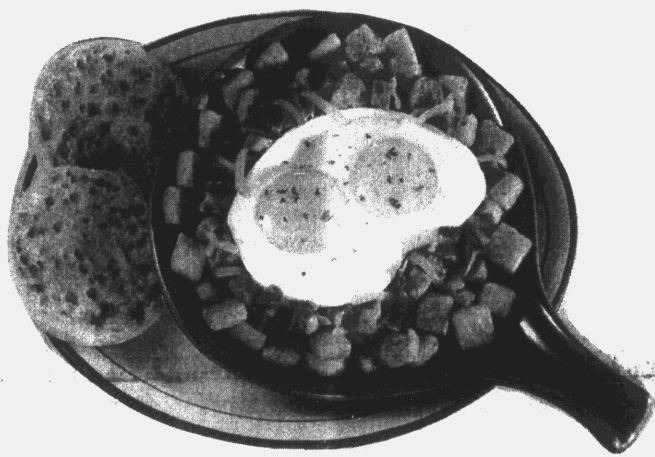
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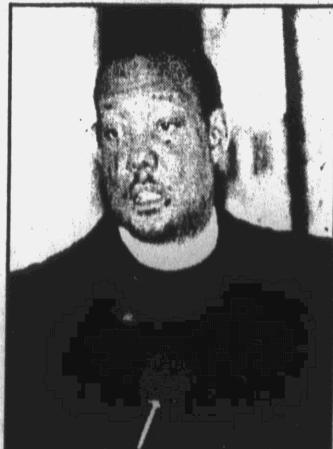
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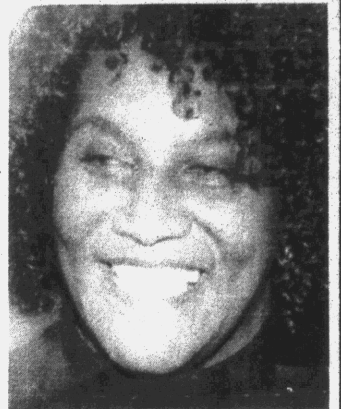
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The Section 8 Program which was started in 1974 has helped to place low income families in standard housing. A couple of new programs have been put in place since Linda has been director. One such program is the Family Self Sufficiency Program, which was started 3 years ago, is designed to help families become self-reliant and productive citizens. Please call (919) 752-9548 for further information.

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9. **Men In Black** Will Smith (Columbia TriStar - PG-13) No. 6

tional Access station) on Monday, March 2 1998 beginning at 7 p.m.

Board members, tutors and students from Literacy Volunteers of America—Pitt County will participate in a discussion of issues related to the high rate of illiteracy in the area and will take questions from the viewing public.

Interested individuals are invited to call with questions while

the show is on the air. The telephone number is: 328-0456.

This show is the second in a series on the subject of literacy to appear on Channel 13. The first was seen on Sept. 8, 1997 which was National Literacy Day.

Anyone wishing more information about the call-in show or about Literacy Volunteers is asked to call the LVA-PC office at 353-6578.

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7 weeks, June 15 to July 31
Hours: 8:45 to 12:15 and 1:30 to 4:00, Monday thru Friday

Requirements—Baseball/softball background. Coordinate maximum utilization and supervision of three to four workers; knowledge of first aid.

Description—Maintains complete attendance records and other paper work. Assumes on site responsibility for operation of the program. Conducts class for three different age groups. (ages 5 - 12). Teaching fundamentals of baseball/softball, team play, strategy, etc. Divides children into teams. Makes out schedules for team play. Handles parental concerns and complaints. Understands Recreation and Parks Play-ground Program Philosophy. Evaluates programs and workers.

Minimum Age—18

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BASEBALL Position: Counselors (6) (20 - 30 hours)
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Hours: 8:45 to 12...15 and 1:30 to 4:00, Monday thru Friday

Requirements—Baseball background

Description—Daily guidance of players. (ages 5 - 12). Instruct players in rules, fundamentals, and all appropriate aspects of baseball. Assist other workers. Supervise the play area at all times. Conduct games daily after schedules are released.

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- Camp Sunshine Day Camp Counselors/Special Populations.
- Eppes Recreation Assistant.
- River Park North Day Camp Counselors.
- Aquatics program personnel (outdoor City pools and Aquatics and Fitness Center) Pool Manager, Assistant Pool Manager, Lifeguards, and Instructors.

Most jobs are 20 - 30 hours per week for 7 to 8 weeks, beginning June 15th. City Pool begins June 5th. Aquatics and Fitness Center job openings at present time as well as during the summer.

Salary: Non-supervisory \$5.15 to \$5.40 per hour
Supervisory \$5.50 to \$7.00 per hour

Hourly rates vary for selected positions based on specific job requirements. Apply by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 17, 1998, to the City of Greenville, Human Resources Department, 201 West Fifth Street, P.O. Box 7207, Greenville, N.C. 27835-7207

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