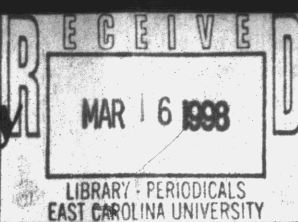


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## F. Lee Bailey To Represent Rev. Henry J. Lyons

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—Dr. Henry J. Lyons, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., announced in a press conference here last week that nationally prominent attorney F. Lee Bailey has agreed to represent him. Lyons said that Bailey would defend him against any possible charges that may arise following an incident that occurred last summer when Dr. Lyons' wife, Ms. Deborah Lyons, set fire to a house.

Ms. Lyons had found her husband's name on the deed to the house along with that of another woman, with whom he was touring Africa at the time. Questions arose about the relationship of the two and how Lyons could purchase the \$700,000 house.

Subsequent reports, spearheaded by the St. Petersburg Times, called into question many of Lyons' and the National Baptist Convention's financial dealings. Lyons has denied any wrongdoing and had said he simply co-signed for a friend. Ms. Lyons has since recanted her original statements to police, and insisted that setting fire to the house was a result of a longstanding alcohol problem. Attorney Bailey praised Ms. Lyons, who has steadfastly defended her husband since the incident. During the press conference, Ms. Lyons stood beside her husband along with their youngest daughter. (See F. LEE BAILEY, P. 2)

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### New Sycamore Hill Baptist Church Opening/Dedication

#### Schedule of Events

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP EXPERIENCE  
March 22nd, 1998 • 11:00

Beginning at Our Present Church Facility.  
Place: 226 West Eighth Street/Greenville, N.C. 27835

After Pastoral Brief's,  
Motorcade to New Church Facility.

Place: 1001 Hooker Road/Greenville, N.C. 27835

The Offering, Special Music, Sermon & Communion  
will take place at the New Church Facility.

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Sunday, March 22nd, 1998  
3:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE  
Sunday, March 22nd, 1998 • 6:00 p.m.  
Worship Guests  
Best Grove, Goldsboro, N.C., Rev. Ivan Davis

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#### OUR SCRIPTURAL THEME

"...The God of heaven, He will prosper us; therefore we His servants  
will arise and build... So built we the wall... for the people and a  
mind to work." Nehemiah 2:20 and 4:6

## Leaders March To Brown AME Chapel To Honor '65 Event

U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., marched with linked arms with Doug Tanner, executive director of the Faith and Politics Institute; Republican National Committee Chairman Jim Nicholson; Democratic National Committee Chairman Roy Romer and other political leaders to the Brown AME Chapel in Selma, Ala. last Sunday in honor of the 1965 historic march.

Lewis, who was beaten and jailed in this small city in 1965 when he along with 600 others tried to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge during a voting rights march, was given the key to the city by Selma's Mayor Joe Smitherman in his honor.

Brown Chapel AME Church was dedicated as a national historic landmark in commemoration of the historic march. Lewis was keynote speaker for the dedication services that day.

"I was beaten here [in the voting rights march] and now I stand here today as a U.S. Congressman," recalled Lewis.

Mayor Smitherman said that he called Lewis an outside "rabble-rouser" during the civil rights movement. "Today I call him one of the most courageous people I ever met," explained Smitherman.

Lewis' historic march in Selma helped to lead to the passage of the 1965 Voting Rights Act by Congress.

## Black Press Leader Denounces Juvenile Crime Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—National Newspaper Publishers Association president Dorothy Leavell last week denounced a harsh juvenile crime bill pending in the Senate, saying it represents a grave danger to children.

Leavell urged black newspapers to oppose Senate Bill 10 and to join the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC) to push for its defeat.

S. 10 would allow children as young as 14 to be held in adult jails. A similar bill has already passed the House and election-year politics could put the measure on a fast track unless strong opposition is mobilized, say opponents.

The BCCC is urging every parent, grandparent, student, community, and religious leader to speak out against S. 10.

"This bill must be stopped because it will only accelerate the demonizing, criminalization, imprisonment, and disempowerment of America's children—especially black and Hispanic youth," said BCCC National Director Barbara Kelley-Sease.

If passed, S. 10 would:

- Allow children, including those as young as 14 and those arrested for minor offenses, to be held in jails with adults with little or no protection. Children incarcerated with adults are five times more likely to be sexually assaulted and twice as likely to be beaten by prison staff than children in juvenile facilities.

- Allow records that now remain sealed to follow children into adulthood, robbing them of job prospects, higher education, and citizenship opportunities.

- Require schools to expel children who get caught with cigarettes, beer, or drugs for up to one year with no provision for alternative education or substance abuse counseling.

- Offer no investment to prevent crime or take any steps to keep guns from getting into the hands of children, even though activists say both strategies have proven effective in reducing juvenile crime. The bill also fails to address the disproportionate impact on black children. (See NNPA OPPOSES, P. 2)



ENJOYS VISIT—Sister Moore is all smiles as she enjoys a visit with her daughter from Raleigh.

## Clara M. Allen Honored For 31 Years Of Services By Deltas

Ms. Clara M. Allen, a Durham native, was recently honored for 31 years of service at the Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

A retirement celebration was held at the Washington Hilton Hotel there.

Ms. Allen has had an extensive career as a member of the National Headquarters Staff at the sorority. Her 31 years make her the longest-

running employee of the sorority.

She was initially hired as a secretary and over the past three decades, has served in many capacities as the sorority expanded.

After serving as secretary from 1966-68, Ms. Allen was promoted to program secretary (1968-70), information officer (1970-75), travel and information officer (1975-76), program assistant for travel and (See HONORED, P. 2)

## Let's Look Back In BLACK HISTORY

### MARCUS GARVEY: HIS LIFE AND HIS MOVEMENT

By Kitty J. Pope

"I asked, 'Where is the black man's government?.... Where is his president, his country and his ambassadors, his army, his navy, and his men of big affairs. I could not find them. I declared, 'I will help to make them.' Marcus Garvey (Part I)

Because he felt that blacks would not be able to prosper in a "white land" where poverty is no virtue, Garvey wanted African-Americans to build a civilization of their own in Africa. Thousands of black citizens in the early 1920s were attracted by Marcus Garvey's ideas about black nationalism as expressed by his Back to Africa Movement. Garvey for a little less than a decade was the most famous black leader in the world during that time.

The son of a carpenter, Garvey was born in 1887 in Jamaica. He gained an apprenticeship with a printer at 16 years of age and became a foreman at 22. He was barred by white printers from further employment after taking part in a printer's strike.

Garvey then went to England, where he worked for an African Egyptian publisher. He studied nights at the University of London. While there, Garvey met Africans and learned of the problems and oppressions of colonialism.

In 1914, Garvey returned to Jamaica and organized the United Negro Improvement Association with the objective of taking Africa from the imperialists, organizing it

and making it "the defender of Negroes the world over."

Garvey dreamed of establishing a school like Tuskegee Institute in Jamaica. So he began to correspond with Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee's founder. Washington invited Garvey to come to the United States to meet with him. By the time Garvey arrived, Washington had died and his successor as president of Tuskegee did not approve of Garvey's African Nationalism.

Garvey then went to Harlem where many West Indians from the Caribbean lived. There, in 1917 Garvey reorganized the Universal Negro Improvement Association. The objective of this organization was the creation of a strong black nation in Africa, the co-fraternity of blacks the world over and the setting up of branches and schools in all lands having black populations.

He later founded the newspaper, *New World*, with "Africa for Africans" as its slogan. Even though some whites and groups like the Ku Klux Klan approved of sending blacks back to Africa, no whites were allowed to become members. Because Garvey denounced white philanthropy, no funds were solicited from whites and they were not allowed stock in various business enterprises set up by the movement.

Garvey directed his appeal to the ordinary black man and woman, urging them to do for themselves. "Up, you mighty race," Garvey preached. "You can accomplish (See HISTORY, P. 2)



HELP WE NEED YOUR VOTE—Shown above for the "Minority Voice" TV Program, hosted by Jim Rouse are Redden Leggett, candidate for Beaufort County Sheriff, Ed Carter, candidate for N.C. Senate, Rev. Dave Hammond, candidate for Pitt County Commissioner. Below: Elizabeth City mayor pro tem Jimi Sutton, Daniel M. Allison, candidate for House of Representatives, and Playwrite Milton Sutton. (Jim Rouse Photo)



**F. LEE BAILEY***Continued from page 1*

ter, Vonda Lyons.

Bailey said, "Ms. Lyons is sticking by her man in a way the song never contemplated, and I think that Dr. Lyons is fortunate to have that."

In recent interviews, Ms. Lyons has attacked the St. Petersburg Times for its coverage of her husband, stating, "They have twisted every kindness he has ever shown to others and that is deplorable."

Bailey said, "For whatever reason the media have called for Lyon's scalp repeatedly and consistently." He called on the media "to show some responsibility in its coverage."

Bailey has represented defendants in several highly publicized cases, such as O. J. Simpson, Dr. Sam Sheppard and heiress Patty Hearst.

Bailey said of Dr. Lyons, "He is my kind of a guy and I am very proud to be asked to represent him."

**NNPA OPPOSES***Continued from page 1*

portionate confinement of minority children.

Black religious, law enforcement, community, and national leaders participated in the BCCC's recent National Lobby Day to defeat S. 10. They met with their senators as well as administration officials to urge them not to support this cruel legislation.

In the 1970s, the Children's Defense Fund helped expose the dangers of children in adult jails by visiting more than 400 jails in every state.

"The safeguards adopted nearly a quarter of a century ago are still needed," said Barbara Kelley-Sease. "We must not return to the horrors of the past."

The Black Community Crusade for Children, a national network of child-serving organizations and advocates, is coordinated nationally by the Children's Defense Fund.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association is a trade association formed in 1940 to bring together publishers of African-American-owned newspapers in the interest of advancing their mutual economic and professional concerns.

For more information about mobilization efforts aimed at defeating S. 10, call (202) 662-3664 or call your senators at the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

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information (1976-79), program assistant for internal programs (1979-82), director of membership services and development director (1982-88) and director member/chapter standards and procedures department (1988-97).

Ms. Allen received an MBPA degree in 1981 from Southeastern University with a concentration in business administration and emphasis on public administration.

She is a 1959 graduate of N.C. College at Durham (now NCCU), earning a bachelor's degree in business education.

She was a secretary to the registrar and advisor to international students at the college before joining the national headquarters staff.

She was urged and recommended for the position at Delta by Dr. Helen Edmonds, a professor at NCCU and a fellow soror.

She was initiated into Delta at NCC's Alpha Lambda Chapter in 1958 and is a former member of the Durham Alumnae Chapter. She was nominated to seek the

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**from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye**

**A WISE LEADER:** Five qualities of a wise leader: a clear mind, a cheerful disposition, a discreet mouth, keen judgment and a humble spirit.

A wise leader will allow the Lord God to maintain control over his or her power. In humility he will enter the Lord into his decisionmaking process, problem-solving solutions, and future-planning strategy.

Two warnings for those in authority. (1) It is inexcusable to take unfair advantage of those under our charge. (2) Whoever does take unfair advantage of others hurts himself more than others.

We must never forget the value of being a model. We must never lose the vision of seeing a cycle. People will some day take our place in leadership. Those who model authenticity, dedication, and genuine love for others shape the future of our world, even when they are not aware of it.

Death awaits us all. You can count on it. "Death is the debt we all must pay." Euripides

"Don't put off living until you retire. Have a blast: do it now."

We are to live life to its fullest: free of guilt, contagiously happy, committed to God and our marriage, and thoroughly involved.

Various ways to view life: optimism, pessimism, suspicion and fatalism.

If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done.

Be bold, be joyful, be Godly.

**Mrs. Beatrice Maye**

Two things to aim at in life: to get what you want and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieves the second.

Put away pain from your body. Take a straight look at what alcohol does to the body, drugs, tobacco. Keep a lid on your sexual drive or the wrong uses of your leisure time. Those things can bring pain to your body.

Growing older is not fun for those who find themselves unable to keep up.

Life is a challenge. Life is tough. Life is sickness and terminal illness. Life is brokenness--broken hearts, broken relationships. Life is not enough food and not enough hope. Life is discouragement and

depression, times of bewilderment and uncertainty. Life is deterioration, disappointment, and ragged reality.

Now is the time to prepare for eternity. Preparing for retirement is commendable. But have you prepared for life beyond retirement? That's more than wise--it's essential.

From: Charles R. Swindoll, "Laying On The Ragged Edge: Coming To Terms With Reality"

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If there is no song in your heart, listen to DAVID.

If you feel spiritually chilly, get the beloved disciple JOHN to put his arms around you.

If you're losing sight of the future, climb to REVELATION and get a glimpse of heaven.

**SAYINGS/ADAGES**

1. A new broom sweeps clean, but the old broom knows the corners. Irish Proverb

2. The dedicated life is the life worth living. You must give with your whole heart. Dillard

3. The business of a leader is to turn obstacles into stepping stones, weakness into strength, and disaster into triumph.

**State Chapter Southern Regional Council On Black American Affairs To Celebrate**

The North Carolina State Chapter of the Southern Regional Council on Black American Affairs will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an array of speakers, a salute to people who have made an impact on the organization and an anniversary banquet and dance during its spring conference at the Raleigh Plaza Hotel March 10-12.

The organization of African-American employees of community colleges across the state is an affiliate of the National Council on Black American Affairs, a council of the American Association of Community Colleges.

Since the North Carolina chapter's beginning, the organization has been active in state community college projects such as forming a diversity committee, and helping produce a diversity plan for the 59 community-college institutions across the state.

The chapter sponsors a student leadership conference each year at one of the community colleges. Also, through conferences such as the one being held in Raleigh, the organization works to develop the potential of its members.

Some of the speakers for the conference include Raleigh City Council member Brad Thompson, N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Patricia

UNIA drafted the Declaration of the Rights of the Negro Peoples of the World which stated that Africa belonged to the black race. Garvey's movement demanded the teaching of black history in public schools, the use of a capital "N" in Negro, and the end of lynching.

(adapted from Los Angeles Sentinel; Part II next week)

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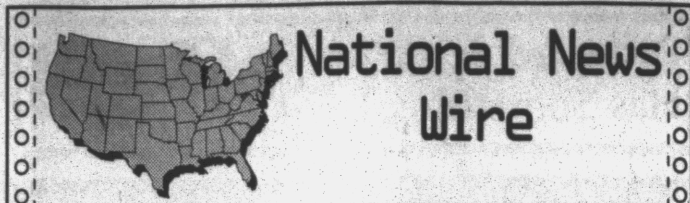
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**NORTON WANTS BANNEKER HONORED**

On Feb. 26, District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton sponsored the Commemorative Works Act in Congress giving legal authority to erect a memorial honoring Benjamin Banneker (1731-1806) in the nation's capital. The introduction of this bill was in response to an initiative by the Washington Interdependence Council (WIC), a nonprofit civic organization, to construct a monument honoring the legacy of Banneker. A historic figure in American history, Banneker, at age 60, was a member of the survey and design team commissioned to establish the Federal City, later named Washington, D.C. He worked under the auspices of President George Washington in 1791. As a member of the first presidentially appointed commission, Banneker played a critical role in American history. However, his contributions surpass his role as a surveyor and designer of the nation's capital. Often referred to as "America's first black man of science," Banneker was also an astronomer, mathematician, scientist, author of almanacs, farmer and engineer. At age 22, he created the first all-American made clock. This homegrown craftsmanship kept perfect time for more than 50 years. Banneker is also noted for his work as a proponent of civil rights, collaborating with leaders of the abolitionist movement, offering evidence of his accomplishments as verification of the intellectual aptitude of African-Americans.

**REV. SULLIVAN RECEIVES GRANT FOR AFRICAN FROM USAID**

In a special ceremony hosted by Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) on March 4, Rev. Leon Sullivan, chairman of International Foundation for Education and Self-Help (IFESH), and Brian Atwood, administrator for the U.S. Agency for the International Development (USAID), signed a \$15 million grant to support programs in Africa. They were joined by Rodney Slater, secretary of the Department of Transportation, and ambassadors from the 10 African countries participating in the program. For the next five years the funds will be used to train hundreds of master teachers, upgrade the skills of African bankers and continue a series of human development programs in sub-Saharan Africa. Rev. Sullivan has committed to match the USAID grant with in-kind and cash support from churches, companies, foundations and other sources. IFESH was established in 1981 and has organized a wide range of programs and funded more than 90 self-help initiatives throughout Africa. The organization has already trained 500 master teachers who have served in African countries that include Gabon, Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Gambia, Nigeria, Malawi and Benin. More than 250 African bankers have also been trained and have returned to their respective countries.

**BLACK ENGINEERS TO HAND OUT GOLDEN TORCH AWARDS**

The National Society of Black Engineers' (NSBE) first annual Golden Torch Awards will be held on March 27 in conjunction with the organization's 24th annual national convention in Anaheim, Calif. March 25-29. Founded in 1975, organizers of the Virginia-based organization explain that the award ceremony will bring the NSBE mission full circle by linking the accomplishments of African-American engineers and technical professionals with college-bound students. They say this is in an effort to increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who not only excel but positively impact the community. Honorees will be recognized in categories ranging from technical and corporate to government and academia.

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limited and must be completed by March 13.

**CHILDREN'S ACTING FOR FILM** for ages 8-13 will be held Saturday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Jaycee Park Administrative Building. Steve Myott will be the instructor. The focus will be on technique and scene study. Registration is limited. For further information, call Carol Powers at 830-4542.

**ART FUNDAMENTALS** for ages 6 and 7 will begin March 23. Program is on Mondays, 3:15-4 p.m. at Jaycee Park. Youth will use a variety of media to discover the fundamentals of line, shape, color and texture. For more information call 830-4567.

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**KITE FLYING CONTEST** will be held on Saturday, March 21 at River Park North. Registration to begin at 10 a.m. and kites must be ready to be flown at 10:30 a.m. Contestants compete according to their age, ages 5-11. Prizes will be given to the highest and best flown kites and to the best built and most attractive homemade kite that flies. No fishing poles allowed. For more information call 830-4567.

**YOGA**—A new yoga class began March 3 from 7:30-9 p.m. or Thursday, March 5, 9:15-10:45 a.m. Class is held at Jaycee Park Administrative Building. For more information call 830-4567.

**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.

**BABYSITTING**—American Red Cross babysitting class for ages 11-14 is held at the Red Cross Office. To register, you need to go to the American Red Cross Office, 601-E Country Club Drive.

**SWIMMING LESSONS**—A variety of swim lessons are held at the Greenville Aquatics and Fitness Center. To register, you need to go to the American Red Cross Office, 601-E Country Club Drive.

**MACHINE QUILTING** class for beginners and intermediate will begin Monday, March 16, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center. Instructor will be Gray Albritten. Please call 830-4546 for more information.

**FUN WITH FEEDING BIRDS**—Wednesday, April 8, 4-5 p.m. at River Park North for ages 5 and up. Bring plenty of imagination and be ready to have some fun finding out more about what birds eat, how they live, and how to feed them in our backyard. **LIMITED REGISTRATION.** Call Carolyn Smith at 830-4561 to register or for more information.

## Rouse's Chapel Sets Revival Services Here

Elder Jessie Jones and the Rouse's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church Family will host Revival '98! Services will begin Monday, March 16, and continue through Friday, March 20. Services begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly.

The guest speaker for the week will be Evangelist Jacqueline Robinson of Irvington, N.J.

Come out and be blessed! We are expecting a high time in the Lord and your presence is requested! Please make plans to attend!



PAUSE FOR THE CAMERA—Dixon is pictured here with Tyra Worrell, president of E.C.U. Gospel Choir.



DISCUSS SCHOOL VIEWS—WOOV's Reggie Price and School Board member Michael Dixon got together recently to discuss school views. (Staff Photo)

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## Not Enough Kids In Prison?

The release of the prototype Senate Bill 10 just recently seems to have caught quite a few Congress-watchers by surprise.

Maybe it was the fact that the legislation was titled the "Juvenile Repeat Offender Act."

Maybe it's the fact that it was pushed off the front pages by the continuing "crisis" of the Paula Jones/Monica Lewinsky saga.

Maybe it was that the bill was introduced with such obvious pride and pomp by Senate Democrats who had worked so hard on it.

Whatever the cause, S.10 seems to have caught quite a few in the community napping, until a careful perusal of the fine print made them do a double-take and exclaim, "What the hell are they thinking?"

We all knew, after all, where the bill had come from.

Every day, our papers and electronic media screamed with stories of rosy-cheeked cherubs who had perpetrated some ghastly mahyem.

Couple that with the standard stories about Youth Gangs Taking Over Our Cities, and you have an atmosphere ripe for the Congress to do something totally silly to deal with it.

Ostensibly, the bill was designed to deal with those hordes of hardened, career-criminal 13-year-olds the media had assured us were ready to break in our doors and violate our grandmothers, and who had been mollycoddled by the present system.

Imagine our surprise, then, when we read that the bill would authorize state authorities to house defendants as young as 14 in the same jail facilities as the rest of the population.

Contrary to the bill's fierce-sounding title, though, these youngsters didn't have to be hardened, repeat offenders. They could be charged

with any offense, including "crimes" such as running away or truancy.

Charged, mind you. Not convicted.

Add that to the provision mandating (not *allowing*) that schools expel students caught with weapons, drugs, alcohol, or *tobacco* on school property, and you have a picture of a Congress that appears to think that there just aren't *enough* young people in state custody.

The bill's defenders insist that what they are trying to do is create a strong, sure deterrent to steer youth onto the straight and narrow path.

If that is true (see, we're giving them the benefit of the doubt) then the kindest thing one can say is that perhaps they might go back to committee and try again.

It is another illustration of how far apart are the black community and the national leadership.

African-Americans are trying to stem the flow of our young people into prisons and jails.

But our congressional leaders apparently look at the horrific percentages of black teens incarcerated and say to themselves, "Just think how many dangerous, violent teens that leaves out roaming the streets!"

That may sound harsh and sarcastic, but what else can you call it when you talk about throwing first-time, petty offenders in with hardened career criminals, taking away any and all alternatives that may have steered them away and virtually ordering that they be thrown out of school?

*Tobacco?*

This bill goes far beyond just being a danger to our community and our future.

It's just plain stupid.

Call or write your Congressperson and tell him (or her) so.

## First One To Crack

This past week, an event happened that blacks should take note of.

Sam Reese Sheppard presented absolute proof that his father, Dr. Sam Sheppard, had not killed his mother.

It was 1959 when the younger Sheppard's mother was savagely stabbed to death in her Ohio home. Police said Sheppard's father did it, scoffing at his account of struggling with a mysterious "bushy-haired stranger."

If that scenario sounds familiar, it should. It became the inspiration for the hit TV series "The Fugitive."

Dr. Sheppard was eventually released, in 1964, and granted a new trial. At that trial, he was found innocent in 1966.

The story didn't have a happy ending, however. The prosecutors and the country at large remained convinced that Sheppard had "gotten away with murder." He died, broken and consumed by alcoholism, in 1970.

Convinced of his father's innocence, young Sheppard began a quest in 1989 that led to last week's dramatic announcement.

That's nice, you say, but why should we care? None of the people involved were black.

It is important because of the reaction of the Cuyahoga County prosecutor.

Rejecting all of the evidence, the

prosecutor announced that he didn't see any reason to reopen the Sheppard case. He questioned the reliability of the DNA results.

It was a historic announcement, and one which we have predicted for several months now.

DNA testing has opened a floodgate of litigation in which people who have been imprisoned for years for rape and/or murder have been proven innocent.

Very embarrassing for a law/justice establishment that insists the black community is paranoid for saying many of our black youth don't belong in prison.

Something had to give, as we predicted. They couldn't let this keep going. Somebody had to crack.

The Cuyahoga County prosecutor was just the first one to flinch. There will be others.

You will see the argument refined and elaborated on by other prosecutors in the near future.

DNA testing was supposed to put more people *in* jail, not let them out. If it's not going to uphold their view of reality, its credibility will simply have to be destroyed.

Just like they do with people.

When that happens, though, some of these law-and-order types should apologize to O.J. and black folks for making fun of them during his trial.

You think?



## Other Viewpoints

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH: LEARNING FROM THE PAST

By Norman Hill

A Philip Randolph Institute

There are many good reasons for studying history. Some examine the past simply because they find it interesting. Others find it inspirational. They look back at the triumphs of their country, their religion, their race, their ethnic group, etc., and take pride in what they find. This is a perfectly legitimate use of history, so long as the achievements of one's own group are not used to demean others.

For this Black History Month, however, I would like to use the past as a learning tool. At the A. Philip Randolph Institute, the linchpin of the black-labor alliance, our goals are racial equality and economic justice. We believe that by looking at which strategies have moved us toward those ends in the past, we can draw some conclusions about how best to pursue them today.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Voting Rights Act of 1965 created a new reality for African Americans. They didn't lift the burden of three centuries of racial oppression overnight—nothing could do that. But they paved the way for progress by outlawing racial discrimination, putting segregationists on the defensive, and guaranteeing blacks the right to vote, giving African Americans serious political power for the first time since Reconstruction. In sum, the rights legislation of the 1960s has made it possible for many African-Americans to move from the margins of society and participate in the American mainstream.

What made passage of civil rights legislation possible? First, we need to remember that it culminated a black-led struggle of many decades known as the civil rights movement. The immediate concentrated use of direct nonviolent activities battle began in 1955, with the African-American boycott of segregated buses in Montgomery, Alabama, led by Martin Luther King. The struggle was reignited by the 1960 lunch counter sit-ins staged by black southern college students and perpetuated by various other forms of grassroots, black-led activism in the South. One lesson of that struggle is that oppressed people cannot wait for someone else to liberate them, they must take the initiative themselves. Or, as the great civil rights and labor leader, A. Philip Randolph, once said:

*Social history shows no instance of a group which possesses power voluntarily surrendering said power over any people or thing for anything. Thus, freedom, equality, and justice for any people at any time, anywhere, must either be ceaselessly fought for or these conditions will not be won and enjoyed.*

Second, recall that the principle of nonviolence was an integral part of the civil rights movement, not only because its leaders believed that violence was morally wrong, but because they understood it would alienate many of the movement's supporters. A major factor in the movement's winning the sympathy and support of the nation was its refusal to respond in kind to the violence of the Bull Connors and Jim Clarks. On the other hand, civil disorder in Northern ghettos during the mid-1960s contributed to big political gains for candidates unfriendly to the civil rights agenda, both in Congress and the White House. The consequence was severe cutbacks in the War on Poverty and less stringent civil rights enforcement. Violence has even less relevance for blacks today. Since African-Americans secured the right to vote, the use of nonviolent demonstrations to highlight the continuing need to enforce and implement the legal platform for racial equality and to address the economic and social injustice disproportionately affecting blacks needed to be coupled with African-American political mobilization in coalition with compatible allies in the fight to improve the lives of all the country's have-nots and have-littlest.

The mention of allies brings me to the third lesson, which is that while African-Americans must take the lead in freeing themselves, as a minority group we can more effectively address economic and social problems by forging a majority coalition. The successful civil rights coalition of the 1960s included other mistreated minorities, religious organizations, progressive intellectuals, and most importantly, organized labor, the most powerful American institution fighting for the rights of the poor and oppressed.

The success of this coalition stands in stark contrast to the failure of strategies that isolate blacks from the rest of society. The demand for reparations is one example. It has

not and will not make progress because it pits an African-American minority against a much larger non black majority. The pursuit of a separate black economy is also doomed to failure. At the Randolph Institute, we support the spread of black-owned business. In fact, we recently helped to create an employee-owned black enterprise that is providing work opportunities for African-American craftsmen and women, and we expect to create more. But we also understand that the black community does not have the investment capital to create an alternative economy that could employ anywhere near a majority of African-Americans. Blacks, the strong majority of whom are and will remain workers, will succeed within the mainstream economy in alliance with the trade union movement, which fights for the rights of all workers.

The Randolph Institute is using the lessons of the past today. We are working with the AFL-CIO to organize black workers, realizing that as the most exploited members of the labor force, African-Americans gain most from unionization. We conduct voter participation campaigns that bringing hundreds of thousands of new black voters to the polls. Often, our drives have helped elect candidates friendly to the agenda of blacks and organized labor. We are especially proud of our intensive work in Louisiana in the early 1990s. The black vote was critical in the defeat of racist David Duke's bid to become governor of that state. This year, we will be focusing on Congressional districts with a history of close elections increasing the likelihood of the end of right-wing control of the House of Representatives.

In addition to electoral work we are, in concert with the AFL-CIO, lobbying and conducting public relations campaigns to promote enactment of a progressive agenda including job training and, if necessary, jobs programs, to enable everyone who needs work to earn a living; a minimum wage high enough so that every worker can support a family; a decent education for all so that African-American youngsters will, along with other children, be able to compete in an economy requiring ever more skills and education; and decent and affordable health-care coverage for all. These are practical proposals because although they would help blacks most, they would benefit Americans of all racial and ethnic groups. Therefore, they can win broad public support.

These are some of the things that the APRI does. They constitute hard work on behalf of a progressive, realistic agenda, and we believe it is what black America needs—not idle posturing and sloganeering, not, divisive demonstrations which vent anger but lack a focused, constructive program. Nor, for that matter, do African-Americans need the hands-off, free-market nostrums that black conservatives say will lift up African Americans, but which actually will help the rich and powerful at the expense of the poor and powerless. So we at the APRI will continue what we have been doing, with greater commitment and vigor, confident that the strategies we employ will, as they have in the past, move us towards a time when racism is a bad memory and blacks along with all other Americans live at a level of dignified economic decency.

## WHY MIDDLE SCHOOLS NEED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

Dennis A. Wicker

North Carolina Lieutenant Governor

When a 13-year-old boy physically assaulted a Charlotte-Mecklenburg classroom teacher last year, it was just another painful reminder that juvenile crime is a growing problem at the middle school level.

Remember when chewing gum in class or smoking cigarettes in the bathroom were the big discipline problems? Today it's drugs, weapons and assaults. And what you may not know is that more of that frightening activity is actually occurring on our middle school campuses than anywhere else according to a study by the North Carolina Center for the Prevention of School Violence.

In fact, during the 1995-96 school year, the Center reports that North Carolina middle schools accounted for approximately one third of all drug possession incidents, one half of all weapon possession incidents, and one half of all assaults on school employees.

It's obvious that too many of our young teens are getting into serious trouble in the middle school years. These are young people who are vulnerable and impressionable. They need guidance to stay on the right path, otherwise it can be too late to "reach them" by the time they are of high school age.

So what can we do? I believe one of the most important and effective steps we can take is to put a School Resource Officer on every middle school campus across the state.

North Carolina already provides funding for SRO's to every high school campus. It is time we do the same for middle schools.

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THE CHILDREN SEEM TO BE ENJOYING A DAY OUT



YOUTH SEEN CHILLIN' AT CAROLINA EAST MALL

## Is The Right Step Academy In Step?

By Keith W. Cooper

Could Right Step Academy conceivably be the wrong step for Pitt County students? For the record, I wholeheartedly support the conceptualization of charter schools. However, without good leadership and support from the administration, faculty, and parents, charter schools are doomed. Because Right Step Academy is the closest charter school to me, I will focus on "the good, the bad, and the ugly" of that school. I might add, I'm a former RSA math instructor who was determined to educate and prepare students for upcoming competency tests and the increasingly competitive world around us.

The administration at RSA lacked a vision as to how to move the school forward. The curriculum director has placed many students who are nowhere near the same academic levels as their peers in the same class. It was difficult, for example, to review math lessons where only a few students (of about 20) grasped the materials while many others stared at the walls as if the instructor were teaching French. Students need to be appropriately classified and grouped with others functioning on or very close to their grade levels. Otherwise, some students having difficulty comprehending math concepts might become violent or discouraged and harbor resentment towards the instructor who wishes to impart knowledge and insight to his class.

The administration needs to enforce policy. If an unruly student is a perpetual agitator or troublemaker, he should, after receiving adequate warnings, be suspended and told to return only with his parents. If such egregious behavior persists, the student should be expelled for the semester. RSA must not become a day care center. Such is not part of its state charter.

I was in numerous situations where I sent cantankerous students to the office for disciplinary purposes. Often, the same students

returned with no productive change in behavior. Hence, I sometimes sent the same students back downstairs within the hour. Such misbehavior must be unacceptable. Additionally, I was assaulted by a student (nephew of the site director) who was sent back to my class (a few days later), and the matter had not been adjudicated. The student was not only a threat to the teacher; he was also a threat to his peers.

Some faculty members showed entertainment videos to students very often during a given month. *Soul Food* was one movie that many RSA students saw repeatedly. What does *Soul Food* have to do with sharpening one's skills in math, English, science, or other academic disciplines? Furthermore, the more students are entertained with videos, the less time they will have to learn the "nuts and bolts" of their courses.

I administered end-of-course tests in Algebra last semester. Out of ten students, five passed with "D's" and five failed. Yet, too many students refused to bring pencils and paper to class. They complained that the instructor was being too hard or rigorous in instructions. Too many students rely on social promotion. One parent recently asked me why I didn't give her child who made a "15" in math a "60." Through ignorance, she said the public school system does that. I told the parent that teachers (in public schools) generally use their discretion on the issue. In any event, the curriculum director asked me to give no grades lower than a "60" for the first marking period. I was outraged. Nonetheless, I've been cursed at by some seemingly incorrigible students almost daily, and they usually received a slap on the wrist.

At the last parent-teachers' conference, only about five parents inquired about their children's math grades. I taught four classes of roughly 60 students. Yet, when I thought parents were concerned

about their children's education, only a few came to the conference. Parents must become involved in shaping their children's educational horizons.

Recently, the Associated Press did a story on charter schools in North Carolina.

Of the 34 schools, a few, including Right Step Academy, were highlighted. The discussion hovered around a state law requiring the school's racial composition to "reasonably reflect" that of the county. RSA, which is about 99 percent black, should tailor her recruitment program to encourage racial and ethnic diversity. Problems around the administration, lackadaisical faculty performance, and lack of parental involvement must be resolved first if RSA is to attract students serious about receiving a good, quality education.

## Museum To Sponsor Flea Market

Adventures in Health Children's Museum will sponsor a Spring Flea Market on Saturday, April 4 at the Cafeteria at St. Peter's School on East 4th Street from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Set up will be from 6 a.m. to 7 A.M.). **There are 6 foot tables available at this Flea Market for individuals and special groups to rent for a donation of \$25 to the museum.**

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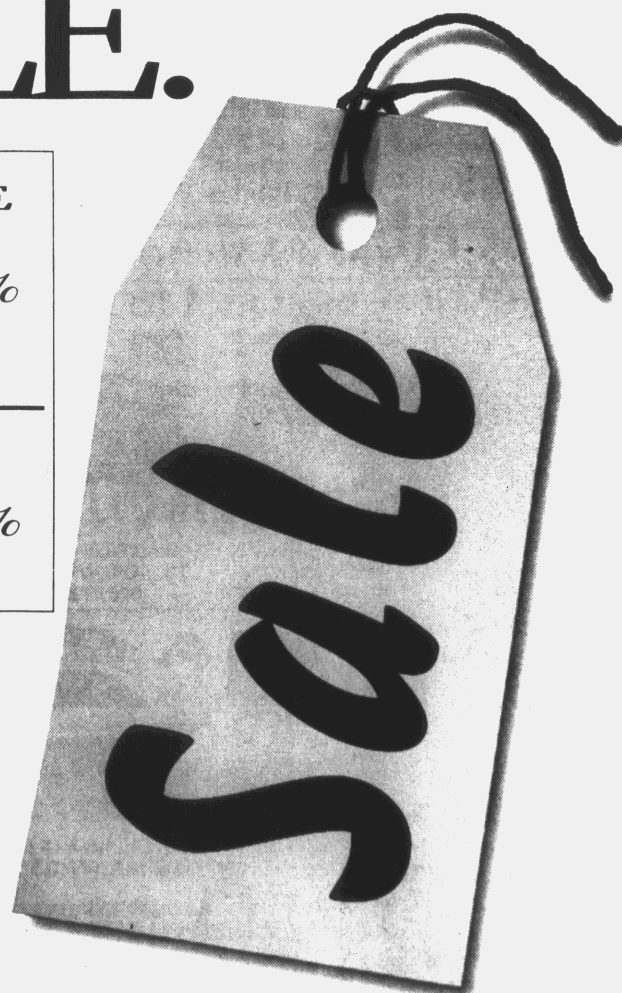
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## Birthday Celebration Set For Darden & Norcott

A "Birthday Celebration" will be held honoring Marina "Sang" Darden and Gratz Norcott, Jr., both of Ayden, from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 28 at the Zion Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Venters Street in Ayden.

"Sang," who will be 90 years old, is the first black licensed florist in Ayden. She and her husband, Charlie "Buddy" Darden, raised Gratz, his brother Boston "Bro" Norcott, and Marion Mills who now resides in New Haven, Conn. "Sang" said that this will be the first birthday celebration she has

ever had in all her 90 years.

Gratz, who will be 73 years old, is the first black licensed mortician in Ayden. He became a successful businessman and has made his foster parents very proud of him. Gratz, along with his wife, the late Mattie Norcott, mirrored Mr. and Mrs. Darden's guardian care by raising Dan "Dink" Worthington.

Gratz and "Sang" have catered to so many people's needs, especially Ayden residents, who would all like to take this joyous opportunity to show their appreciation

## South Lee Street Neighborhood Improvement Sponsors House

South Lee Street Neighborhood Improvement, Inc. is putting it all together by sponsoring the "House of the Month."

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and picture in the newspaper, House of the Month certificate, a prize from our sponsors, and the House of the Month sign in your yard for a month.

To register your home, or be on selection committee, contact the South Lee Street offices at 511 S. Lee St. in the Ayden Arts and Recreation Center. If you have any questions please call South Lee Street Neighborhood Improvements at 746-7003. We're putting it all together, all we need is you!

## NAACP's Mfume Praises Gingrich For Supporting EEOC Budget Boost

BALTIMORE, MD.—NAACP President Kweisi Mfume praised House Speaker Newt Gingrich for supporting a boost in budget for the beleaguered Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

"The Speaker has made support

### N.C. A&T's Jason Peele Receives Scholarship

GREENSBORO, N.C.—Jason Peele, a sophomore broadcast production major at North Carolina A&T State University, is the recipient of the 1997 National Black Programmers Coalition (NBPC) Scholarship. The scholarship is worth \$3,000.

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## Food Lion Partners In Fundraising Effort With Easter Seals

Salisbury—For the seventh consecutive year, Food Lion stores and food manufacturers and brokers across North Carolina are partners in an effort to raise money for Easter Seals.

The 1998 effort is expected generate a record \$1,265,000 for services to North Carolinians with disabilities—making Food Lion Shop & Care the largest fundraising promotion for a state Easter Seal affiliate in the country.

The money is being raised through the Shop & Care promotion, through March 25 in 425 Food Lion stores throughout North Carolina. Special shelf tags and other tie-ins identify the 251 products supporting Easter Seals. Customers can show their support by

### 'Brothers In Arms' To Colonial Williamsburg

WILLIAMSBURG, Va.—African-American military reenactors will take up temporary residence at Colonial Williamsburg's Carter's Grove June 20-21 to share their interpretations of hard-fought historic battles.

While Colonial Williamsburg's current African-American programs show the cultural and social influences of blacks in the 18th century, "Brothers In Arms: The African-American Military Experience" will add a different facet.

"The program will show how African-Americans were actively involved in fighting for America's liberties even though those liberties were not extended to them," said Christy Matthews, director of Colonial Williamsburg's African-American programs.

purchasing these products at Food Lion during the promotion period.

Locally, Easter Seals has helped children and adults with disabilities since 1945. More than 90.8 percent of Easter Seal expenditures provide direct services to persons with disabilities. More than 97 cents of every dollar raised stays in North Carolina.

"We are very grateful that our vendor partners continue to participate at record levels and offer more than 250 products in the 1998 Easter Seal effort," said Tom Smith, Food Lion President and CEO. "Easter Seals helps change the lives of thousands of North Carolinians with disabilities every day, and Food Lion is proud to be a catalyst for the generosity of our customers and our communities."

"Food Lion's genuine commitment to give back to the communities in which it operates is the most generous example of corporate citizenship we've known," said Adele Foschia, Easter Seals of North Carolina president. "That generosity dramatically impacts the lives of children with disabilities in North Carolina who benefit from Easter Seal services funded by Food Lion Shop & Care."

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These young ladies waited patiently in the green room all night long. They were the last of the 15 groups to perform. These young entertainers call themselves "Just Bcuz." Their ages range from seven years to 13 years.

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## Free Telephone Consultation Offered For Debt Consolidation

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Luther R. Gatling, president and founder of the not-for-profit Budget & Credit Counseling Services, Inc. (BuCCS), announced recently that for the first time BuCCS will offer free telephone consultation for debt consolidation.

BuCCS, which already offers nationwide, toll-free telephone credit counseling, is now establishing the free debt consolidation telephone consultation specifically targeting consumers who may qualify to enroll in its BUCCSPLAN.

The BUCCSPLAN is designed to assist overextended consumers in paying off debts. The plan was created to be an alternative to harassment, garnishment and bankruptcy.

"We decided to offer telephone counseling because consumers need and want a quick easy way to get debt consolidation counseling. Many people just don't have the time to come into an office for an initial consultation—it's easier to pick up the phone, find out what information the counselor needs and let BuCCS help," said Gatling.

Consumers wishing debt consolidation counseling by telephone within the 212 and 718 area codes should call (212) 675-5070. Outside

the 212 and 718 area codes, consumers should call 1-800-475-1994.

Budget & Credit Counseling Services, Inc. (BuCCS), a not-for-profit service licensed by the New York State Banking Department, provides counseling and advice on establishing credit, maintaining a budget, avoiding bankruptcy and other personal finance concerns. BuCCS also provides debt and money management counseling, mortgage counseling and preparation for first-time home buyers, and, if necessary, bankruptcy counseling.

BuCCS handles \$65 million in consumer debt annually and acts as counselor and advocate for more than 25,000 New Yorkers and others around the country.

Popularly known as the "Credit Doctor," Luther R. Gatling is an internationally recognized authority on consumer credit who has served on the Federal Reserve Consumer Advisory Board.



(NAPS)—Products offering electronic in-vehicle navigation, emergency alerts and electronic toll collection are making travel safer and more efficient than ever, according to the Intelligent Transportation Society of America (ITS America).

These advances in technology are known collectively as intelligent transportation systems, or ITS. They were first developed in the communications, computer, marine and aviation industries, then were applied to surface transportation.

ITS is coming along at the right time, says ITS America. Currently, traffic accidents are

## High-Tech Transportation Comes Of Age In The United States

the greatest health risk for men under the age of 44, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT). But ITS technologies can save lives, as well as time and money.

Some of the ITS products and services recently introduced include:

- A traffic-warning detector that alerts motorists to approaching emergency vehicles, road hazards and trains. More than sixty warning systems are being used by ambulance, fire and police department in Orlando, Fla., and neighboring suburbs. Meanwhile, the Illinois DOT is testing them.

- A security system that links drivers via cell phone to a 24-hour monitoring center. Using satellite technology, center operators know the exact location of a vehicle to dispatch emergency, police or roadside assistance.

- Travelers in Iowa, which con-

tains long stretches of I-35 and I-80, will be better able to track winter's bluster and other seasonal storms using near real-time weather information available at 37 rest areas statewide. Neighboring Illinois and Wisconsin also are improving and broadening the kind of atmospheric and road-surface condition information available to highway users.

- New York City's toll plazas handle about 650,000 cars each workday. But an electronic toll collection system called E-Z Pass is freeing many commuters from long waits at the bridges and tunnels by eliminating the need to pay cash. Instead, a windshield-mounted electronic device is automatically debited by a "reader" at the plaza. About 42 percent of NYC's daily toll transactions are done with E-ZPass. The same system is used in Pennsylvania and is planned for toll plazas along I-95 in New Jersey.

## A Once-Great Industry Examined

Much of eastern North Carolina was once blanketed with forests of longleaf pine. In the days of wooden sailing ships, these forests yielded the essential tar and pitch that kept the ships seaworthy.

The March 14 garden lecture at Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens, Tar, Pitch, Rosin and Turpentine: The Story of the Longleaf Pine, will examine the history of this once common and now vanishing tree and its products. Lawrence Earley, editor of *Wildlife North Carolina* will begin the lecture at 10 a.m. in the Tryon Palace Auditorium. Admission is \$4 or free with an annual pass or general admission ticket.

Some trees secrete a gummy substance, called resin, that protects them from insects when the bark is damaged. The resin of the longleaf pine can be processed into turpentine, tar, pitch and rosin. During the 18th and 19th centuries, industries based on products of this resin were a major part of eastern North Carolina's economy.

Because tar and pitch were used to coat the ropes that fixed a ship's sails and to waterproof the wooden hull, they were invaluable to the shipping industry at that time. Throughout the remains of North Carolina's longleaf pine forests, underbrush conceals abandoned tar kilns, where carefully controlled fires once sweated tar from green pine boughs.

While researching this once-extensive ecosystem and its products, Lawrence Earley was able to interview one of the last turpentiners, Aubrey Shaw. He will share his experiences, insights and knowledge in this slide/lecture presentation.

For more information about this or other Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens programs, please call (919) 514-4900 or (800) 767-1560.

## Public Forum Set For March 24th

To help Pitt County citizens obtain factual information on the proposed change in governance of Pitt County Memorial Hospital from public not-for-profit to private not-for-profit, the League of Women Voters of Pitt County and the North Carolina Nurses Association District #30 will cosponsor a Public Forum—**Privatization of Pitt County Memorial Hospital: What Are The Facts?**—on Tuesday, March 24, from 7 to 9 p.m.

This forum will be held in the auditorium of the Willis Building, **Little Willie Center Hosts Workshop**

Come one, come all—whether big or small. The Little Willie Center is hosting its Eighth Annual Spring Festival Workshop on Saturday, April 25 at the C. M. Eppes Middle School from noon to 3 p.m. The theme of the Festival is "Children: The Hope and Promise of Tomorrow, A Rainbow in the Clouds."

It will be an exciting afternoon. There will be informative and inspirational speakers such as Mayor Nancy Jenkins, Representative Henry Aldridge, Commissioner Jeff Savage, and Ms. Caroline Guion.

Entertainment will be provided by the Fire Department Puppets, Police Department Band, and the Rose High Steppers. As usual, there will be exhibits concerning a variety of community resources. There will be games, hot dogs, soft drinks and goodies of every description.

Anyone who is interested in being an exhibitor at the Festival or who has any questions at all may call 752-9083 for information.

1st and Reade Street, Greenville. It will be videotaped for later broadcast on the Government Access Channel.

A one-hour expert panel presentation will be followed by responses to written questions submitted by the audience. All questions will be screened for appropriateness under LWV criteria, by a committee of League members and community volunteers, prior to submission to the moderator.

The moderator will be Alan Hoffman, news anchor WNCT. Questions from the public may be pre-submitted in writing to the Voter Services Chair, PCLWV, PO Box 1551, Greenville, NC 27835.

The Forum will be taped and aired on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 29 at noon and 7 p.m., and on Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m.

For more information contact Elizabeth A. Trought at 756-0156, P.O. Box 1551, Greenville, NC 27835.

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**Pitt Community College's Job Link Center**  
**Employment Security Commission**

For more information.....

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# Patti LaBelle Among Honorees At Essence Awards

New York, N.Y.—The 1998 Essence Awards will take place Friday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. at The Theater at Madison Square Garden. The 11th Essence Awards will pay tribute to six outstanding individuals who have had a lasting impact on the world of music.

honorees include James Allen, founder and executive director of the Addicts Rehabilitation Center (ARC) and the ARC Gospel Choir; musical pioneer The Artist, physically challenged musician and motivational speaker Gaynell Colburn; singer, performer and philanthropist Patti LaBelle; renowned jazz musician and classical composer Wynton Marsalis; and recording artist and television and film star Will Smith.

LaBelle will receive the Essence Triumphant Spirit Award, established to honor an exceptional African-American who is a groundbreaker and has revolutionized an industry by excelling in his or her profession, breaking barriers and using personal influence to open doors for and empower others.

For the fifth year in a row, Fox Broadcasting will air the Essence Awards as a two-hour prime-time special. No date for the airing has yet been scheduled.

The Essence Awards, which highlight the contributions of pre-eminent African-Americans, was first held in 1987 and has become one of the country's top awards shows. Previous Essence Award honorees have included Janet Jackson, Oprah Winfrey, Bill and Camille Cosby, Tina Turner, Whoopi Goldberg, Muhammad Ali, Denzel Washington, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Eddie Murphy and Gen.



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Colin Powell, as well as more than a dozen community activists who have given of themselves to improve the quality of life for others.

Sponsors for the 1998 Essence Awards are American Express, AT&T, Chrysler, JCPenney, Johnson & Johnson, Kraft Foods, Pepsi-Cola, Revlon and Toyota.

With 7.8 million readers, Es-

sence is the preeminent magazine for black women. Published by Essence Communications, Inc., it is a source of information relating to every area of African-American women's lives.

Information about the 1998 Essence Awards can be found on Essence's Web site at <http://www.essence.com>.

## Goward Music's Tran Performs

The Goward Music Studio recently presented Peter Tran, a 14-year-old pianist, in an all-Chopin concert at the Springmoor Retirement Community in Raleigh.

The program, which featured all styles of Chopin's music including waltzes, impromptus, polonaise etudes, nocturnes, ballades and scherzos, was received with a standing ovation.

Following in Peter's footsteps was his seven-year-old brother Benjamin Tran as guest artist, playing Burgmuller's music and

Pachelbel's Canon.

Peter is a student of Ms. Goward. He is also a ninth-grade student at Garner Senior High School, where he accompanies the Freshman Ensemble led by Mr. Gilliam.

He has studied piano for eight years. He received the National Founders Award in 1997 and the International Sonatina Piano Award given by the National Guild of Piano Teachers, Teachers Division of the American College of Musicians.

This is the fourth year Peter has performed at Springmoor.

Peter's main interest is in classical music. He would like to use his talent to serve his church and community.

In the future, he says he hopes to attend Duke University to study in the medical field.

## Mid-Atlantic Doll Expo To Raleigh Civic & Convention Center

The Mid-Atlantic Doll Expo will be at the Raleigh Civic Center on March 21-22 with their premiere show. Currently promoting the largest doll shows in Virginia, D&S Promotions hope to see their Raleigh show become the largest in North Carolina.

"We have a strong following of outstanding exhibitors from New York to Florida and as far west as Washington state," said Joan Sides, a partner in D&S. "Of especial interest is our wide assortment of antique dolls from the turn of the century into the 1930s and '40s."

Richard Vacca from New York will be offering antique and collectible dolls along with assorted childhood memorabilia. Jim and Linda Salyers of Virginia will be offering their highly collectible antique dolls.

Mary Carter of "Mary Carter Dolls" in Virginia Beach will be attending with her selection of artist dolls that she has made and

dressed. Sherry Lynn Wilson, of "Sheri-lyn's Dolls" of North Carolina will be showing and selling a variety of antique dolls, as will Elaine Amburgey of Tennessee. There will be many North Carolina exhibitors as well.

A Doll Show would not be complete without Barbies, Beanie Babies, Star Wars Collectibles along with '60s, '70s and '80s dolls. Flo Granahan from Norfolk will be attending with her offerings of collectibles in those categories. In addition, there will be an appraiser-repair person, doll making kits, and supplies (by Katherine Howard) along with one-of-a-kind Teddy Bears. Dolls in all mediums along with handmade carousel horses.

Door prizes will be awarded each day at noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Show hours are 11 a.m.-5 p.m. both days. Admission is \$4 for a one-day adult ticket or \$5 for both days. Children 6-12 are \$2 and Children under 6 are free.



Just a few of the many dolls to be featured at the Mid-Atlantic Doll Show coming to the Raleigh Civic & Convention Center in March.

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Although there will be enough space allocated to provide up to 60 "booth size" areas inside and outside of the building, this year "Expo" will be housed primarily in the main ballroom of the DuBois Center. There will also be two large meeting rooms which will be available for workshops and seminars you may be interested in providing.

Once again we are proud to have this event sponsored by First Citizens Bank. "Expo 98" will be comprised of a cross section of business and service vendors from the African American business community and the greater business community at large.

Some of the participants include Pitt County Memorial Hospital, Bell South Mobility DCS, Brijef Travel, The United States Navy, Time Mortgage, Starlite International, The City of Greenville, Jeffrey's Beer & Wine Distributors, Chase Mortgage, Pitt County Health Department, and many more. The purpose of this event is to introduce those participating businesses of the "Expo" to larger audiences, and to also share dialog with other business people and consumers alike.

During the course of "Expo 98" our agenda will feature fitness and health programs, housing information, economic development, teen responsibility, financing seminars, and ethnic foods. This event, occurring at the end of the month, promises to be one charged with a festive atmosphere.

Publicity regarding this event is not only generated by our media group, i.e., WOOW-Greenville, WTOW-Washington, The Minority Voice TV Program and The "M" Voice Newspaper, but through other major media outlets throughout the region as well. Admission for the general public is free.

Vendors may set up their booths on Friday. The cost to participate this year's event is \$99.00 for two days for small businesses and \$199.00 for large businesses. This package also includes up to a 4 column by 4 inch display ad in the "M" Voice Newspaper's Minority Business Directory. Due to increased interest in "Expo 98," we encourage your earliest response, and we look forward to assisting you in the participation in this event.

Respectfully Yours,

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Expo 98 Coordinator  
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