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Local NAACP Still On The Rise

By Kitty J. Pope

The NAACP of Pitt County held its annual Fellowship Banquet on March 21 at the J.H. Rose High School. The banquet was a celebra-

tion of the Emancipation Proclamation, with the theme, "NAACP: And Still I Rise." The speaker for this occasion was Dr. James Johnson.

Dr. Johnson is the Maynard Adams Distinguished Professor of Business, Geography and Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is also the direc-

tor of the Urban Investment Strategies Center in the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at UNC-CH.

After music, a hearty welcome, and the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, the banquet began with everyone standing and singing the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing." Greetings from County Commissioner Jeff Savage and NAACP District 14 Director D.D. Garrett followed the anthem.

Before the dinner, a musical selection was given by Laura Morris, a speech on diversity was read by 11-year-old Kristine Pope and special NAACP awards were presented by Linda Howard.

After a scrumptious dinner and dessert were enjoyed by those in attendance, NAACP President Gaston Monk, who presided over the ceremony, introduced the speaker. As a former student under his principalship, Monk remembered Dr. Johnson as well-behaved. "Perhaps my strictness paid off," laughed Monk.

Dr. Johnson began his speech by acknowledging what an honor it was to respond to an invitation to speak for a great man like Mr. Monk. He referred to Monk as a mentor and said that he owed a lot of what he had become to his former principal.

Dr. Johnson spoke on the importance of education, organizations like the NAACP, and black brotherhood. "Blacks must continue to stand together for change," explained Dr. Johnson, whose more than 100 scholarly research articles include the study of minority-owned business development and interethnic minority conflict in advanced industrial societies.

"Those who have obtained an education and financial status and have made it to [executive] suites must reach back and help those in the streets. It's about the 'suites' helping the 'streets,'" exclaimed Dr. Johnson.

After the uplifting speech, Ann Huggins recognized special guests, who included Attorney David and Mrs. Leach; City Councilwoman Mildred Council; County Commissioner Farney Moore; Sheriff Candidate Mac Manning; and several others.

More than 150 NAACP members and community citizens attended the banquet.



MINORITY BUSINESS EXPO MISSION ACCOMPLISHED—Shown above is a skyview of Expo and vendors. Below: Taff's Office Supply owner, Jay Taff, is seen with vendors Jeff Savage and Daniel Dawson. (Staff Photos)

Rev. Bernice A. King Shaw U. Finals Orator

Reverend Bernice A. King is the speaker for Shaw University's commencement ceremony, Saturday, May 9, in the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center at 11 a.m.

Rev. King has is a nationally renowned orator. In 1980, at age 17, she spoke in her mother's stead to the United Nations on Apartheid, thus realizing her oratorical gift. The youngest child of Ms. Coretta Scott King and the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Bernice King is remembered by most as the five-year-old in the Pulitzer photograph taken of her as she lay in her mother's lap during her father's funeral.

King received her B.A. in psychology from Spelman College, and on the morning of her ordination,

was awarded a master of divinity degree as well as a doctorate of law from Emory University. Ordained at Ebenezer Baptist Church, the same church where her forebears preached, she is currently the assistant pastor at an inner-city church in Atlanta, Ga., where she heads the church's youth and various civic, religious, corporate, and political organizations across the country.

King, 34, is also the author of *Hard Questions, Heart Answers: Sermons and Speeches*, which is her first literary work.

Shaw University, founded in 1865, is the oldest historically black institution in the South. Since 1987, the university has been under the leadership of President Talbert O. Shaw.



PITT COUNTY NAACP HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET—Shown here are (r-l.) Pitt County President Gaston Monk, Ann Huggins, Guest Speaker, James Johnson, Wall Morehead and another member all on hand for the annual banquet. (Staff Photo)

U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters Denounces CIA Report

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, last week denounced the Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Frederick Hitz's, unclassified report regarding allegations of CIA involvement in drug trafficking in South Central Los Angeles.

"This document lacks credibility and its conclusions should be dis-

missed," said Rep. Waters.

Testifying before the House Select Committee on Intelligence, Rep. Waters added, "This document raises more questions than it answers. We've waited for over a year for a credible response to a very serious accusation about the CIA's role in drug trafficking to fund the Contra war. Instead, we have received an unclassified document full of contradictions, misin-

formation and unsupported conclusions."

Even several former CIA agents intimately involved in the Contra war characterized the investigation as "a bunch of ...bull" and "going through the motions," she said. "This is very troubling."

The CIA's investigation came in response to the "Dark Alliance" series published by the *San Jose Mercury News* in August 1996. The story, written by reporter Gary Webb, raised allegations of the CIA's role in drug trafficking in South Central Los Angeles to fund its Contra war activities.

The CIA has refused to release the "classified" version of its report. It released the unclassified version on Jan. 29.

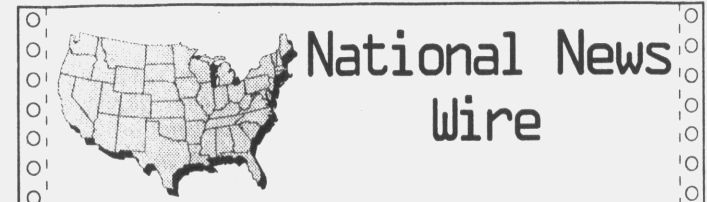
Rep. Waters told members of the Intelligence Committee about traveling to Nicaragua, as well as throughout California, to personally interview a number of individuals mentioned in the "Dark Alliance" series. She spoke of the many letters and volumes of information sent to her from people across the country.

"My deep concern about the allegations raised in the *San Jose Mercury* that my government could have, in any way, been involved in or had knowledge of, drug trafficking has caused me to spend my own time and resources to find out more about these allegations," added Waters.

Waters listed more than 70 names of people who, she said, should have been interviewed by the Office of the Inspector General and asked the members of the committee to interview these individuals as part of their investigation. She also asked the committee to obtain written responses confirming or denying that certain individuals were CIA assets or agents.

"This committee has a responsibility to look into the nefarious activities surrounding the massive Contra-cocaine drug network and use its subpoena power to provide the American people with the truth that has been denied them for too long," added Waters.

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YOUTH LEADERS TO CONVENE MILLION YOUTH MARCH-IN HARLEM

Black youth from around the country will be the focus of attention at the Million Youth March (MYM) on Sept. 5 in Harlem, N.Y. Organizers say the entire black family is invited to hear from, support and guide black youth as they take center stage and assume their role as the next generation of leaders. The theme of the MYM is "Black Power into the Year 2000!" The event was called by Min. Khalid Abdul Muhammad and he has received the expressed support of Min. Louis Farrakhan, the convenor of the 1995 Million Man March. The weekend kicks off on Sept. 3 and 4 with the MYM Black Unity Hip Hop and Rap Summit. Malik Zulu Shabazz, the national youth director for the MYM, explained that the Summit is dedicated to ending the division between East Coast, West Coast and Southern rappers. "At the Summit," he said, "they will come together with black leadership to communicate and dialogue in an effort to promote unity and control the dollars in the industry." Participants in the Summit will include: West Side Connection, Puff Daddy, Wu Tang, Rakim and Master P. The March will take place on Sept. 5 beginning at 7 a.m. on Malcolm X Boulevard, at Central Park (110th St. through to 145th St.). NNPA will continue to provide updates of MYM activities or you may receive additional information by calling Khalid Muhammad, chief operations officer at 888-MYM-2804 or by visiting the website: www.millionyouthmarch.com.

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION ON DISPLAY AT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

For the first time in 15 years, the Library of Congress is displaying Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in the "American Treasures of the Library of Congress" exhibition through May. Previously, the document was briefly displayed to the public in 1983 and 1975, and for a longer period in 1962-1963. On Sept. 22, 1862, Lincoln gave his preliminary Emancipation Proclamation as a direct order to the Army. In the final Emancipation Proclamation, Jan. 1, 1863, Lincoln named districts "wherein the people... are this day in rebellion" and ordered "that all persons held as slaves... [in those areas] are, and henceforward shall be, free." The final version differs from the preliminary edition in the greater emphasis placed on the preservation of the Union as a motivating force for the Proclamation. The Jan. 1, 1863 Proclamation was lost in the Chicago fire of 1871. Surviving photographs of the document show it

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HOMETOWN BOY RETURNS—UNC Chapel Hill professor James Johnson, who grew up in Pitt County is shown with his father and mother and lovely wife and family members at the NAACP Banquet. Bro. Johnson was the guest speaker. (Jim Rouse Photo)

REP. WATERS

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Several members of the Select Committee on Intelligence called on the committee to investigate the allegations.

New Study Suggests Little Or No Danger From Second Hand Smoke

A new study by a major health organization suggests that there may be little or no danger from second-hand smoke.

The study was one of the largest ever on environmental tobacco smoke—more commonly known as "second-hand smoke." This study was conducted by one of the most well respected and well-recognized public policy health organizations in the world—the World Health Organization and its International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC).

The WHO-IARC research found no meaningful increase in lung cancer risk to non-smokers exposed to their spouse's or co-workers' smoke. Also, according to IARC, "There was no association between lung cancer risk and ETS exposure during childhood."

This was not good news for the anti-smoking community around the world which has built much of its anti-tobacco political agenda around the idea that even non-smokers are at risk from cigarette smoke. The world's anti-smoking community immediately blasted reports on the WHO study.

The smoking industry and the British press claim that WHO did little to report the results of the second largest study ever carried out on ETS.

Specifically, the WHO agency found a non-significant overall relative risk of 1.16 for exposure to environmental tobacco smoke at home, 1.17 for exposure at work and 1.14 for those who both live and work with a smoker. These risk numbers were not statistically significant, meaning one cannot conclude from this study that there is any lung cancer risk associated with living or working with a smoker.

IARC itself, as well as other leading bodies such as the U.S. National Cancer Institute, also advise that relative risks of less than 2.0 are small and difficult to interpret.

The IARC study represents many years of research across several European countries. Whether this study is considered alone, or as the latest of more than 40 studies of this type over the last 17 years, the data do not show any meaningful increase in risk of lung cancer for a nonsmoker exposed to environmental tobacco smoke.

In the wake of the study, the tobacco industry renewed its charge that the overwhelming majority of statistical studies investigating whether tobacco smoke in the air might be associated with lung cancer in non-smokers have reported no meaningful increase in risk.

Community Christian Sets April Orientation

Community Christian Academy will have a Kindergarten Orientation on April 28 at 7 p.m. All prospective parents of 5-year-olds are invited to attend.

For further information on enrollment, contact 551-1055, Community Christian Academy, James D. Corbett, Pastor, 2009 Hwy. 33 East, Greenville, NC 27834.

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Mrs. Beatrice Maye

COMMUNITY NEWS

Cathy Stewart, R.N., administrator, Down Home Health, and Dan Oglesby, energy services officer, Greenville Utilities Commission, gave pertinent information Tuesdays, March 17 and 24, to the Retirement Living Class, Pitt County Council on Aging. Beatrice Maye, coordinator.

Reverent Sympathy is extended to the families of Gladys McDowell, William Dixon, Addie R. Gore and Mavis Harris. Also, Grant Bell, Jr.

SPIRITUAL FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Forget the slander that you hear before you repeat it.

Forget each slight, each spite, each sneer, wherever you may meet it.

Remember every kindness done to you, whatever its measure.

Remember praise by ethers won, and pass it on with pleasure.

Remember every promise made and keep it to the letter.

Remember those who lend you aid and be a grateful debtor.

Remember all the happiness that comes your way in living.

Forget each worry and distress, be hopeful and forgiving.

Remember good, remember truth, remember heaven's above you;

And you will find thru age and youth that many hearts will love you.

—Selected

Matthew 15:18-19, "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies."

Let us take seriously this matter of our heart. The mind is a terrible thing to waste.

THE CHRISTIAN'S WAY OF SELF-RELIANCE

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

PROVERBIAL SPEAKING...

A JOB well done is its own reward.

There is no way we can lift people up unless we come down to their level to help them.

Being intoxicated, or drunk, is not just a single sin, but it is one that opens the door to many others.

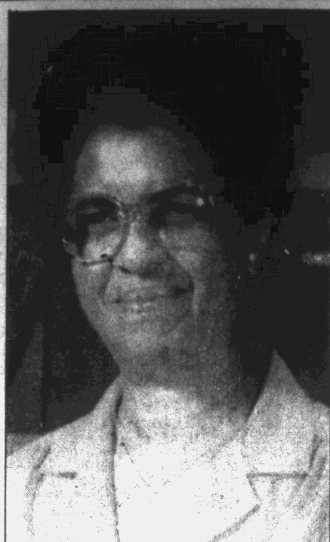
Know God—know hope, know peace; no God—no hope, no peace.

Difficulties are obstacles only to the weak.

We best keep God's Word when we give it away—EVANGELIZE.

SOME NO'S AT THE DINNER TABLE:

1. Don't turn on the TV. Dinner



Beatrice C. Maye

meals are for conversation, not TV viewing.

2. Don't criticize or lecture.

3. No telephone calls or answering the telephone. Turn on the answering machine or take the telephone off the hook. This is family time.

4. Get home from work on time for dinner. This lets all know your family is important. Note: There are some exceptions, we are aware of.

SOME DO'S:

1. Teach to perform our service in the community.

2. Let's bring in a new word for dinner—each member.

3. Do invite friends or family guests occasionally.

4. Play games.

5. Bring something from antiques.

6. Bring in a song we used to sing.

7. Bring in a prayer.

8. Finding schedule for next day (at school), sign papers

9. Give some things up so you can have time together to share a meal.

10. Eat together as a family—ALWAYS—New Year, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, July 4 (outing/cookout, picnic), Thanksgiving, Christmas. These are rituals or memories we should never forget.

Note: Never eat in a separate room, to get away from family, or to view a football, basketball or any other game. Is the game more important than your family?

11. Do always tell the cook, mother or grandmother, how delicious the meal was; If you do it Dad, the kids will, too. Try it!

Breaking bread has been a tradition. Mealtime traditions are special.

By all means, use that fine china, crystals, silver, for more than likely, the yard sales, the Salvation Army will get it, for most of

our children's homes are filled, no place for your hand-me-downs, and your kids will have less to fight over. Money is their main interest after you are dead. Believe me!

GEMS OF THE DAY

1. Quitting Time
To follow Christ we must resolve To quit our evil ways.

To practice love and godliness To please God all our days.

What we do may be more important than what we don't do.

2. 1 Samuel 16:7. The Lord said to Samuel:

"Men judge by outward appearance, but I look at a man's thoughts and intentions. Don't judge a man's face or height. I don't make decisions the way you do."

3. Prejudice is essentially an outgrowth of ignorance.

4. Nobody ever learns anything when he's talking.

5. What is hard to stop once you've started? Smoking, alcohol, gambling, biting nails and eating potato chips.

6. A short course in Human Relations.

The 6 most important words in the English language are: I was wrong. Please forgive me.

The 5 most important words: You did a good job.

The 4 most important words: What is your opinion?

The 3 most important words: Can I help?

The 2 most important words: Thank you.

The 1 most important word: You.

The least important word: I.

7. The greatest enemy facing blacks today is not racism and discrimination, but jealousy and envy among ourselves.

8. The three C's for Study and Work Habits: Curiosity, Creativity and Consistency

9. A friend does not abuse his friendship.

10. A Pledge of Trust:

Father, during this coming week there may be times when I shall not be able to sense Your presence or to be aware of Your nearness.

When I am lonely and by myself, I trust You to be my companion.

When I am tempted to sin, I trust You to keep me from it.

When I am depressed and anxious, I trust You to lift my spirits.

When I am crushed by responsibility and overwhelmed by the demands of people on my time, I trust You to give me poise and a sense of purpose.

When I am rushed and running, I trust You to make me still inside.

When I forget You, I trust that You will never forget me.

When I forget others, I trust You to prompt me to think of them.

When You take something of someone from me that I want to keep; When You remove the props I lean on for comfort...

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primarily in Lincoln's own hand. The title and ending are in the hand of a clerk, and printed insertions are from the Sept. 22, 1862, preliminary Emancipation Proclamation. The official, or engrossed, version of the final Emancipation Proclamation is in the National Archives. In addition to the only surviving copy of the Proclamation in the hand of Lincoln, the exhibition includes: a letter from Lincoln to Albert Hodges, editor of the Frankfort, Ky. *Commonwealth*, April 4, 1864, in which Lincoln explained his view of slavery and a first printing of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, Sept. 22, 1862.

MICHIGAN STUDY FINDS RACISM ALIVE IN AMERICA

Young white Americans may harbor more racist attitudes than surveys have suggested in the past, according to a study of 451 U.S. college students by a University of Michigan professor. "Direct, overt expressions of racism are rare these days," says Eduardo Bonilla Silva, assistant professor of sociology. "When you compare the results of recent and past surveys of public attitudes towards blacks and other minorities, it seems that racial attitudes have improved dramatically. But when you ask survey respondents to explain their attitudes about issues such as racial intermarriage and affirmative action, you find a hidden reservoir of racial animosity." About 90 percent of those surveyed said they approved of racial intermarriage, but only 30 percent of those who were later interviewed about this turned out to approve of the practice. "This cannot be attributed to selection bias, since the survey answers of those who were randomly selected for interviews mirrored the results of the total sample. If anything, the students who were interviewed appeared to have slightly more racially progressive outlooks than the larger group who were surveyed," noted Bonilla Silva.

LATE NIGERIAN MONK, TANSI, ON THE THRESHOLD OF SAINTHOOD

OBA, Nigeria (PANA)—Nigeria's late priest and monk, the Rev. Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi, was beatified on Sunday, March 22, at an epic mass celebrated by visiting Roman Catholic Supreme Pontiff, Pope John Paul II. Beatification is the first stage in the process of attainment of sainthood, according to the Catholic doctrine. Hundreds of thousands of faithful, including local and visiting bishops, priests and the laity, participated in the mass at the Oba airstrip in eastern Nigeria, Tansi's hometown near the market city of Onitsha. "According to the request of our brother Albert Obiefuna, Archbishop of Onitsha and president of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Nigeria, the many other brothers in the Episcopate, of many faithful, and of the Cistercian monastic family, and after consultation with the congregation for the causes of saints, by our apostolic authority, we declare that the venerable servant of God, Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi, shall hereafter be invoked as blessed," the Pontiff said. Tansi was born in Aguleri in 1903, ordained a priest in Mgeria in 1937 before he traveled to England where he took the monastic vows as a monk at Mount Saint Bernard in Leicester. Tansi died in 1964 and was buried in England, but his remains were exhumed and buried in Onitsha in 1986.

—Emeka Ndika

125 Civic & Corporate Leaders Join To 'Save Our State'

By Steve Neal

An Analysis

More than 125 civic and corporate leaders—including a former governor, former U.S. senator, three former congressmen, state legislators, CEOs, doctors, educators, scientists and clergy—have organized, as Save Our State, to work for economic development in North Carolina consistent with a high quality of life and health.

Inspired to organize when one national news program after another, including "60 Minutes," CNN, and "Dateline," pictured North Carolina as a huge sewer, members of Save Our State were alarmed with the degradation of North Carolina's natural resources.

The organizers felt that land was rapidly becoming immersed in hog waste, and water so polluted that fish were killed by the millions. A deadly *pfisteria* microbe was attacking fish and human life as well.

At the same time, the hog industry, which was widely assumed to be the cause, was running a massive statewide media blitz, essentially saying it had nothing to do with the problem. There appeared to be no credible, organized voice expressing citizen concern about this deteriorating situation.

The purpose of Save Our State is to foster economic development consistent with a high quality of life and health.

Its method, say organizers, is to learn about what appear to be threats to the quality of life we have enjoyed for generations and to share what is learned with public and elected officials. It is thought that because the membership of Save Our State is bipartisan, statewide, from a wide variety of professions, and comprised of many people with long histories of service to North Carolina, the opinion of the members of SOS would be respected and considered by policy makers.

Members of Save Our State recently met in Raleigh to hear from a panel of environmental experts and others, who said that two of the biggest problems are hog waste and municipal waste.

Since a recent change in law requires municipalities to do a better job—and testimony said that they are moving in that direction—the group heard mostly about hog waste problems.

The experts said there are now more than 13 million hogs produced a year in North Carolina, up from 2.5 million just ten years ago. Most are packed together in pens, like sardines in a can, in factory-like facilities. Each hog, on average, produces a volume of waste equal to that of three to four humans.

So, the experts said, 13 million hogs produce as much waste as 40 to 50 million people—more than the population of America's 20 largest cities. This waste is pumped into open cesspools and from there sprayed on the land.

The group says that the most serious problem is that the land cannot absorb the amount of waste dumped on it. The feces and urine soak through the land and into rivers and streams. Coliform, other bacteria, and heavy metals poison surface and underground water.

Nitrogen from the "waste" (both from runoff and from evaporation, as ammonia, from the cesspools) causes excessive algae growth which robs rivers and streams of oxygen, starving and killing fish and other life-forms. It also causes a life cycle change in the *pfisteria* algae, making it highly toxic to aquatic life and humans.

Municipalities along rivers in eastern North Carolina also are not processing "waste" as well as they should; however, they claim to be improving and the law requires still more improvement. Nitrogen-rich runoff from agricultural fields also contributes significantly to pollution.

The dreaming brain

Sleep and dreaming are still poorly understood. Most dreams take place during the rapid eye movement (REM) phase of sleep, when some parts of the brain are aroused while others remain quiet.

ACTIVE AREAS

1 **Limbic system:**
Source of strong emotions, aggression and long-term memory

Activity gives dreams emotional and sexual power

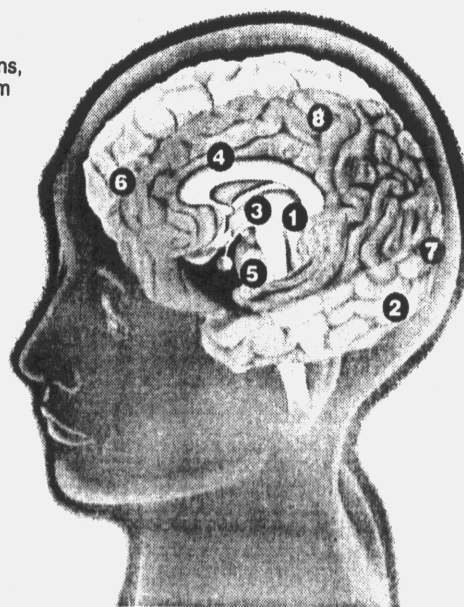
2 **Extrastriate:** Processes complex visual patterns, such as faces

May explain dreams' vivid imagery

3 **Thalamus:** Carries sensory signals to and from the cortex

4 **Anterior cingulate:** Motivation, curiosity, interest in surroundings

5 **Pons:** Triggers REM sleep by stimulating brain into activity



INACTIVE

6 **Prefrontal cortex:**
Crucial to intelligence, conscious thought

Inactivity may be why dreams are bizarre, illogical

7 **Primary visual cortex:**
Crucial for vision when person is awake

8 **Inferior parietal lobe:**
Processes experiences into memory

Dreams may be hard to remember because this part of brain doesn't process them in normal way

SOURCES: Walter Reed Sleep Laboratory, National Institute for Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

Education Replacing Security As New Job Benefit

(NU)—In the battle to attract and keep employees, what's most important? The answer might surprise you.

Increasingly, employers are finding that the availability of top-quality educational opportunities is their best weapon.

"Education is replacing security as the new corporate benefit," says Verne Harnish, founder of the internationally recognized Young Entrepreneurs Organization. "And investment in employee education is outdistancing the return companies receive on almost any other investment they make."

In short, Harnish says, employee education has become a strategic imperative as companies battle to succeed in the new knowledge-based economy.

Consider this: A study by the Na-

tional Center on the Educational Quality of the Workforce examined the relationship between education and productivity at more than 3,000 U.S. workplaces. The study found that a 10 percent increase in work force education level led to an 8.6 percent increase in total productivity. Contrast that with just a 3.4 percent improvement in productivity as a result of a 10 percent increase in investment for capital equipment.

So how do emerging-growth firms compete when the Fortune 100 have their own internal "corporate universities"? And how do they provide the same access to—and quality of—education when time and dollars are limited?

What many companies need is a "virtual" corporate university.

An Ashburn, Va.-based company,

IPG, has answered this need with a program called the Master of Business Dynamics (MBD). The first "class" of 15 emerging-growth firms are participating in the new program.

Emerging-growth firms are those with 20 to 500 employees, \$5 million to \$100 million in sales and an annual growth rate of 20 percent or greater. There are 70,000 such firms in the United States.

The goal of the MBD program: "To help these emerging-growth firms educate their employees to compete in the new economy and to compete for employees," says Harnish, founding partner of IPG.

Companies involved in the MBD program have access to a three-year series of educational "modules" implemented on a quarterly basis.

Hepatitis B

350 million people worldwide are infected with hepatitis B, a chronic blood-borne disease that kills more people than AIDS.

INFECTION

■ Virus travels through body in blood
■ Spreads via sexual activity and contact with infected blood

SYMPTOMS

Short term:

■ Jaundice
■ Pale stool
■ Dark urine
■ Loss of energy, appetite
■ Fever

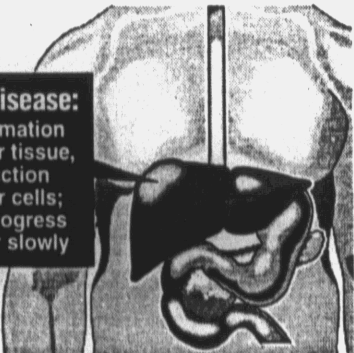
Long term:

■ Cirrhosis of the liver
■ Liver cancer

SOURCE: The American Medical Association's Family Medical Guide, The Complete Family Health Encyclopedia

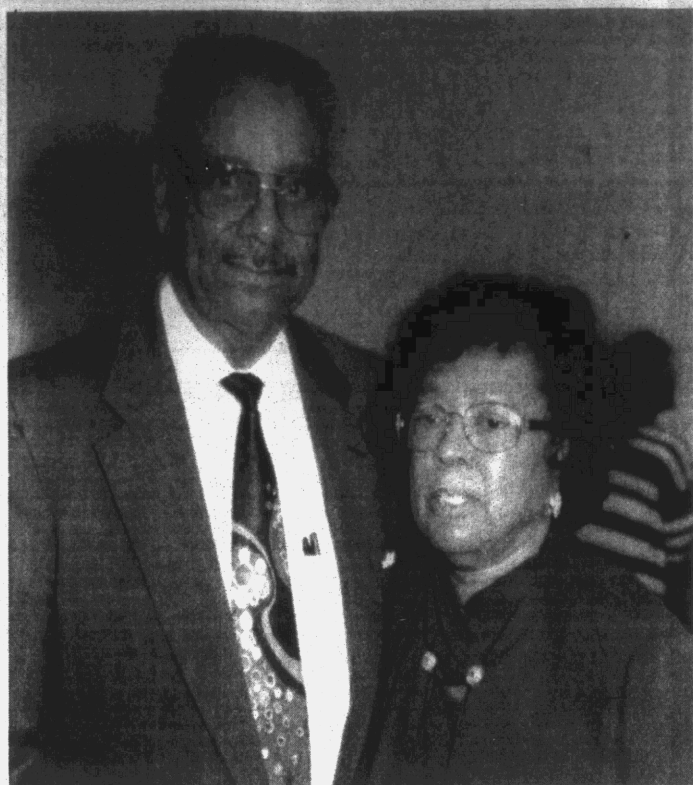
The disease:

Inflammation of liver tissue, destruction of liver cells; can progress fast or slowly



The liver's function

■ Regulates blood's glucose, fat content
■ Breaks down toxins in blood such as alcohol, drugs and medicines



NAACP President Gaston Monk and wife, Virginia



ATTEND NAACP BANQUET—Kristina Pope (center) with father James and sister, Ashlea are seen here after Kristina delivered her diversity speech. (Staff Photo)



New parents take heart: by nine months of age most babies will sleep through the night.

Congresswoman Eva Clayton Gets Nod From The Senate As Bill Passes

Bill Moves Farmers One Step Closer To Getting Funds To Run Their Farms

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton (D-N.C.) has received an important nod from the Senate in support of H.R. 3513, Agricultural Credit Restoration Act.

Clayton, in conjunction with 40 other Members and Senator Charles Robb of Virginia, recently introduced legislation to rectify the 1996 Farm Bill that prohibits the U.S. Department of Agriculture from lending to producers who have received any form of debt forgiveness on a previous USDA loan.

Last week, the Senate passed Robb's legislation as part of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations legislation. The passage of the bill moves farmers one step closer to receiving necessary money needed to operate their farms.

Clayton's bill will be debated this week in the form of an amendment to the House Emergency Supple-

mental Appropriations.

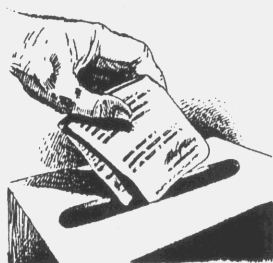
The amendment is designed to assist credit-worthy (i.e. those producers who are otherwise eligible for USDA loans) farmers and ranchers who have a blemish on their credit reports and not to encourage bad government loans. The term "debt forgiveness" is clarified in the amendment to exclude consolidation, rescheduling, reamortization or deferral.

"Small farmers and ranchers are struggling to survive in America. In fact, small farmers and ranchers are a dying breed. And, because they are a dying breed, quality and affordable food and fiber for all of

us is at risk," said Clayton. "The problem springs from the onerous provisions of the 1996 Farm Bill that ban family farmers and ranchers from receiving a loan from the United States Department of Agriculture if a previous loan has been written down."

"Many farmers who have had credit problems have had those problems due to flooding, hurricanes, drought, unexpected downturns in commodity sales or the spiraling costs of doing business, which could not be forecasted," said Clayton. "If we do nothing about credit problems facing these hard working citizens, they may not be there at a later time."

VOTE



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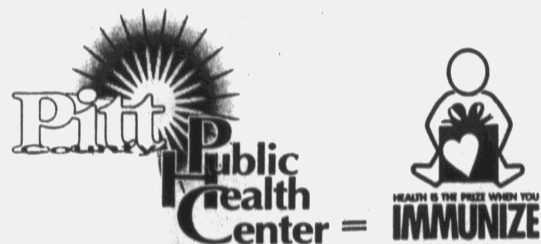
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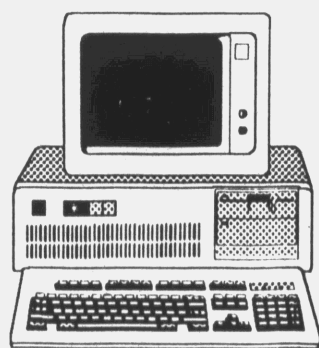
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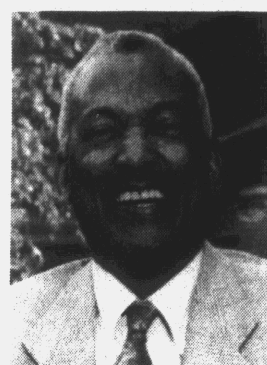
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Clinton Offers Hope For Africa

By Keith W. Cooper

For innumerable decades, United States presidents have neglected and ignored sub-Saharan Africa because of mythical stereotypes, which have been debunked time after time. Too many Americans regard Africa as a place where savages and ignorant dark-skinned people run around in a rambunctious fashion. Due to ignorance, many college students buy into those unfair stereotypes and fail to learn about the wealth of talents and rich resources on the continent. Well, college students and others must wake up, "smell the coffee," and get a dose of reality. President Clinton, is a hero in the minds and hearts of millions of sub-Saharan Africans. His recent six-nation tour of Africa was met with glee and a renewed sense of hope.

Clinton, the first American president to make such a tour of Africa, received a warm welcome in Accra, Ghana, his first stop. There, well wishers were falling, calling, stumbling, and fumbling to get a handshake from the charismatic President Clinton, so reminiscent of John F. Kennedy. About one half of a million people pushed forward, in almost a stampede, to meet and greet the young visionary president who wants to open the floodgates of opportunities for Africa. As a matter of fact, Clinton promised to loan Ghana \$67 million to help them build power plants and other necessities. Ghanaian President, Jerry Rawlings, was elated. Clinton's trip was designed to bolster trade and investments. After all, investments mean opening markets and providing jobs for the African people and Americans.

The Clintons visited Uganda, the second leg of the tour. There, Clinton met with President Museveni and apologized for the way America has neglected Africa. He also said that the buying of slaves by Americans was wrong. In a local village, a two-

day-old baby was named "Bill Clinton." Clinton, well received, promised \$120 million to help train Ugandan teachers and connect classes to the Internet. He also pledged \$16 million to fight AIDS and malaria. Uganda, who lost over 800,000 people during brutal dictatorships of the 1970s and 1980s, has come along way. Clinton urged the government to embrace economic reforms.

Clinton proceeded to Rwanda, a country recently torn due to genocides involving Hutus and Tutsis. Clinton pledged \$30 million to build a strong judicial system around the Great Lakes area of the Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi. He also promised \$2 million for the genocide survivor fund. Rwandans gladly welcomed Clinton's arrival. On Wednesday, March 25, Rwandan President, Pasteur Bizimungu and Uganda's President, Yoweri Museveni, joined Clinton to listen to their national anthems. Bizimungu and Museveni see Clinton as a respectable friend available to offer their people a touch of humanitarianism.

Many sub-Saharan Africans suffer from poverty, malaria and other diseases, hunger and malnutrition, educational deficiencies, and numerous other woes. Millions of children go to bed hungry and die like flies because of neglect from the West and other countries that should have come to the aid of Africa long ago. If Americans can send billions of dollars to countries like Israel and Egypt (Northern Africa), surely they can help millions of "down-and-out" Africans help themselves. I admire Clinton's courage, benevolence, and heart-felt commitment to the good, ambitious people of sub-Saharan Africa. Had Kennedy not been assassinated, he probably would have gone into the Congo or neighboring African countries on a good-will mission. In any event, Clinton deserves an "A+" for a job well done.

Miracle or Illusion?

By Walter Sadler

A few years ago I heard about Charter Schools and their programs of success. I viewed Charters Schools to be *Miracle Schools* to this day. When the Charter School Right Step Academy was introduced to the Community and Pitt County I was elated and curious about the institution having an assurance that hope had arrived for the hope in Pitt County students.

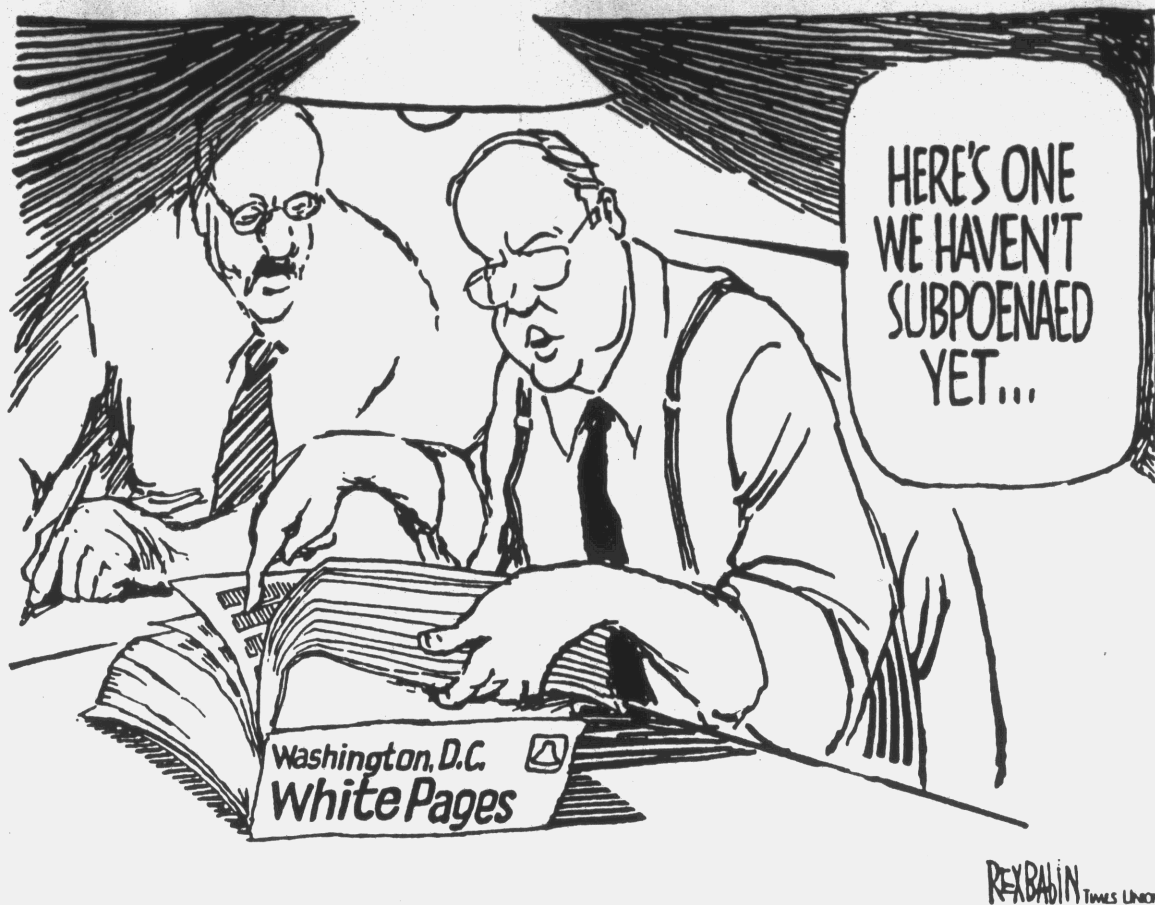
I had an invitation to visit the Right Step Academy, this opportunity came from one of Right Step's valuable African-American male instructors, whom I respect because of his gifted abilities in academia and knowing he would make a significant contribution to the institution.

However, during my initial visit and visiting on several occasions I observed incidents and behaviors you generally experience or see in public schools. I anticipated observing a zero tolerance policy in effect against disruptive behaviors for the first time. This was not the case. For instance, screaming in classrooms, disrespecting authority, erupting violence, students running through the classes, no evidence of a Behavioral Management Policy in place. These kinds of incidents can be detrimental to a school that is coming into existence; the institute's future is threatened. This institution has a

rare opportunity to perform miracles and make a positive statement with at risk and disadvantaged kids to develop rare gifts and talents students possess to become scholars and leaders for tomorrow and hope for the

future. This can happen with the right motive, specialized academic programs, student motivation programs, and other social programs that would address our children's negative challenges they meet on daily bases.

I did not observe nor did the school appear to have implemented comprehensive academic curricula nor programs that would address the students' social and personal concerns. The N.C. State Board of Education has specific standards for Charter Schools. The board expects Charter Schools to comply if they expect their doors to remain open. The community needs Right Step. Does Right Step need the community? There has been no dialogue from the administration of the school that I can recall stressing their need for community involvement nor requesting ideas from the community's leadership during their initial academic planning for the year. Remember, all leadership in any capacity including the school's administration, must be accountable because accountability is responsibility that says we are determined to be equipped and prepared to challenge our students so they can challenge life competitively. I hope this is RSA's ultimate goal for developing such an institution. I extend a welcome hand to Right Step Academy; so does the community. Charter Schools must obey their marching orders. Prerequisites and challenges is the business of today, so they can produce miracles, not illusions.



Other Viewpoints

PRESIDENT CLINTON'S HISTORIC TRIP TO AFRICA

By Henry McKoy

Guest Opinion

President Clinton's trip to Africa is a defining event in U.S. economic and political relations with the continent. The president seeks to showcase a "new Africa" and to engage Africa's new leaders and its people as "partners to build a better future for all our children."

The prospects for forging peace and prosperity in Africa have probably never been brighter. Across the continent, newly elected, enlightened leaders are aggressively pursuing market oriented economic development and forging democratic systems. This is reflected in the sustained positive economic growth being experienced by numerous countries and the commendable progress by many nations in improving human rights and establishing the foundation for enduring democracies. Per capita income rose in 31 countries in 1996, by a robust average five percent. The number of democracies in Africa has blossomed from five in 1989 to 25 today.

During his 11-day trip to Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa, Botswana and Senegal, President Clinton will focus on four themes:

- Strengthening Africa's democratic transitions;
- Promoting U.S.-Africa trade and investment;
- Supporting conflict resolution; and
- Preserving Africa's majestic beauty, wildlife and environment.

Assisting African nations to achieve their economic potential and to become global trading partners is good for Africa and good for the United States. U.S. trade and investment with Africa is already significant, and it has great untapped potential:

- U.S. exports to Africa already generate 100,000 American jobs.
- Since 1994, U.S. trade with sub-Saharan Africa has grown, on average, by 16.9 percent annually. It is significantly (20 percent) larger than our trade with the former Soviet Union.
- There is much room for expansion in trade, since less than one percent of total U.S. exports are to Africa, and the U.S. has only a seven percent share of the market.
- U.S. investment in Africa generated a robust return of 31 percent in 1996, far higher than Latin America (12 percent), the Asia-Pacific region (13 percent), or the Middle East (17 percent).

Africa is looking for a helping hand, not a handout. The programs of the African Development Foundation (ADF) are stimulating economic growth at the grassroots level, to build the foundation for broad-based, sustainable development. ADF is helping strengthen values and promoting empowerment of Africa's grassroots that will enable democracy to take root and flourish. ADF is also building local institutions so that development can be locally driven and sustained without outside assistance. The work of the African Development Foundation is contributing directly to achieving the president's goals for Africa.

Because agriculture and rural enterprises are the backbone of African economies, President Clinton will be viewing a number of such activities during this trip. ADF has an impressive track record of generating income and employment through its assistance to small and micro entrepreneurs, community-based enterprises and small-scale agribusiness. ADF has demonstrated that it can help forge linkages between vibrant small enterprises and international trade and investment.

President Clinton's trip to Africa will help introduce the American people to the new Africa, and it should encourage new partnerships an initiatives that will benefit both Africa and the United States.

McKoy, a former North Carolina State Senator, is a management consultant. He was appointed by President Clinton to the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation, one of two Republican members serving with three Democrats and two independents. He has traveled to five African countries to visit grassroots development projects funded by ADF.

ADULT PRISONS ARE NO PLACE FOR OUR CHILDREN

By Marian Wright Edelman

Special To The NNPA

In Ohio, a 17-year-old who robbed a pizza store was put in the juvenile section of an adult prison. Six adult inmates who belonged to a White supremacist group entered the sec-

tion where the boy was housed and fatally stabbed him more than 79 times.

A 16-year-old Texas boy who was arrested for arson for setting fire to a fence was sent to an adult prison. After he was repeatedly raped and beaten, he hanged himself.

A 15-year-old girl who ran away from her Midwestern home was put in the county adult jail where she was raped by a deputy jailer.

Most children who commit crimes don't belong in adult jails. Children jailed with adults are eight times more likely to commit suicide, five times more likely to be sexually assaulted, and twice as likely to be beaten by staff than children in juvenile facilities.

That's why for the past 25 years, our national law has required that children who run away or skip school not be jailed with adults. But, in an election year to appear tough on crime, Congress is considering a bill that will turn back the clock of justice and expose children to serious risks—risks that could cost them their lives.

In the early 1970s, Children's Defense Fund workers traveled around the country to more than 400 adult jails in every state and found children as young as 12. Most of these children were not a threat to the community. They had been arrested for nonviolent offenses like running away, skipping school, or shoplifting. While the majority of children were white, a third were minorities. Many of these children were raped, beaten, and left alone for days. Some attempted suicide.

We showed horrifying discoveries which helped lead to the passage of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974. The law guaranteed that children would be separated from adult prisoners, and that those arrested for offenses such as running away or skipping school would be placed in community facilities. Forty-eight states are in compliance with the law which has ensured that children are kept safe from adult prisoners and that they continue to learn, get the counseling and drug treatment they need, and are given skills to reenter society ready to become productive adults.

These protections are still critical to the more than two million children arrested each year, most for nonviolent crimes. Instead of offering a measured response to make our communities safe from violence and the worst crimes, S.10 takes a sledge hammer approach at a time when youth crime is declining.

Without strong opposition, S. 10 soon could become law. If it does, we may begin to hear horror stories like the ones we heard in the '70s. Listen to this anguished plea from a child. At 15, he killed himself after being sent to an adult prison in Maryland.

All Cried Out

*I'm all cried out from the pain and sorrow,
Wondering if I'll live to see tomorrow.
I'm tired of my feelings getting hurt,
It feels like the stuff of life keeps getting pulled over my eyes
and I'm constantly in the dark. I'm all cried out and this is without a doubt.
This is my fight with life and I'm at the end of my bout.
I'm a victim of society and a victim of circumstance,
hoping that I'll get a second chance
to prove that I am somebody instead of nobody.
I've been put down, put out and even cursed out but somehow I still rise to the top.
I'm tired of crying my pain away because after the tears are gone,
I still feel the pain each and every day.
This poem is just telling people what I'm really about, but it's really to let them know that I'm all cried out.*

Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund and a working committee member of the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC). In 1998, CDF will celebrate 25 years of advocacy. For more information about mobilization efforts aimed at defeating S.10, call (202) 628-8787.

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LOOKING GOOD!—Bro. Charles Johnson and his wife Gladys of Carolina Ave. 76 in Washington make an "attractive couple". (Staff Photo)

NBCDI Sets Workshop On Entering College

Event Set For Saturday
On NCCU's Campus

DURHAM—The National Black Child Development Institute, Inc., Durham affiliate will host a workshop titled "Entering the College Zone: Select for Success," for rising and current middle school students and their parents.

The major focus of the workshop will deal with an understanding of courses/classes which students need in order to be successful in high school and college. The event will take place on Saturday, April 4, at 9 a.m. in the auditorium of the Miller-Morgan Health Science Building at North Carolina Central University.



RECEIVES AWARD—Bro. Moses receives an award on behalf of "M" Voice Publisher, Jim Rouse, at the Black History Program at Metro AME Zion Church.



PRESENTS AWARD—Tilda Jones presents award to Pastor William Whitehead at Black History Program.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton (D-N.C.) announces the following grants:

North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety was awarded a \$7,256,000 grant for the Crime Victims Assistance Grant Program.

This grant award provides funds from the Fiscal Year 97 Crime Victims Fund to enhance Crime Victim Services in the State of North Carolina.

The second grant was awarded to the North Carolina Victim Compensation Commission in the amount of \$943,000.

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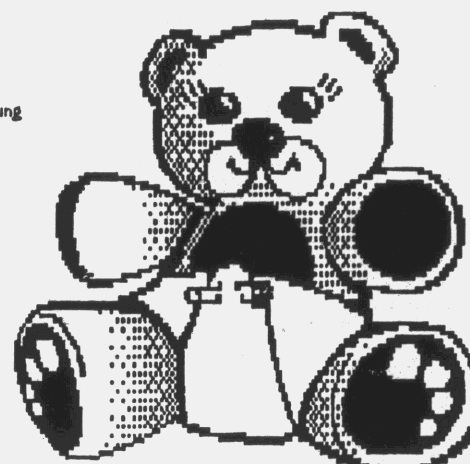
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St. Aug's Sets Dialogue On Race Town Meeting

In response to President Bill Clinton's request to have colleges and universities throughout the country participate in a "Campus Week of Dialogue on Race" April 6-9, St. Augustine's College will hold a Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of the Seby Jones Fine Arts Building.

The 90-minute discussion will provide a platform for a dialogue on race to discuss attitudes, perceptions, differences and similarities between the races.

Panelists confirmed to participate are Victoria Peterson, political

activist/publisher; John Hood, president of the John Locke Foundation; Attorney Jan Peuschel, former chief aide to Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner; Frank Roberts, former radio personality and community activist; Venita Peyton, project coordinator, University of North Carolina system; and Dr. Frank Godfrey, professor of business at St. Augustine's College.

Cash Michaels, reporter/editor for *The Carolinian*, will be the moderator.

The town meeting is open to the public.

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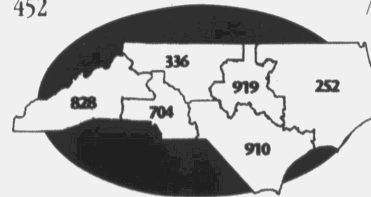
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Real Issue Of Racism Not Dead In Wintergreen Case

**By Gaston Monk
Pitt County NAACP**

The Wintergreen issues where a first grade teacher, Sandy Patchkofsky, referred to "National Negro History Month" as "National Nigger History Month" is not a dead horse as stated by William Sanderson. The real issue is racism and it's not dead. Its ugly head will raise up at anytime, any place and with anybody, even a public school teacher who is paid with taxpayers money to teach those same children she referred to as riggers.

In 1998, we still have people with a slavery time mentality, people who think anything they say or do to minority people is all right and acceptable because it has happened so many times in the past and nothing was said or done about it.

It wasn't acceptable then. They just couldn't do anything about it because even the laws didn't protect them.

The one month set aside to learn about the contributions made by blacks in our county is being

trashed by the person responsible for teaching it.

Are we simply to ignore the likes of Colin Powell who recently served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Dr. Charles Drew who set up the blood bank and convinced physicians to use plasma for the battlefield and other emergency transfusions, saving million of lives; George Washington Carver, who revolutionized the agriculture of the South, developing more than 300 products from the peanut, 119 products from the sweet potato and

75 from the pecan?

All of us, including men like these, were stereotyped and denigrated by those remarks made by this public school teacher.

One writer said the NAACP was grandstanding and being done by a few people. Please be assured that we have never been more serious in our endeavors and we represent the majority of the black people.

This incident was magnified because it involved a public school teacher whose job is to teach all children enrolled, even the black

ones who were denigrated by her.

The NAACP will not sit by and accept racism as a Southern custom. Whenever we find evidence of racism, be it in the school system, the hospital, nursing home, industry or any other work place, we will expose the guilty person and the firm or institution that fosters an atmosphere conducive to racism.

If you truly believe that our nation was established upon the principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity, then the time is now for all of us to put it into practice.

National School Boards Meet Set For New Orleans In April

RALEIGH—School leaders from across the country, including 230 North Carolinians, will learn proven school governance skills when they convene for the 58th Annual Conference & Exposition of the National School Boards Association (NSBA), April 4-7, in New Orleans, La.

Leading experts from education, government, public service, and business will address the NSBA Conference, the largest meeting of public officials in the nation.

Featured speakers include Bill Bradley, who represented New Jersey for three terms as a United

States senator, and Claudio Sanchez, education correspondent for National Public Radio, who will moderate a panel of leading education experts as they debate the most pressing issues facing school boards nationwide.

New and veteran school board members alike will find plenty of creative solutions to their school districts' most challenging problems at nearly 100 clinic sessions. The educational backbone of the NSBA Conference, these sessions will explore how school districts establish academic standards, measure results, and define account-

ability as they develop programs to improve student performance. From using technology to boost student learning in reading and mathematics, to recruiting community volunteers to provide one-on-one reading instruction to elementary school students, the clinic sessions will cover programs that benefit students of various abilities and backgrounds.

School board members will also be able to visit one of the largest exhibitions of education products and services gathered under one roof. The NSBA Exposition will feature exhibits and representa-

tives from more than 360 companies and organizations showcasing up-to-date and cost-effective products and services including technology solutions, school security, classroom furniture, instructional materials, athletic equipment, and more.

NSBA, which represents the nation's 95,000 school board members, is a not-for-profit federation of state associations of school boards across the United States. North Carolina General Statutes require local board members to receive 12 hours of training annually. NCSBA monitors board member training and offers 16 credit hours to board members who attend the national conference.

For conference information, please contact John Butler, NSBA, at (703) 838-6225. For local information, please contact Stacy Boyette, NCSBA publications editor, at (919) 981-2630 or via email at stacy@ncsba.org.

African American Held Public Companies Make An Impact

JOHN WILLIAM TEMPLETON
An Analysis

A lot of uninformed commentators like to say "Black people are just consumers, they don't make anything." That's not true and has never been so. But when young people hear it often enough, they don't put manufacturing or engineering at the top of their career list.

So a young Black male student from San Jose State University studying for a engineering degree in mechatronics was very happy to have the opportunity to meet in person Roy E. Clay Sr., the "godfather" of Black Silicon Valley and one of the obstetricians that delivered the computer age.

Clay spoke as a Sunnyvale-based company, Envirotest Inc., headed by Chester Davenport, topped the American Stock Exchange because of its announcement of a remote sensor system for detecting automotive emissions to be test-marketed by the City of New York.

Not only is Envirotest (ENR:AMEX) a black-controlled public company that is the leader in providing automotive emissions testing for states and localities, but another black innovator in Houston, Meredith Gourdine, holds patents for devices to measure pollution.

Clay's products touch every American household and many more around the world. Every consumer electronic product sold in the U.S. is tested for electrical shorts on one of the hi pot (dielectric withstand) testers that his 20-year-old company, Rod-L Electronics of Menlo Park, makes. Rod-L's products are the only ones certified by the Underwriters Laboratory.

Ironically, in 1951, Clay was told by McDonnell Aircraft that "we have no jobs for professional Negroes" after receiving his mathematics degree from St. Louis University. Five years later he returned to become the programmer for McDonnell's first computer. By 1961, he was helping to write languages like BASIC, FORTRAN and COBOL for Control Data.

In 1965, David Packard and William Hewlett recruited Clay to begin the computer operation for Hewlett-Packard Co. in Palo Alto, despite all the engineering talent surrounding them at their alma mater, Stanford University.

"I was the first employee of the computer operation and it literally grew under me," recalled Clay during the first of the "Chat with Black Innovators" series at the Tech Museum of Innovation in San Jose. His direct supervisor was Tom Perkins. "Tom went on to be the real founder of the venture capital industry and without venture capital, there would have been no personal computers because the large companies would not have taken the risk."

Clay had a personal example. "The Holiday Inn came to us and wanted a point-of-sale system, but they said, 'It can't fail,' so we built the first 'fault-tolerant' computer and were about to ship it to them, but Bill Hewlett called and said, 'Cancel the order, we don't want to be in that business.'"

Afterward, Perkins left H-P to found Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers, the venture capital firm

that funded 40 percent of the companies that have emerged in Silicon Valley. Clay also left six months later when passed over to take Perkins' job on a permanent basis. "My wife told me that if you work as hard for yourself as you have for other people, you'll be successful in anything you do."

Clay advised Perkins to put money into a new company to make the 'fault-tolerant' computers, now the backbone of banks, retailers, stock exchanges and other 24-hour applications. That company was Tandem Computers. He also consulted with Robert Noyce, the co-inventor of the transistor, who was trying to form a company called Intel. "There were so many things you could use these chips in that I suggested, 'Don't try to make anything with them, just sell the

chips.'" And when a former Texas Instruments engineer came calling for a new company to make personal computers, Clay also "greenlighted" Compaq for venture funding.

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All-Day Partnering For Success Forum Held On E.C.U's Campus

The North Carolina State Department of Administration recently held an all-day "Partnering for Success Forum" at East Carolina University. Sponsored by the State Division of Purchase and Contract, the forum was held to encourage small companies to do business with the state.

The N.C. Department of Administration has a special program to help companies owned and operated by minorities, women and persons with disabilities, known as historically underutilized businesses (HUB), get contracts with state government and agencies. The Department of Administration awards thousands of state contracts annually.

Katie Dorsett, secretary of the Department of Administration, was the speaker for the forum. Secretary Dorsett addressed a crowd of state contractors, small business owners and other interested personnel, informing them of how the state is in need of just about every service available... office supplies, janitorial services, food services, consulting services, auto repair services, as well as subcontracting opportunities for jobs like painting, carpentry, etc.

"The state makes purchases in

excess of \$3 billion annually for its goods and services at state agencies, community colleges, public schools and university systems and more than \$800 million in construction," reported Secretary Dorsett. "Our historically underutilized businesses (HUB) are receiving a small chunk (only about 4.5 % for goods and services and about 8% for construction) of available contracts. The HUB Program is set up to do something about this," she added.

Secretary Dorsett encouraged HUB owners and state contractors

to do business with each other. "Contractors must reach out to HUB's and HUB's must aggressively promote themselves to state purchasers."

For more information about the HUB Program, call (919) 733-8965. For additional information about business development, licensing and loan programs, contact the North Carolina Department of Commerce at 1-800-258-0862 or the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development at (919) 831-2467.

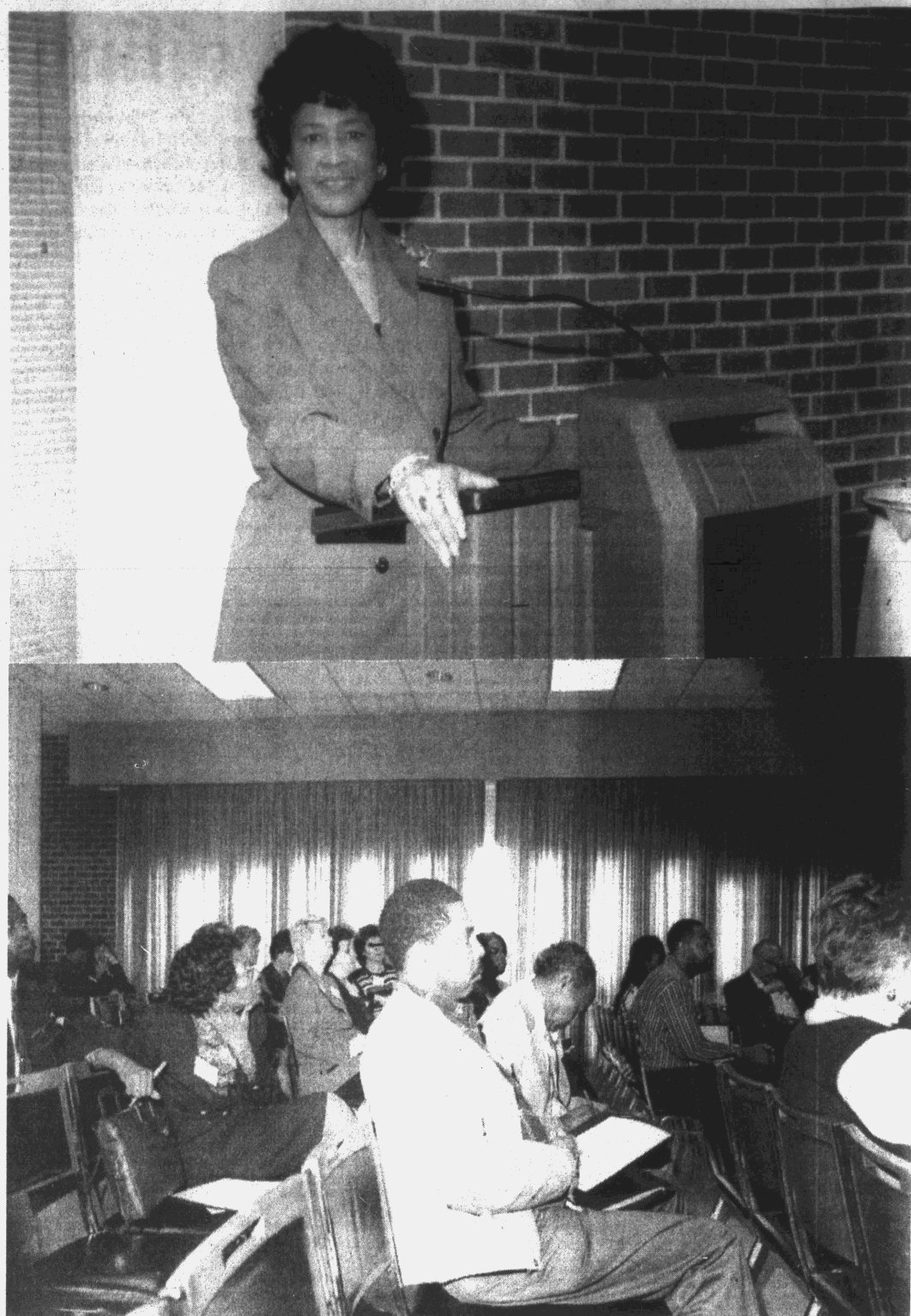
Eastern N.C. Companies Join To Form CDTV

Fred Linton, founder of Countdown Entertainment, an entertainment company based in Greenville, N. C., has joined forces with Maurice Ellison, founder of Eastern Images Photography & Video Productions of Grifton, N.C.—together they form CDTV.

Linton and Ellison, both strong believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, are proving their belief with CDTV. Each has worked with the youth of our community through various programs and organizations and promise to continue.

CDTV is now providing inspirational programs such as "Gospel Vibrations," hosted by recording artist Bishop Stephanie Winfield and co-hosted by WELS 102.9 "Top 5-At-5" personality TeAnthonie; "Unity in the Community," hosted by Linton himself; "Minority Voices," hosted by Jim Rouse; "Video Inspirations," hosted by WOOW Joy 1340 personality, Reggie Price; and a host of pastors and churches.

CDTV now has air time available. For more information, call 524-3288 or 524-4389.



ADDRESSES PARTNERS IN SUCCESS FORUM—Top: Secretary Katie Dorsett of the State Dept. of Administration addresses Partnering for Success forum at E.C.U. Bottom: Participants in the Partnering for Success Forum listen to the speaker. The forum was designed to encourage business relationships between state contractors and historically underutilized businesses. (HUBs).

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- 7. Personal Information -** I am married to Erlene Copeland Wynne and we have three adult children. I am a retired farmer, a veteran of the Korean Conflict, having served in the U.S. Coast Guard. I reside in the Pactolus Township and am a retired member of the Pactolus Volunteer Fire Department. I am currently president of the Pitt County Farm Bureau and a member of the Tar-Pamlico River Council.

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Annie M. Brown Honored At Ayden Unveiling

Born in Simpson, in Pitt County, Annie M. Brown has meant more to Ayden than most local people will ever know.

The recent unveiling of a portrait in her honor at the Ayden Housing Authority gave us much insight into the real person of Ann M. Brown. Not only did the speakers chosen offer glimpses into her life, it was the speakers not chosen that best described her. Ayden Mayor Dr. Michael House's welcome provided greetings for the occasion. Rev. Irvin Moore, Jr., chaplain at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, gave the invocation.

Ayden Housing Authority (AHA) Executive Director Jerry Cox talked about the impact the AHA has on Ayden. He noted that its residents represent about 10 percent of Ayden's population and is one of the town's largest electrical users. Cox reported that Ms. Brown has agreed to lend her name to an annual recognition program at the AHA. Cox said to Ms.

Brown, "I appreciate your fortitude, your persistence, and you are a real motivator and we're glad to have you."

Ms. Sherrian Brown, executive director of the South Lee Street Neighborhood Improvement, Inc., recognized guests for the event. Rev. A.C. Batchelor, pastor of Philippi Missionary Baptist Church in Simpson, provided numerous glimpses into the life of the honoree, all entwined with scripture.

Former students and friends made impromptu speeches on her behalf. All were touching—so touching that tears came from eyes other than Ms. Brown's own. For as a teacher she challenged her students to have pride, to care about what they did, and to get a good education. She was a role model for young black students even when most of them didn't realize it.

Henry Davis told the most touching story about her. He pointed out that Ms. Brown had the ability to allow students to expound on their best attributes. Davis laughed as he told about the fact he was a student who loved to talk. It was Ms. Brown, Davis said, that apparently got him the lead role in a play at South Ayden High School. He said he always wondered how he got the

lead role, but looking back he knew Ms. Brown was taking advantage of his gift of gab. Davis, an automobile salesman and promoter of gospel music groups, added that it is his mouth that makes him a living today.

Four students from the class of 1964, including current Ayden Town Commissioner Gloria Dixon, thanked Ms. Brown for her efforts with them, saying she was responsible for getting them to further their education. Dixon described Brown as the "Martin Luther King of our era," laughingly noting that Ms. Brown was responsible for Jasper Woods and herself spending a night in jail." Dixon was referring to the summer of 1971 when race relations became strained in Ayden because a white state highway patrolman shot a black man in the rural area near Grifton.

Former Ayden Commissioner and Mayor Pro-Tem J.J. Brown thanked Ms. Brown for getting him involved in politics. The 91-year-old Brown, he said, gave him little choice by paying his filing fee and his advertising bills. Brown became the first black elected to an Ayden board. He served admirably for 27 years.

Yes, Ms. Brown got the ball rolling for low rent-housing in Ayden. She signed the first contracts for

construction for the new housing that would help put blacks into more comfortable surroundings. She worked on voter registration and Commissioner J.J. Brown was there to praise her for causing him to run for public office, and become Ayden's first elected black official. Brown pointed out that Ms. Brown paid his filing fee and his advertising bill.

She had a host of other accomplishments in Ayden, but none were greater than the impact she left on the Henry Davises of the world. Frederick Woods talked about his love for Ms. Brown and how she put him in the midst of the new housing issue while he was SGA president at South Ayden High School.

Another of her college friends talked about how active Ms. Brown remains in many issues today, especially as they relate to A&T University, where she is an alumnus. Ms. Brown was described as a "positive agitator" and a person who never gave up until she succeeded.

It is one thing as Ms. Brown surely did to impact communities with leadership, but it is quite another to add to one's resumé a host of students who were led by her

into a better life. That is the effect Ms. Brown had on many of her students. Many of those students were present at the occasion, all calling her their role model. They thanked her for efforts in convincing them to go to college, and they credited her with their success.

The unveiled portrait of Ms. Brown will signify her efforts at the Ayden Housing Authority. But, the many minds she positively influenced will be her real gift to society.

Mfume Joins Clinton On African Trip

BALTIMORE, Md.—On Wednesday, March 25, NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume joined President Bill Clinton in South Africa for the fourth leg of Clinton's six-nation, 11-day trip to the continent of Africa. To help underscore the importance of the trip and recognizing Mfume's history of activism and that of the NAACP, President Clinton invited Mfume to join a small delegation of non-government officials.

"President Clinton's trip to Africa provides the opportunity for our nation to redefine its relationship with Africa," Mfume said. "This trip is essential to bring the problems and progress of Africa into full and open focus. We must recognize the importance of Africa to our long-term economic stability and the stability of the global economy."

"The president's trip to South Africa has particular significance as South Africa moves toward its fourth year of democracy and begins the transition from the 'era' of Nelson Mandela to future leadership. The American people will now be able to see the future of Africa through the eyes of the President of the United States, and they will see that Africa not only exists, it matters."

"The emerging democratic nations should be supported by the United States both politically and economically. The only way to ensure this is through high level government contact," Mfume said. "At the same time, the military dictatorship in Nigeria and the slavery and international terrorism coming out of Sudan speak volumes about their exclusion from this very important mission. Such an exclusion is both fitting and proper," Mfume added. "Conversely, the burgeoning democracy of Ghana under the courageous leadership of President Jerry Rawlings is an excellent example of economic growth and cultural stability."

Mfume's record on South African issues is long-standing. In 1986, then Baltimore City Councilman Kweisi Mfume introduced and passed one of the nation's first municipal divestiture laws, calling upon the city of Baltimore to divest its pension funds from any U.S. companies doing business with South Africa. For 10 years from 1982-1992, he led annual candlelight vigils and participated in anti-apartheid rallies and demonstrations leading to his arrest in front of the South African embassy in 1984. Upon joining the U.S. Congress, Mfume became one of the leading opponents of the South African apartheid regime.

"I have been connected to the struggles of South Africa for over 25 years," said Mfume. "I have a vivid memory of welcoming Nelson Mandela to Washington, D.C. at the dawn of democracy in South Africa and then standing with him as my guest at the inauguration of Bill Clinton as President of the United States."

"Now, South Africa is in an era of peace and stability. We can focus on the economic issues that are of mutual benefit to our nation. This trip reinforces the long overdue recognition by the U.S. government that the countries of Africa are indeed a world force to be integrated into an ever-evolving global economy."

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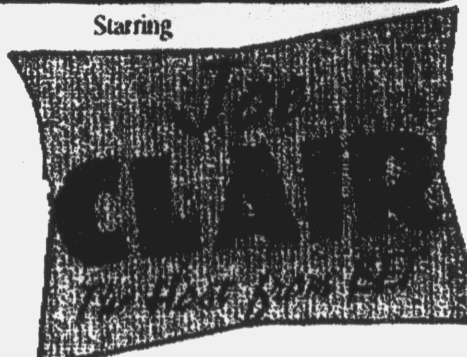
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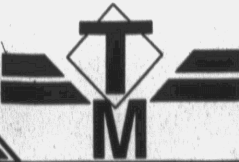
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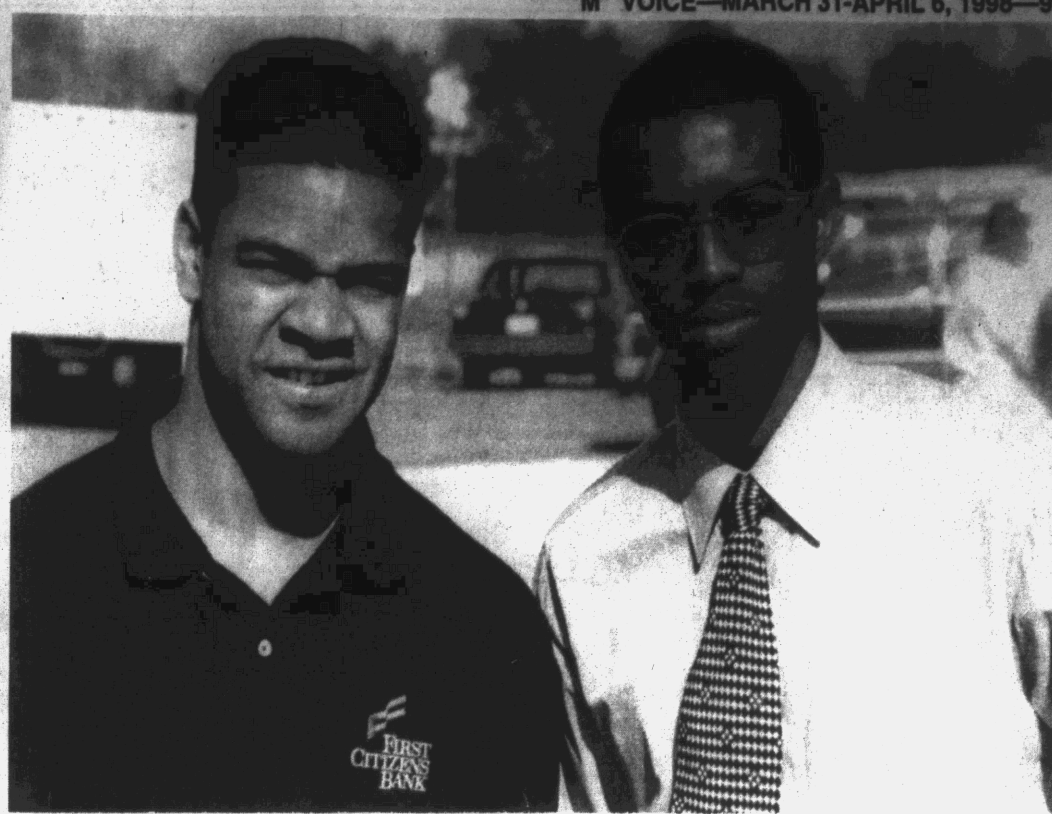
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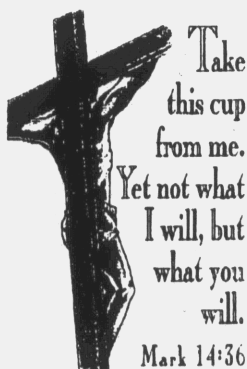
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