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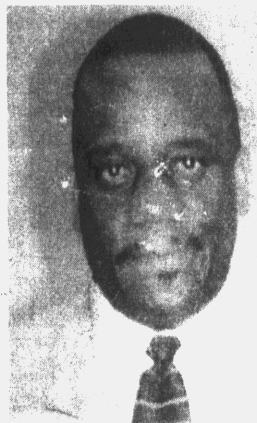
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## Racist Issues Still Go Unresolved at Vermont-American Coalition Against Racism holds press conference...

By Kitty J. Pope



Rev. Randy Royal

The Pitt County Coalition Against Racism (CAR) held a press conference recently at the Philippi Church of Christ. CAR called the press conference because acts of racism at Greenville's Vermont American Corporation have been ignored.

Bishop Randy Royal, president of CAR, said that a hangman's noose, found in a bathroom, and "KKK" painted on the wall of Vermont, are indications of unfavorable working conditions for black employees. "There has also been other acts of racial discrimination and harassment at the plant that have not been investigated thoroughly," said Royal.

The coalition, along with the support of the NAACP, is calling for a full scale investigation into racial practices at the plant. Both groups believe that there are many problems existing at the Vermont American plant.

Jacob Schroder, a former mechanic at the plant, was fired from his job last year after a disagreement with another employee. Schroder reported to the supervisor what had happened and how the other employee had used profanity and derogatory remarks during the incident. Schroder was fired a week later. The other employee (who is white) was not.

Employment Security Com-

mission agreed that Schroder's firing was inappropriate, but Schroder had trouble finding work because of unfavorable referrals from the Vermont American Corporation.

Schroder approached several lawyers about this, but was turned down because no one wanted to go up against a company. He then went to CAR for support. CAR has talked with several employees at Vermont American and have received reports of verbal abuse, hostile working environment, and unfairness in promoting practices.

CAR officials have talked with management at the Vermont plant and

the company headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. Bishop Royal said that they haven't gotten any positive results from the Vermont Corporation yet.

"We are standing on behalf of the workers at Vermont. Many are afraid to come forth because they fear that they may lose their jobs," said Royal. Unfair promotion rules must be change and the workers must not be subject to a hostile working environment. We are only asking for working conditions that should already exist.

The Vermont plant, which employs about 400 people, makes router bits. The corporation has been in Greenville for more than 30 years.

**STROKE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY - CALL 911! AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES MAY AS "STROKE AWARENESS" MONTH...**

### STROKE A Brain Attack!!

Every 53 seconds, someone in the United States experiences a stroke. Every 3.3 minutes, someone dies of one. Stroke, also known as brain attack, is the third leading cause of death behind diseases of the heart and cancer, and is the leading cause of serious, long-term disability.

Each year about 600,000 people suffer a new or recurrent brain attack. In 1995, stroke killed 157,991 people and left many of those who survived with severe disability.

For Stroke Awareness Month this May, the American Heart Association wants everyone to know that when it comes to treating stroke, every second counts. The theme for Stroke Awareness Month 1998 is "Stroke Is A Medical Emergency--Call 911!" Learn the risk factors and warning signs of stroke and get immediate medical help if one occurs. Here are the warning signs of brain attack.

Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm, or leg, on one side of the body.

- Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye.
- Loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech.
- Sudden, severe headache with no known or apparent cause.
- Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially, along with any of the other listed stroke symptoms.

The moment you notice one or more of these signs, seek medical help immediately. Early detection and immediate treatment of stroke may prevent some of its brain injury. A new drug called tissue plasminogen activator (TPA) must be administered within three hours after the onset of stroke symptoms.

"Immediate medical attention is vital in reducing the injury to the brain when a stroke occurs," said Dr. William Herndon, AHA Volunteer. "It can make all the difference between life or death and in the quality of life for a stroke survivor. Everyone should make it their responsibility to know the warning signs of stroke, just like they learn basic first aid or CPR."

Stroke is largely preventable by practicing healthy lifestyle habits that reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke--controlling high blood pressure, maintaining healthy blood

### ON PEOPLE!

#### O.J. Wants Police To Open Furhman File

O. J. SIMPSON wants the Los Angeles Police Department to make public the police file of former police detective Mark Furhman. Furhman boasted of beating Blacks and Hispanics, chasing and shooting suspects, planting evidence and sexually harassing women officers, and repeatedly using the word "nigger."

The Justice Department recently decided against prosecuting the former police officer.

#### Broadening the Scope of His Talents

SHAQUILLE O'NEAL, Los Angeles Lakers basketball star has decided to attend film school this summer. "I've been involved in a lot of commercials and I'm going to try to direct one of my own commercials," said O'Neal.

#### Spike "Nicks" The Knicks

SPIKE LEE's latest film project is a commercial for professional basketball team Miami Heat. Lee, a New York Knicks fan, said that Heat invited him to film the commercial. The commercial features the entire Heat line-up, Coach Pat Riley, birdlike mascot "Burnie" and cheerleaders.

#### Robeson Exhibits Set To Hit The Road

In commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the birth of PAUL ROBESON, an exhibit of his life, artistry, and ideas recently opened at the New York Historical Society. The exhibit entitled Paul Robeson: Bearer of a culture, is the largest exhibition of Robeson memorabilia ever shown to the public. Robeson, after completing law school in 1923, chose a career in the performing arts. Robeson used his international stardom to speak out against racism. After completing the New York Show, the exhibit will tour the U.S.

#### "You Can't Put That On The Back Of The Bus!"

ROSA PARKS, mother of the Civil Rights Movement, was honored by Troy State University in Montgomery, Alabama, with a \$7.5 million library and museum. Parks is the first African-American to have a museum-library named in her honor by any university in the United States. The building will have an auditorium, computer lab, and classrooms. "In 1944, when I was arrested in front of the Empire Theater, I had no way of knowing what the future held. I thank Troy State University for this great honor," said Parks.

#### Setting The Record Straight

TRACEY BROWN, daughter of the late U. S. Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, has decided to set the record straight about her father in her recently published book, "The Life and Times of Ron Brown". The introduction to the book is written by President Bill Clinton. Brown's book can be described as a tribute to one of this century's most compelling figures -- the person and the politician. Her father, Ron Brown, helped to revitalize the Commerce Department from a political dumping ground to a viable economic force that helped to create jobs and entrepreneurs. His concept and implementation of commercial diplomacy has become legendary.

## LITTLE WILLIE CENTER HOLDS 8TH ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL

By Kitty Pope



With Barbara Fenner, (Pictured with Jeff Savage) Director of the West Greenville Community Development Corporation, as Mistress of Ceremony, the Little Willie Center held its Annual Spring Festival at the Eppes Middle School last Saturday. Greenville's Mayor Nancy Jenkins, was on hand and gave the Welcome which was followed by music from the Greenville Police Band and the History of the Little Willie Center given by Evangelist Marie Goings.

The Honorable Henry Aldridge, a member of the North Carolina General Assembly ("Legislator of The Year") was the keynote speaker. Other speakers included Ms. Carol Guion, Director of Ariel's Day Care, and Pitt County Commissioner Jeff Savage.

Attendees enjoyed exhibits, music, a puppet show, poetry, games, food, and viewed the Fire Department's Safe House. The Tabernacle Center of Deliverance Steppers gave a step performance. Door prizes were given.

Closing remarks were given by Mary Ward, President of the Little Willie Center, and Marvin Arrington, the center's founder. Deacon Allen Brock, a member of the Little Willie Center's Board of Directors, gave the closing prayer.

## Focus on People Israel The Warrior's Mission: Rebuilding Spiritual Positivity



Israel The Warrior with Promoter John Hurley

Born in the Bronx, New York, and raised in Portsmouth, Virginia, Israel the Warrior began rapping at the tender age of eight. Influenced by some of the original greats like Rakim, Big Daddy Kane, and Slick Rick, Israel's style and rhyme delivery quickly became incontestable in his neighborhood.

As time passed, Israel began to create and develop new styles of rap that could be used to weather any hip-hop storm. From house party to house party, from block to block, Israel's "flava" has always been a force to reckon with. Unfortunately, as with many young black males in the inner-city, Israel was led astray into a life of fast cars, fast women, and fast money. Having been incarcerated on several occasions for several criminal charges, Israel became immune (so he thought) to law enforcement agencies and the U.S. justice system as a whole. Israel continued in his criminal reign until the "dirt" inevitably caught up with him.

Having faced 45 years, sentenced to 5, and serving only one, Israel found God and received salvation in a 5'by 7' jail cell. After reading the Bible in its entirety, in about 6 months time, Israel began teaching the Word of God to his fellow inmates during daily Bible study sessions.

Currently, as a 17 year veteran of hip-hop and street game, Israel endeavors to recapture and re-direct the youth of this nation (ages 40 and below) to a state of spiritual positivity. Teaching the age old wisdom of biblical scriptures, delivered with intense flava over ultra "phat" beats, Israel the Warrior can be nothing but successful. Armed with the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of God, coupled with the sword of the Holy Spirit, Israel leaves a path of devastation wherever he may encounter negativity.

The Time has come... "Behold, a Warrior has risen in the midst of the people... Watch for his upcoming CD entitled "MERCY."

Don't Forget! You're Vote Will Be  
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# OPINIONS

# COMMENTS

## Editorials

### Credo of the Black Press

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

## WHERE ARE THE JOBS!?

**By: Hugh B. Price**  
President, National Urban League

A new report, circulating privately among state officials and still not publicly available, paints a frightening picture of the impact in New York State of the new welfare reform laws that have driven hundreds of thousands from the welfare rolls.

According to the New York Times, which obtained a copy of the document, close to 70 percent of 480,000 people who've left the state's plunging welfare rolls since 1996 have yet to get legitimate jobs. In New York City, where 350,000 of former recipients live, only 29 percent of former recipients found full-time or part-time jobs in the first three months after being cut off from public assistance.

The survey—the first statistical effort in New York to track those who've disappeared from the welfare rolls—compared lists of people whose benefits ended during one quarter of the year against records of wages that were reported to the state by employers in later quarters. Employers are required to file wage reports to the state each quarter.

The study deliberately set a ludicrously low definition of a former welfare recipient's employment: anyone who made \$100 or more in three months after leaving the rolls.

However, even at this threshold, the report found that the percentage of ex-recipients in New York City who've found jobs has declined sharply from 1996, when the new laws took effect, to 1997.

Just 33 percent of families in New York City who dropped off the rolls from July 1996 through September 1996 showed earnings in the next quarter. That's bad enough. But of those who left the rolls from January through March 1997 only 22 percent did.

The state study doesn't take into account people who are self-employed, work off the books, or have moved out of New York. Nor does it include former recipients whose employers fail to report wage data promptly or are not required to report wages at all, like farm owners.

That missing data has led state officials to label the survey too imprecise to yield significant conclusions.

But critics of the new welfare law told the Times offered "a singular opportunity" to assess the new law's insistence that forcing recipients off the welfare rolls will lead to their finding jobs.

Up to now, there have been claims and counter-claims about the success of welfare reform, but there has been no data with which to evaluate those claims," said Marcia Meyers, a Columbia University professor and welfare expert. "This really gives us the first glimpse of life after welfare and it is alarming. Meyers and others said that the report helps confirm that, instead of helping, the new law will drive thousands of former welfare recipients deeper into poverty by forcing them off the rolls even though they have no prospect of legitimate employment.

Moreover, the situation is likely to get worse because new federal welfare rules compel states to be even tougher on welfare recipients still on the rolls.

Ann Erickson, the legislative coordinator for a New York advocacy group for the poor, called the study especially worrisome because it showed former recipients weren't finding jobs even during the country's current sustained economic surge.

The true test will be when the economy takes an inevitable downturn and the people who remain on the caseload are less-skilled and harder to serve," she said. It's troubling.

The New York State welfare study calls into question a basic premise—and promise—of the new welfare laws the Congress enacted and President Clinton signed two years ago: that tougher restrictions move people from government depend-ency into jobs.

It underscores what I and numerous other critics of the new law have been saying all along. Given the generally low education and skills of those who receive welfare, claiming that the law would work simply because our currently strong economy was generating a multitude of new jobs were nonsense.

America must, for all our sakes, give able-bodied welfare recipients a fair chance to earn a decent wage and leave welfare and poverty behind. This can't be achieved by wishing. It requires a public and private sector commitment to programs that train them for the kind of work which enables individuals to earn their way in American society.

That's part of the value of this study of welfare reform in New York. It underscores the fundamental issue which has always been at the center of the debate over the welfare reform law: Where are the jobs?

## BLACKS MUST REGISTER TO VOTE FOR CRUCIAL ISSUES

**"Power concedes nothing without a demand, it never has and it never will"**

Those powerful words, spoken many, many years ago by the great orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass, still ring right today. But, apparently they are not being heeded by many in the African-American community when it comes to empowering themselves at the voting booth. Is it apathy, laziness, or have major numbers of people moved out of the city? We speculate a little bit of all those things occurred, and maybe those numbers will improve after the general election in November. Primaries traditionally draw little interest, but there are several key candidates and key contests in next month's primary that should have drawn more interest in the African-American community. Maybe many African-American voters are holding back until the big contest eight months from now. We hope that's the case. There are far too many important items on the political and social agenda in America for African Americans to take a pass on registering to vote and then voting. Too many people died for African Americans to have that right.

We must use it and use it often and wisely. Voting is one of the most profound ways to demand respect and change.

### A Prayer For Spiritual Revival...

**By Brother Raymont Simm**

May our Lord guide you to help me get this "end time" message to all our people. America's future and prosperity is dependent on whether our church repents and is successful in receiving God's help in bringing about a true revival.

Will our Christian Church reject our Lord's final message given to us in Revelation 3:14 or will we bring His judgment of being vomited out of His mouth upon ourselves?

As a lay minister, I have just completed mailing 130,000 hand-addressed to all of the churches in the southern states.

I asked for no money or support except that they join me in fervent prayer for a nationwide revival. The apathy that our Lord and Apostle Paul predicted for our age was painfully obvious for very little attention and action was aroused by the letter and request.

This, of course, is of much concern to me for I have great compassion for the great number of people who profess Christ while their lifestyles are a living testimony that they have been deceived -- possibly by the "wide gate" doctrines and practices that is so prevalent in our churches today.

I, therefore, will continue to do all I can to warn individuals of their spiritual jeopardy because they continue to listen to the counsel of men instead of that of the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit.

Many non-scriptural precepts and practices have been brought into our end-time church and these have been instrumental in bringing about our complete apostasy or falling away. The Scriptures warn us to always be watchful for some who are "blind leaders", "wolves in sheep's clothing", "false prophets", "false teachers", and "hiring shepherds" who do not really love God's sheep.

I sincerely hope that you will study the Word daily, along with much prayer and meditation. Please pray fervently and frequently for our church and our country. Unless our Lord sends us a revival soon, neither our church nor our country will be strong and successful much longer.

## Tornadoes Deserve Our Respect...!

*A Commentary by Keith W. Cooper*



Tornadoes, destructive whirling winds accompanied by funnel-shaped clouds, progress in a narrow path often for many miles over the land. Occurring in many parts of the world, tornadoes, the most violent atmospheric phenomena on the planet, occur most frequently in the Central Mississippi Valley, and are associated with the fall of barometric pressure so rapid that wooden structures are often lifted and burst open by the air contained within them. Recently, Alabama, Tennessee, and Arkansas were tornado-stricken in a seemingly, vengeance indelibly etched in many memories. History, however, indicates that recent tornadoes were compared to the vicious, top-ten U.S. "killer" tornadoes predating the recent catastrophes. Yet, citizens of tornado-prone areas must be educated as to how to prepare for the inevitable.

A case in point was a tornado which occurred in Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana on March 18, 1925. Around 1:01PM near Ellington, Missouri, trees snapped and for the next three and a half hours more people would die, more schools would be annihilated, more students and farm owners would be killed, and more deaths would occur in a single city than from any other tornado in U.S. History. In Missouri alone, about 13 people were killed.

In Gorham, Illinois, 34 people died while the town was destroyed. Over half the town's population was killed or injured. Murphysboro, however, was the largest death toll within a single city in U.S. history. Of the 234 deaths, at least 25 were in different schools. Surprisingly, all of the schools were brick and stone structures and built on little reinforcement. Yet, many students were crushed under falling walls. The losses in property damage in Murphysboro alone totaled about \$10,000,000.

Additionally, in nearby Desoto, 69 people were killed, and the 33 deaths at the school were the worst in U.S. tornado history. In Indiana, at least 71 people died. About 150 homes were lost in the town of Griffin, and many children were killed on their way home from school. Cumulatively, over 695 people died and over 2,027 were injured on the tornadoes that hit Missouri, Illinois and Indiana in 1925.

Other states had similar destruction and horror stories. Nonetheless, between Louisiana and Mississippi, 317 and 109 people died and were injured, respectively, on May 7, 1840. Moreover, since slave deaths were generally not recorded, the death toll on Louisiana plantations was extremely high during the Pre-Civil War era.

How would you protect would you protect yourself from an approaching tornado? The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has issued the following tips:

● In homes or small buildings—GO to the basement (if available) or to an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a closet or a bathroom. Wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets to protect yourself from flying debris

● In schools, hospitals, factories, or shopping centers — GO to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floors. Stay away from glass-enclosed areas with wide-span roof such as auditoriums and warehouses. Crouch down and cover your head

● In high rise buildings — GO to small interior rooms or halls. Stay away from exterior walls or glassy areas.

● In cars or mobile home — ABANDON THEM IMMEDIATELY. After all, most deaths occur in cars or mobile homes.

Indeed tornadoes are very destructive. Although the size of a tornado is not necessarily an indication of its intensity, the U.S. gets about 1,000 recorded every year. About 200 U.S. tornadoes. About 200 tornado have killed about 18 people each. However, improved communications, forecasting, detection, and public awareness substantially have reduced the death figures. In any event, in the U.S. since May 7, 1840 (when over 317 people were killed by a tornado in Natchez, Mississippi, tornadoes have killed more than 2,400 and injured more than 8,900.

## Debt restructuring can thwart bankruptcy filing

*By: Dolan R. Bozeman*

While bankruptcy may be the last resort for some, many homeowners could drastically change their financial well-being by simply restructuring their debt. As interest rates hover near four-year lows, homeowners across the nation have found refinancing useful for more than just cutting their monthly payments. "If you still think mortgage rates have to drop 2 percentage points before refinancing your mortgage makes sense, wake up! You could be losing money while you read this," according to USA TODAY. If you couldn't cut your interest rate 2 percentage points, the old rule of thumb said it may not be worthwhile to refinance, because it took too long to recoup the fees, and costs of refinancing your loans (usually several thousand dollars). However, in today's era of high consumer debt, that may not be quite accurate. For example if you have a mortgage at 8 percent interest, but you are also paying 18 percent to 20 percent in non-deductible credit-card or installment debt, your combined interest on all of your debt may be 12 percent to 14 percent. Even if you were to match the interest rate on your current mortgage at 8 percent, by consolidating the high interest debt and paying off the credit cards and installment debt you would reduce your monthly payments. The tax deductibility of mortgage interest also means the real interest rate is lower; an 8 percent loan may really be 5 percent in after-tax dollars.

Lowering your monthly payment isn't the only reason to refinance. Although most homeowners seek to lower their payments and interest rate, consolidating bills, paying off your mortgage sooner, or even cashing out to meet an immediate financial need, may be equally as important in considering refinancing. Believe it or not, there are cases where individuals with A credit and plenty of equity in their home have panicked in a financial emergency and filed bankruptcy, when a new home loan is all they needed. If you don't think you are adequately saving for retirement, future education expenses or other major expenditures, refinancing and restructuring your debt may be the first step in a sound financial plan. The extra money you save every month could earn you more money in another investment.

One thing to consider when purchasing or refinancing is how long you'll live in the home. In general, homeowners who know they'll be moving in three to four years should consider an ARM (adjustable-rate mortgage), or a hybrid loan that has a fixed rate for five or seven years, then converts to a traditional ARM. In the early years of these loans, the rates usually are much lower than a fixed-rate loan. This may also be a good strategy for those with less than perfect credit. You can qualify for a lower fixed or adjustable-rate mortgage.

If the prospect of spending hours or even days calling lender after lender to find the best rates has you down, there's an alternative. A good mortgage broker will have enough knowledge of the marketplace to know instinctively where the best deal lies. If you are less than qualified—say you've had financial difficulties in the past—chances are that he'll get you the mortgage that you couldn't have secured by yourself.

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## MEDIOCRITY ENGULFS US PUBIC EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM

By Bob Chase

Fifteen years ago this month, A Nation at Risk decried the "rising tide of mediocrity" engulfing U.S. public education. That landmark report spawned thousands of education report, commissions, conferences, and summits—a mini-industry that, for all its hubbub and hype, has not significantly improved America's public schools. Indeed, after 15 years of "reform," we have become a nation in denial.

This denial was on vivid display six weeks ago when results of the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) of 12th graders were made public. That surprise says everything about our national denial.

After all, is it really a surprise that loose academic

standards in the U.S. allow half of all 12th graders to take no science courses, while one out of three take no math?

Is it a surprise that low salaries fail to lure enough qualified teachers, so that 28 percent of high school math teachers and 55 percent of high school physics teachers in the U.S. have neither a college major nor a minor in their subjects?

Is it a surprise that U.S. 12th graders do much less homework and watch more TV than their foreign peers? And what about the extra ordinary fact that 28 percent of the U.S. 12th graders who took the TIMSS test said they worked more than 25 hours a week in after-school jobs? Is it possible that their parents—and the rest of us—never noticed?

The point in this litany of laxness is this: 15 years after A Nation at Risk, America has yet to get serious about its schools.

During this anniversary month, supporters of pubic education — citing modestly rising SAT scores and other upbeat indices—will argue that we have turned the corner. Equally predictably, the usual naysayers will cite the TIMSS results to trash public schools and to argue for their pet panacea, tuition vouchers.

Both sides seem to believe in a secular version of what theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer call "cheap grace" — gain without pain. And both sides are knee-deep in denial.

Closer to the mark is IBM chairman Lou Gerstner, who says that achieving higher standards in U.S. public education will require a "fundamental, bone-jarring, full-fledged, 100 percent revolution." I would like to add, it must focus on the nuts-and-bolts "stuff" of quality education—things like rigorous curriculum requirements, smaller class sizes, better teacher training, and a cold-turkey end to social promotion.

The heartening news is that entire states are embracing this tough-minded brand of "revolution" and, urban school districts from Washington to Milwaukee to Chicago are making courageous efforts to stop the practice of social promotion. Tens of thousands of kids in those cities face a choice this spring between attending summer school or being retained in grade. Many students and parents are complaining about the crackdown on social promotion. They ought to be rejoicing.

Chase is president of the National Education Association, the nation's largest professional employee organization, representing more than 2.3 million elementary and secondary teachers, higher-education faculty, education faculty, education support personnel, school administrators, retired educators, and students preparing to become teachers.

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Sam Solomon, President  
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Melba Moore Speaks at Washington, DC Underground Railroad

Washington, DC Tony award-winning singer/actress Melba Moore, a former teacher from Newark New Jersey who gained national recognition for her singing and acting performance in the Broadway play "Hair" in the early 70's spoke of the importance of the legislation before Congress that would commemorate the Underground Railroad at a local site — The Mount Zion and Union Band cemeteries in Georgetown. Ms. Moore represents 36 national and regional organizations convened by the National Parks and Conservation Association to urge Congress to quickly pass the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Act (R. 1635 and S.887). This legislation would link hundreds of sites, including cemeteries, spanning 29 states, Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean in a cohesive and educational commemoration of one of the most significant chapters of a American history — the Underground Railroad.

"The site we stand on today is more than a nice piece of green space, more than a run down

cemetary. It is hallowed ground in the American struggle for freedom and equality," Moore said. "I am here today to honor that moment in history when people set aside their differences and focused on their similarities. The Underground Railroad is a crucial part of American history that has not been appropriately recognized until now. This legislation would provide that recognition.

To represent the nation's resistance to slavery accurately, more than one single site, trail or place is needed. The legislation would not create any new national parks, but would create a formal network of existing national park, state and private sites, structures, museums, artifacts and activities bound together through a variety of partnerships, educational materials, and interpretive programs. In addition to areas managed by the National Park Service, this network would also include those managed by other government entities and all aspects of the private sector. The coalition has worked to obtain bipartisan support for this legislation with 149

co-sponsoring the Senate.

In order to relate the messages learned from the Underground Railroad to life today, the National Parks and Conservation Association asked students from Lincoln Multi-cultural Middle school to answer the question of how the messages of the Underground Railroad - diversity, freedom, cooperation and unity — relate to our lives today. The first place winner was a seventh grader, Desalghn Fikremarian who stated that to be and American means to be free and "have an equal chance to work and live.

"Our youth are our future and for them to be successful, we must show them the past and what we have learned from it," said Moore.

The National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA) is American's only nonprofit citizen organization dedicated solely to preserving, protection and enhancing the U.S. National Park System. An association of "Citizens Protecting America's Park," NPCA was founded in 1919, and today has nearly 500,000 members.

Convention -Visitors Bureau to Sponsor Community Heritage Forum

The Greenville-Pitt County Convention and Visitors Bureau will sponsor a county-wide Community Heritage Forum on Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm until 6:30pm at the Greenville City Council Chambers (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor) located at the corner of Fifth and Washington Streets. Secretary Betty McCain from the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources will be the forum's facilitator. The purpose of the forum is to receive input from the

community on what potentials sites exist in Greenville an Pitt County that could be developed as a heritage tourism site for visitors. "Citizens will have the opportunity to share their knowledge about the areas and sites for visitors," states Convention and Visitors Bureau Sales Manager Andrew Schmidt. "This will allow us to increase our inventory of potential site for tourism development

This Community Heritage Forum is a direct effort in conjunction with North Carolina Division of Tourism,

Film, and Sport development, and Heritage North Carolina to develop a comprehensive, statewide inventory of heritage tourism sites. The forum coincides with National Tourism Week, and one way the Convention and Visitors Bureau hopes to get the local community involved in promoting the value of tourism to our community. For more information on the Community Heritage Forum please contact the Greenville-Pitt County Convention and Visitors Bureau at (252) 752-8044.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY		
FOR U.S. SENATE (You may vote for ONE)	FOR STATE SENATE 6TH DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE)	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER 1ST DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE)
ROBERT JUNIOR (BOB) AYERS <input type="checkbox"/>	ED CARTER <input type="checkbox"/>	DAVID HAMMOND <input type="checkbox"/>
JAMES EVERETTE CARMACK <input type="checkbox"/>	R. L. (BOB) MARTIN <input type="checkbox"/>	BOBBY H. HARDY, II <input type="checkbox"/>
JOHN EDWARDS <input type="checkbox"/>	FOR STATE HOUSE 2ND DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE)	FARNEY M. MOORE, JR. <input type="checkbox"/>
GENE GAY <input type="checkbox"/>		FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER 3RD DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE)
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FOR MEMBER OF U.S. CONGRESS 1ST DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE)	FOR STATE HOUSE 8TH DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE)	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER 5TH DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE)
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LINWOOD E. MERCER <input type="checkbox"/>	JEFF SAVAGE <input type="checkbox"/>	JAMES D. RICHARDSON, II <input type="checkbox"/>
FOR MEMBER OF U.S. CONGRESS 3RD DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE)	EDITH D. WARREN <input type="checkbox"/>	TERRY SHANK <input type="checkbox"/>
SHEPPARD NEAL MOORE <input type="checkbox"/>	FOR STATE HOUSE 9TH DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE)	CHARLES S. WARD <input type="checkbox"/>
JON WILLIAMS <input type="checkbox"/>	EMMETT FLOYD <input type="checkbox"/>	FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER 6TH DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE)
FOR SUPREME COURT (You may vote for ONE)	ROBERT D. WHEELER, JR. <input type="checkbox"/>	GLENN BOWEN <input type="checkbox"/>
JOSEPH R. (JOE) JOHN, SR. <input type="checkbox"/>		ED BRIGHT <input type="checkbox"/>
JIM MARTIN <input type="checkbox"/>		FOR SHERIFF (You may vote for ONE)
		MAC MANNING <input type="checkbox"/>
		BILLY L. VANDIFORD <input type="checkbox"/>

NONPARTISAN ELECTION	
FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 1, SEAT A (You may vote for ONE)	FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 4, SEAT A (You may vote for ONE)
MICHAEL DIXON <input type="checkbox"/>	MIKE BARNETTE <input type="checkbox"/>
WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>	JOSEPHINE C. WILLIAMS <input type="checkbox"/>
FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 2, SEAT A (You may vote for ONE)	FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 5, SEAT A (You may vote for ONE)
DON CARSON <input type="checkbox"/>	RICHARD A. TOLMIE <input type="checkbox"/>
WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>	MARC WHICHARD <input type="checkbox"/>
FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 3, SEAT A (You may vote for ONE)	FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 6, SEAT A (You may vote for ONE)
WALTER E. GASKINS <input type="checkbox"/>	JACK M. COLLINS, JR. <input type="checkbox"/>
WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>	WRITE-IN <input type="checkbox"/>

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**GARDNERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

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1. To vote IN FAVOR of levying a tax, press the gray square to the right of the words "IN FAVOR."

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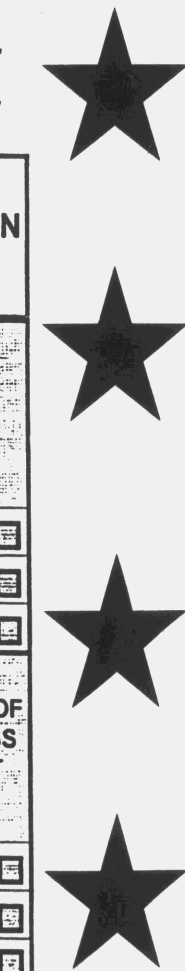
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IN FAVOR ☐

of tax for fire protection in GARDNERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

AGAINST ☐

a tax for fire protection in GARDNERVILLE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



SAMPLE BALLOT

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

FOR U.S. SENATE  
(You may vote for ONE)

LAUCH FAIRCLOTH ☐

STEVE FRANKS ☐

LEONARD D. PLYLER ☐

FOR MEMBER OF U.S. CONGRESS  
1ST DISTRICT  
(You may vote for ONE)

DUANE E. KRATZER, JR. ☐

JEROME POWER ☐

TED TYLER ☐

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING

- Press the gray square ☐ to the right of the candidate's name OR issue option of your choice; a green arrow will appear pointing to your selection. Leave the green arrow turned on.
- To change a selection, press the gray square ☐ again. The green arrow will disappear and you may make a new selection.
- After ALL selections are made (including any write-ins) press the Orange CAST VOTE button located in the lower right corner. This electronically records all of your votes.
- Part the curtains and exit the voting booth.

TO WRITE-IN

OFFICE APPLICABLE:  
Board of Education

- First, select all the candidates of your choice whose names appear on the ballot.
- Press the gray square ☐ to the right of "WRITE-IN." A flashing green arrow will appear.
- Using the alphabetical keyboard below, type the name of the person of your choice. To make a space press the key with an arrow pointing to the right. To make a correction, press the key with an arrow pointing to the left. The name you type will appear in the display window on the keyboard.
- When you have finished typing the name, press the ENTER key on the keyboard. Your choice is recorded and removed from the display window.

Primary  
May 5, 1998

Patricia C. Dunn  
Chairman  
Pitt County Board of Election

from the desk of

Mrs. Beatrice Maye

Ms. "M's" Do's and Don'ts

DINING DON'TS

**DON'T** - let your eyes get bigger than your stomach when dining out. Order what you think you will eat. If you just can't finish, most places are happy to give you a take-home bag.

**DON'T** - be embarrassed to ask for one—it beats wasting money on uneaten food.

**DON'T** - use serving utensils for yourself. Use the sugar spoon to put the sugar in your tea. Use your iced-tea spoon to stir it.

Use the butter knife to put a pat of butter on your plate. Use your butter spreader or dinner knife to spread it on the bread.

**DON'T** - put more on your fork or spoon than you can eat in one bite. Yes, that goes for ice cream, too!

**DON'T** - make noise! Any sound, other than a crunchy veggie or an occasional moan of delight, made while chewing is totally unacceptable. If your mouth is closed when you chew, then you won't have this problem.

**DON'T** - mix food on the plate. It may have been fun to mix your peas and mashed potatoes when you were a child, but one does have to make sacrifices as one grows older!

**DON'T** - reach across the table or across another person to get something. If it's out of reach, ask someone to pass it to you.

**DON'T** - pick your teeth at the table, either with your fingers or with a toothpick. If you have ever seen anyone pick his teeth at the table, you will understand the reason for this rule. It is a real problem if you get a piece of lettuce caught in your teeth at the beginning of the meal. Excuse yourself and take care of the problem in the bathroom.

**DON'T** - lean back in your chair. Keep all four legs of the chair on the floor ("four on the floor"). It is really tempting to lean back on two legs, even grown-ups do it sometimes. The only sure cure we know is to fall backward, break the chair, and have your parents deduct the cost of repair from your allowance. Let's hope you don't have to learn the hard way!

**DON'T** - flap your elbows like a bird flapping its wings when you're cutting or eating. Elbows should be kept close to your sides when eating so you don't jab the person sitting next to you. If you are left-handed, ask to be seated at the corner with your left elbow out. It avoids a collision with your right-handed neighbor.

DINING DO'S

**DO** - put your napkin in your lap as soon as you are seated at the table. It's the first thing you do, even if you are in restaurant and haven't ordered yet. If the napkin is small, unfold the whole thing in your lap. Resist the temptation to unfold it by flapping it out to the side of your chair! If the napkin is



Beatrice C. Maye

large, you may leave it folded in half on your lap.

The only time a napkin should be tucked under your chin is when you are under three years old!

**DO** - try a little bit of everything when you serve yourself (at a buffet, at a family meal, anytime), unless you know you are allergic to a certain food. If your mom or the hostess has taken the time to prepare it, you owe her the courtesy of tasting it. If it looks questionable, you may ask for a small portion. Otherwise, take a medium-size portion, leaving enough for everyone to have one serving of everything. If there is enough food, you may have seconds (or thirds) of your favorites.

**DO** - keep dinner conversation pleasant. Wait until dinner is over to tell your sister about dissecting the frog!

**DO** - take small bites and try to avoid talking with food in your mouth.

**DO** - wait until you have swallowed a bite of food before you take a sip of your beverage. Bread crumbs don't look so great on the rim of the glass—and neither does lipstick, girls, so blot your lipstick before going out when you know you're attending dinner party.

**DO** - remember your posture at the table. You probably think we mean "Get your elbows off the table," but we are going to tell you that there are times when it is okay to put your elbows on the table. When you are resting between courses, or when you are leaning across the table to talk to someone, nothing is more natural.

There is no doubt that this rule was made by the mother of a teenager who insisted on lounging across his food at mealtime—you know, the old wrap-your-arm-around-the-plate-and-hunch-over-the-sandwich routine. Not a very pretty picture, is it? "But how do I keep the lettuce and tomato from falling into my lap," you say. Since you asked—pull your chair up close enough to the table, about four inches from the edge. Then lean from the waist over the plate while you eat. Anything that drops will fall back on the plate. It's really not so hard!

COLLEGE CHECKLIST

Should you take your stuffed animals? Your bike? All 25 pairs of your jeans? Here's a list of some things a college freshman probably needs. Read your college catalog or check with the college to find out specifics for your school.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Scissors, clear and masking tape, paper clips, stapler and staples, pens, pencils, notebook and typing paper, correction tape or fluid, note pads, a pencil sharpener, stationary and postcards, stamps, your address book, a calendar.

REFERENCE MATERIALS

A good dictionary, thesaurus, book of quotations and a term paper guide or style manual to help you with the correct form.

CLOTHING

Bring clothes for all occasions, based on the climate and culture of the campus. Stock up on underwear—you may not have time to do laundry as often as you think!

PERSONAL CARE

A sewing kit, safety pins, detergent, liquid soap for hand washables, a laundry basket or bag, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, headache remedies, bandages, antiseptic spray, cotton balls, tissue, cotton swabs, thermometer, hangers.

PERSONAL PAPERS

Copies of financial aid forms, registration packet and personal identification like a driver's license.

Students: Remember your Social Security card—you'll need your number often.

MISCELLANEOUS

An iron (check first—some dorms furnish them); a hot pot and immersion heater for late-night snacks (also check to see if dorm regulations allow these); two sets of sheets, towels, pillow cases and wash cloths; a waste basket; a desk lamp; double stick tape for hanging posters; an umbrella; an alarm clock; dishes (a plate, bowl, a couple of glasses and cutlery); posters; pictures, your high school yearbook; a camera and film; and, yes, your stuffed animals!

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

FOR A BETTER SPRING

APRIL, MAY, JUNE—Pick a weekend to spring-clean as a family. A hand-held vacuum will do the stairs in half the time.

Schedule a cooking day to make and freeze several casseroles for nights when you don't have time to prepare dinner. Mothproof and store winter clothes. Start thinking about summer. Plan your family vacation: brainstorm with your kids about possible summer jobs; look into summer camp and volunteer opportunities.

Plant a garden. (Dig your fingernails into soap beforehand so they'll be easier to clean later.) (Continues on Page )

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# Williamston Whistlings.....

By Joyce Gray

WILLIAMSTON - Just as I'd gotten to a point with some release from the sudden change in the fallen temperature last Sunday morning, my telephone rang asking if I were going to church.

It was an out-of-town caller when I thought was not aware in the change of time. However, my response was that I would have been long gone but was nursing the heating pad at the present.

Never did I suspect that caller to show up on Tuesday evening after I'd stated I would be in for all of Sunday (and I had just left to aid someone).

As it was, Ms. Priscilla T. Rascoe, advisor to the Higher Expectation Club, Bertie High School, was the bearer of the fruits from the club which she left with my trusting neighbor, Elder Willie A. Perkins.

The club had decided to adopt yours truly after hearing of my constant acupuncture treatment last year. She had also heard from others how I tried hard to keep as active as possible.

My thanks to Ms. Rascoe and the club members who signed the card: Ervin Bond, Kim Bond, Lance Overton, Shon Gatling, Keisha Outlaw, Marvin Pugh, Carrie Cullipher, Elaine Rose, Jerome "Toy" Edwards, Shawn Speller, Angela Stewart, Tammy Leary, Trina Spruill, Joel B. Holley, Jr., Sharon Rascoe, Thomas Banks, Christina Cox, LaShonda Rankins, Latriece Brockers, Shanicka Gatling, Nathaniel Stanley, Annette Craig, DeWayne Hoggard, Derek Askew, Latisha Bell, Marquis Young, Tony Ward, Terry Blount, Michael Fraiser, Lionel Askew, Amina Cooper, Kendall Riddick, Julia Beale, Alicia Sparrow, Patricia Brown, Shaelyn Couch, Pattie Jerrigan and Elizabeth T. Rascoe get an extra thank-you.

Love has no boundary. It's what we are taught in Sunday School. Caring is love and love is sharing. We are also taught that God loves a cheerful giver. Proof surfaces often that one who freely shares oneself and gives often receives from the most unexpected source. That's what love and charity is all about.

Those young folk in Bertie County don't know this individual just as many others who know the name or read this column. However, I hope I can face them one day because they

certainly did bring joy to my heart. At one point it appeared that there would be more candidates present than potential voters and supporters at the Martin County Democratic Women April 9 "Meet the Candidates Night." One could see the nervousness on the face of newly elected president Ms. Sandra McCleary. Then, at the end of the social hours, all of the seats were suddenly filled.

A large space had been reserved at Cobb's Corner Restaurant, and 50 percent of the candidates were present or had representatives in their stead.

I looked for a seat as far away from the open doors as possible and I purposely sat by someone I had not met prior, Ms. Mildred Pierce, whom I discovered didn't live very far from me and I teased as to the namesake movie, and her son-in-law, whose name I never got as passers by kept speaking.

However, Ms. Pierce gave me her telephone number and offered her assistance with transportation. Turns out she had seen the same physician as I.

Ms. Dolly Burwell, with Representative Eva Clayton, seated her beside me, trusting this one with the congresswoman's purse and itinerary; then Ed Carter, between herself and the congresswoman.

Across the stable sat George "Buck" White, campaign manager for the former mayor, and judges Joseph R. John, Sr., N.C. Supreme Court, and Clarence E. Horton, Jr., N.C. Court of Appeals.

Mr. Carter seeks the N.C. Senate 6th District seat. A representative spoke

for D.G. Martin, U.S. Senate candidate. Thomas C. Haraway, N.C. House of Representatives, 7th District, is unopposed as are Rep. Gene Rogers, 6th District; Ed Warren, N.C. Senate 9th District, Martin County Clerk of Superior Court Ms. Phyllis G. Pearson and 2nd Judicial District Court Judge Samuel G. Grimes.

There are three candidates for the N.C. House of Representatives, 8th District: Rufus Huggins, Jeff Savage, and Ms. Edith Warren, all absent.

Rep. Linwood E. Mercer, opposing Rep. Clayton, arrived late from another fund raiser in Washington County and I never got to speak with him. Also present was District Attorney Mitchell Norton, 2nd Judicial District.

Both candidates, Sheriff Keith Roach and Albert Roberson, were present and all three vying for the county commissioner's seat: Doyle Veo Bunting, J.H. Dixon and Mort Hurst.

N.C. Supreme Court seat seeker Judge James A. Wynn, a native of Martin County, was early on the site and did a splendid job in his presentation. The candidates complimented the Democratic Women on their efforts.

Happy birthday greetings to James C. Gray and Errol Williams.

On the sick and shut-in list: Ms. Gladys Hubbard, Ms. Marie Jones-McNair, N.W. Slade, Ms. Nonie Smallwood, Nathaniel Hardison, Ms. Janice Moore, F.L. Joyner, Ms. Reba Reddick, Kelvin Rodgers, Ms. Fannie B. Slade, William E. Boston, Sr., Grady Moore, Ms. Annie L. Harris,

Ms. Delvora H. Gilliam, Melvin Moore, Ms. Lillian Peel, Frank Hubbard, Ms. Georgia Joyner, Willis E. Williams, Jr., Ms. Clara Jones, Ms. Brenda Fisher-Whitfield, Ms. Lela C. Bond, Ms. Minnie Chambers, Abraham Cordon, Ms. Zenner Midgett, Joe Rodgers, Ms. Pearl Nichols, Ms. Elizabeth L. Duggins, Augustus Harris, Ms. Lucy P. Brown, Jesse Allen Bell, George A. Perry, Ms. Novella J. Bonds, Ms. Clara R. Owens, Ms. Mary Ella Duggins, Ms. Zada Lyons, I.B. Cordon, Ms. Nancy T. Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Outlaw, Ms. Maybelle Cooper, Ms. Amelia Lloyd, James E. Smithwick, Ms. Delia Lloyd, Ms. Emma Perkins and Ms. Mary Ann Purvis.

In the nursing homes: Ms. Pauline Brown, Alexander Hodges, Alton Bell, George Peel, Ms. Hattie Little, William Ellison, Jerome W. Aikens, Luther Perkins, Noah S. Nicholson, James A. Jones, Ms. Melba B. Perry, Ms. Ora J. Mitchell, Ms. Martha Cherry and Ms. Ruth Ollie Perkins.

Up until the last minute it appeared as if folks were taking the Saturday before Easter as a holiday from politics or had gotten lost trying to find Williams Chapel Church

in this small town. Then, suddenly, the fellowship hall was filled.

First to arrive for the Eastern North Carolina Civic Group Candidates Forum was Martin County's Keith Roach. He was appointed two years ago and is now seeking the position via election with some strong opposition (who was invited personally but did not attend). Roach lost in his bid prior to the appointment by a small margin and has been very visible with some changes most favorable to a majority of those this writer has spoken with.

As promised, even with her busy schedule, Rep. Eva Clayton made it back to Williamston (she was in town on Thursday night) just after everyone had eaten and the food was cold, but she got something to sustain her and her staff anyway.

Our tradition is to partake of nutrition provided by the host county, then proceed with the business, simply because most folks travel at great distances and some have health problems.

Working with the congresswoman now is Keith Sutton, who was briefly the North Carolina NAACP executive director.

Also on the scene were candidates Ed Carter, Jim Martin, John Edwards, Rufus Huggins, Jeff Savage, Jon Williams, R.L. Martin and Ms. Ella

Scarborough. Those who acknowledged receiving the evaluation form but did not attend or send a campaign representative were Jerome Power, Duane Kratzer, Jr., and Joseph R. Johns, Sr., (judge).

There were 16 counties present and the meeting was over at 3 p.m., as each candidate was allowed four minutes and Rep. Clayton was given the extra time some did not use.

Sincere thanks are extended to Williams Chapel AME Zion Church and its pastor, Dr. George Blackwell, who gave the invocation and stayed throughout the entirety, even assisting with the cleanup.

Also to Ms. Doris R. Duggins (whom I loved working with in fund-raising events years ago) and Ms. Clara Jones, who came for the very first time to such an event and said she was impressed with the caliber of the format.

Training it was for North Carolina NAACP State Conference Youth of the Year first runner-up Ms. Lakeisha Taylor Clark, the sole youth president. God is good - all the time.

The Male Chorus was in concert celebrating their anniversary at Cedar Hill Missionary Baptist Church Saturday, April 25 at 7 p.m. No tickets sold. All were invited.

## Hi, I'm Calvin Henderson

As a community leader and former elected official of Winterville and Pitt County I have had the opportunity to keep abreast and to address many of the issues that directly affect the living conditions of all of our citizens.

I feel that many of the ordinary everyday working men and women have lacked that strong voice who is willing to represent their concerns and needs on issues that are continuously brought before our elected officials.

For a strong voice on social reform, affordable health care, fair housing, crime better schools and elderly care, Vote for Me, Calvin Henderson for Pitt County Commissioner, District #5. This area includes Arthur, Ayden, Winterville Central and Winterville East, Chicod, Greenville 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

**Thank you for your prayers and support in the upcoming Primary May 5, 1998!**

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In July 1976, at the age of 19, Ms. White began her distinguished career at the Edgecombe County Courthouse, where she served as Deputy Register of Deeds under the late Mace Edmondson. Just eighteen months later, Ms. White assumed the position of Deputy Clerk of Court in the Edgecombe County Superior Court and held that prominent position for 12 years.

In 1990, Ms. White made history when she was elected as the first woman Clerk of Superior Court of Edgecombe County. This was not just a victory for political office. Ms. White's election was a lesson in courage and determination, as she had to survive a sometimes bitter path to victory that even included her being fired from her position as Deputy Clerk after announcing her intentions to run for the court's highest elected office. But Ms. White fought onward, and history was in the making.

As Clerk of Court, Ms. White is known for her sweeping changes and improvements in the office's efficiency and effectiveness. Her involvement in operations, staff training, and employee relations have made a great impact on the Clerk of Court's office, and the taxpayers of Edgecombe County are better served for her commitment and diligence.

Her love for Edgecombe County is evidenced by her many activities in the area, including: the State Credit Union Advisory Board, Edgecombe County KidsCount, the Student/Mentor Program for Phillips School, and a host of other local as well as statewide programs.

Carol A. White has done more than just stay at home. She has made a difference and a real impact on the "home" that she loves!

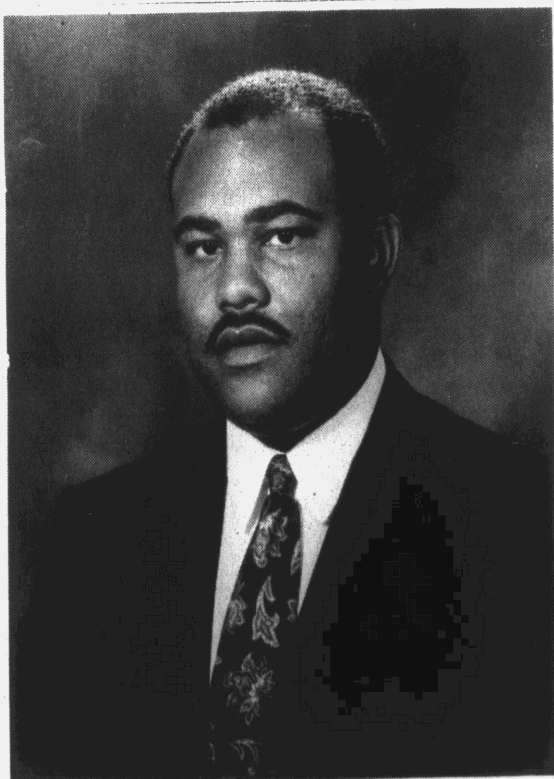


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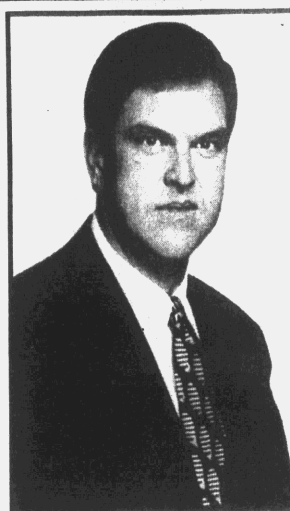
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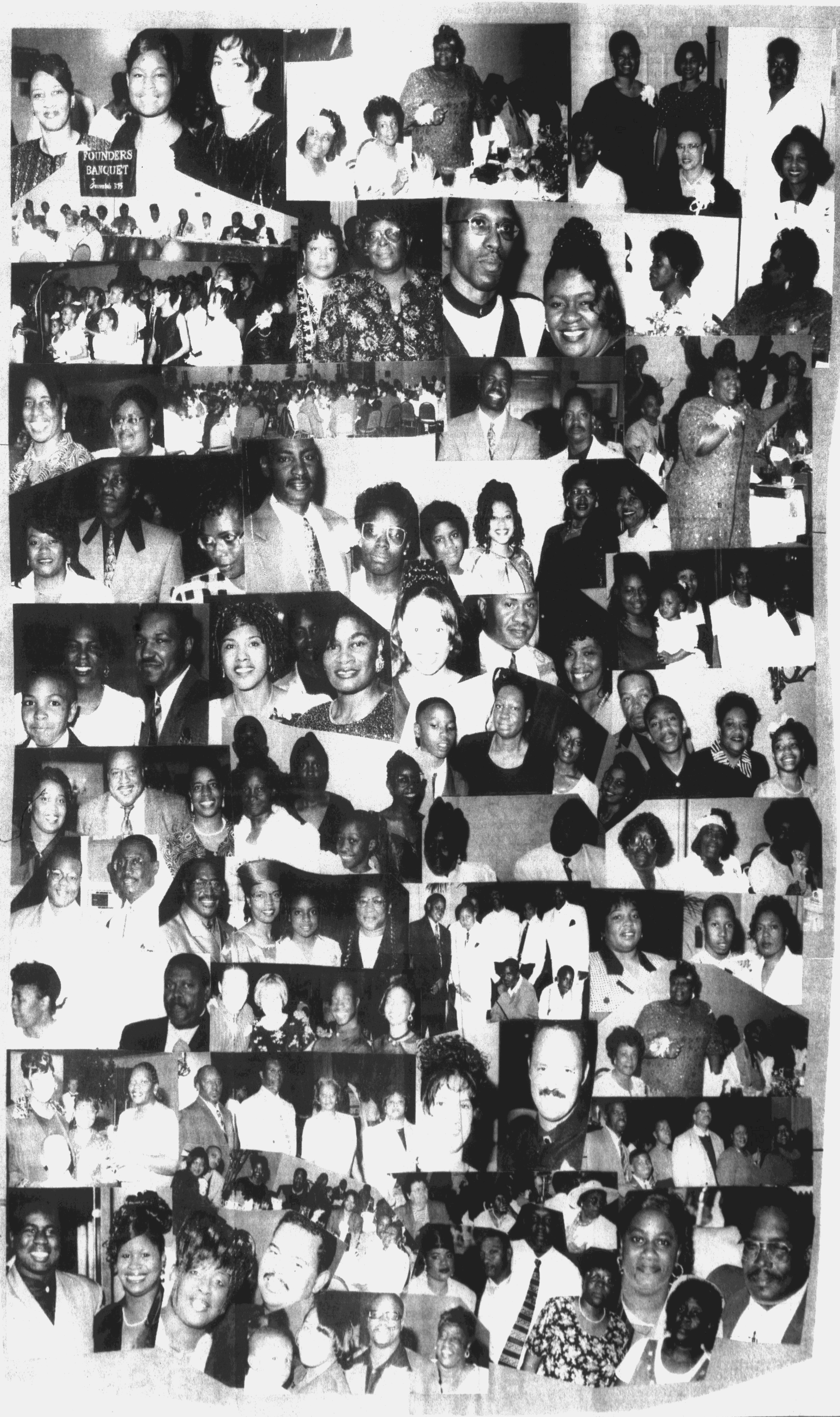
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# Don't Forget To Vote Tuesday, May 5th!

Convention-Visitors Bureau to Sponsor Community Heritage Forum

The Greenville-Pitt County Convention and Visitors Bureau will sponsor a county-wide Community Heritage Forum on Wednesday, May 6th from 5:00pm until 6:30pm at the Greenville City Council Chambers (3rd Floor) located at the corner of Fifth and Washington Streets. Secretary Betty McCain from the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources will be the forum's facilitator. The purpose of the forum is to receive input from the community on what potentials sites exist in

Greenville an Pitt County that could be developed as a heritage tourism site for visitors. "Citizens will have the opportunity to share their knowledge about the areas and sites for visitors," states Convention and Visitors Bureau Sales Manager Andrew Schmidt. "This will allow us to increase our inventory of potential site for tourism development."

This Community Heritage Forum is a direct effort in conjunction with North Carolina Division of Tourism, Film, and Sport develop-

ment, and Heritage North Carolina to develop a comprehensive, statewide inventory of heritage tourism sites. The forum coincides with National Tourism Week, and one way the Convention and Visitors Bureau hopes to get the local community involved in promoting the value of tourism to our community. For more information on the Community Heritage Forum please contact the Greenville-Pitt County Convention and Visitors Bureau at (252) 752-8044.



(Mr. Ed Carter is shown above presenting a donation to Mr. George Perry who is treasurer for the Jackie Robinson Baseball League. The donation will be used towards the construction of a concession stand at the Jackie Robinson Baseball Field.)

## VOTE David S. Hammond Pitt County Commissioner District One



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  - Served two terms Pitt County Development Commission
  - Served on Human Relations Commission—Greenville
  - Active in Pitt County Democratic Party as a Coordinator and Get-Out-The-Vote Specialist for Twenty Years
  - Served on the Political Action Committee of the General Baptist State Conventions of N.C. for 12 years
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## SETTLEMENT SETS STAGE FOR NEW CRIME WAVE

By Richard E. Sincere, Sr.

The proposed federal settlement with the tobacco companies includes a provision that federal excise taxes on cigarettes will rise from \$1.10 to \$1.50 a pack over the next several years. The experience of many states and foreign countries teaches us that such a tax increase will lead to increased cigarette smuggling by organized criminals, with the likelihood of gang violence as various crime syndicates battle for "turf" in the contraband cigarette market.

In congressional testimony last December, Robert A. Robinson of the General Accounting Office (GAO) reported that "smuggling cigarettes from low- to high- tax states, or interstate smuggling, prominent in the 1970's, may now be a re-emerging problem. In fact, recent estimates suggest that smuggling is responsible for states collectively losing hundreds of millions of dollars in annual tax revenues." The problem is also international in scope, as Robinson explains. "International smuggling has occurred recently between Canada and the United States. According to the Canadian government, sharp increases in Canadian federal and provincial cigarette taxes in the late 1980's and early 1990's led to large-scale smuggling between the United States and Canada, conducted almost entirely by organized crime. Violence increased, merchants suffered, and in one year alone, Canada and its provinces lost over \$2 billion (in Canadian dollars) in tax revenues. Canada responded in 1994 by sharply reducing federal and provincial cigarette taxes... Since then, smuggling has declined considerably. In Reason magazine in 1995, Ed Carson

explained how Canada's rising tobacco taxes set into motion the law of unintended consequences. "Mohawk Indians, from tribes along the U.S.- Canada border, biker gangs, and Asian Triads smuggled cigarettes across the border in boats, airplanes, trucks, legitimate courier companies, and snowmobiles. By the end of 1993, nearly one in three cigarettes were contraband."

"In February of this year, Erin Schiller of the Pacific Research Institute noted the perverse, unexpected effects of Canada's cigarette tax. Despite the steep tax hike, Schiller wrote in the Washington Times, "Youth smoking did not decrease and many officials ironically argued that high taxes made it more difficult to control youth smoking. How could this be? Notes the GAO, "According to the Canadian Prime Minister, as the portion of the Canadian market supplied by smuggled tobacco increased, the average price paid for cigarettes dropped. Access to cheap contraband tobacco undermined the government's health policy objectives of reducing tobacco consumption, particularly among youth."

In perhaps the most delicious irony, U.S. college students living near the Canadian border made a practice of going on "drinking holidays" to Canada, where the drinking age is lower. To pay for their vacations, they would take carloads of low-priced U.S. cigarettes to sell or trade for liquor.

Washington Times correspondent Erik Kirschbaum reported in early 1996 that a similar smuggling problem was occurring in Germany. Cigarette smuggling led to "a surge in gangland-style executions and turf wars (that) made Berlin streets more dangerous than at any time since World War II," he wrote.

"Authorities fear that cigarette trafficking is leading to crime empires dealing in extortion, prostitution, stolen cars, drugs, and weapons."

"Weeks later, Pal Geitner reported in USA Today that "turf battles between the Vietnamese gangs that control street-level sales have been blamed for the deaths of 40 Vietnamese, 15 in Berlin alone (in 1996)." The reason? Just one truck loaded with 50,000 cartons can net a smuggler \$550,000 in profits.

According to former Treasury Department official Bruce Bartlett, all across Europe, high taxes are resulting in a bonanza for smugglers. "One fourth of the world's cigarettes are now smuggled across national borders to evade taxes and tariffs," he wrote last August. "Governments are already losing \$16 billion per year in tax revenues - a figure likely to rise as organized crime becomes a larger player in the business of smuggling smokes. In Italy alone, organized crime is said to make \$500 million per year smuggling cigarette."

"As long as tobacco remains a legal commodity, efforts to control its consumption through regulation or taxation are doomed to fail. This was the case during the blundering "noble experiment" of alcohol prohibition, when possession of alcohol was legal but the sale and importation of it were not. This created an instant Black market for criminal kingpins like Al Capone and Joseph P. Kennedy, giving birth to organized crime in this country. With excessive cigarette tax rates, the Mob will have just one more outlet for criminal entrepreneurship."

It's obviously time to rethink the tobacco settlement - particularly the misguided idea of raising tobacco taxes.

## Important Public Announcement



If you want to learn more about how to promote a prosperous race relations in Pitt County, the state, the nation, please don't miss STIRR, Summit to Improve Race Relations to be held on Wednesday, May 6th through Friday, May 8th from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. at the Philippi Church of Christ on Farmville Blvd. in Greenville.



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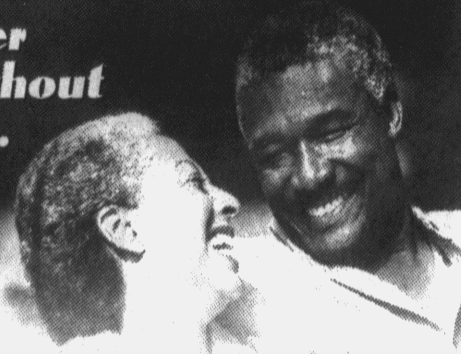
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## CONTINUING THE MISSION 1998 is an election year Pitt County voters will elect a Sheriff

Incumbent Billy Vandiford is not worried about the competition. His concerns are focused on providing the citizens of Pitt County with quality law enforcement. Something he has focused on for the past 7 years.

There are several items that top his agenda. One of those is asking the county commissioners for additional deputies. "We are woefully short of street deputies. Calls for service have increased, but we have not had a deputy sheriff in the last five years." There have been deputies added to the department, but those deputies were assigned to grant-specified positions.

The shortage of deputies is a problem, but not a problem that can't be solved. Sheriff Vandiford is a problem solver. He tries to solve problems before they become burdens. He has implemented several programs that have generated a great deal of revenue for Pitt County. His implementation of getting inmates to pay for medical care was the first of its kind in North Carolina. This program has become the model for several other states.

The Domestic Violence Unit of the Sheriff's Department is another grant-funded program set up by Sheriff Vandiford. This program has focused on all aspects of domestic violence; from the initial distress call to follow-up visits providing avenues of help for the victim and the defendant. This unit is the first to have a team of officers that handle all aspects of domestic violence all the time.

Another issue close to Sheriff Vandiford's heart is the juve-



nile crime rates. "We need to be spending more money on at-risk youth before they enter the judicial system." Vandiford stresses that building more prisons is not the solution to the problem; keeping at-risk youth out on the system is the solution. Sheriff Vandiford strongly believes that money presently being spent to educate inmates could be better used to educate our young people before they end up in the system. He is not against inmates trying to better themselves; just that an inmate seems to have more access to education than the average citizen.

Sheriff Vandiford confronts issues that may not seem to be a Sheriff's duty to do. But, he believes that if a person has the capacity and

the power to make positive change, then they should try their best to do so.

The Sheriff's Department went through a phase of change last year. Some officers changed positions, others moved on. Sheriff Vandiford believes in a strong work ethic. You are asked to perform your job and the requirements that go with it, to the best of your ability. And if you cannot fulfill that job position, you should move on or be re-assigned to another position better suited for you.

Sheriff Vandiford is preparing for the years ahead. His department has a mission to accomplish, and he is determined to see that the mission continues against any obstacle that appears to stand in the way.

## VOTE ON MAY 5, 1998 TO RE-ELECT BILLY VANDIFORD SHERIFF

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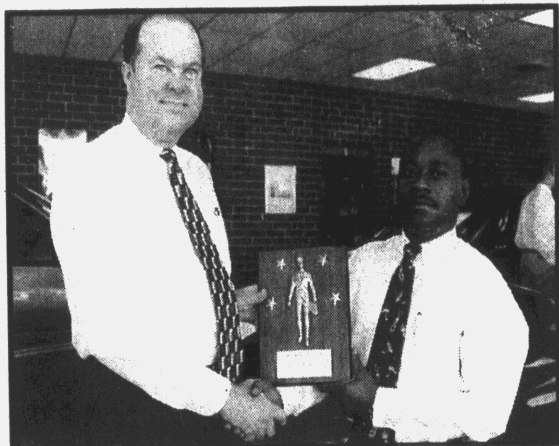
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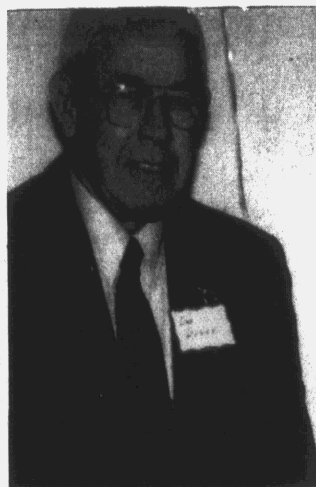
## Dan Wynne

Candidate

### Pitt County Commissioner

District 3

Vote May 5, 1998



If elected County Commissioner for District 3, I will support these issues:

- Education** - The people will have to have an education to meet their future needs and goals. I support classroom technology.
- Environment** - It is important to maintain a safe water supply and clean rivers. The county needs to have a start-up program for a county-wide sewage system.
- Law & Order** - I support maintaining and improving the present programs now in use by the Sheriff's Department.
- Employment** - We need to work in securing industry that employs people with different educational backgrounds.
- Zoning** - I would support a simple zoning plan if the county would show good intentions to provide sewer and water for the citizens.
- Open Meetings** - I believe in open meetings since it's the peoples' agenda. Any other way of conducting business has not worked well in the past.
- 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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### RECREATION & PARKS PROGRAMS CHILDREN'S ACTING FOR FILM WORKSHOP

Instructor Steve Myett will be sponsoring this workshop for ages 7 to 9 on Saturday, May 23, 9:30 AM to 12:00 noon and ages 10-14 will meet 1:30-4:00 PM. Call Carol Powers at 830-4542. Registration is limited.

**YOGA** - a new yoga class will begin May 5 from 7:30-9:00 PM on Thursday, May 7, 9:15-10:45 AM. Class is held at Jaycee Park Administrative Building. For more information call 830-4567.

**THE TEEN CENTER** - Located at 1703 E. 14th Street in Greenville is open Friday nights, 8:00-11:00 PM for Grades 6-8.

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**BABY SITTING** - American Red Cross baby sitting class for ages 11-14 is held at the Red Cross Office. To register, you need to go the American Red Cross Office,

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**SWIMMING LESSONS** - a variety of swimming lessons are held at the Greenville Aquatics and Fitness Center. Please call (919) 758-6892 for more information.

**SUMMER PROGRAM** REGISTRATION for city residents will be April 28 and 29, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Jaycee Park Administrative Building. Registration will continue for residents, as well as non-residents, daily beginning April 30 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For more information, call 830-4567.



## Hollywood Didn't "Do The Right Thing" For Spike Lee

In what we see as a classic case of "jungle fever," the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences did not "do the right thing" last month in snubbing film maker Spike Lee and his wonderful work about the 1963 Birmingham church bombing, "Four Little Girls."

It lost out to "The Long Way Home," by Rabbi Marvin Hier and Richard Frank for Best Documentary--and while it may have been a matter of taste and choice among voting Academy members, it still was another slap at African-American filmmakers and a swipe at the talented Lee, who should have been recognized long ago by his Hollywood

peers.

But that is Hollywood for you. Fickle, phony, shallow. If it truly wants to be more representative and sensitive to African Americans as it has professed in the past, Hollywood should be about the business of recognizing some of its other great African American and other minority talents.

But not only with accolades and awards. It needs to provide more meaningful jobs in the industry, such as writers, agents, directors, cinematographers and other professions minorities have traditionally been shut out of.

Lee, had he won one, would have been only the seventh African American

to win an Academy award in its 70-year existence.

The others were Hattie McDaniel (Best Supporting Actress, 1939), Sidney Portier (1963, Best Actor), Lou Gossett (1982, Best Supporting Actor), Denzel Washington (1989, Best Supporting Actor), Whoopi Goldberg (1990, Best Supporting Actress), Cuba Gooding, Jr. (1997, Best Supporting Actor).

None of the hundreds of Oscars awarded have ever gone to an African American in the technical or behind-the-camera categories, though many have worked diligently in those fields.

And, again, no Oscars went to an African American. Big Surprise.

But that does say some-

thing about the exclusionary practices that have been evident in Hollywood since one of the first movies ever made -- D.W. Griffith's condescending and racist "Birth of a Nation" -- was filmed.

African Americans make up a huge and growing percentage of the movie-going public. We must be respected more -- on and behind the screen -- and not just every dozen years or so, with those "symbolic" little statuettes.

There is a wealth of African-American and other minority talent just aching to be discovered and/or recognized in "Tinsel Town" and it is way past time Hollywood wakes up to that reality.

## "Do The Right Thing" — VOTE!!!



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Josephine Cole Williams

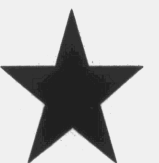
For Seat A - District 4

May 5, 1998

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## VOTE FOR RUFUS HUGGINS NC House - 8th Dist

On April 11, the Eastern North Carolina Civic Group that included Pitt County, represented by Walter Morehead, and Greene County represented by Joyce

Gray, and Martin County represented by Joyce Gray invited the candidates for the North Carolina House District Eight Seat to a forum. Rufus Huggins and Jeff Savage attended the forum and were allowed to speak, answer questions and present information. Of the two candidates present, Rufus Huggins was endorsed. The Eastern Carolina Civic Group is the arm of the total black community governing these areas. Support your minority civic group and vote for Rufus Huggins on May 5, 1998.

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