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PCMH "Done Deal," — Does It Mean For Members Only...

WHAT IS PRIVATE NOT FOR PROFIT!?

By Kitty J. Pope



Jeff Savage

Pitt County Memorial Hospital private after heated discussions, among board members. Commissioners Charles Gaskins, Eugene James and Jeff Savage opposed the resolution to change the hospital's status. Commissioner Farney Moore, who had also opposed the resolution was absent due to illness.

Savage had tried to postpone the decision because Moore was absent and because he thought more time was needed for outside legal review of the proposal. Savage later tried to make a motion to make some changes that included a discount for Pitt County residents and the availability of the proposal for public inspection for 90 days before a final decision. There was no second because Commissioner Bright had already called for the vote which resulted in five for privatization and three opposing.



Nancy Coville

The commissioners who voted in favor of privatization felt that they had made a decision that was in the best interest of PCMH. Bright said that it was a good agreement that would carry us into the 21st century and that the decision would make the medical center the showpiece for health care.

Commissioner Savage disagreed calling the Monday that they voted the "saddest day of representative government". Civic activist Nancy Colville agreed with Jeff through "tears of disappointment", and said that the county was the "sacrificing lamb at the altar for the region", (in reference to the hospital's desire to serve a 29 county region). Disappointment, frustration and anger characterized the feelings of both Savage and Colville. Both are concerned with what private - not for profit will really mean for this county.

Commissioner Savage, who had fought hard to keep Pitt Memorial public, said that the commissioners acted very irresponsibly when they made the decision to go private. "This decision is a serious blow to representative government as far as the well being of the citizens of the community is concerned," explained Savage. "There were too many inconsistencies and unresolved issues regarding privatization among board members to come up with a sound decision."

Savage said that his colleagues catered more to the desires of the hospital administration and themselves than to the concerns of the people. "We were fortunate to have had a hospital that was revered nationwide and every effort should have been made to preserve it," lamented Savage. "The commissioners should have intensely scrutinized the privatization proposal before pursuing the NCGS 131-E8 and acting without taking the time to consider all options. Savage felt that the board acted at best irresponsibly and at worst the board completely neglected the role of stewards of the public trust."

Like Savage, Colville have grave concern about what this will mean for people who have no insurance or who cannot afford hospital care. She also is deeply concerned about the quality of service that the hospital will be able to give because of displaced monies. "I feel that the expense of the hospital going private will be reflected in cuts that will adversely affect its ability to deliver proper and quality care," said Colville. "Putting monies in other facilities

will take away from the main hospital's capabilities and potentials."

"It is unethical to have to cut corners when dealing with human life and potential suffering," said Colville. "Pitt Memorial is footing the bill for the initial cost which will be several millions of dollars. What they are really doing is creating an HMO. Of the 20 HMOs in the state, only 4 have made a profit, all the others are losing millions of dollars a year," reported Colville. "PCM is basically going into the insurance business in starting an HBO and the hospital is no expert in the insurance arena," she explained.

Colville, who have witnessed other situations on what happened with hospital going private, worries about the future of the hospital and feels that they really don't know what they have done. She is concerned that we may be leaving ourselves open for another facility to move in "next door" creating competition and creating uncertain debts.

Colville would like to form a watch committee to collect information, review data, and keep up with what is happening with patients and people trying to enter into the hospital. Colville feels that privatization will not only affect the poor, but anyone who receives health care from the hospital.

This committee would act as the "ears" of the community and keep abreast of any complaints.

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Protesters March Against Alleged Racism in County School System



Activists protesters gather in front of Pitt County Office building calling for the ouster of School Superintendent Howard Sosne for allowing racist atmosphere to prevail in the Pitt County school system.



More than 25 people marched at the Pitt County Office Building in protest of alleged tolerance of prejudice in schools on last Wednesday. The protestors sang and carried signs calling for the resignation of Superintendent Howard Sosne. Protestors included members of the Coalition Against Racism (CAR) and the NAACP. Sosne was unavailable for comment.

CAR and the NAACP said that they have pursued more than one half dozen Pitt County school cases without satisfactory results. Despite going through available channels, justice and fairness have not been achieved in cases of child injury, racial slurs, and differential treatment of students and school workers based upon race. The protestors claim that top administrators, led by Sosne, have concentrated on protecting itself by sweeping glaring deficiency under the rug.

The groups also marched in protest at the Winter green school on Thursday. They are continuing to push for harsher punishment for the white teacher that used the "N" word during Black History month. She was given only three days without pay.

Davenport Community Club Elects Officers and Plans Block Party...



Front row (left to right) Mildred Williams, Pauline Anderson and Vivian Parker. Second row (left to right) Beatrice Maye, Lillie Morgan and Mary Moore. Absent, Mable Lang.

The Davenport Street Community club met last Monday with the President Mildred Williams, presiding and Pauline Anderson as hostess. New officers that were installed included: President Mildred Williams; Secretary, Pauline Anderson; Treasurer, Beatrice Maye; secretary/reporter, telephone callers, Lily Morgan and Vivian Parker. The Fall Block Party scheduled for September 11 was finalized.

Tucker said Faircloth's poll numbers have been consistently anemic, considering his position as an incumbent. "Polling shows that most North Carolinians don't know what Faircloth has accomplished while in office, and those who do tend not to support him," Tucker said.

Faircloth received his all-time worst job approval ratings in a poll released last month by the Winston-Salem Journal.

A remarkable 50 percent of those polled said they had a fair or poor opinion of the job Faircloth has done, Tucker said. Amongst those Republicans polled, Faircloth collectively received a horrible 37 percent fair, poor, or undecided rating.

"Over one-third of his own party doesn't even enthusiastically support him, let alone hold a favorable opinion of him," Tucker said. "It's no surprise that Republican insiders are finally admitting that Faircloth is in serious trouble."

State's District Plan is Defended in Brief

Legislators sought only to correct problems in the 12th District, the state argues.

The only goals of legislators in redrawing the state's congressional districts were pointed out by federal judges and maintaining a partisan balance, the state said in a brief filed Monday. "Maintaining District 12 as a Democratic district and neighboring districts 5, 6, 9 and 10 as Republican districts was essential," Tiara Smiley of the Attorney General's Office said in a response filed with the federal court.

State lawmakers, she said, had to avoid putting all of either Iredell or Davidson counties in redrawn 12th District because that would have made the district more Republican.

Legislators also excluded some Democrat-leaning districts in Forsyth county because they are adjacent to the home precinct of Republican Richard Burr. Charlotte was split because both Democrat Mel Watt, who represents the 12th and the Republican Sue Myrick, who represents the 9th district, live in that city.

A panel of three federal judges in April ruled that the 12th district was unconstitutional because race was a predominant

factor when it was redrawn in 1997, under another federal court order.

The redrawn district, the state said in its filing, its only 35 percent minority, by population compared with 46 percent in the 1997 plan. That means it is not a majority-minority district.

Duke University law professor Robinson Everett, whose lawsuit led to the redistricting order, last week filed a challenge to the new congressional map. His response argued the new 12th district was a "vestige of discrimination."

"The district is regular in shape and makes no 'detours' to pick up African-American residents," said the state filing, a response to Everett's objections.

"The total African-American population is 35 percent which, which does not qualify as a majority-minority district by any measure."

The state, which had until Monday to file the brief, asks the court to approve the redistricting plan and allow the congressional elections to proceed as the court has previously ordered.

If the federal judges reject the state's plan, they will draw one of their own by July 1.

A new filing period for elections then would open July 6, with primary elections Sept. 15.

Leggett Defeats Edwards in Runoff for Sheriff



Reginald Leggett

Redden Leggett won the nomination for the nomination for the republican party candidate for Beaufort County sheriff against Bryan Edwards. Edwards received 481 votes or 49 per cent of the votes while Leggett received 494 votes or 51 per cent of the votes.

Leggett, a graduate of North Carolina Central University, worked 12 years for the State Bureau of Investigation, 4 years as the SBI Assistant Supervising Agent covering 12 counties and 1 year as a Beaufort County Deputy Sheriff. He has also served as the corporate regional security director for the McDonalds Corporation where he was responsible for 500 restaurants with a 1.5 million dollar budget. Leggett, will run against Democrat Alan Jordan for the Beaufort County Sheriff's office.

"We're Not Trying To Hide Anything," Says Board Member



Barry Gaskins

School Human Resources Director, Barry Gaskins responded to the protest in the absence of Superintendent Howard Sosne. Gaskins said that the school board and administrators are aware of the incidents and have responded and dealt with the issues in a proper manner. Due process was given and the proper steps were taken.

"For the past 20 years, I have witnessed progress in the Pitt County School System and I am discouraged by these accusations, although I do understand that there are 3 or 4 sides to every story," said Gaskins. "I am convinced, however, that the school administration has not tried to hide anything. The school system will continue to go to great lengths to insure equality and fairness for all."

Clayton & Kinston City Officials Tour Peachtree Plant

On Monday, June 1, 1998, Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton met with local Kinston officials to be briefed on problems surrounding the Peachtree Wastewater Plant.

The Congresswoman is especially concerned about sludge seeping into the Neuse River from that plant.

"I want to be helpful," said Clayton. "I intend to work with other colleagues in the Congress and Federal Agency officials to determine what help we can provide to Kinston and to the State to resolve this matter as expeditiously as circumstances permit."

"The Neuse River is a vital resource to the state, and we must do what we can to protect and preserve it," Clayton said.

The Congresswoman met with Kinston officials at the City of Kinston Administrative Offices, located at 207 E. King Street in Kinston, North Carolina. Following the meeting, the Congresswoman and officials toured the Peachtree Wastewater Plant, located on Peachtree Street in Kinston.

"Hurricane Fran, unanticipated winter rains and other acts of nature have put Kinston in a difficult position. It is important that all of us, Federal, State, and local officials, as well as the private sector, work together to resolve this problem that not only threatens the water quality of the Neuse River, but poses a challenge to growth and development throughout the state," concluded Clayton.

INSIDERS CALL FAIRCLOTH THE MOST VULNERABLE REPUBLICAN SENATOR 'GOP'

(From the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee)

WASHINGTON -- Democrats have long portrayed Lauch Faircloth as one of America's most vulnerable incumbent Senators, but don't take our word for it -- Faircloth's own party agrees.

Under the headline "A Fretting Faircloth" in Business Week Magazine's latest "Capital Roundup", GOP insiders say "Faircloth has replaced New York Senator Al D'Amato as the most vulnerable Senate Republican incumbent of '98." Party strategists say Faircloth faces "a formidable challenge" from Democratic nominee John Edwards. Edwards won the May 5th Democratic primary with a decisive 50 percent of the vote.

"Republicans now agree with what we've always believed about Faircloth," DSCC Communications Director Michael Tucker said. "His out-of-touch voting record, coupled with his overall lack of accomplishments, make him as vulnerable as any other Republican Senator running for reelection this year."

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Credo of the Black Press

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

It Does Happen There, Too...

By Hugh B. Price, President
National Urban League

The images of the mayhem that tore apart Springfield, Oregon recently are by now familiar to us all, no matter how far away we live from the six suburban and rural communities where since last October heavily-armed teenagers have gunned down a total of nearly three score of their classmates and teachers.

The toll is stunning: Jonesboro, Arkansas, 5 dead; West Paducah, Kentucky, 3 dead, 5 wounded; Fayetteville, Tennessee, 1 dead; and now, Springfield, Oregon, 4 dead, 26 wounded.

Familiar, too, is the grief of the survivors and the shock of residents of these individual communities, and many of us in the larger society, which has followed each of these murderous rampage. Why is this happening here? is the question being asked with increasing disquiet. "There is no sense to it," Gary Bowden, the wrestling coach at Springfield's Thurston High School, said, struggling to cope with the enormity of the crime there.

But it's not true that there's "no sense" to these killings. In fact, many people have identified the cause of and contributing factors to these seemingly anarchic bursts of horrific violence.

Norma Paulus, the Oregon state superintendent of Schools, said in the wake of the shootings, "This is not a school problem. This is a societal problem.

Kitzhaber, Oregon's Governor, pointedly asserted, "All of us should look at how we have failed as a society and how this could happen in the heart of Oregon. It has been a priority to build prison cells and prison beds--after the fact. These actions in no way prevent juvenile violence."

Dr. Deborah Prothrow-Stith, of the Harvard School of Public Health, suggested on ABC's "Nightline", that we are seeing the "Second Wave" of the youth homicide epidemic that primarily convulsed black and Hispanic inner-city neighborhoods during the past 15 years now erupt in white small towns and rural communities.

"The late '80s, early '90s was when the youth homicide rate in urban America almost doubled, started with what one might have thought were isolated incidents," Dr. Prothrow-Stith explained. "Eventually, we learned to understand that that was an epidemic," she continued. "I can't, as a public health person, look at what's happened in schools over the last six to eight months and say these are isolated events. If you take troubled kids and add guns and add a precipitating event in a society that glamorizes explosive responses to anger, you've got danger and I think it's now happening pretty much across the country."

Many experts on children and adolescents believe that dynamic is helping to fuel the extraordinary callousness and the calculated indiscriminate ferocity shown by these young killers.

Sissela Bok, a philosopher and ethicist who has studied violence in America, told the New York Times, last week, "We have movie role models showing violence as fun, and video games where you kill, and get rewarded for killing, for hours and hours. It is a very combustible mix: enraged young people with access to semiautomatic weapons, exposed to violence as entertainment, violence shown as exciting and thrilling."

But the situation is far from hopeless. The successful effort by public agencies, private institutions and community organizations in Boston to reduce that city's climbing youth homicide rate is just a piece of the voluminous quilt of evidence that we do know how to get great numbers of young people live their adolescence in productive fashion. The current spasm of horrific school violence is another warning that American society must intensify its efforts to do so.

Finally, there is another point about these murderous incidents that cries out for notice -- a point that becomes clear if one imagines it had been African-American youths in six different inner-city neighborhoods who had turned their predominantly-black high schools into killing fields.

We know what "answers" would have been put forth--and what blame assessed--then. We know that we would have been subjected to the purplest "mean streets of the ghetto" prose then--prose that is used to implicitly declare the problems of the inner cities a "Negro Problem" which has nothing to do with White America.

The public discourse about these killings is entirely different precisely because it is not black children but white ones who are showing the horror a deep alienation from society can produce.

We should examine why some white youths who are not poor are having and acting out murderous impulses --not to play the racial "dozens," but to determine what commonalities and differences exist in how the dynamic of violence operates in those places where violence is expected to happen and in those places where it's not supposed to happen.

To do otherwise would be to ignore the overwhelming evidence that the 'mean streets' produced by the dynamic of violence in American culture can in fact be anywhere.

Young Killers: More To Come...

by Herb Boyd

Since young African-Americans are often depicted as the source of rampant violence, it is very ironic that white children are responsible for all of the recent high profile shootings in schools. This is not a point to celebrate, given the terrible loss in human lives from each of these incidents.

These brutal killings should horrify all Americans, and the actions of a few deranged white youths does not stigmatize the race, a wish we hope would be extended to Black Americans when our children are less than civil. Still, the increasing rampages in our schools must be understood that they are a national problem that affects us all. Children killing children as a way of releasing pent-up emotions and settling scores is becoming too common nowadays, and if our experts on these tragedies are right, things will get worse before they get better.

What is most baffling about most of these killings is the absence of motive. Many of the drive-by shootings among African-Americans that gained so much media attention a few years ago were the result of gang rivalry. Only the incident in Pomona, California, in April, in which two teen-agers were killed by a 14-year old boy, seems to have been gang-related. The possible motives in the other seven or so shootings are either vague or motivated by revenge of some sort. And are these acts of violence manifestation of past cruelties which occur all too often among the perpetrators?

"There are some 1.2 million children in the country who go home where guns are present," said youth psychiatrist Mary Benoit, who has been grappling with this phenomenon for several years. "Several factors may contribute to these acts of violence: Guns are available in the home, the children receive poor parental supervision, and we live in a violent culture."

Benoit believes it is a "complex situation," and there are no easy or pat answers. She also dismissed the notion of the media as culprit. "The media is not causal," she noted.

The media may not be causal, but Dr. Jack Levin of Northwestern University seems to feel it does help to set the climate. "A steady diet of violence is unhealthy... and with all the blood and gore, the children become desensitized," he told a television reporter. But is this anything more than the violence-laden fairy tales that another generation heard without the attendant mayhem among their playmates?

That the shootings have occurred in small towns, according to Levin, may be an important factor. "They are not happening in the big city, and many of the small towns are playing catch-up when it comes to social policy and other matters," he added.

One answer to this problem that is as preposterous as it is novel -- and proposed by a Georgia state legislator -- is to arm some teachers with concealed weapons. Such a strategy is doomed from its proposed inception. Arming teachers will surely precipitate even more bloody encounters. Fewer guns, not more guns, is the answer.

"Until we teach our children to resolve anger without using fists and guns, we will continue to be unable to reassure them that they are safe," writes Dr. Joyce Brothers. "Until we make sure kids who hear threats report them without feeling they are ratting, and until we keep guns out of the hand of youngsters, we will continue to have more to worry about than drugs and sex."

Perhaps, as Dr. James Comer of Yale University has suggested in improving the classroom performance of our children, the problem is far too complex for parents alone. The entire community has to get involved if our children are to be saved.

Local Leaders Push To Draft Ed Carter for NC House Seat - District #8

Several leaders in Greenville have initiated an effort to run Ed Carter, former Mayor of Greenville, as an unaffiliated candidate for the North Carolina House seat #8, representing parts of Pitt, Greene Martin and Edgecomb Counties. The move requires the group to obtain 4% of the signatures of the registered voters in the district on a petition. All 4% could come from any one of the four counties or be obtained throughout the district.

This action is taken to assure representation for the district which is diversified, capable and committed to the needs and concerns of all people. Too long have we relied on individuals who represent special interests and the status quo. Too long have we been denied adequate consideration for decent jobs, a crime free environment, appointments to prestigious boards and commission, and leadership of our choosing. We will no longer be influenced by newspaper endorsements, political polls, money from political action committees and rich candidates. We will only vote for and support those candidates who are honest, well qualified, loyal and committed to the welfare and the best interest of all the citizens in the district.

Ed Carter has consistently demonstrated such concerns and stands second to no one in terms of his unwavering commitment and dedication to the citizens of our district, with over 14 years of proven experience and leadership. I am convinced that Ed Carter is the right man for our plan and I strongly endorse his candidacy for the North Carolina Legislature.

Randy Royal, Spokesperson

The Issue is Still Racism

by Gaston Monk, President
Pitt County NAACP

April 29th came and William R. Sanderson was still riding his dead horse. His negative attitude and expressions are prime reasons why National Negro History should be a part of our school curriculum.

He chose to talk about drug users and pushers among us rather than Dr. Charles Drew who set up blood banks and convinced physicians to use plasma for the battlefields and for other emergency transfusions, saving millions of lives.

He chose to talk about the high rate of school drop outs rather than Dr. Mary McCloud Bethune, the founder of Bethune-Cookman College or Dr. James E. Sheppard, the founder of North Carolina College for Negroes now North Carolina Central University.

He chose to talk about people on welfare rather than Dr. 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 thereby creating thousands of jobs.

He chose to talk about people on welfare rather than the difference in job opportunities and pay scales for blacks and whites.

I am currently serving as the Chairman of the Pitt County Social Service Board, and I know that all welfare recipients are not black, nor are all illegitimate babies are black, nor are all drug addicts are black. [In addition to this] Blacks don't own the boats, ships and planes that bring illegal drugs into this country.

There are few if any black members of the NRA, and of course we don't own gun factories.

The students who shot and killed other students and teachers in Mississippi, Kentucky, Arkansas and Pennsylvania were not black.

Timothy McVeigh, who was found guilty of bombing the Federal Building in Oklahoma killing more than 150 people was not black, nor was Ted Kaczynski the "uni-bomber," nor was the girl who was found guilty of giving birth to a baby in a motel in the presence of her boy friend then killing it and putting it in the trash bin was black, nor was the man in Pitt county who was arrested for killing his father with an ax to get drug money, black. I know of no welfare recipient who got as much money as that high profiled politician, Jimmy Green, who was convicted for fraud.

The man who injected his infant son with HIV virus so he would die and relieve him, the father from paying child support was not black.

Is this behavior typical of any race of people? Certainly not and thus a whole race should not therefore be judged or stereotyped by the act of a few.

If Sanderson really wants to solve the social ills in our society, maybe he should call the leaders of all races together and share his expertise since we all share some of the same problems.

Perhaps the Native Americans - the "Indians," should be angry with Sanderson's ancestors for taking their country and [General] Ogelthorpe for bringing those murdering, thieving prisoners here.

I speak with my own convictions, not what anybody else wants me to say, nor what everyone expects me to say.

I am convinced that the real issue that has caused the incident at the Wintergreen School and the negative discussion that subsequently follows - is "RACISM." I see that as an act designed to degrade, to humiliate and to rob a person of his self-esteem; I find that very offensive.

I am a survivor who grew up in Pitt County just two-tenths of a mile from a brick school building with steam heat, indoor toilets, a library, buses and lunchrooms, but as a "six year old child," I had to walk nearly two miles to a run-down shack for a school, with no library, no indoor toilets, no running water with pot bellied stoves for heat. While walking to school, busses with white kids would pass us, and some of them would yell N-----r, N-----r and throw things at us.

Finishing elementary school was the end of formal education for most black children in the rural communities because there were no high schools available for them, and there were no buses. I had to leave home to go to a high school that was under staffed and under equipped, and yes, we still had to be warned by pot bellied stove, use outdoor toilets and had no library.

When I graduated from high school as the valedictorian, I could not go to East Carolina Teacher's College in Greenville, instead I had to travel a hundred miles from home to go to an understaffed, under equipped college. While I was there, I was drafted into the Army and for three years, I lived in fear of having to one day forfeit my life defending a country that had not granted me full citizenship.

However, by the grace of God, I made it back home and reentered college and working every day, I was there from my freshman year through my senior year.

We had to work harder for less pay than our counterparts and under sub standard conditions, BUT we made it.

I give thanks to God, I give thanks to my parents, I give thanks to those Black teachers who worked overtime with us without pay and even even spent part of their own meager salaries on school supplies for us. No one else cared.

Sanderson, you did not talk over my head. I read you loud and clear and so did a lot of others. I don't think there are too many people in Pitt County who can talk over my head and those I know are too intelligent to attempt that.

I know that those persons who can only see the negative side of us and those who refer to us as niggers don't mean us any good, but those people aren't fooling anybody either. The intent is to degrade, humiliate and offend others.

You know, it must be difficult for people who were born with a silver spoon in their mouths to relate to those who had no spoon at all. I have every reason to be angry - but I am not. I am truly a survivor, nobody could keep me down. As I look back, I get more determined to do everything I can to see that no child; legitimate, illegitimate, black or white will ever have to undergo what I had to undergo to prepare himself or herself to earn a decent living.

I repeat, if we 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.

For responses to his Commentary, Gaston Monk can be reached by writing him at the Pitt County NAACP, Post Office Box 8626, Greenville, NC 27834 or he may be reached by calling him at (252) 752-1996

This Way for Black Empowerment by Dr. Lenora Fulani

THE DEBATE "ON" WHO GETS TO DEBATE

Last week the Supreme Court ruled that a government-owned television station sponsoring a debate among candidates for political office could exclude candidates from participation, without violating their constitutional guarantees of free speech. The case, Arkansas Educational Television Commission v. Forbes, started when the Arkansas public television network (AETC) excluded Ralph Forbes, a third-party candidate for Congress in 1992, from a televised debate between the Republican and Democratic candidates. Because the network excluded him on the grounds that his campaign was insignificant (and not because they disagreed with his extreme right-wing views), the court ruled there was no constitutional violation.

It is not yet clear what impact the decision will have on the ability of independent and third party candidates -- who are entering the electoral arena in ever-increasing numbers -- to participate in televised debates with their Democrat and Republican rivals. But the minority opinion suggests that the institutionalized bias against independent candidates and parties in many televised political debates could ultimately be subject to a serious reevaluation.

The Supreme Court ruled on a very narrow question, and AETC v. Forbes will almost certainly not be the final word on this issue. Specifically, the Court was asked to decide: "whether, by reason of its state ownership, the station had a constitutional obligation to allow every candidate access to the debate." The lower court had said that the debate was a "public forum" to which all-ballot qualified candidates had a "presumptive right of access." The Supreme Court replied that the doctrine of "public forum," which arose in the context of streets and parks, "should not be extended in a mechanical way to the very different context of public television broadcasting." In other words, no one can stop an independent from going door-to-door or holding street corner rallies, but when it comes to public TV, such access "would be antithetical... to the discretion that stations and their editorial staff must exercise to fulfill their journalistic purpose..."

It's precisely this "discretion" that troubled the three dissenting justices, whose minority opinion is perhaps a barometer of growing popular support for democratizing the election process and dissatisfaction with bipartisan monopoly control of American politics and access to major media. Justices Stevens, Souter and Ginsberg agreed with the majority that the Constitution does not require networks to allow every candidate access to debates it sponsors. But they had serious trouble with network's "nearly limitless discretion to exclude Forbes from the debate based on ad hoc justifications." The network staff based their refusal on judgments about the "news-worthiness" or "political viability" -- purely subjective criteria, an issue I have raised in the courts since 1992. The dissent argued that the important issue in this case is not whether the AETC's debate was a public forum or not, but whether the network "defined the contours of the debate" with enough specificity and objectivity to justify excluding a ballot-qualified candidate. Since the staff of a television network are not "ordinary journalists" but rather "employees of government," the "First Amendment demands more" of them. Specifically, the Constitution demands that "access to political debates planned and managed by state-owned entities be governed by pre-established, objective criteria."

The requirement of "pre-established, objective criteria" cuts through the blatant self-preservation subjectivity of the two parties and allied media institutions. In 1993, a federal judge ruled that the League of Women Voters had violated the law when it used subjective (as opposed to pre-established, objective) criteria to justify my exclusion from their nationally televised presidential debate in 1992. In response to sustained pressure from independent candidates, including myself, the Federal Election Commission amended its debate regulations in 1996 to incorporate this requirement. And in another lawsuit, independent candidate Ross Perot will be arguing that the FEC violated these regulations when it permitted his shutout from the debates in 1996.

The Supreme Court decision has a negative dimension for independents and insurgents. But the minority opinion should, in my opinion, be read as a sign of diminishing confidence in monolithic two-partyism that could help pave the way for future reforms on this critical front.

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from the Desk of Beatrice Maye...



Beatrice Maye

James, the brother of Jesus in Chapter 3 of the New Testament, admonishes us to not be too eager to tell others their faults, for we all make many mistakes. If anyone can control his tongue, it proves that he has perfect control over himself in every other way. The tongue is a small thing, but what enormous damage it can do. The tongue is a flame of fire. It is full of wickedness and poisons every part of the body. And the tongue is set on fire by hell itself and can turn our whole lives into a blazing flame of destruction and disaster.

Men have trained, or can train, every kind of animal or bird that lives and every kind of reptile and fish but no human being can tame the tongue. It is always ready to pour out its deadly poison. Sometimes it praises our heavenly

Father, and sometimes it breaks out into curses against men who are made like God. And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely this is not right.

"A tongue four inches long can kill a man six feet tall." And, "Medical doctors measure physical health by how the tongue looks. The Great Physician measures spiritual health by how the tongue acts."

(From E. C. McKnight's *QUIPS & QUOTES*)

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A GOOD LEADER ARE...

1. communicates, allows input, and is willing to listen.
2. is interested, appreciative, complimentary, supportive, humanistic, and considerate.
3. displays honesty, integrity, and trustworthiness.
4. is objective, open-minded, tolerant, rational, reasonable, and fair.
5. delegates, trusts subordinates, and allows room to achieve.
6. motivates, challenges, inspires, and is team-oriented.
7. is knowledgeable, experienced, competent, intelligent, and has good judgment.
8. is available, approachable, provides good feedback, and coaches.
9. is constructive, enthusiastic, positive, friendly, and humorous.
10. is decisive, courageous, takes risks, and is willing to commit.
11. is goal-oriented, makes plans, clarifies expectations, and follows through.
12. accepts responsibilities, blame, admits errors, is respected and respectful.
13. is a doer, participates, and sets examples.
14. is open, candid, sincere, and

- credible.
15. is tactful, humble, sensitive, and understanding.
 16. sets high standards, is dedicated, hardworking, and reliable.
 17. is consistent, and even-tempered.
 18. is organized and structured.

SUGGESTIONS TO YOUNG PEOPLE TO AVOID TROUBLE WITH THE LAW

1. Don't get started on drugs.
2. Get the best education possible.
3. Avoid acts of vandalism or willful destruction of property.
4. Have the courage to say "No" when friends suggest illegal acts.
5. Live a full life, with plenty of physical activity and interesting hobbies.

CAUSES OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

1. Poor home conditions
 - a. Irresponsible father
 - b. Father is missing
 - c. Drunkenness
2. Slums
 - a. Crowdedness
 - b. Living in unpleasant conditions
3. Membership in gangs
4. Dropouts and unemployment
5. Alcohol and drugs
6. Problems of mental health
 - a. Mental and emotional problems
 - b. Unhappiness

QUESTIONS

1. What are some problems caused by slums
2. What may we do to alleviate or lessen these causes of crime?
3. Are slums ugly and dangerous places for children to grow up?
4. Misdemeanor: Less serious crimes.

- a. Traffic violations
 - b. Disorderly conduct
5. How can you make your community a better place in which to live?
6. If everybody in my community were just like me, what kind of community would it be?

THESE AFFECT

YOUR ENERGY LEVEL

- Working straight through the day
Working at a cluttered desk
Watching television
Worrying
Driving
Fighting with your husband
Eating cookies or cake
Chronic smoking
Weight gain or yo-yo dieting. Little or no sex

THESE ARE ENERGY BOOSTERS

- ✓ Taking short breaks
- ✓ Organized work sites
- ✓ Going for an evening stroll
- ✓ Meditating
- ✓ Bicycle riding
- ✓ Making up with your husband
- ✓ Eating any fruit
- ✓ Chewing gum
- ✓ Maintaining an ideal body weight
- ✓ Regular sex

SOME GOOD LESSONS

1. People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier, too.
2. We need to travel with those headed in the right direction.
3. It pays to take turns doing hard tasks.
4. Are you encouraging?
5. Stand by each other.
6. "You cannot drink from the cup at the Lord's Table and at Satan's table, too."



American Cancer Society Appoints New State Director



Stephanie Crawford

Stephanie Crawford Tanner has joined the North Carolina Region of the American Cancer Society (ACS) as Director of Prostate and Colorectal Cancers. Stephanie serves as the primary contact for statewide organizations and diverse communities on cancer control effort regarding Prostate and Colorectal Cancers.

The North Carolina Region of ACS recognizes the undue burden these cancers have on the State and its minority populations. As the lead staff person for Prostate and Colorectal Cancers in the State, Stephanie will place special emphasis on working with grassroots organizations across North Carolina. She is located in Charlotte and will travel throughout the State.

The American Cancer society is a nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education advocacy and service.

NC State Commerce Secretary to Speak at CDC Awards Dinner

The West Greenville Community Development Corporation sponsors its 6th annual fund raising benefit and economic development awards banquet Saturday, June 6th from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, 203 West Greenville Blvd. in Greenville.

Prior to the Banquet there will be a reception held in honor of their speakers beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The public is invited to join with other community leaders in welcoming Mr. Rick Carlisle, North Carolina's Secretary of Commerce to the city. Mr. Carlisle will be the featured guest speaker while Mr. David Moore, CEO, Metropolitan Low Income Housing will also speak.

The purpose of this event is to share the past accomplishments of the West Greenville CDC and to secure funds that will make a difference for families and children in need of a better education, improve housing conditions, and a more stable quality of life in this rapidly growing community and region.

For sponsorships, donation or more information, you may contact them at (252) 752-9277.

Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

-- Mark Twain



The Imprint of The Father...

By Pastor James B. Corbett, Community Christian Church



Pastor James B. Corbett

The father should be to the family what Christ is to the Church. Webster's Dictionary definition of a father is "the godhead of the family." This shows the importance of the father in the family. Men, daddies, you are needed as fathers for your children. Your wives cannot fulfill that role for you.

God could covenant with Abraham because he would command or "father" his children and household after him. Genesis 18: 17-19.

Verse 1, "And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do";

Verse 18, "Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him";

Verse 1, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgement; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him(KJV)."

God could trust Abraham because of how he was committed to fatherhood. This brought blessings to Abraham and subsequent generations. We are blessed as Christians today because of Abraham's faithfulness.

Galatians 3:29, "And if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise (KJV)."

I thank God that there is a spiritual awakening among many men concerning the role of fathers. There is a revival and restoration of fatherhood. As men's hearts turn to the Lord, their also turn to their children. Malachi 4: 5-6 says, "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord;

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smile the earth with a curse (KJV)."

Fathers make Indelible marks in the lives of their children. What we must do is be sure that we make the right mark or imprint. Children watch their fathers, long for their fathers attention and imitate their father's behavior.

Our relationship with our heavenly father is directly impacted by our relationship with our natural father. We tend to view God the way we view our earthly father until we get to know our heavenly Father personally. Being a good father is also evangelism because fathers can and should instill a Godly heritage in their children.

Ephesians 6: verse 4 states, "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up on the nurture and admonition of the Lord (KJV)."

"...The glory of children are their fathers"(Proverbs 17:6)

Fathers give their children self-esteem and self-worth. Children value themselves based on the way they view their father. Every father must ask what kind of glory am I giving my children.

We're Talkin' Jobs Here....

WEST GREENVILLE CDC TO HOST JOB FAIR

The West Greenville Community Development Corporation (CDC) is currently preparing to sponsor a Summer Employment Fair for high school and college students seeking jobs. Local companies that wish to recruit individuals for gainful employment are encouraged to participate in this program.

According to Barbara Fenner, CDC's Executive Director, their goal is to effectively pair intelligent, trainable, and motivated youth with corporations, area professionals, local businesses, and practicing tradesmen.

"This will help expose young people in our community to different job skills and business practices while providing them with the opportunity to gain

experience in job readiness.

Aside from being able to interact with students whose skills and acumen are appropriate for their particular industry or service, the Employment Fair will also provide participating businesses with an opportunity to interview other perspective job candidates as well.

This Employment Fair will focus on primarily on high school and college students in need of summer jobs; WorkFirst Parents, and high school dropouts with GED's who need full-time meaningful employment.

The WGCDC Summer Employment Fair is scheduled to take place Friday June 19th at the West Greenville Gym located at the corners of

Fourth And Nash Street.

There are no fees involved; either for the applicants or participating businesses. Individuals involved with the Department of Social services "Work First Program" are also encourage to come and be a part of this Employment Fair.

All job seekers are encouraged to bring resumes. Applicants who don't have resumes or need assistance in preparing one, may contact the West Greenville CDC. Assistance is also free.

Any business desiring to be involved in this event may contact Lotosha Harper at 752-9277 or visit the CDC office at 706 W. 5th Street in Greenville. The West Greenville CDC can be fax at 752-7072.

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Sunday School - 9:30am
Bible Study Mon-Tues-Wed @ 7pm

Bishop Randy Royal - Pastor
Office No. 752-7205

Radio Broadcast
WOOW AM1340
Monday -Friday 5:45-6pm

Highways and Hedges
Revival Center
Hwy 121, Seven Pines
(outside of Farmville)

Sunday School - 11:00am
Sunday Worship -11:00am

Walter Bynum, Pastor
Church Office (252) 747-4580

Radio Broadcast
WOOW AM1340
Saurday 2:30 to 3:30PM

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Sunday Worship - 8:30am, 11am & 6am
Sunday School - 9:30am
Bible Study Wed @ 10:00am & 7:30pm
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Sunday Worship - 10:30am
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Thursday Service - 7:30pm
Bible Study Wed @ 10:00am & 7:30pm

Barbara Dellano, Pastor
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Tabernacle Center of Deliverance 1300 Dickinson Ave. Greenville, NC

Sunday Worship - 10:30AM
Sunday School -9:30AM
Bible Study
Tuesday & Thursday 7:30PM
"The Church where the table is spread, and the Feast of the Lord is going on"

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Mount Calvary Freewill Baptist Church 411 Watauga Ave. Greenville, NC

Sunday Worship - 11:00am
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Thursday Service - 7:30pm
Bible Study Wed @ 10:00am & 7:30pm

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Friday Services 7:00pm

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Outstanding Students Receive Recognition on Awards Day at Rose High



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THE ADAMS BROTHERS, Antwon and Anthony - college bound after receiving various scholarships. Hmm - I wonder if they are going to attend the same Universities?

ECU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HOSTS SPECIAL CAMPS

GREENVILLE - Each year children with cancer, hemophilia and sickle cell disease are invited to a special camp designed to accommodate their medical needs while still allowing them to enjoy being kids. Hosted by the East Carolina School of Medicine Section of Pediatric Ematology/Oncology, the two summer camps are held in June at Camp Don-Lee in Pamlico County near Arapahoe.

The chronically ill children, who are age 5 1/2 to 18, can swim, sail, take nature walks, learn to cook over a campfire, make crafts and participate in other traditional summer camp activities.

Established in 1984, Camp Rainbow for children with cancer and their siblings will be held June 4-8. The staff anticipates approximately 100 campers from towns throughout eastern North Carolina, including Roanoke Rapids, Plymouth, Greenville, Kinston, Goldsboro, New Bern, Swansboro, Windsor, Havelock, Washington, Jacksonville, Williamston, and Robersonville.

In 1990 children with sickle cell disease first attended Camp Hope, which will be held this year June 9-13. Approximately 80 campers from Ahoskie to Wilmington, Goldsboro to Belhaven and other eastern North Carolina communities in between are expected to attend.

Staff from the medical school and the Children's Hospital of Eastern North Carolina have designed the camp to allow children to have fun while meeting their individual medical needs. All campers stay in the Camp Don-Lee cabins with physicians, nurses and other volunteers who serve as counselors. Educational and support sessions are also held so the campers can better understand cancer, hemophilia and sickle cell disease.

Kitty J. Popes's Focus on The People...

"Dr. Reginald Watson: The Teacher's Teacher"



Reginald Watson, taking a moment to relax...

Reginald Watson, an English Instructor at East Carolina University, never thought about becoming a teacher until he was in the army. It was then that he was given the opportunity to teach military classes. "When I saw the looks on the soldiers' faces after I told them how to do something and they learned from what I had told them, I was really encouraged and started to consider teaching as a career," recalled Watson. The positive responses from the soldiers and the army instructors telling him that he would make a good teacher sparked Watson's interest in becoming an educator.

Watson, who received his BA in English Literature from North Carolina Central University, went on to get his Masters of Arts in English from East Carolina University after getting out of the army. While working on his masters at ECU, he was able to teach classes there as a graduate assistant. He was also able to teach at Lenoir Community College while a still a graduate intern. He then knew for sure that teaching was his first love and that it would be his life's work.

A very rewarding teaching experience for Watson was an early teaching position in the prison system. He was astonished by the bright minds and tremendous capabilities of many of the inmates. "Many times inmates that I taught were better prepared for class than many of my present college students. Because the dynamics of the prison class setting was different,

many prisons took learning very serious. The prisoners were more serious and were in turn better prepared for class. "I was forced to sharpen my teaching skills and I feel that this experience made me a more complete and better teacher," recalled Watson.

Watson started teaching full time at East Carolina in 1991. He was the first and only African-American in the English Department until 1996. Watson felt that he was hired at ECU as the result of his favorable work as a graduate assistant and because of the lack of minority representation in the English Department. "One of the goals of the UNC-system should be to create more incentives to draw minorities to careers in higher education," expressed Watson.

For East Carolina University, Watson, who just received his doctorate degree in English, has been an asset and investment for the college.

Since coming to ECU, he has served as faculty advisor for the prize-winning minority literary magazine EXPRESSIONS. In 1992 Watson founded the ECU Thespians of Diversity, a theater group open to all students, but has the primary focus of enhancing the involvement of minorities in drama. Watson has also written and directed plays at ECU and was the co-founder of the Patrons of Poetry Ensemble, a poetry reading group. Dr. Watson has used the magazine, his plays and poetry groups to highlight student talents and to

teach African-American history and literature.

Besides freshman composition, Watson, who has served as vice-president of the campus Black Faculty and Staff Organization, also teaches Black literature. He confesses that he must teach history before literature because many students both black and white are unaware of their history.

Dr. Watson firmly believes that teaching history and laying a foundation is important because ignorance leads to prejudice and education leads to understanding. "Understanding leads to tolerance which is a key," explains Watson.

Dr. Watson says that his number one priority when teaching is wanting his students to learn. "I love to see people take what I have taught them and apply it to their own lives. That's when I know that I have done my job. There is no better job in the world." Watson says that teaching is most effective when the material and information conveyed becomes a part of the student's life and his or her mentality. "Effective teaching also means training people how to think for themselves and how to gather information for a lifetime," says Watson. These things should be the goals of all teachers. A student is done a disservice when it is not," adds Watson.

Watson would like to see teachers and instructors develop closer relationships with their students. "Teachers must take personal interests in their students. A good teacher must love people as well as what he is teaching. Inspiring students to constantly want to change their lives for the better through knowledge is what teaching is all about," affirm Watson.

Armed with a Ph.D., Dr. Watson knows that there are many opportunities available to him. But he prefers teaching, even though he feels that it won't make him wealthy. "Wealth is not what I'm looking for. When someone that I've taught comes up to me and tells me that they have passed on information I have taught them to family and friends, it does something to my heart and that is my payment," exclaims Dr. Watson. "When I see people learning, applying it to their lives and the passing it on, I don't need million dollars a year, that payment itself, spiritual payment."

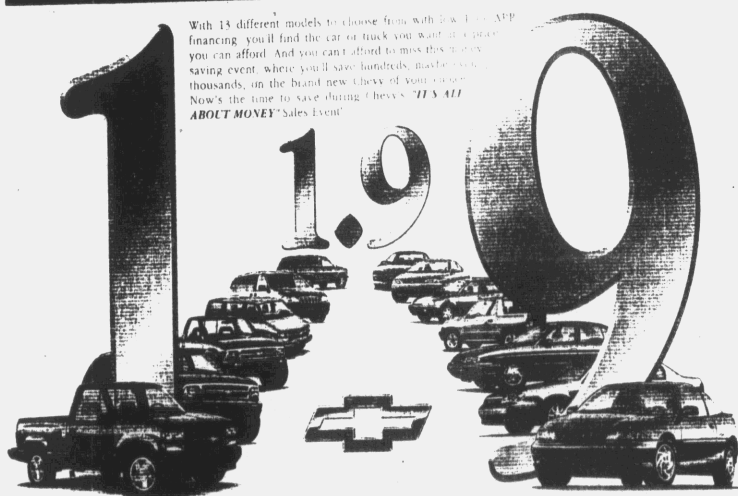
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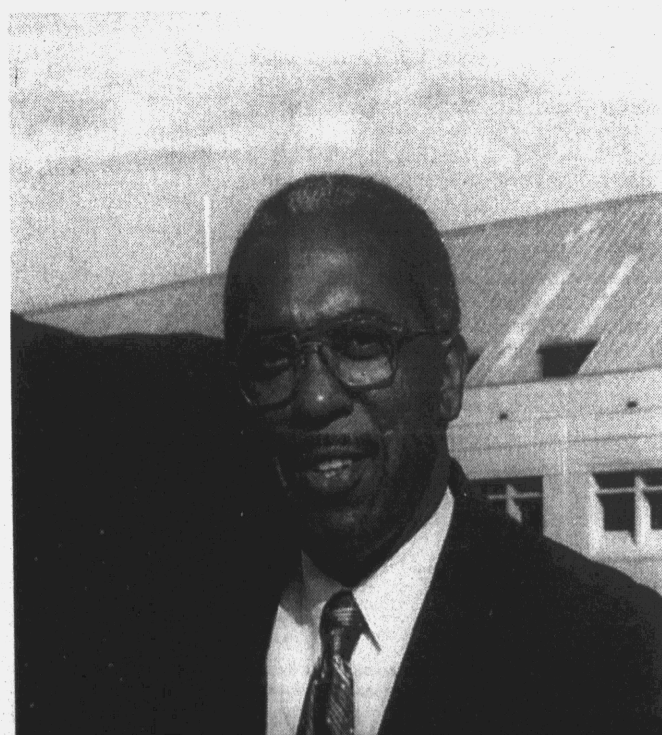


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Here's fun for the whole family... North Carolina Museum of Calendar of Events



Ulali, a trio of Native American Women singers, performs in NCMA's Museum Park on Saturday, June 20 at 8 p.m.

JUNE 1998

"Inventing the American Landscape: A Dialogue with the Visual World" through April 30, 1999.

A traveling exhibition celebrating nature through landscape painting featuring 19 works from the NCMA's collection. The now visits St. John's Museum of Art in Wilmington through June 28; Hickory Museum of Art from Sept. 11 through Nov. 8; Fayetteville Museum of Art from Nov. 22, 1998 through Jan. 17, 1999, and the Greenville Museum of Art from March 10 through April 30, 1999, sponsored by BB&T.

"Beyond Likeness: Contemporary Considerations of the Portrait" through Feb. 28, 1999.

Eighteen important portrait paintings from the NCMA's collection are showcased in this exhibition. The show visits five N.C. museums, including St. John's Museum of Art in Wilmington through June 28, ending with the Greenville Museum of Art in February 1999. Sponsored by Sprint.

TOUR

Daily tours of the collection at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. A 45-minute tour of the highlights of the Museum. Admission is free. Group tours of special exhibitions and the permanent collection are available for students and adult groups. Tour may be conducted in French, German and Spanish, as well as English. Arrangements can be made for guided tours for visitors with visual impairments. Reservations for guided group tours must be made at least three weeks in advance. For tour information and reservations, call the Museum's tour coordinator at (919) 839-6262, ext. 2145.

JOSEPH M. BRYAN, JR. THEATER

Advance ticket available from Ticket Central at N.C. State University, (919) 515-1100.

Saturday, June 5, 8 p.m.
Reserved seating \$15 (\$13 Museum members); general admission \$12 (\$10)
Children 12 and under, free on lawn.
The sounds of Cajun country have been celebrated for over two decades by this 1998 Grammy Award Winner. BeauSoleil's traditional and original music is exuberant, soulful and highly danceable. Co-sponsored by PineCone and WUNC radio.

Art After Hours Thursday, June 18, 6-9 p.m.
(free for Contemporaries members)
Here's the chance for you and your friends to join the Contemporaries (a group for Museum members, ages 20 through 40) for the best after-work party in Raleigh. Unwind with live music in the Museum Park. For more information about becoming a Contemporary, call Charman Driver at (919) 839-6262, ext. 2198.

Ulali—with Seventh Generation Society Youth Council
Saturday, June 20, 8 p.m.
Reserved seating \$15 (\$13 Museum members); general admission \$10 (\$8) children under 12 and under, free on lawn
Ulali, a trio of Native American women singers with ancestral ties to the Tuscarora tribe of eastern North Carolina, has electrified audiences from the Kennedy Center to the Atlanta Olympics and the Tonight Show. Ulali's collaborations with artists including the Indigo Girls, Robbie Robertson, Rita Coolidge, and Sting attest to the depth of talent of this remarkable ensemble. Accompanying Ulali will be the dance group Seventh Generation Society Youth Council.

Gregg Gelb Swing Band
Sunday, June 21, 7 p.m.
Free admission Father's Day at the Museum means the Gregg Gelb Swing Band performs in the Museum Park. Come see one of the area's most popular and "swingingest" jazz ensembles as it pays tribute to legendary American composers Duke Ellington and George Gershwin.

OUTDOOR CINEMA

Films begin at 9 p.m. \$4 (\$2 Museum members); ages 5-12, \$2.

Ulee's Gold
Friday, June 5 Oscar nominee Peter Fonda stars as Ulee, a middle-aged solitary beekeeper who experiences heartache and danger as he struggles to protect his troubled family. 111 minutes; 1997; rated

Flubber
Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13
Robin Williams takes on the role originated by Fred MacMurray in this remake of the 1961 Disney comedy of a bumbling professor. 93 minutes; 1997; rated PG.

Eve's Bayou Friday, June 19
Written and directed by actress Kasi Lemmons, the story of an eccentric family in a predominately black Louisiana town, as seen through the eyes of a high-spirited 10-year-old girl. Winner of the 1997 NAACP Best Picture Award. 109 minutes; 1997; rated R.

Anastasia
Friday and Saturday, June 26 and 27
A magical animated musical filled with romance and adventure. 1998 Oscar nominee for Best Original Score and Best Original Song. 94 minutes; 1997; rated G.

LECTURE

Museum auditorium. For more information, call (919) 839-6262, ext 2143.

Rhapsodies in Black: Art of the Harlem Renaissance
Sunday, June 7, 3 p.m.
Free admission



Eve's Bayou, a story told through the eyes of a 10 year-old girl, airs in the NCMA's Outdoor Cinema on Friday, June 19, at 9 p.m. Rate R; not a family film.



The 10th Robert Lee Humber lecture. Richard J. Powell, a professor of art history and chair of the art department at Duke University, offers a detailed critique of this influential cultural movement of the 1920s and 1930s, placing it in the broader context of modern art. His presentation touches upon major figures of the period, including painters Aaron Douglas and Archibald Motley, photographer James Van DerZee, musicians Duke Ellington and Bessie Smith, poet Langston Hughes and non-black artists and artists from outside Harlem who were influenced by the explosion of creativity there. A reception follows the lecture.

ADULT CLASSES

Enrollment limited; preregistration required.
Classes are for ages 17 and older. For more information, call (919) 839-6262, ext. 2143.

Exploring Dimensions: Relief Sculpture Workshop
Tuesday-Thursday, June 2, 3, and 4, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. \$76 (\$70 Museum members)
Participants create their own relief sculpture wall hanging after studying composition and design elements of relief sculpture in the Museum's collection. The workshop focuses on decorative motifs found in the imagery of various cultures. Techniques to be explored include carving and pressing textures into a clay model, casting with plaster and other media and finishing with a variety of patinas. Materials supplied. Bring a bag lunch and drink. Instructor: Dona Doling.

Picnic with the Impressionists
Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
\$35 (\$30 Museum members)
Participants explore the impressionist technique, which focuses on the optical effects of color and light. After a look at works in the Museum's collection, students work from still-life arrangements using pastels or water-based paints. Bring a hat, blanket and a bag lunch for a picnic on the Museum grounds. A materials list follows confirmation. Instructor: Karen Thomson.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOPS

Enrollment limited; preregistration required. For more information, call (919) 839-6262, ext.2143.

Moonlighting Saturday, June 6 1-3 p.m.; ages 9-11 (\$7 Museum members)	From A to Z Tuesday-Friday, June 23, 24, 25 & 26 10-11:30 a.m., ages 4-5 \$10 \$34 (\$24 Museum members)
Near and Far Saturday, June 13 10 a.m.-noon, ages 7-9 \$10 (\$7 Museum members)	Sights and Sculptures Tuesday-Friday, June 23, 24, 25 & 26 1-3 p.m., ages 6-8 \$38 (\$28 Museum members)

Claymores Saturday, June 13
1-4:30 p.m., ages 11-14
\$13(\$10 Museum members)

Native American Song and Dance Workshop
Saturday, June 20, 3 p.m.
Joseph M. Bryan, Jr. Theater in the Museum Park.

Free admission
Allele, a trio of Native American women singers with ancestral ties to the Tuscarora tribe of eastern North Carolina (see photo), and the Seventh Generation Society Youth Council lead a song and dance workshop for youth in celebration of "Ongweh-Honweh Nuyah"—the people's New Year. For more information, call (919) 839-6262, ext. 2152.

CHILDREN'S FILMS

Recommended for ages 5 and up. (Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.) Museum and auditorium. Free admission. For information, call (919) 839-6262, ext. 2143.

Water, Water, Everywhere!
Saturday, June 6, 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
Youngsters can take a dip into the Museum this summer and enjoy a selection of short animated favorites: Fish is Fish, Swimmy, The Great White Man-Eating Shark, The Mysterious Tadpole, The Cow Who Fell into the Canal, Hot Hippo, Steamboat Willie and How the Whale Got Its Throat. 61 minutes.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS!!

Hurricane Season begins in June. Do you know what to do if there is a hurricane or a disaster in your area? If you would like more information, a program on Disaster Preparedness for Seniors will be offered by Gwen Glatthorn from the N.C. Division of Emergency Management at each of the five Senior Centers in June. The dates, times, and locations are as follows:

June 18 - Farmville Senior Center	11:15 AM
June 22 - Grifton Senior Center	11:15 AM
June 25 - Ayden Senior Center	11:45 AM
June 26 - Winterville Senior Center	11:15 AM
June 29 - Greenville Senior Center	11:15 AM

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COMMUNITY



Geta Asfaw's idea of neighborhood involvement began in his home of Ethiopia, and he continues it today as a McDonald's owner in Denver. Geta sponsors programs like the NAACP Voter Registration Drive, school book drives, and his own special free Thanksgiving Day dinner to seniors, which attracts up to 300 people a year.



Being the owners of five San Diego McDonald's, Harold and Tina Lewis have been part of the community for over 10 years. In addition to supporting local causes such as UNCF, Black Law Enforcement Network, and a drug abuse education program, the couple started the McDonald's AVAL (African-American Visionary And Inspirational Leaders) Scholarship Program, awarding over \$125,000 in scholarships in 1996 alone to local high school seniors.



Theda Rudd's love of children and education, combined with being a successful owner of six McDonald's, keep her a busy member of the Lansing community. Not only is Theda chairing a board to open an area Ronald McDonald House, but she also volunteers time reading to and speaking with school children of all ages. Each year, she even offers three of her McDonald's employees scholarships to her alma mater, Michigan State University.

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People who are physically active year-round sometimes need to be reminded of some simple suggestions for summertime safety.

The American Heart Association says that whether you are swimming, biking, jogging or just taking a leisurely stroll, summer's sweltering heat can leave you dehydrated, increasing the risk of heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Following are some tips to help you stay cooler:

*** When engaging in physical activity in hot, humid weather, wear light, comfortable clothing.

*** If possible, work out in the early morning or late evening when it's cooler. If you're exercising in the heat and begin to feel dizzy, nauseated, thirsty, or if you develop a headache during exercise, stop and find a cooler place to sit down and drink some water.

*** Drink a cup of water before going out in the heat. If you're active for periods longer than 30 minutes, drink six to eight ounces of water (about a cup) every 10 to 15 minutes.

A good way to monitor your body fluid level is to weigh yourself every morning. If your body weight is two pounds lower than usual in the morning, you may be dehydrated and need to drink more water before doing any vigorous physical activity. Remember, you may have lost weight as water, but not as fat.

The risk of dehydration increases when the humidity is above 70% and the temperature is greater than 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Heat and humidity interfere with the body's natural cooling process. The heart is trying to deliver blood and

oxygen to your working muscles at the same time your body is trying to cool off by sweating. If you sweat too much, you lose important body fluids. When your heart has to pump even harder to get the smaller volume of blood distributed to your working muscles, skin and other body parts, extreme fluid loss can lead to brain and heart damage.

The symptoms of heat exhaustion are heavy sweating; cold, clammy skin; dizziness; a rapid pulse; throbbing pressure in your head; chills, flushed appearance; and nausea.

Symptoms of a heat stroke are warm, dry skin with no sweating or heavy sweating; and cold, clammy skin; low blood pressure; and/or unconsciousness. High fever, a slow pulse and ashen or gray skin are other telltale signs.

The American Heart Association advises that you seek medical help if symptoms continue. Heat exhaustion can progress quickly to a heat stroke, a potentially fatal condition.

For more information about year-round safe physical activities, call 1-800-AHA-USA1 (1-800-242-8721) or visit the AHA's Web site at www.americanheart.org. The American Heart Association spent more than \$266 million during fiscal year 1996-1997 on research support, public and professional education, and community programs. With more than four million volunteers, the AHA is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases, which annually kill more than 960,000 Americans.

'V' FOR VICTORY... 'V' FOR VIAGRA (A Black Physician's Opinion)

By Gerald W. Deas, M.D.

During World War II, Americans would greet one another by forming a "V" with their index and middle finger, shouting "V" for victory. Today, as we engage in another war concerning erectile dysfunction, the men who fought in that great war are now greeting one another with the same sign which has a double meaning and that is, "V" for victory due to "V" for Viagra.

I am sure that you have heard the expression, "whatever goes up, must come down." It also follows that where there is an action, there is a reaction.

Well, at last, we have a new drug for impotence. Its praises have been shouted from the rooftops. Marriages have been saved! Questionable, failing romances have blossomed and the fat lady has finally sung a song of hope. Many men are saying, "V" for Viagra. "V" for victory. Yes, the reaction to the new drug has been stupendous, however, I think that the men should hold on to their suspenders before letting their pants down and get advice as well as an examination from their physician. Whatever you do, don't buy the drug on the black market from medical hustlers.

Not too many years ago, the birth control pill was introduced. This little insignificant pill made a great impact on sexual revolution. Finally, the female was in command of her sexual desires without thinking of the consequences of pregnancy. Suddenly, the tables had been turned and the male was challenged to put up or shut up. Many males walked away with their tales between their legs. For shame! The pill, however, was not without its negative effects. Sexually transmitted diseases increased including HIV which is the number one killer of young women. Secondly, the birth control pill caused many adverse medical conditions such as: deep vein thrombosis in the legs, especially in women who smoked. There were a host of other medical conditions caused by the pill which are too numerous to mention. The pill, however, did perform magnificently in preventing pregnancy. I am sure that Viagra will also out-do itself. However, it will cause many pregnancies.

The new drug, Viagra, has been shown to be an excellent medication to correct erectile dysfunction. It does not, however, prevent sexually transmitted dis-

eases. I am sure we will see an increase of this infection. Men, beware of HIV infection!

There are certain precautions that one should consider when taking this drug. Viagra is contraindicated in the following conditions; persons with liver and kidney failure, coronary heart disease, any anatomical deformity of the penis such as, angulation; persons with sickle cell anemia, multiple myeloma or leukemia; persons with retinitis pigmentosa, and when using the drug in combination with any other erectile dysfunction medication.

Viagra is also increased in concentrations in the blood when taken with such drugs as, Cimetidine (Tagamet), erythromycin (antibiotic) and ketoconazole (Nizoral). There are many other adverse medical conditions that may be contributed to the pill; however they are low in incidence.

It is extremely important when taking any medication for erectile dysfunction to consult your physician and if all is well, you will have victory!

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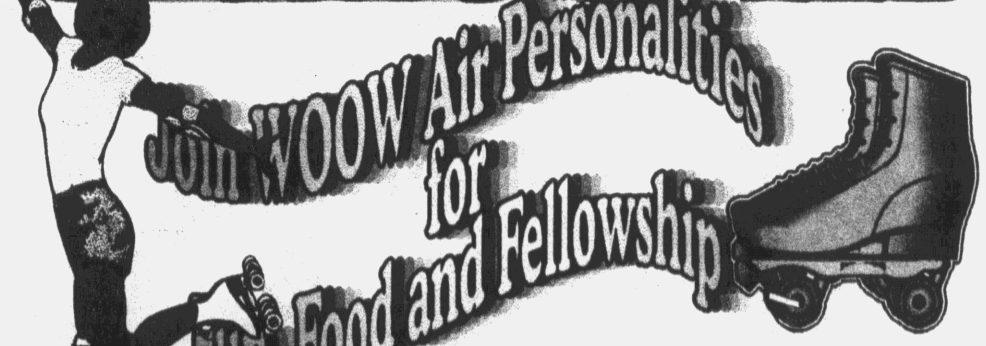
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COMMENTARY ANALYSIS

"Drug money laundering case calls for investigation into Citicorp/Citibank's role..." *Congresswoman Maxine Waters*

"It's about time. The big money laundering bust successfully executed by the United States Customs Department is the kind of work that our government ought to be doing. Clearly, we know that seventy percent of the cocaine and over half the heroin is imported by the multinational drug cartels, like the Colombian Cali Cartel and Mexican Juarez Cartel. Finally, the money operations of these international syndicates have been suc-

cessfully targeted.

"If we are to ever get drugs off the streets of our communities in South Central and East Los Angeles we must capture, indict, and convict the white collar criminals that run the drug trade's money laundering operations and not spend all our time and resources going after the small time, street level criminal. Without the ability to spend the profits of drug trafficking, the drug trade would come to a screeching halt. It is money laundering that keeps the drug trade going.

"But, we must go further. We must also target the American banks who cooperate with foreign

banks to launder drug money. I wrote to Attorney General Janet Reno to inquire about Citicorp/Citibank's involvement in this latest money laundering raid.

"Citicorp/Citibank is currently under investigation into its involvement with the drug money laundering activities of Raul Salinas, the former senior Mexican official and brother of former President Carlos Salinas.

"Citibank controls one of the three banks indicted in the money laundering case recently.

"Confia is one of three Mexican banks indicted in Operation Casablanca for systematic involvement in drug money laundering for the Juarez and Cali cartels. According to Attorney General and Customs officials, they had been involved in massive money laundering for years. Confia's previous parent group, Abaco Grupo Financiero S.A., was recently implicated in a major bank fraud case in which Abaco's chairman was sent to prison for defrauding investors of \$170 million dollars.

"During the same period, Citibank worked to acquire Confia in order to expand its position in the Mexican market.

"In August 1997, Citibank signed a letter of intent to acquire Confia. They paid \$45 million dollars over market value to secure control.

"On May 11, 1998 Citibank took control over the Mexican bank Confia. A week later, Confia was indicted.

"I am interested in determining whether Operation Casablanca raises new questions about Citicorp/Citibank's banking practices.

"I am pleased that this enforcement action appears to have been a success. However, we should not allow American banks off the hook.

"To that end, I am calling on the Attorney General to look into the role of Citicorp/Citibank, Bankers Trust of New York and other U.S. banks in this and related money laundering cases.

EXPERTS ADVISE BLACK WOMEN TO BECOME MORE FINANCIALLY SAVVY...

(San Diego, CA) As African-American women advance in their careers and businesses, the 1998 Mobil African Women on Tour (AAWOT) empowerment conference series focus on teaching to become astute consumers and to invest their hard-earned dollars wisely. Beginning in May with one conference already having took place between May 29-31 in Detroit, MI, the next conference is scheduled June 5-7 in Philadelphia, PA; July 10-12 in Brooklyn, NY; August 21-23 in Washington, DC; and August 28-30 in Atlanta, GA, experts in financial management, estate planning and business development will share their strategies for achieving prosperity and overcoming some of the challenges that Black women face in their economic pursuits.

In all five cities, AAWOT offers "Money Management: Achieving Prosperity and Debt Free Living," hosted by Citibank F.S.B. and presented by Oakland-based financial consultant Glinda Bridgforth who advises women to decrease personal debt and better manage

their income. "The Mind of a Millionaire," will be conducted by motivational speaker Traci Lynn who stresses that you have to think like a millionaire to become one.

In Detroit, Washington, D.C., and Atlanta, Detroit-based stockbroker and financial talk show host Gail Perry Mason will present "Money Matters for African American Women," offers a "crash course" on investing in the stock market.

At AAWOT's Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. conferences, computer consultant Simone Nicholas contends that there is an untapped goldmine in Internet commerce and will present "Internet Basics: Opportunities & Challenges of Conducting Business on the Internet."

In Brooklyn, NY, author-financial editor Juliette Fairley will conduct a workshop on "The Secrets of Black Millionaires," based upon his newly released book "Money Talks: The Best Advice for Black Financial Experts." Financial advisor Gwen Cohen will help women develop strategic financial plans in a workshop entitled "Making Money Work for You."

AAWOT's goal is to focus on all aspects of contemporary living include career management, fitness and health maintenance and personal relationships. Conference highlights include "An Evening with the Authors" book signing hosted by EMERGE magazine; and various forums with topics ranging from entrepreneurship, sponsored by Mobil Oil Corporation; t sexuality; and preventive health care, hosted by the Kellogg Company and HEART & SOUL magazine.

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This free, first-of-its-kind web service allows small business owners to quickly and easily use the Internet to compare from a variety of credit products and download software to apply without ever leaving the office.

"This partnership will provide Centura business customers easy and convenient access to credit offerings for needed capital to operate their businesses," said Cecil W. Sewell, Centura's chairman and

chief executive officer. "The service provided by the Quicken Business CashFinder web site is free, fast, easy to use and secure. All sensitive financial information is handled off-line and sent directly to Centura for quick approval decisions.

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2) download free software, which allows users to fill out application forms easily and securely on their PC using Easy Step Interview; and 3) simply print out the application forms, sign, seal and deliver. Approval comes directly from Centura, at which time users can compare quotes, choose the best rate, and obtain the money they need.

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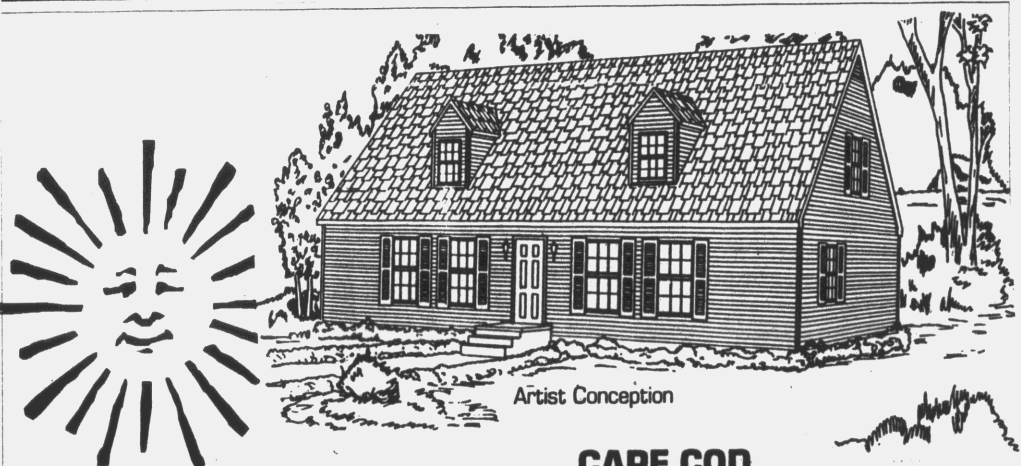
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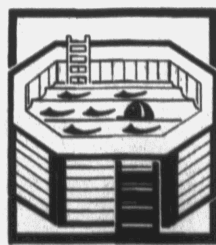
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