

SPECIAL ROCKY MOUNT EDITION

The Minority Voice

Serving Eastern North Carolina Since 1981

June 8, 1999 - June 15, 1999

The kind of Ancestors we have is not as important as the kind of descendants our ancestors have. Phyllis A. Wallace, Ph.D.

WHAT'S INSIDE?

History of Black America

We've Come a Long Way
By James Vines

A 12 part series on the Journey of Black America

Minority Voice Editorials

Remembering Malcom X

Is Violence reduction really important

Why I Refuse to be a Negro

Sports

Darryl Strawberry

Tiger Woods

Rockets Stay alive

Silas named Hornets coach

Salute To Rocky Mount

Find out what Businesses are the place to go

Murder suspect Joins top 10

Faith & Inspirations

From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye: Mrs Maye Salutes Fathers

Spiritual Thoughts: Pastor George Hawkins discusses Anointing Oils

Around The Nation

Find out what's going on locally statewide and national for an African American perspective

Faces & Places

The West Greenville CDC host its 7th annual fund-raising benefit

The Carol Cadwell Legal fund presented its 23rd anniversary

The Minority Voice

Jim Rouse Communications

P.O. Box 8361
405 S. Evans Street
Greenville, NC 27834
(252) 757-0365
(252) 757-0425
Fax: 757-1793

Joy 1340 A.M.
Woow Radio Station
Greenville NC, 27889

Joy 1320 A.M.
WTOW Radio Station
Washington, NC 27889

Member of the NC Black Publishers, ASCAP, BMI SEASAC, ASB, N.C. ASB

Fitch and Wright face off

"Now if six of us can make headlines in the newspaper, if we can make the leaders of this state, from the governor on down, finally listen to what Black folks have to say, then my God what could 17 of us do?" Fitch asked.

BY CASH MICHAELS

The House version of the state's next fiscal budget may be a done deal (at press time it was scheduled to vote on the proposed plan by week's end), and there are several items important to the African American community included, particularly increased aid to historically Black colleges, economic development, and more money for health education. But that doesn't mean the Legislative Black Caucus is ready to kiss and make up after months of division. Not if you heard Representative Milton "Toby" Fitch [D-Wilson] last week.

"We used to be a very, very cohesive group, and we were able to get things done, because we were in fact cohesive."

Fitch told members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., at the legislature during their annual Delta Day in the Capital visit May 26. "We are now splintered (on the House side)," Fitch continued. There are some who are called 'dissidents'...and [others] labeled as 'good folks'."

"Historically we call that 'house niggers' and 'field niggers', and I am one of those field niggers," Fitch said. "I am one of those who is tired of my back being bent, tired of picking cotton for less than the regular wage, and so I am attempting with others to speak out on what I think to be right." Supposedly one of the "other" kind, according to Fitch's historical example, Black Caucus chairman, Representative Thomas Wright [D-New Hanover], was sitting in the back of the room listening to his colleague's comments. He was not smiling.

"I see my colleague, Representative Wright has come in. You can read a lot about him in the press, and read [about] me on the opposite side That's fine," Fitch said. "We sit right in front of each other and right

behind each other, and Sometimes I Speak to him, and sometimes I don't." Sometimes I say 'good morning', and sometimes I don't."

Fitch recounted for the Deltas why, after a majority of House Black Black Caucus members led by Wright, reneged on their promise to back Wake Representative Dan Blue's bid to retake the House speakership last January causing him to lose to Representative Jim Black by one vote, Blue, Fitch and four other Black House Democrats joined with the 54 House Republicans and other "dissident" white Democrats to take control of key measures important to the Black community

from the Democratic majority.

The power grab has made Speaker Black look impotent, Governor Jim Hunt nervous, the other 11 House Black Caucus very angry, particularly since as a group, they haven't distinguished themselves on any piece of legislation so far this session. Representative W. Pete Cunningham [D-Mecklenburg], in fact, publicly blamed Blue and his "Defiant Five" for being "The problem" that keeps the caucus divided. After a few choice words last week, Blue refused respond to the "non-thoughtful" charge in The Wilmington Journal. "Some say, 'Why now?'" Representative Fitch told the Deltas. "I've been taught and I have read that we have as a race of people, politically no permanent friends and no permanent enemies. We only have a permanent interest." That permanent interest, as far as I'm concerned, [is] people of color."

"Now if six of us can make headlines in the newspaper, if we can make the leaders of this state, from the governor on down, finally listen to what Black folks have to say, then my God what could 17 of us do?" Fitch asked. He urged the Deltas to contact their Black lawmakers, "praise" them, and tell them that "we have to

work for the good of us all."

"If you don't keep up with what's going on in this building, you will never be able to become effective advocates for what you think to be the right thing you want to have accomplished," he said. Black people have always been pivotal in bringing about the kind of change that has benefited everyone, Fitch

continued, but in order to do that, they have to seated at the decision-making table, and be able to leverage their power. That means there is a role for everyone to play.

"History tells us that Martin Luther King, Jr. was a great leader, but he was a great leader only because there was a Malcolm X, a Stokely Carmichael, and an H.

Rap Brown," Fitch said. "So we all have a place to fill in this whole world."

"Don't expect us (Black Caucus members) just because we're all Black, to come up here, lockstep, and do everything that everybody else in leadership would want us to do."

When Fitch finished his remarks, he stepped down from the stage, said good-bye and even hugged several well wishers as he left the room, walking right past a seated Representative Wright. There were no hugs, or even a good-bye from, or for his colleague.

"As I begin my remarks, let me first give all glory, honor and thanks to my Creator," Representative Wright told the Deltas as he followed Fitch on the program. "You see it is He who gives me the strength, wisdom...and yes the tolerance to serve here in the North Carolina General Assembly."

In obvious reaction Fitch's portrayal of a divided caucus, Wright, the chairman then said, "I bring greetings on behalf of the members."

"Yes, all 24 members of the N.C. Legislative Black Caucus," Wright emphasized adding, "Every last one of them."



Black Men Rising: Rev Jesse Jackson Jr. Bro Jim Rouse and Rev Jesse Jackson Sr. with Rep. "Toby" Fitch taking a break from their busy schedules. (photo: 'M' Voice files)



Home Grown Mentor: Williams (pictured here), takes lifes challenges around him and continues to grow. (photo by: Jim Rouse)

Lynwood J. Williams

Linwood J Williams
Edgecombe County
Day Reporting Center
Executive Director

Linwood J. Williams is an Edgecombe County resident who was born and grew up in Nash County North Carolina. After graduating from Southern Nash Senior High, where he was a star Football player, He served three years in the US Navy. Stationed aboard the USS Saratoga Linwood traveled to several different countries; Spain, France, Italy, Turkey, Africa, etc.

After military Lynwood married the former Ms. Betty L. Vick, a childhood acquaintance, from Red Oak, N.C. Together they have four children. They've been married for 22 years and counting.

Shortly after leaving the Navy Lynwood Williams (better known as "LJ" by those who know him well) joined the Nashville Police Department. He was later hired by the Rocky

Mount Police Department as a Patrol Officer. During his 10 year tenure with the Rocky Mt. Police Dept. Lynwood became one of Eastern North Carolina's first DARE Officers. During this time Williams also completed a four year college degree in Criminal Justice at Shaw University. Williams would go on to complete studies at UNC at Chapel Hill, and the University of Georgia in Athens Georgia. In 1990 Lynwood Williams left the Police

Lynwood helped write the grant for the Edgecombe County Day Reporting Center. The Day Reporting Center is a rehabilitation program for adult offenders. He was later hired by the County to implement and direct the project.

Williams likes to mention the fact that when he took on this tremendous task the County had never seen a Day Reporting Center. Williams also states that for starters he was given a folder and an office space and told to get started. Four years later the Day Reporting Center is currently a three story, 6000 square feet facility that houses 18 professional staff. The Center has memorandums of understanding with Edgecombe Nash Mental Health Center, Edgecombe Community College, NET's Transportation Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Employment Security, and other human service agencies. Lynwood J. Williams has also been very active in other civic activities. In 1997 Williams made a very impressive run for the Rocky Mount City Council. After waging a very active campaign against a 12 year incumbent Williams came within 47 votes of a victory. When asked how he felt about the close race Williams just cast one of his trade mark smiles and said "politics is certainly for the brave at heart. I had so much flin this time I think I will do it again." Linwood J. Williams is currently the

Chairperson of the Edgecombe County Human Relations Commission. He serves on the Martin Luther King Park Fund Raising Committee with the City of Rocky Mount. He is a member of the Rocky Mount Chapter of Toastmasters International. He is also Director and Co-Founder of another civic organization called People Building Society.

Williams states that life is dull if you are not helping someone or building something. He states that as long as he has his health and strength he intends to try to positively impact life around him. After all, what are living for?

While serving on the Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board

Sorority Members Attend Regional Conference

SORORITY MEMBERS ATTEND REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Members of Iota Kappa Omega Chapter of

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, attended the 46th Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference in Asheville, North Carolina recently. More than 1300 members led by Clara M. Hines, Regional Director from Gloucester, VA, were in attendance. The keynote speakers for the conference included Norma S. White, International President Jacksonville, Florida and Dr. Julius Chambers, Chancellor, North Carolina Central University, Durham. The theme: "Blazing New Trails" The Alpha Kappa Alpha Way! allowed workshop presenters and International committee mem-

bers to focus on program goals and other topics of interest. The Stars of Excellence Breakfast was highlighted by the recognition of 25 and 50-year members of the sorority. Rhonda Dennard, Helen P. Harrell and Maxine Whitener were among the honorees for 25 years of service to the sorority and the community. The honorees also greeted friends and chapter members at a reception held in their honor during the conference week-end.

The chapter received the Graduate Attendance Award for having the largest percentage in attendance at the Regional Conference. Members attending from the local chapter were: Chiquita Atkinson, Laura Carmon, Deidre Carney, Jennifer Congleton, Bernita Demery, Rhonda Dennard, Rwanda Dennard,

Dionne Dockery, Virginia Hagans, Helen Harrell, Sheila Harrell, Ella Harris, Gloria Hines, Venus Johnson, Dorothy Jordan, Sharon Mallette, Victoria Mallison, Valerie Mallison-Hardy, Aronda Price, Melissa Price, Nadean Powell, Charlotte Smith, Delores Smith, Tiffany Smith, Darlyn White, and Maxine Whitener. Sandra Harrell Cook was also in attendance to congratulate her mother, Helen Harrell, for the 25-year recognition. Several members of the undergraduate chapter at East Carolina University also attended the conference. Dorothy Jordan is the president of the graduate chapter.



Members attending the Stars of Excellence Breakfast: 1st row-L-R, Helen Harrell, Maxine Whitener, Rhonda Dennard; 2nd row-Gloria Hines, Sheila Harrell, Darlyn White, Charlotte Smith, Sharon Mallette, Eloise Ward, Victoria Mallison; 3rd row-Virginia Hagans, Ella Harris, Jennifer Congleton, Dorothy Jordan, Rwanda Dennard, Bernita Demery and Deidre Carney.

Minority Voice Editorials

ALTERNATIVE PERSPECTIVES



KLEAVER'S KLIPPINS

Some Famous Faces Have Been in Strange Places

Just a week or so ago, there was a highly touted TV show featuring singer-actress, Brandy and the great Diana Ross. It was called "Double Platinum" and for the most part, was fairly entertaining.

I knew about Brandy because my former county partner, Compton Councilwoman Marcine Shaw, had brought her to perform for Supervisor Kenneth Hahn when she was a pre-teen. She was great then and even better today.

Seeing Diana Ross in the movie brought back some fond memories. As is commonly known, Diana was the linchpin of the famed Supremes. The Supremes, the Temptations, the Miracles, the Marvelettes, Mary Wells and of course, Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder, were the rockers that shot Motown Records into outerspace back in the 1960s.

Aside from being a reporter-photographer for the *Michigan Chronicle* newspaper in Detroit, I also doubled as publicist for the then-fledgling Motown label.

Just being at Motown was so much fun, I might have worked for free. That, of course, is hindsight.

Long before the Supremes ever had a hit record, nobody except Berry Gordy Jr., thought they had much talent. So-o-o-o, when Gordy hooked up with a social club called the 500 Club in Detroit, the three girls, Mary Wilson, Florence Ballard and Diana Ross, were rel-

egated to the role of being mascots for a softball team called the Hitsville-500.

Somewhere in the archives of the *Michigan Chronicle* is a photograph of these three very, very young would-be entertainers, standing in front of the bench at a ballgame. They looked so lost and totally out of place, out there on the field.

This was not to be the case for a very long time. Within a matter of months, the Supremes had a big hit that took them on tour with the Motor Town Review.

This was a show that played to just about every major theatre and venue in the country. Motown was hot and so were the Supremes!

The girls got bigger and better. They toured the country and finally, they came back to Detroit. One of the oddities of their fame was the fact that Flo Ballard—considered the sexpot of the trio—had a mother, who had never seen her perform.

When they came back to town this time, they were booked into a place called the Roostertail. This was an upscale nightery where a couple could drop a couple of hundred dollars with great ease for an evening's entertainment.

This was truly "high cotton" for that city, time and circumstance.

I don't remember how the subject came up, but on the opening night of the show with the Supremes,

it was again noted that Flo Ballard's mom had never seen her gorgeous daughter on stage.

Berry called me into his sumptuous office and told me that my assignment for the evening was to go to Flo's mother's house, pick her up and be her escort for the evening. And so I did.

Her mom was ecstatic, a nice looking, matronly lady, she seemed somewhat in awe of all of the trappings in such a place as the Roostertail.

She said almost nothing the entire evening. Our table was adjacent to the stage and each time the girls came close, one could see a look of pride that was indescribable.

At one juncture, as the girls glided through their choreography and came close to the edge of the stage, Mrs. Ballard (and I'm not certain that was her name), had tears in her eyes and quickly wiped them away with the napkin she was holding.

When the show was over and I took her backstage, she couldn't speak. She just grabbed Flo and hugged her. That one moment was worth it all. No words were needed. There was only the expression of pure and unselfish love.

Diana was different. She was imperious from the very beginning. It was almost as though she knew she was destined for greatness and was not going to let anything get in

the way. She was nice enough, but there was also an aloofness about her. While the other two girls kind of "let their hair down" from time to time, Diana was truly "Queen of the Hunt."

Since then, she has shown just how much of a queen she really is. Seeing her in the movie recently made me almost forget that more than 35 years have passed since she and the others were youngsters running around the studio at 2648 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich.

The movie brought back scads of memories and in days to come, there will be occasional anecdotes about some of the other performers from that fabulous era.

Mary Wilson is still around and performing. She is still as pretty as she was in those early days. Florence Ballard passed away several years ago in somewhat dire circumstances. But we remember the good days.

Diana ascended to her throne years ago and still reigns from a legendary Mount Olympus. She is as fabulous and as fashionable as she was as a member of the Supremes.

Incidentally, although she sounded nothing like Billie Holiday in "Lady Sings the Blues," she proved to the world that she is one hell of an actress.

There are so many stories and not enough years in which to tell them all.

Remembering Malcolm X

On May 19, we celebrated the birthday of one of our great African in America leaders, Malcolm X. On May 19, Brother Malcolm would have been 74 years old. Malcolm was born May 19, 1925, in Omaha, Nebraska.

Even though Malcolm is no longer physically with us his spirit still lives and his profound contributions to worldwide African liberation remain significant.

It was on Feb. 21, 1965 that Malcolm X was assassinated at the Audubon Ballroom in Manhattan, New York, by force, who were trying to stop his impact on our movement. They were not successful. He is still our "Shining Black Prince."

Malcolm X is a man that should be studied carefully in our efforts to examine a critical period in our history—the 1960s. For it was during this period that Malcolm X became an internationally known and respected African in America leader, whose ideas were widely discussed and debated.

It was through the Nation of Islam, under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, that Malcolm X was given an opportunity to develop his tremendous talents as a teacher, researcher, orator, and organizer.

Malcolm X joined the Nation of Islam while in prison in 1952. After his release in the mid 1950s, Malcolm X became a full-time minister for the Nation of Islam. That became one of the most important organizations in the history of African in America, people. From his main base in Harlem, at Mosque Number 7, he launched his talents on the world.

Malcolm X was a revolutionary who presented a model of black imanhood that shook the world. When Malcolm X finally left the Nation of Islam, because of internal differences, he decided to take his first trip to Mother Africa. Malcolm spent five weeks in Africa, from April 13 to May 21, 1964.

This trip helped re-establish our links with the movement to reclaim "Africa for the Africans." Malcolm met many of the leaders and people of Africa. He visited Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, Nigeria, Ghana, Monrovia, Liberia, Senegal, Tanzania, Guinea, Morocco, and Algeria.

This trip and subsequent trips abroad helped Malcolm sharpen his understanding of the worldwide system of white supremacy as the number one enemy of African people throughout the world. This has not changed.

After leaving the Nation of Islam, Malcolm began to broaden his organizing strategies by attempting to reach out and work with many of the more established civil rights organizations and movement tendencies to a common organizational vehicle. Malcolm began building this vehicle through his establishment of the Organization for Afro-American Unity.

Malcolm felt that a united front was the necessary mechanism by which the political consciousness of African American people could be raised. Also, he felt that this united front would be the common voice we needed to represent the black liberation movement in this country. Many of us are still working to build this united front concept of organizing toward our liberation in America.

In the spirit of Malcolm, let us summarize his contributions:

1. Malcolm X was a concrete example that if you discipline yourself and find a new outlook on life you can transform your behavior.

2. From 1952-1963, Malcolm X helped the Honorable Elijah Muhammad build the Nation of Islam into a powerful force.

3. During this same period, Malcolm became the spokesman for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam and thus, became a spokesman for the black nationalist movement in one of the most important periods in our history—the period of the mid 1950s through the 1960s.

4. In this role, Malcolm articulated many important concepts and ideas that helped strengthen the black nationalist movement in this country, as well as, the Civil Rights Movement. His speech, "The Ballot or the Bullet," still rings in our ears. His conception of the role of "House Negroes" vs "Field Negroes" is still with us today. And his coining the phrase, "By Any Means Necessary" is just one of a few of the ideas and concepts that concretely impacted the black movement.

5. Malcolm X defined black nationalism in simple terminology that appealed to the black masses when he said, "the political philosophy of black nationalism is that blacks should control the politics and politicians in our own community. ...The economic philosophy of black nationalism must be designed to re-educate our community to the importance of controlling the economy in which we live by owning and operating the businesses. The social philosophy of black nationalism is we must become socially mature enough to realize the responsibility on us to elevate the conditions and standards of our community to a higher level."

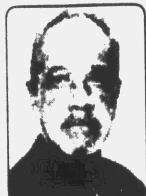
6. Malcolm X linked the black struggle in this country with the struggle of African people around the world.

7. Malcolm helped shape black people's pride in themselves and by so doing, he exposed, by teaching, that the greatest crime of white people was they taught us to hate ourselves. It was Malcolm's spirit that generated the black pride, black studies, and black power phases of our movement.

So, on the one hand, Malcolm helped internationalize our struggle and on the other hand, he linked it up to the mass struggle and issues that faced our people in America. By taking this approach, Malcolm was able to provide a basis for the continued historical efforts to build worldwide African unity.

Remember Malcolm!

(Dr. Worrill is the National Chairman of the National Black United Front, located at, 12817 Ashland Ave., Flr. 1, Calumet Park, Ill. 60827, (708) 389-9929.)



URBAN PERSPECTIVE

Is Violence Reduction Really Important?

The crippling devastation of violence cannot be overstated. Violence is rooted in the genesis and ongoing priorities of this nation, which are quicker to crush than conciliate. America's images glorify its violent past and make modern-day heroes out of those who behave violently.

Violence is the leading killer of youth which hardly raises eyebrows. And, it is impossible to reconcile violence driven pain and suffering with pervasive public apathy. In recent years, especially since the 1992 uprising in Los Angeles, there have been new projects, both nationally and locally to reduce preventable violence. Central to such efforts are organized coalitions that pool resources starting at the local/neighborhood level.

One thing is clear. Violence is multi-faceted and all of the medical, health-related and social services professions must take ownership and work collaboratively to reduce its effects.

Each year, more than 50,000 people die in the United States as a result of violent acts. Of this number, approximately 20,000 die from homicide and a greater number from suicide. Homicide rates are highest in urban areas, a fact that often leads to the erroneous assumption that most violence is the result of random street killings. On the contrary, the majority of homicides occur between people who know each other.

Other factors such as alcohol and drugs are contributing factors in escalating anger into homicide. The role of firearms, particularly handguns, in these deaths is significant. Increasing homicide rates parallel the increasing availability of firearms, including handguns. On an average day in this country, at least one child dies from an unintentional shooting. Accidental shootings are the third leading cause of death for 10-to-29-year-olds. Some 50 percent of all unintentional child shootings occur in the victims' homes and an additional 40 percent occur in the homes of

friends or relatives.

Gang-related violence has garnered much attention in the nation over the past 20 years. In Los Angeles, it is estimated there are currently more than 100,000 gang members who belong to more than 1,000 gangs. Despite the illegal activity associated with the gangs, youth joined gangs for many reasons, having nothing to do with such activities. Gang members do commit more types of crime and commit crimes more often than non-gang youth. However, many gang members are not involved in crime. Drive-by shootings and other gun-related activities carried out by gang members have increased as guns on the streets have proliferated.

The reduction of violent injuries requires a comprehensive health approach. A study by the Violence Prevention Coalition of Greater Los Angeles found that such an approach is built on a three-tiered model of primary, secondary and tertiary prevention. Accordingly, primary prevention would seek to reduce the incidence of new cases of violence; secondary prevention would intervene early in the sequence of violent acts; tertiary prevention would happen after a violent act has occurred to restore as much functioning as possible to the individual or community. Of the three tiers of prevention, primary prevention holds the greatest promise for programs aimed at preventing violence, even though primary prevention requires a long-term commitment.

In Los Angeles County the Los Angeles Violence Prevention Coalition is one of the public health efforts addressing the epidemic of violence. The coalition was formed by the L.A. County Department of Health Services in 1991 and consists of more than 400 members with expertise in particular categories of violence or violence-prevention.

The Violence Prevention Coalition was formed based on the belief that the level of violence and resulting injuries in Los Angeles are unacceptable. The coalition has adopted three goals with specific objectives over the next four years. The first goal is to reduce the

availability and accessibility of firearms. This involves developing a baseline estimate of the number of licensed firearms dealers and maintaining close communication and contact with local law enforcement agencies.

The second goal is to change community norms to reflect support for non-violent behavior. A crucial objective related to this goal is involving the media in violence-prevention activities and campaigns. Perhaps an even more important objective is developing local/neighborhood coalitions and networks that reflect the area's demographic makeup.

The final goal is to promote alternatives to violence. The first objective here is promoting education and training in conflict resolution and dispute mediation, particularly in school systems. Efforts are being made to require teaching staffs within Los Angeles County's 85 school districts to receive training to improve their skills in the area of conflict resolution.

Community organization and systems prevention are part of the primary prevention model. The coalition is working towards modifying or removing institutional barriers and building community resources. These activities include tracking and sponsoring legislation, investigating the media's role in violence and advocating a balanced approach to violence and alternatives to violence in the entertainment and news media.

The problem of violence will not be solved by putting 100,000 more police officers on the streets, by constructing more prison cells, or by extending the death penalty to more crimes. The question is whether the recent heightened attention to violence will translate into public policy changes and, more importantly, ultimately changes in the values which nurture America's culture of violence. Turning this around is a monumental task. Well-meaning anti-violence strategies and programs will have only token impact until they are embraced by government and the public alike. There is great pressure to maintain the violence-producing status-quo.



BETWEEN THE LINES

Why I Refuse to Be a 'Negro:' An Open Letter to a Friend of the Past

For the past few months this column has carried frequent commentary on "identity"—specifically cultural identity and the need to reinforce it. The issues that most impact blacks today are many of the same issues that faced our people 20 years ago, 30 years ago, in some cases, 100 years ago. Understanding the argument that strategic alliances must be formed for a more collaborative approach to collective social, political and economic change is a sensible one, given a firm view of what the outcomes will be; the end result being tangible (and intangible) payoffs that equally benefit all in the "coalition."

But what we are beginning to see today is the argument for accepting less than equal benefits, accepting the social construct and working with inferior perimeters constructed along racial and stereotypical lines. While more and more data confirms that social and economic disparities exist, there is still a significant segment of the black leadership that is promoting a buy-in to coalitions that does speak to the disparities beyond acknowledgment nor feel they can be addressed beyond the context of the "general" plan.

I heard one very respected community leader, one whom I have much respect for, tell a (mixed) group of key civic stockholders that we (meaning South L.A., referring those who live in South L.A., translation—black folk) "must lay our baskets down where we are." Now those of us who know the origins (and the history) of that quote, understand its implications. It can be taken several ways. The way I took it, well it was a very troubling statement for me personally. The statement was Booker T. Washington's, who had become America's "favorite Negro" in the light of the passing of Frederick Douglass. Washington's position was significantly less "radical" than Douglass who accepted nothing less than total equality. Washington's statement came in the midst of a social reconstruction that was seen as the most vicious period in American history and blacks were resisting that order. The biggest critic of Washington's position was W.E.B. DuBois, who called the "lay our baskets down position" the acceptance of an inferior position and called for black America to use its human capital develop the total capacity of the race, in every major industry, on a parity basis. It was known as the "Talented

Tenth" theory.

The thesis was that we use the "top ten percent" of our academic, professional and entrepreneurial talents to build schools, industry and economy for our communities, never accepting an inferior position on social disparity issues. This conflict has come full circle in 100 years. Los Angeles is a centerpiece.

Black leaders are stumbling all over each other to attain "favorite Negro" status, and the company line is the ignore the shifting social construct, and the disparities that are widening, for what is currently being done and accept it for what it is. People and organizations now making a little money (to their big money), building little buildings (to their huge buildings) are now saying their success is the measure by which our whole community should be guided. Let's accept the compromise position and build within the means allotted. "Laying our baskets down" means use what we have and make the best of it. However, in a biased social construct, there will continue to be policies and barriers that limit the full capacity of our community.

If we lay our baskets down where we are, how far behind are our baskets to their

baskets? Who's baskets get filled first?

Understanding the social construct and barriers that impede wealth creation in our communities, what are the policies that dictate basket protection or "basket distribution?" When do we get more baskets, or do we? Even as those questions go unanswered, there are those who feel parity is not achievable, something is better than nothing. There are those who will gladly help us build from the compromise position and we should accept it. Clearly a "Negro" frame of thought.

I have one good friend who likes to play "healer," that as been trying to mend a 10-year rift between myself and former friend, one of those who has attained this "favorite Negro" status.

Neither of us are real anxious to advance the discussion; he because he feels all I do is criticize the compromise position of what he calls social and economic progress, and I because I can't go back to accepting "sameness," the Negro's compromise as a "fact of life." What he sees as "building for future generations," (and many others) see as rebuilding "what was already there," reinforcing the compromise for another generation (20 years or so).

We're not doing anything new. We're taking what we've been given and accepting that as "change."

Hundreds of thousands of dollars in development only replacing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage caused seven year earlier, because Negro leadership ignored the social construct. The Negro thought and their compromise position laid their buckets down so far back, that it created an underclass that exploded.

Now the "poverty pimps" and social change "progressives" are making money on rebuilding an inferior community infrastructure and economy. In the face of increasing policies that divide class and race, we're being told by some Negroes that we need to accept token benevolence and do this all again. It's really tough to accept that face of advancing societies. I told my friend I could never be friends with someone who feels that sameness is progress, and that's acceptable. My friend said, why? and I told him, "Because to heal you have to be of like-mind on some fundamental ground. On the fundamental issues of progress for our people, I am not of like-mind in this case. I can't accept the compromise and I refuse to go back to being a Negro."

The History of Black America

We've Come A Long Way
By: James Vines

As I pulled myself up from the very dusty street and began to brush the dirt from my clothes, the other police officer walked over to me and said in a southern drawl, now boy, you let this be a lesson to you. So my friend and I decided not to look for work anymore that day. It was very hot and walking in the sun was very uncomfortable. The next day we decided

we would look again because it was just about time for school to open, and we wanted to earn some money so that we could buy things that we needed for school. I was not so lucky getting job but my friend was. The he had called for him to work at four's clock in the afternoon and eight o'clock on Saturday. After he had been there for about a month he was on a ladder one day putting up stock when one of the clerks who was white and female

came over to help him finish his job since there was no one in the store to wait on. While he was on. While he was up on the ladder, the young lady came up on a second ladder next to the one my friend was on. While he was working. He didn't notice that she about four or five inches from him when he had to reach around her to put up some things that he was holding in his hands. What he didn't see was the man perring through the window

from the outside. he was in a position where it appeared that my friend had put his arm around the girl as if he was hugging her and that was a big mistake. The man looking window ran down the street yelling as loud as he could to se a nigger hugging a white woman. In about 5 minutes the streets were full of vwhite men mulling around "lets get that nigger." By that time someone had called the police. After the police arrived they came in

the store with there guns down "Where is the nigger that hugged a white woman?" and they all shouted at one time "there he is." So they pushed him into a door put handcuffs on him and carried him off to jail. The next day the papers were full of the incident and it was not the way it happened. They took him down to the police station and booked him for attempted rape and to be held without bond. On the tenth of the

next month which was October, court was held. On Tuesday my friend was brought into court for trail handcuffed and shackled.

The judge called my friend's case the very frist and in about 30 minutes the case was over because the girl testified he never touched her and the jury found him not guilty. So the judge put him on probation and was to never go into that store again. Time went by and my friend was doing well but he should have never tried to stay in this town. One evening a car drove up to his house, a man got out and went to his front door and knocked. He met this man at the door and they began to talk. I couldn't hear what they were saying but he soon left. The next day my friend told me he had gotten another jog working nights as a cook at the White Elks Club. He worked at the club for several Monthes and everyone thought everything was fine until one day he went to work and didn't come home that night. Two days passed

then three days then two weeks, and still didn't come home. His mother began to worry because he was not the kind of child to stay away from home. We began to go about the neighborhood asking about him. the next day there came a heavy rain and thunderstorm. After the storm had ceased, two men spotted what looked like a body floating near the bridge where they were walking. They stopped to see if if they could make it out and it was exactly what they thought it was. They turned around and ran back toward the city and as they gotten off the bridge they flagged a motorist down and asked him if he could the police. So so he brought them back to town and got the sherriff and a deputy who called the fire department. They came and fished him out of the river after he was brought into view witnesses say the body was bruised badly, his hands were wired behind his back his mouth was full of rags, his feet were tied together and his face was badly beaten. The next morning the paper said he had committed suicide.

To be continued

WOOW Joy 1340
Putting the glory into gospel!

WTOW Joy 1320
Bringing out Joy for Jesus!

Eastern North Carolina's oldest Black stations bring you the best in gospel, news, and the best talk shows on issues that affect YOU!

It's time for JOY!

Red Hot SUMMER SALE

GREENVILLE TV and Appliance INC.
200 E. Greenville Blvd.
756-2616

AIR CONDITIONING SALE!
Starting At
HOT BUY \$199⁹⁵

JVC AV27920
27" STEREO TV

- Dark Tint Tube
- Universal Remote
- 700 Lines Resolution
- Surround Sound

\$379⁹⁵

ZENITH A25A74R
25" Color Console

- MTS/SAP
- Icon Menu System
- 3 Jacks
- S-Video Input
- Universal Remote Control

\$599⁹⁵

JVC AV36020
36" COLOR TV

- Digital Comb Filter
- Surround Sound
- Learning Remote
- Black Level Expansion

\$999⁹⁵

HITACHI 50FX48B
50" BIG SCREEN TV

- Twin Tuner PIP
- Digital Comb Filter
- Universal Remote

\$1799⁹⁵

MITSUBISHI VS60603
60" BIG SCREEN TV

- Digital Comb Filter
- Dual Tuner Picture In Picture
- Universal Remote
- Component Video Inputs
- TV Guide Plus

\$2499⁹⁵

BostonAcoustics CR7
Video-shielded CRS speakers pack the dynamics, imaging, and controlled bass response you expect of fine monitors into small, solid cabinets that fit anywhere.

- 2-way vented compact monitor
- MagnaGuard™ magnetic shielding allows placement next to TVs
- Wall mountable with keyhole
- Recommended for use with amplifiers from 15-100 watts per channel

SUBWOOFER CR400

- High Current 75-watt RMS amplifier provides clean, dynamic drive power
- 8-inch (200mm) Deep Channel Design (DCD) bass unit delivers powerful bass with low distortion
- Frequency response (+3dB) 35-150 Hz

\$219⁹⁵ pair
\$299⁹⁵

Amana SCD23
Making a Difference with Amana's Exclusive Food Organizer™ System

- Adjustable Glass Shelves
- Adjustable Deep Door Shelves
- Ice 'N Water™ Dispenser with Crushed and Cubed Ice
- 23 Cu. Ft. Storage Space

\$899⁹⁵

MAYTAG REFRIGERATOR
Model MTB2456

- 23.7 cu. ft. Capacity
- High-Efficiency Design
- EQ Plus Sound Silencing System
- Gallon-Plus Door Storage

#1 RATED
\$51 FACTORY REBATE

WASHER Amana
• 3.3 Cu. Ft. Super Capacity Plus
• Executive Stainless Steel Tub
• Two Speeds
• Three Wash Rinse Temperature

\$429⁹⁵
- \$30 Rebate
\$399⁹⁵ LWA40

• Seven Cycle Selection
• Three Temperature Selections

\$369⁹⁵
- \$20 Rebate
\$349⁹⁵ LEA30

Whirlpool LSQ8243H
ULTIMATE CARE™ II SUPER CAPACITY PLUS 5 SPEED COMBINATION WASHER

- New! Xtra Roll Action™ Plus Agitator
- New! Quiet Wash™ Sound Reduction System
- 8 Cycles including Hand Washables
- New! 4 Temp. Settings - now with Warm Rinse
- New! Now includes End-of-Cycle Signal
- Bleach and Fabric Softener Dispensers

\$429⁹⁵
- \$30 Mail In Rebate
\$399⁹⁵ Final Cost

HOTPOINT RB787G4BB
SMOOTH TOP RANGE

- Black on Black
- Electronic Timer
- Door Window
- Hot Surface Indicator

\$499⁹⁵

RESTONIC BEDDING

Starting at
\$69⁹⁵

SOLD IN SETS ONLY

5 Reasons To Buy From GTV

- 1 - FREE Local Delivery*
- 2 - Factory Trained Sales Staff
- 3 - Authorized Service Technicians
- 4 - In Home Service
- 5 - FREE Disposal Of Old Merchandise

Target Evans St. Greenville Blvd. Greenville TV 200 E. Greenville Blvd.

Joe Pacheco VW

ASSOCIATED VOLUNTEER BUYERS Multi-Buyer Group

In-Store 90 Days Come in and Apply For Your own Greenville TV & Appliance Credit Card Today!

GTV Minimum Purchase \$100
* Sorry free delivery and installation not available on this item

Unlike Others, Free Delivery in Greenville

M' Voice

Around The Nation

One in Four Blacks View Aids as Federal Plot

One in four blacks view HIV as federal plot

NEW YORK, Jun 02 (Reuters Health) -- In a recent survey of African Americans, more than one-quarter said they believed that AIDS was caused by a man-made virus developed by the federal government to kill black people. Anecdotal reports by healthcare workers have indicated that many African Americans suspect that AIDS is part of a federal government conspiracy, according to a report in the May issue of the journal Preventive Medicine. In addition, reports in two prominent black publications and discussion on a popular black television program have suggested that HIV prevention programs are really part of a genocidal government plan against African Americans. To investigate the extent of AIDS-related conspiracy beliefs, Dr. Elizabeth A. Klonoff of California State University, San Bernardino, and Dr. Hope Landrine of the Public Health Foundation

asked 520 African American adults the following question: "HIV/AIDS is a man-made virus that the federal government made to kill and wipe out black people. How much do you agree with the above statement?" While the majority of the respondents (50.8%) disagreed with this statement, 14.3% reported that they "totally agreed" and 12.2% reported that they "agreed somewhat." Another 23% reported that they were undecided. The researchers conducted the census in middle- and working-class areas of San Bernardino County, California, and participants were paid \$10 for filling out the anonymous survey. Men were 3.5-times more likely to endorse an AIDS conspiracy theory compared with women, an unexpected finding. In particular, the researchers noted that respondents who were "culturally traditional male college graduates who have experienced frequent racial discrimination throughout their lives" were more likely to believe in an AIDS conspiracy theory. They also

found that conspiracy beliefs were unrelated to income. Klonoff and Landrine suggest further study, in part to determine if knowledge of the infamous Tuskegee study is playing a role in HIV conspiracy beliefs among the black population. In that study, conducted earlier this century, black men in the South were not told they had syphilis or treated for the disease so researchers could study the progress of the disease. The authors conclude that "AIDS-conspiracy beliefs among blacks must be acknowledged and addressed in culturally tailored AIDS prevention and education programs."

"It is important to note that blacks who endorsed... AIDS-conspiracy views did not differ in their degree of residential racial segregation, religiosity, or distrust of whites in general... and so these issues may be less important in culturally tailoring programs than blacks' cultural ties and experiences with racism," Klonoff and Landrine conclude.

New Hampshire lawmakers finally approve MLK holiday



Democratic Rep. Jim Slaine, leading the effort to create a permanent Martin Luther King Jr. holiday in New Hampshire, said the civil rights leader's teachings helped him endure the 20-

year wait for victory.

The state House approved a bill this week that would make New Hampshire the 50th state to honor Martin Luther King Day each winter. The Senate is expected to pass the measure as well and the governor has said she will sign it. A King holiday bill first came before the Legislature in 1979.

50th anniversary

Frances and Daniel Bullock Sr. of Greenville celebrated their 50th wedding June 7 at their home.

Their children and spouses are Mary and Daniel Bullock Jr., Jesse and Patricia Chadwick, Juanita Bullock and Janet Bullock, all of Greenville. The couple have two grandchildren.

He is a retired barber. The couple are members of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church where both serve on the deacons board.

By DONNA DE LA CRUZ
NEW YORK (AP) - The war on drugs has significantly increased the number of traffic stops based on race throughout the country, the American Civil Liberties Union said in a report released Wednesday.

"Skin color has become a substitute for evidence in a way that really resembles Jim Crow justice on the nation's highways," ACLU Executive Director Ira Glasser said. The Drug Enforcement Administration's "Operation Pipeline" has trained at least 27,000 law enforcement officials on how to spot drug couriers on highways and has unfairly created a perception that blacks, Hispanics and other minorities are more likely to possess drugs, Glasser said.

The ACLU said the practice is so common that minority communities have given it the derisive term "driving while black or brown." The ACLU has filed lawsuits in Maryland, Illinois, New Jersey and Oklahoma challenging racial profiling. DEA officials in Washington did not immediately return calls for comment.

The ACLU's 43-page report is largely a collection of case studies from 23 states rather than a statistical analysis. It was released to rebut police denials that racial profiling exists, said David Harris, a law professor at the University of Toledo in Ohio and an author of the report. "By laying out the facts in such detail in this report, we hope that we can now get beyond 'Is there really a problem?' to 'What are we as a nation going to do about it?'" Harris said. "We don't suggest that this will be easy, only that it is necessary if we are to call ourselves a democratic nation."

Educator gets funds for child care

Brenda Taylor, Ph.D., director of the Shelby State Community College Early Childhood Education Center, says she has concerns regarding the quality of services being offered at some of the child care facilities in Memphis and Shelby County.

Taylor has been awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Tennessee Department of Human Services to fund the SSCC Early Childhood Education Center's *Infant and Toddler Program*.

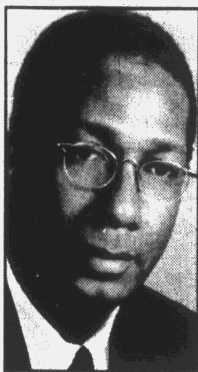
The Tennessee Department of Education has notified her that the SSCC Early Childhood Education Center will get an additional \$100,000 this summer for the *21st Century Developmentally Appropriate Practices* project. Additionally a grant funded by the Private Industry Council will provide child care training for 85 youth this summer.

Taylor has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from LeMoyne-Owen College, a master's in education from the University of Memphis, and a doctorate in education from the University of Mississippi, Oxford.



Atlanta chamber taps VP of development

ATLANTA — Darrell Glasco, vice president of economic development for the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce, is joining the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce as vice president of economic development.



Glasco

Glascio will lead the Chamber's "Industries of the Mind" initiative, a long-term program focusing on building on Atlanta's strength as a technology center by recruiting talent, attracting more high-tech companies to metro Atlanta, and increasing the supply of people trained locally in technology areas.

Glascio brings Atlanta nearly nine years of leadership and experience with the Greater Austin Chamber, where he was instrumental in many successful recruiting and expansion efforts.

American group buys freedom for slaves in Sudan

Boston's Charles Jacobs was working as a management consultant in 1993 when he read an article that changed the focus of his life. Now he helps to buy slaves.

Jacobs heads a group that purchases freedom for slaves sold in northern Africa for about \$50 a person. The practice has been criticized by UNI-CEF and other groups as encouraging slavery by creating a market. But Jacobs scoffs at such suggestions. Human rights organizations say millions of slaves are sold around the world — as prostitutes, charcoal workers, brick kiln operators and bonded farmers.

1340 A.M.

Bridging the Gap

Bridging the gap is an organization whose mission is to assess, train and support individuals through a process of self discovery as their true image emerges. With services such as bridging the gaps support groups Search For Significance- self discovery through spiritual awareness. Making peace with your past restoring self esteem by identifying self defeating behaviors and Male focus -discussions around fatherhood and relationship issues. Bridging the Gap will also be hosting seminars in June and August

If you would like to attend, learn more about Bridging the Gap or Volunteer as an advisor Mentor or staff member please call Lois Watkins at (252)446-2134



CHRISTIAN CONNECTION NETWORK, INC

Youth Crusade 1000

Ages 8- 18

Saturday, July 24, 1999

10 AM until 2 PM

Light of Peace Baptist Church

510 Glendale Avenue

Rocky Mount, NC

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Organization _____

Address _____

Contact Person(s) _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Number Attending _____

of T-Shirts

Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Please Return to;

Christian Connection Network

P.O. Box 1505

Rocky Mount, NC 27802

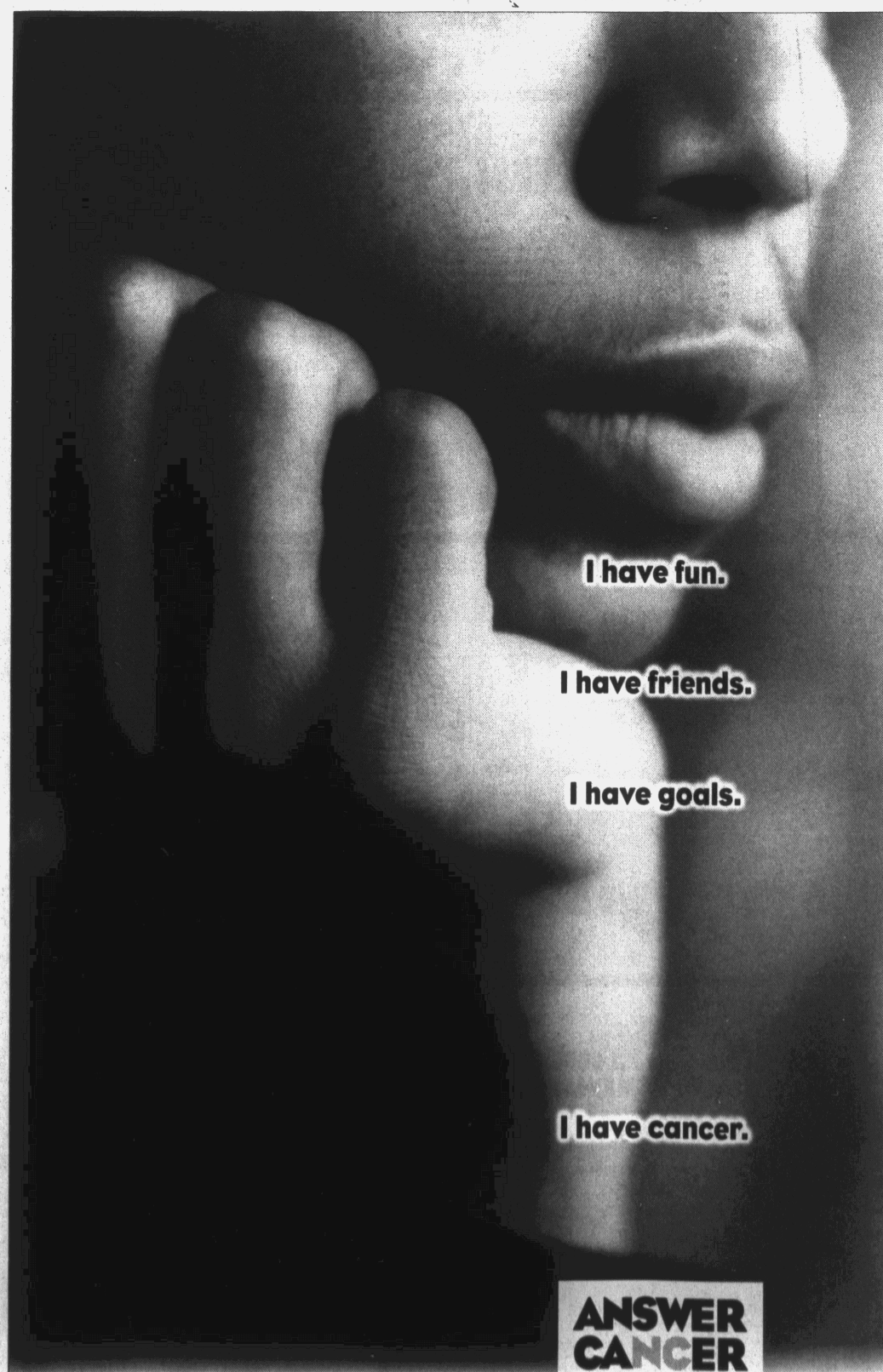
For More Information Contact

Cosponsor

Rocky Mount/Edgecombe Community Development

Corporation

SEE YOU THERE !!!



I have fun.

I have friends.

I have goals.

I have cancer.

**ANSWER
CANCER**

Living with cancer doesn't have to mean living with pain. With today's pain management techniques, you can live with cancer and still have a life. If you or a loved one has cancer, continually ask your doctor about the very latest advancements in pain management. A better quality of life may be closer than you think. Answer Cancer North Carolina was designed to help you learn more. Just call the Cancer Information Service at 1-800-784-0413 access code 03.

North Carolina Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control



Faith & Inspiration

From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



Father's Day, June 20,

"Children are a heritage from the Lord" Psalm 127:3 Your children Dad, look to you for protection, love, guidance, Friendship, training, discipline, and so much more. A Godly father reflects the love of the Heavenly Father." So, then Dad, if all the Dads were just like you, what kind of Community, church, society, and world this would be? The best thing you can do for your children is to love their mother. Husbands dads have an obligation to love their families in a caring and compassionate way. Being a Dad means that God has entrusted you with the task or training your children in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6) He has given you the duty to teach them the fear of the Lord (Psalm 128). He has asked you to bring

them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord without exasperating them (Eph. 6:4). He has allowed you to share the heritage of faith

To Think About.

"A male child reared by poor undereducated parents is more likely to become a criminal than a male child reared in the middle-class". (John Rosemond)

"Never allow selfishness and greed to destroy your love for one another".

"Permit God to change you, rather than your circumstances"

"Black families must take a stand to fight for justice and equality"

"Erase hate"

"All people are special."

"Respect other people opinions." "Seek peaceful solutions to conflict"

"Proper exercise is key in boosting your health".

"More education equals higher earnings in life."

"Laughter is the best medicine."

Racism in America demands love. We've got to love each other...We can't afford not to love each other.

From GOD'S LITTLE INSTRUCTION BOOK FOR DAD A collection of Simple humorous and inspirational sayings to quiet the chaos of our busy world.

How to curb juvenile delinquency

1. Take time with your children.
2. Set your children a good example.
3. Give your children ideals for living.
4. Have a lot of activities planned.
5. Discipline your children.
6. Teach them about God.

2. "Do you remember your father?", asked the judge sternly, "That father whom you have disgraced?" The prisoner answered: "I remember him perfectly. When I went to him for advice or companionship, he would look up from his book on the Law of Trusts, and say, 'Run away, boy, I am busy'. My Father finished his book and here I am.

3. The way each day will look to You all starts with who you're looking to.

4. The greatest thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother. (Josh McDowell)

5. If you want your child to accept your values when he reaches his teen years, then you must be worthy of his respect during his younger years. (James Dobson)

6. A child is not likely to find a father in God unless he finds something of God in his father. (Glen Wheeler)

7. A father's words are like a

thermostat that sets the temperature in the house. Paul Lewis

8. While I don't minimize the vital role played by a mother, I believe a successful family begins with her husband. (James Dobson)

9. Happy is the child who happens in upon his parent from time to time to see him on his knees, or going aside regularly, to keep times with the Lord. (Larry Christenson)

10. When God measures a man, he puts the tape around the heart instead of the head. Unknown

11. Oh, Lord...build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high, a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will reach into the future; yet never forget the past. General Douglas MacArthur

12. Too much love never spoils children. Children become spoiled when we substitute "presents" for "presence". (Dr. Anthony Witham)

13. Live truth instead of professing it. (Elbert Hubbard)

14. Impossibilities vanish when a man and his God confront a mountain. Robert Schuller

15. For many little girls, life with father is a dress rehearsal for love and marriage. (David Jeremiah)

16. The best things you can give children, next to good habits, are good memories (Sidney J. Harris)

A Mode for Christian Fathers

Today the lack of right child

rearing is contributing to the erosion of the family unit, and the decline of the family is a major cause of the societal collapse we see it taking place around us. Juvenile crime, drug abuse, psychological problems and even suicides are on the rise.

Human fathers need to develop the qualities God the Father exercises in caring for His family. Let's look at a few.

A vital quality Christian fathers need is right leadership. Notice God is command: "Fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4).

The task requires that your children maintain proper respect for you as their father. To be truly respected you need to display compassion, courage, godly understanding and fairness.

God the Father is a good provider. He supplies all His family's needs. He is the giver of every good thing (James 1:17).

In this, too, He is the model for human fathers.

A father must give of himself personally as well. This means spending time with your family, especially at meals. When was the last time you took your family on a special outing? Do you plan ahead to spend meaningful time with your

wife and children fellowshiping with them, teaching them and enjoying each other?

Fathers, love your families. This is pleasing in the sight of God, the Father of us all.

Your children look to you fathers for guidance. God the Father teaches His children the right way to live, and He commands you like wise to train up your children in the way they should go (Proverbs 22:6). That means instructing them about God's laws (Deuteronomy 6:7).

Learn to exercise discipline properly. Remember that your children are not mature and don't have your level of character and understanding, mercy and compassion.

Remember, too, that the example you set as head of the home teaches your children more than any number of lectures do. Do your children see you practicing God's way of life? Do they hear you belittle your wife - their mother? These things register in young minds.

Consistency must be present in the makeup of a Christian father. God is not the author of confusion, but of peace (1 Corinthians 14:33). In a consistently peaceful and reliable environment, your children can develop a right confidence in themselves and God's way of life. Raising children properly is what God requires.

Spiritual Thoughts

Anointing Oils

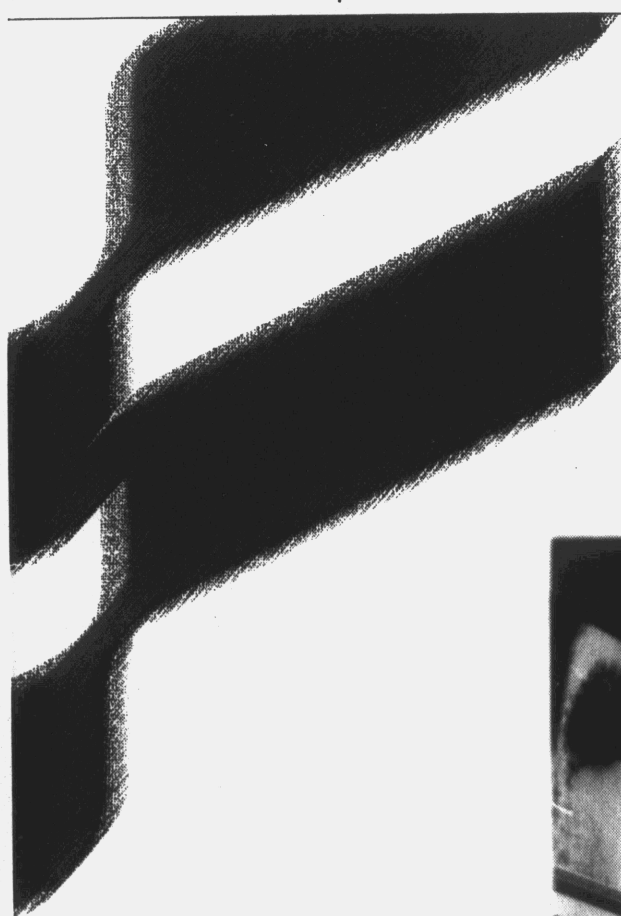
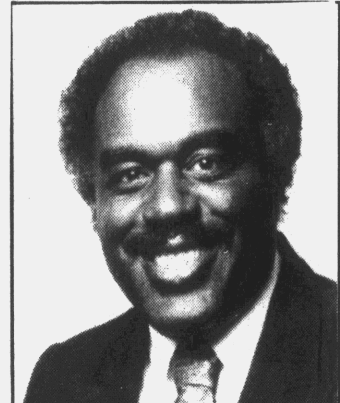
The Anointing oil is effective today in praying for the sick and suffering because it is a direct Commission from Jesus. When He sent out His disciples to minister, they "Anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them" (Mark 6:13). We have this promise in James 5:14-15, "Is any sick among you? let him

call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, Anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; And if he has Committed any sins, they shall be forgiven him." The Anointing oil represents In Bible times, there was only a limited knowledge of medicine, so Anointing with various preparations and ointments

was one of the main methods of healing. A clear record of this is presented in the story of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:34. The Samaritan who found the man by the roadside, robbed and beaten by thieves, went to him "And bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine." This Combination of oil and wine was believed to have the power to cure people and heal for different physical

ailments, however, being restored to physical health is not complete healing, in that the forgiveness of sins is also necessary for the total wholeness of the person. In my ministry, we base our healing services on the teachings of the Apostle James 5:14,15. We believe that all of the gifts and ministries that were given to the early Apostles are our inheritance and that they exist today, believe in the

Bible. We believe in miracles. We believe in exercising the gifts. Note: This writing concludes the mission of Tabernacle Center Church Deliverance. This ministry is a five-fold (Ephesians 4:11) that we embrace apostles prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Our beliefs and practices are based on the Word of God and in demonstrating the of the Spirit.



We think the people who look after us deserve special treatment themselves.



At First Citizens, we've created a package of banking services specifically designed for doctors and dentists.

For example, we offer special rates and terms on medical building real estate loans, with up to 100% financing.

To find out more, give us a call. From Cash Management to Online Banking, we take care of the professionals who take care of us.

You're always first.

FIRST CITIZENS BANK

BUSINESS BANKING

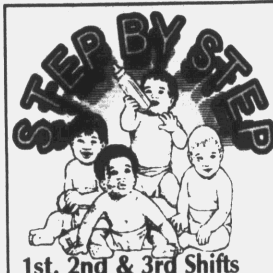
- Sweep Accounts
- Medical Building Real Estate Loans
- Medical Equipment Loans & Leases
- Retirement Accounts
- Online Banking (Business Express™)

www.firstcitizens.com

1-888-FC DIRECT
(1-888-323-4732)

Member FDIC.

Know The Word of Jesus



Now Accepting Applications
Infants to 12 years old
Learning Activities & Games
Nutritional Meats & Snacks
DSSVouchures Accepted

Private Paying Parents Welcome

Contact: 252-641-9196

The Road to Success Is Always Under Construction!!!!!!

HEALTH TIP

It only takes an inch of water and a few seconds for a child to drown. Drowning can happen in a bathtub, pool, toilet bowl, bucket or pond. You can protect your family from drowning, the leading cause of unintentional death, by always supervising children in and near water.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina

Aminator Ink



Please call ahead for appointments
(252) 946-7193

Richard Shawender III
At 208 East 7th Street

A Salute To Rocky Mount

*****The City on the Rise*****
Shop these Local Businesses

Ninth Suspect taken in shooting of girl

Rocky Mount- police nabbed the ninth suspect Friday in connection with the slaying of a 4-year-old girl last weekend.

Torrey Ardel Lyons, 23, was strolling down Redgate Avenue around noon Friday when police spotted him. According to Rocky Mount police detective Mike Lewis, Lyons went peacefully.

Lyons was charged with first-degree murder for his alleged participation in the killing of Brittany Johnson. Johnson lay sleeping in her home on Rex Street when a group of men opened fire at the house believing that the man they were chasing was hiding inside authorities said. Johnson was struck by one of the bullets and died last Saturday.

Police have spent rounding up the suspects in the shooting. Nine have been arrested and all of them

are charged with first-degree murder.

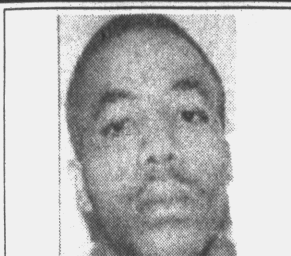
Police arrested James Jackson of the 800 block of Clark Street, Cornelius Clark and Patrick Clark both of 1100 block of Clark Street and Keith Sharpe, 24 of the 900 block of Arlington Street.

Wednesday brought the arrests of two more suspects, bringing the total to seven. Police arrested John Marble, 25 of the 800 block of Branch Street.

On Thursday, Crystal Joy Tyree, The mother of Brittany Johnson turned herself in to police on charges unrelated to the shooting. Tyree had been on the Telegram's Most wanted list for several weeks.

Police allowed Tyree to attend her daughter's funeral before they arrested her.

The eighth suspect Dexter Pitt



Torrey Lyons

25, of the 800 block of Clark Street, also turned himself in to police on Thursday.

All nine men are being held in Edgecombe County Jail under no bond. Steven Clark, John Marble Dexter Pitt and Torrey Ardel Lyons are scheduled for a proable cause hearing June 11 James Jackson Cornelius Clark, Patrick Clark are slated for a hearing June 12.



Concerned grandmother and daughter, of slain 4-year-old Brittany Johnson, Pictured Lynette Tyree (Left) and daughter Joy Tyree both extremely angered at the lenth of time it has taken to apprehend suspects and bring this case to a close.

Photo By Jim Rouse

What Is taking so long ? Escaped murder, drug suspect Still on the loose

By David Blount

A Rocky Mount man, wanted by Edgecombe County law officials on drug Charges, Remains on the the loose after escaping from custody on Thursday night.

Cornelius Clark 22, of 1112 Clark Street was arrested after the Rocky Mount Drug task Force and the Edgecombe County Sheriff's Discovered 28.5 grams of cocaine and 5.5 grams of heroin in his home.

According to the police department spokesman, law enforcement officials were informed that Clark had a large amount of cocaine and heroin. After police appeared at his home, Clark attempted to flush the cocaine down the toilet.

The officers found 180 small envelopes of heroin in a package of Uncle Ben's Rice.

After being charged with trafficking heroin and cocaine Clark escaped from the custody of the Edgecombe County Detention

Center. "He just shoved one of the officers and took off " We have some leads," Knight said "but I think we'll catch him pretty soon." Clark is also one of the nine men charged with the first degree murder of 4-year-old Brittany Johnson on May 31. According to police at the time Johnson was shot after a group of men began firing at another man on Rex Street.

Murder Suspect Joins Top 10

By Eric Eckard

But Cornelius Jevon Clark has enough notoriety of his own. He was charged with murder in the shooting death of a 4- year-old girl in May He was charged with trafficking cocaine earlier this month and then,he escaped from the Edgecombe County deputies and has been on the run since. Clark, 22, of the 1100 block of Clark street is wanted for charges of escape and assault on a Law enforcement officer. He is

accused of shoving a jailor down and running, authorities said.

Police officials said that Clark is known to associate with Avila accused of a 1995 murder in Rocky Mount, and Silver, charged with probation violation.

Both Avila and Silver are wanted for a brutal assault in New York, in which the victim was tied and stabbed more than 25 times.

All three suspects are on the 10 most wanted list and are con

sidered armed and dangerous. joining clark this week on the Top 10 list as a newcomer is Erick Lynn Ward, wanted by the Rocky Mount police for robbery. The 28- year-old Ward's last known address is the 500 block of Pine Street

Those who might know the whereabouts of any of these Top 10 suspects are urged to call the Twin County Crime Stoppers number at 977-1111



Regional Park dedicated to the life of Dr. King Rev. Thomas Walker sister Merle (middle) and Rev. Thomas Walker's mother work, as they prepare to make a long awaited dream a reality, On a 29 acre park dedicated to the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Photo by Jim Rouse

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park

ALL PEOPLE'S PLAZA

This plaza at the highest elevation on the site and represents the "mountaintop" referred to in his "I've been to the mountaintop" speech April 4, 1968 which he shadowed his own death. This plaza would have a regular strike joint pattern for the paving, but the paving "field" would have different textures representing the people of different creeds, colors and nations that he desired to represent. Cost: \$22,785

LIFE SIZE BRONZE STATUE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Cost: \$77,000

CONCRETE STEPS

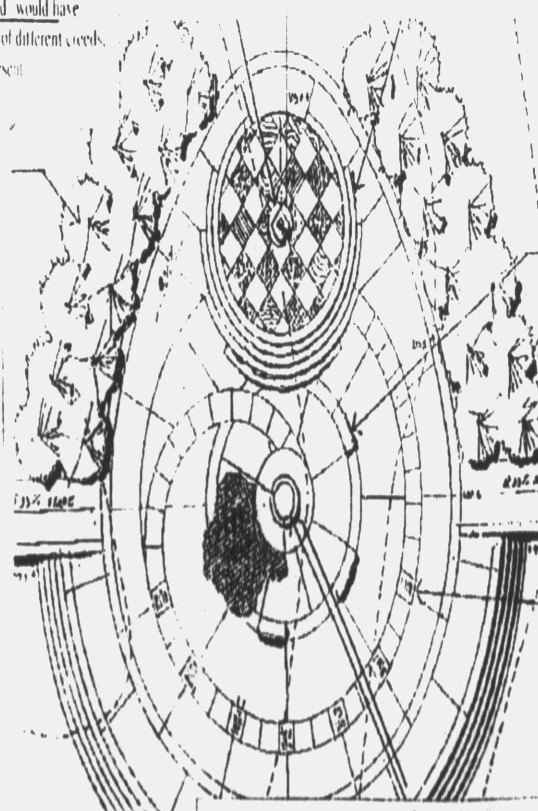
The steps allow access to the "mountaintop" represent the struggle to climb to the mountaintop. The steps would also allow for informal seating. The steps will disappear into the handicap accessible sloped paving rising to the mountaintop. Cost: \$10,000

FIXED BENCHES

These are located "in orbit" around the fountain and would not have backs allowing for contemplation of the fountain or the "walk the talk" path. Cost: 3 at \$1,000 each

"WALK THE TALK" PATH

A pathway with carved markers or plaques contain facts, quotes, or writings from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. These inscriptions, plaques could be lighted with surface mount fixtures which would spotlight the surface of the inscription (only). Cost: \$58,000



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial

Jerry Turner and Associates, Inc.
995 Jones Franklin Road
Raleigh, NC 27606
(919) 851-7150

"RIVERS OF LIVING WATER" FOUNTAIN/WATER FEATURE

Refers to passage in the Bible which states "...out of their bellies will flow rivers of living water speaking of the spread of the Gospel and outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This feature could be as simple as a bubbler fountain or as sophisticated as a floating granite hull etched to represent a globe. The globe representing the people of the world all creeds, colors, nationalities, and socioeconomic classes. The water from the water feature would be allowed to spill on the paving representing the spilled blood of MLK and the eternal message he preached. Cost: \$55,000

You Can Share in A Place for Dreaming...

Martin
Luther
King, Jr.
Park



28 Acres Dedicated to the Life and Works of Dr. King

The proposed park will be located adjacent to Stith and Talbert Parks, and will anchor the Tar River Greenway in Rocky Mount. The park will feature an All People Plaza, fountain, statue of Dr. King, picnic shelters, trails, multi-play fields and playground.

Please Help Make This Dream A Reality

Funds are needed for all aspects of the project. Ten special projects are available for sponsorship by civic or professional groups, local businesses, or as a memorial. All contribution are tax deductible and donors will receive special recognition.

Contact: Rev. Thomas Walker 252-446-2378 for information on giving opportunities.

Checks payable to: MLK PARK FUND, P.O. Box 1180, Rocky Mount, NC 27802

A Salute To Rocky Mount

*****The City on the Rise*****

Shop these Local Businesses

**TRANSIT DAMAGE
FREIGHT**
New & Transit Damaged Furniture

409 N. GEORGE STREET
ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801

PHONE 442-9436

Brenda Matthews
Owner

252-985-1243

*Little
Kings & Queens
Daycare*

1125 Dolphin Dr.
Rocky Mt. NC 27801

1st, 2nd, 3rd Shift Available

Free Transportation

**Soul 92
WRSV**

P.O. Box 2666
Rocky Mount 27802

Phone: (919) 937-6111

This could be your Business

CHARLOTTE A. BATCHELOR
Manager

Sally Beauty Supply

(919) 977-1797 Work
(919) 813-8764 Cell

TEDDY DAVIS
Sales Manager

AUTO WORLD

1640 N. Wesleyan Blvd.
PO Box 7175
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Phone: 252-442-1446
Toll-Free: 1-800-223-4406

985-4220

Nine - Seven -
Hair Gallery

Client
Stylist Kisha J.
Appt.

128 Tarboro St.
Rocky Mount, NC 27801

Advertise it's the Key to Success

YOUR CHURCH SUPPLY STORE, INC.

Books - Bibles - Furniture - Communion Ware
Offering Plates - Robes - Clergy Shirts & Collars
Ushers Badges - Christian Jewelry - Plaques - Church Bulletins
Cassette & LP's Records - Videos - Sheet Music
Complete Catalog Ordering Department

REV. W.R. BURSTON, REPRESENTATIVE

124 Tarboro St.
Rocky Mount, NC 27801

Office: (252) 446-0878
Home: (252) 442-8792

Performance Plus Auto

Service Sales

Inspections • Oil Lube • Brakes • Minor Repairs •
Detailing • Hand Car Washing • Gold Plating

Bus. (252) 442-3585
Home (252) 985-2008
Mobile (252) 904-0770

Owner Jake Pitchford
526 N. Church Street
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Antionette Williams

A WILLIAMS TAX & ACCOUNTING CENTER

Individual Tax Returns
Business Returns • Bookkeeping • Payroll
State & Federal Audit Representation

Lightning Phone: 446-3535 \$ Fast
Refunds Fax: 985-1121 Refunds

Station Square Mall Suite 150
Rocky Mount, NC 27804

Call Daniel Mayo 446-6413

**TROPICAL DELIGHT
JAMAICAN
RESTAURANT**

119 N.E. Main Street
Rocky Mount, NC 27801
(252) 985-4042

"Specializing in Jerk Chicken" • Catering

Located right next door **FRONTLINE RECORDS**
Specializing in Reggae (Tapes - CD's - Records)
Cultural Gifts • Cellular Phones • Prepaid Calling Cards

Cherry's
Used Tires
Used Tires & Balancing
Brake Specialist

Joe Cherry
Manager

(252) 446-9232 (Phone)
(252) 407-2835 (Pager)

813 Raleigh Road
Rocky Mount, NC

Unlimited Amounts
Nationwide

Travis D. Williams Bail Bonding Service
Division of Frontier Insurance Company
24 Hour Service

Travis Williams

1-252-442-8598 Office
1-252-985-4837 Pager

1812 Blandwood Drive
Rocky Mount, NC 27801

Advertise in the M^V Voice

Black Beauty

Specializes In All Types of Hair

Michelle McClain
Owner & Operator

110 Tarboro Street
(919) 446-4242

**M & T
PAWN SHOP**

GUNS • JEWELRY • STEREOS • TV'S
BAND INSTRUMENTS • GOLD

"WE PAY MORE & SELL CHEAPER"
442-4593

MARGARET E. STRYKER
MANAGER
WALTER I. THARRINGTON, III
OWNER

DOWNTOWN
224 SW MAIN ST
ROCKY MT, NC 27804

PRO-TECH

Windshield Replacement Service
1-888-728-7008

NASHVILLE, NC 27856
8694 Rich Road
(252) 459-5021
FAX (252) 459-3319

ROCKY MOUNT, NC 27801
534-N. Church St.
(252) 973-0583
FAX (252) 973-0643

Support The Minority Voice

**Rob's
Barber Shop**

103 Atlantic Avenue
Rocky Mount, NC

Respect
Our
Brothers &
Sisters

Phone
446-0261

Robert
Angie
Kenny
Charlie

101 Atlantic Ave.
Rocky Mount, NC

252-985-0192

**A & E
Chicken & Barbecue**

Alex & Ethel Noble
Owners & Operators

Hours
6:30a.m. - 9:30p.m. Daily

"We Sell For Less"

**Mike's
Homes**

MIKE WOOTEN
OWNER

Hwy. 301 North
Rocky Mount, NC
Phone: (252) 972-4002
(800) 972-6454

Call The M^V Voice 757-0365

Everette's Bail Bonding
"We'll Put Your Feet Back on the Street"
24 Hour Service

DEREK L. COOPER
Bondsman

217 Main St.
Tarboro, NC 27886

Pager: 984-2624
Office: 823-2663

DICKENS PERSONALIZED PRINTING

CALL FOR
223 DUNN ST.
ROCKY MOUNT
(252) 972-2932

**JOHN DICKENS
DESIGNER!**
The Personal Touch
Makes All The
DIFFERENCE!

Ph. 252-823-8410

**Phillip's Printing &
Office Supplies**

- Also -
"The Christian Center"

404 Main Street
P.O. Box 356
Tarboro, NC 27886

LEON WALLER
Owner & Operator
MAGGIE NOBLE: Office Asst.

Faces & Places



The Carol Caldwell memorial Legal Scholarship Fund Presented its 23rd Anniversary of the legal Scholarship Fund

Carol Wilson Caidwell
(1946-1976)

Carol Wilson Caidwell was born February 26, 1946, the daughter of Mrs. Anice Chance Wilson and Mr. Leonard Wilson. She was the granddaughter of the late Professor and Mrs. W.C. Chance of Parmele, North Carolina.

Mrs. Caidwell, a native of Parmale, completed her elementary education at Parmele Elementary School. In 1964, she graduated

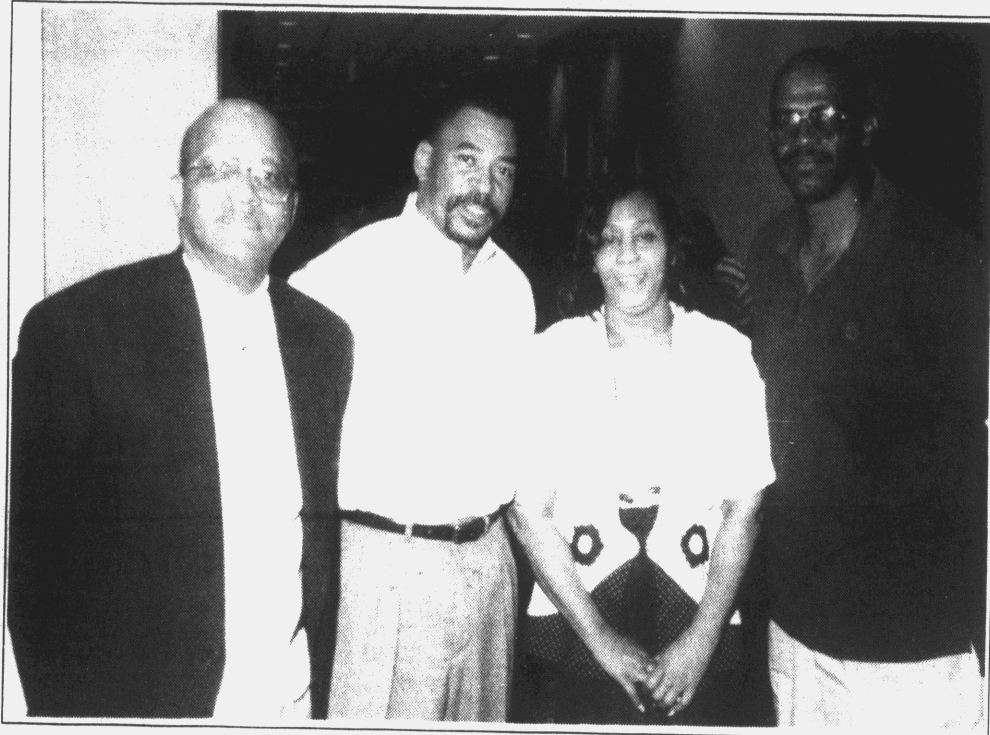
with honors from Dunbar High School in Lynchburg, Virginia, where she served as President of the Student Council and the Debating Team, and she has been a permanent panelist on "Youth Speaks," a public affairs television program sponsored by the National Council of Christians and Jews. She was also a star of track and field while at Dunbar. Mrs. Caldwell received her B.A. Degree with a double major in government and philosophy

in 1968 from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. As an undergraduate, Mrs. Caidwell was elected President of her freshman class in 1964 - 1965, the first black to have accomplished this distinction. She served as a student counselor and was a member of the Student Bar Association. Mrs. Caldwell was founding member of "Highlights," a black women's organization dedicated to social services among black women.

As a graduate student, she served as the choreographer for the Valparaiso University Repertory Theater. While continuing her education at the Valparaiso University School of Law, Mrs. Caidwell received the degree of Juris Doctor in 1973. Having received her J.D., the degree which she began to pursue in earnest so very early in life, Attorney Caidwell returned to Parmele - her roots in the Fall of 1973. She had always retained close

ties with her hometown community and after the traditional period as Law Clerk with the office of Moore and Moore, Attorneys-at-Law, Williamston, North Carolina, Attorney Caldwell opened her office for the practice of law in the Bridgers Building, 431 Main Street, Tarboro, North Carolina, and practiced until shortly before her death. Attorney Caidwell was a noted lecturer and addressed many outstanding organizations and func-

tions in the North Carolina - Virginia area. She was a member of the American Bar Association, the North Carolina State Bar and the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers. She exemplified her religious life through her love for the Church and her concern for human rights. She died on April 16, 1976, at the age of 30.



(Support Little Willie Center) - Ms. Rene Arrington of Little Willie Center. She is flanked by Mr. Roland Hankerson and Mr. L. M. Pettus---members of the N.C. Black Golfers Association.

(STAFF PHOTO: Jim Rouse)



Welcome Home: Cornerstone Missionary Church is the the home of a lot of people and Carlester Crumpler who plays Professional Football for the Minnesota Viking is Shawn with the owner of Chick' File'a Restaurant Brother Dixon and his daughter and sister Carolyn Arthur and her son all who are members of Cornerstone where the Rev. Locke is the Pastor.

(PHOTO: Jim Rouse)

Strong Bones Healthy Bodies

Women's Osteoporosis Informational Workshop

- ☛ Talk with a physician and health educators about osteoporosis.
- ☛ Have your bone density tested.
- ☛ Learn about osteoporosis prevention and treatment.
- ☛ Participate in learning activities and discussions.
- ☛ Lunch will be provided.



Free of Charge
Date: Wednesday, June 23, 1999
Time: 9:15 - 3 p.m.

Place: Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1095 Allen Rd.
Greenville, NC

To register, contact (252) 752-1717 or (252) 946-8043 Ext. 250
Limited enrollment - advanced registration required.
Request any special dietary needs early.

Sponsored by the Center on Minority Aging at UNC Chapel Hill, Mid-East Commission Area Agency on Aging, Pitt County Council on Aging, & Older Adult Health Branch of NC DHHS.
An Equal Opportunity Employer.



CONSULTANT
Realtor • Accounting • Notary Public

What's even better than getting a tax refund from the IRS? Getting a fast tax refund—in half the time it usually takes—when you use IRS E-file to file electronically. If you're due for a refund this year...call D. D. GARRETT. They're an authorized IRS E-file provider. IRS E-file is accurate...and twice as fast! Call D. D. GARRETT at (252) 757-1692

SINCE 1946
606 ALBEMARLE AVE.
GREENVILLE, NC 27834



MOLLY'S



DAY CARE CENTER

Is A "AA" Licensed Child Care Facility

- Open Door Policy For Parents
- Academy Preschool Programs
- Structured Pre K Programs
- Transportation Pick Up
- Certified Professional Staff
- Hot Meals & Snacks
- Individualized Infant Care

**1st, 2nd, & 3rd Shifts
Available**

985-0366

Youth Rival

Youth Prepared & Empowered For Their Season

Sunday June 20,- June 22 1999 Night Events 5:30 p.m. Activities & Dinner
Activities Include : Christian Rap, Step Times, Pannel Discussions and more !
7:00 p.m. Service Begins Speaker : Rev. Fredrick Davis
Pastor of frist Baptist Church, Durham NC

Sponsored by: Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church 1095 Allen Road; Greenville, NC
(252) 752-4156

Sidney A. Locks, Jr., Pastor

Cynthia Lee Doctor, Youth Director

Faces & Places



George Birth & Daniel Mayo, The M' Voice local representative is shown with Businessman George Birth, owner of Styles clothing store on main and former professional baseball player, pictured with Daniel Mayo the M' Voice local representative.

Photo by Jim Rouse



Ms. Evelyn Knight, Pitt County NAACP Mother-of-the Year, is pictured here with NAACP State President, Melvin Alston of Greensboro. She recently attended a banquet in Raleigh where all county NAACP Mothers of the Year were honored.

Knowledge is Power

McDONALD'S PRESENTS
"IT'S SHOWTIME AT THE APOLLO" KIDS TALENT SEARCH



(1998 WINNERS)

WE'RE LOOKING FOR SMALL FRIES WITH BIG TALENT

Pick Up Entry Forms at participating McDonalds!
HURRY! Mail by June 25, 1999 Entry Deadline

- WIN A CHANCE FOR YOUR 5 TO 12 YEAR OLD CHILD TO APPEAR ON THE "IT'S SHOWTIME AT THE APOLLO" TV SHOW. • BECOME ONE OF 50 FINALISTS.
- ENTRANTS JUDGED ON STAGE PRESENCE, SHOWMANSHIP, TALENT AND ORIGINALITY.



WTOG 102.5 FM
COASTAL CAROLINA'S MUSIC POWER



© 1999 American Airlines, Inc.

• July 10 • The Plaza Mall • 10:30 AM •



did somebody say ?

© 1999 McDonald's Corporation

www.mcdonalds.com

Joy

WOOW
Joy 1340

Putting the glory
into gospel!

WTOW
Joy 1320

Bringing out joy for
Jesus!

**AFRICAN
AMERICAN
WOMEN**

**OSTEOPOROSIS
WORKSHOP
&**

LUNCHEON

Monday, June 21 1999
Ramada Hotel & Marina
New Bern, NC
9:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

What Are The Risks?

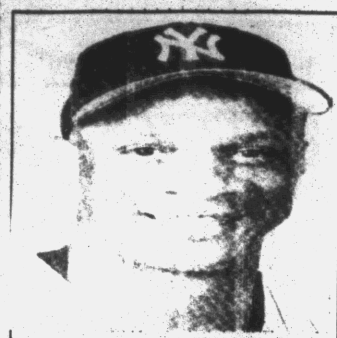
What Are The Challenges?



7th Annual Community Awards Banquet

West Greenville Community Development Corporation, expresses its appreciation to all who joined us for our 7th Annual Fundraising Benefit. The 99 Gala gave us great joy and opportunity to acknowledge and share the past year's accomplishments with those who worked to make West Greenville a better place to live. During this event West Greenville CDC presented community awards to Commissioner David Hammond, Nike Sport Graphics, Right Step Academy, New Vision, Thrift Shop, Dr. Isaac Artist and Ms Effie Thompson a 30 year veteran in teaching our Children how to read. The evening was ended with the crowning of the 1999 Ms. West Greenville Alison L. Howard a secretary at Flanagan Funnral Home 1st place runner up was "Princess Vonda Brown" and 2nd place runner up was "Lady Sandra Early" West Greenville CDC thanks the entire community for its continued financial and moral support.

SPORTS



Darryl Strawberry

Charged: New York Yankees outfielder his was charged in Florida with possessing cocaine and soliciting a prostitute May 3. Strawberry, who is recovering from colon cancer, said the drugs were not his and that he was only "joking" with the undercover officer posing as a prostitute about soliciting her for sex for \$50. He is scheduled to be arraigned May 26.

Thomas leading choice as Wizards' head coach

WASHINGTON- Isiah Thomas appears to be the leading candidate for the Washington Wizards head coaching position.

The former Detroit Pistons guard and Toronto Raptors general manager has been involved in talks with Wizards owner Abe Pollin about the opening, according to Saturday's edition of the Washington Post.

The Postreported that Thomas met with Pollin on Thursday, and had previously met with Washington general manager Wes Unseld.

Jones wins easily over Johnson
BILOXI, Miss.- Roy Jones made it look so easy, dancing into the ring then around Reggie Johnson, taunting him, dominating him from start to finish. He even took time to Michael Jordan, who sat

ringside.

"I hope everyone had as good a time as I did, because I had a damn good time," Jones said Saturday night after becoming the first undisputed light heavyweight champion in 14 years.

Jones won every round on his way to a unanimous decision. Every judge had it 120-106 in favor of Jones, who added Johnson's IBF title to his WBA and WBC crowns.

Woods wants field to come get him

DUBLIN, Ohio- Tiger Woods says he is playing the best golf of his life. He's also in his favorite spot on the leaderboard.

"I love when people have to come get me," Woods said Saturday after a 2-under 70 gave him a two-shot lead over Vijay Singh with David Duval another three strokes back after three rounds of the Memorial Tournament. "I love to feel that intensity, that fight."

Woods entered the third round with a one-stroke lead over Singh and Lee Janzen, but birdies at Nos. 4 and 5-along with bogeys by his closest pursuers-pushed the lead to four shots.

Singh, the reigning PGA Championship winner, picked up

two birdies over the next five holes, however and almost caught Woods on the 12th.

Woods flew the the green on the 160 yard, par-3- signature hole, landing in a larger trap behind the narrow green while Singh's tee shot came to rest 5feet from the cup.

Woods blasted 6 feet past the hole and missed the par putt, but Singh's birdie putt for a tie rolled off the right edge as he settled for par.

Even had Singh pulled even, Woods said he wouldn't have been rattled.

"We had a lot of holes left. So many holes," he said. "We still had a lot of birdie holes and bogey holes coming up, holes where if you get careless you make some mistakes."



services	
1st, 2d, & 3rd Sundays	
Sunday School.....	10:00 AM
Worship.....	11:00 AM
4th Sunday	
Evangelistic Service.....	6:00 PM
5th Sunday	
Worship.....	11:00 AM
6th Sunday	
Prayer Meeting.....	7:00 PM
Wednesday Prayers	
Bible Study.....	7:30 PM



*Pastor Terry Best
and
Co-Pastor Evangelist Josie Best*

Celebration dinner

James H. and Mary L. Wooten of Greenville were married June 4, 1949, in Greenville. They celebrated their 50th anniversary at a dinner with family and friends Saturday at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church.

Their children are Charisma Wooten of Washington, D.C., Phyllis Perry and Angela Wooten of Upper Marlboro, Md. The couple have two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He is retired from the U.S. Air Force and worked at a local nursing facility. He enjoys watching television news, reading, church activities and yard-work. She is retired from Belk



MR. AND MRS. WOOTEN

and enjoys arts and crafts, cooking, good fellowship and sewing.

Conference recognition



HARRELL

attended the 46th Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

held recently in Asheville. The Stars of Excellence Breakfast was high-

lighted by the recognition of 25- and 50-year members of the sorority. Rhonda Dennard, Helen P. Harrell and Maxine Whitener of Greenville were among the 25-year honorees. A reception was also held in their honor during the conference weekend.

The chapter received the Graduate Attendance Award for having the largest percentage of members at the conference, including Chiquita Atkinson, Laura Carmon, Deidre Carney, Jennifer Congleton, Bernita Demery, Rhonda Dennard, Dionne Dockery, Virginia Hagans, Sheila Harrell, Ella Harris, Gloria Hines, Venus Johnson, Dorothy Jordan, Sharon Mallette, Victoria Mallison, Valerie Mallison-Hardy, Aronda Price, Melissa Price, Nadean Powell, Charlotte Smith, Delores Smith, Tiffany Smith, Sandra Harrell Cook, and Darlyn White. Dorothy Jordan is president of the graduate chapter.

Several members of the undergraduate chapter at East Carolina University also attended.

Keynote speakers at the conference were Norma S. White of Jacksonville, Fla., international president, and Dr. Julius Chambers, chancellor at North Carolina Central University. The theme was "Blazing New Trails the Alpha Kappa Alpha Way."

M' Voice

CHRISTIAN CONNECTION NETWORK, INC

Youth Crusade 1000

Ages 8 - 18

Saturday, July 24, 1999

10 AM until 2 PM

Light of Peace Baptist Church

510 Glendale Avenue

Rocky Mount, NC

Featuring

Gospel Recording Artist Israel The Warrior & Company
Norfolk, Virginia

Also

15 Year Old Minister Tah'ron Cannon, Grifton, NC

EDG Productions featuring "Hell Ain't So Bad", Hope Hills, NC

Christian Faith Center Academy team, Creedmoor, NC

Unity of Faith Dance Ministry, Rocky Mount, NC

Light of Peace Youth Choir, Rocky Mount, NC

Circle of Real People, C.O.R.P., Rocky Mount, NC

For Registration and More Information, Please Call

For Registration and More Information, Please Call

Bernice Lucas
977-2983

Nan Arrington
442-8364



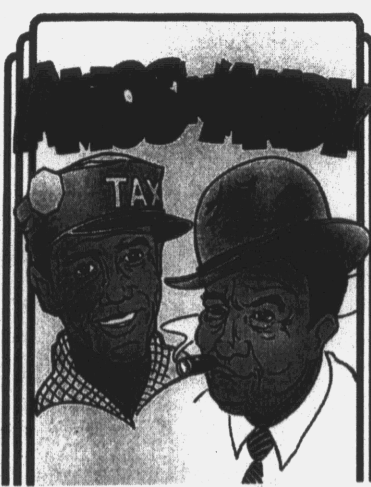
Cosponsor

Rocky Mount/Edgecombe Community Development

Corporation The Group with the most youth wins

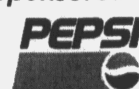
a free pizza party

Old Time Radio Returns to WOOW 1340 AM



Coming Soon to WOOW Mon.-Fri. 9:30 am Live Radio 1340 AM

Sponsored by



and Cash Express

SEAMS UNIQUE



Alterations & Sew Much More
115 Red Banks Road
Greenville, NC 27834
(252) 321-2367

Leather Repairs
Cleaning
Weddings/Formal Attire

OWNER: CATHERINE VISAGE

Read: It Expands your mind