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Connecting families and schools to help our children succeed

Raising a child is tough. So is educating a child.

The day-to-day reality of the American family is different today than a generation ago. Parents and children spend far less time together and almost all parents face an ongoing struggle to balance the demands of their family life with their jobs. At a time when parents are under tremendous pressures that make them less able to participate in their children's lives, there is a greater need for them to be involved, particularly in education.

Parents recognize this need. According to a Newsweek-PTA poll, some 40 percent of parents all across the country believe they are not devoting enough time to their children's education. This issue - one of the biggest and most important affecting education today - will only be solved through a joint effort involving parents, schools and the community.

Schools must respond to the needs of parents and provide the supports necessary for them to be involved in their children's learning. At the same time, parents need to slow down their lives, stress the life-long importance of getting a good education, and serve as role

models for their children.

Research confirms that, regardless of the economic, racial, or cultural background of the family, when parents are partners in their children's education, the results are improved student achievement, better school attendance, reduced dropout rates, and decreased delinquency.

Parents and families can make a big difference in the education of young people. The U.S. Department of Education is committed to dealing with this issue by emphasizing the importance of family-school partnerships in its major legislative initiatives: GOALS 2000 and the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). In addition, Secretary Riley is asking parents to become partners in a national family involvement campaign. This joint effort will connect families, schools, and communities to enable all children to meet high standards.

The Family-School Connection People who have worked with families and schools have suggested a number of concrete actions that parents, schools and communities can take now to help all children learn.

As their children's first teachers, parents and families can:

1. Schedule daily homework time. Establish a time each day for your child to be engaged in academic work. Review it regularly. Provide a quiet, well-lit place for study. Cut off TV's and radios. Also, discourage phone calls during work time. Encourage your child's efforts and be available for questions. Spend time discussing what she has learned.

While schools have the responsibility of assigning meaningful work, students have the responsibility to complete it. Time spent on academic work at home is directly related to achievement.

2. Read together. Read with your child and let them see you and older children read. Take your child to the library to get a library card and help them find books on their interests and hobbies.

Studies show that when parents read to their children or listen to them read on a regular basis, achievement improves. Taking the time to read with children is the most successful way to encourage kids to read and is critical to a child's education.

3. Use TV wisely. Establish a TV watching budget and help your

child choose programs for viewing. Select programs to watch together and discuss.

Parents need to use TV wisely by both limiting the amount of viewing and helping children select educational programs. When chosen carefully, some television programs can help increase interest in learning.

4. Keep in touch with the school. Don't leave it up to the school to let you know how and what your child is doing. Stay aware of what your children are learning, what their assignments are, and how they are doing. Make a point of visiting the school and talking with the teachers. If you can't visit, schedule a phone call. Don't wait until there is a problem.

Research on the performance of high school students has shown

that parents who are consistently informed about their children's progress can contribute to higher achievement. The partnership between parents and teachers is key to creating a climate at home and at school conducive to learning.

5. Offer praise and encouragement. Encourage your child to put in the time and effort to complete assignments. To work hard. Encourage him to persevere. Cultivate a warm and supportive home atmosphere while also setting and enforcing standards for school work.

Parents play a dominant role in influencing a child's confidence and motivation to become a successful learner. Parents should encourage children to complete assignments as well as introduce them to enrichment programs and outside experiences that will enhance their

self confidence and broaden their interests.

6. Talk to your teenager. Talk to your teenager. Know who your teen's friends are and keep tabs on their whereabouts. Support your teen in their school and extracurricular activities. Keep them involved in family activities. Continue to set and enforce rules. Stress their importance as a role model to younger siblings.

Children and parents can learn a lot about each other just by talking. Parents should communicate their values openly with their teenager. By talking about the importance of values such as honesty, self-reliance, and responsibility, parents are helping their children make good decisions.

Schools Connecting With Parents

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Pictured (right to left) with Jim Rouse are: William Nobles, owner of the DuBois Center, Pastor James Corbett of Community Christian Church, Darius Shackelford and Rev. A.C. Batchelor of Phillipi Missionary Baptist Church. They accompany Jim Rouse as he announces his candidacy.

Greenville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. starts Guide Right Program



MONTY FRIZZELL
GUIDE RIGHT DIRECTOR

The Greenville Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., organized a youth group for boys in the Greenville and Pitt County area named the Kappa League/Guide Right Program, which has been a part of the National Service Program of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity since 1922. It is an informal program of educational and occupational guidance for high school and college students. The Guide Right activities are programmed to supplement existing guidance services that are provided by the schools in Pitt County. The students are encouraged to establish career objectives consistent with their educational interests and the occupational demands of a

rapidly changing society.

The Kappa League/Guide Right consists of any program undertaken by the members of the fraternity that attempts to broaden the horizon of young people. It helps develop programs for the youth, primarily, inspirational and informational in character. Any male with a two (2.0) point average (age 12-18) can join. The meeting time is the first Saturday monthly at 11 a.m. The place is 200 Hooker Road Greenville, NC 27634. Proposed activities are office work, Buddy Tutorial Program, Yearly Province Conventions, award program for education, community service projects, sports and cultural events.

Sunday, February 13, the Greenville Silhouettes of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity were very supportive by planning a Tea Sip for the new members and their parents at 200 Hooker Road in the DuBois Center, Greenville.

The specific objectives of the organization are to develop competent and aggressive leadership, strengthen the confidence of young men, create more interest and understanding in one's ethnic background, encourage members to develop themselves into well-rounded, well-educated Americans, and participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of human relations and the community.

The Greenville Alumni Chapter Pole march Leroy James is a great supporter of the Guide Right Program. Director Monty Frizzell, Advisor Carlton Floyd D.H. Conley High School area; Taft, David Barnhill, Darin White, Greenville area.

Eta Psi members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity attending ECU's Mike Moore, Reggie Jones, Ron Villines, and Chris Smith were very supportive in getting the Boys Group off to a good start.

Crime Prevention Workshop

The Bethel Police Department Crime Prevention Division presents a Sexual Assault Prevention Forum with guest speakers from Pitt County District Attorney's office, Real Crisis Center in Greenville, New Directions Crisis Center in Greenville and Bethel Police Department, a Sex Crimes Investigator on Thursday, March 31, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Meeting Hall, 122 South James St. Bethel, NC, next to the police station.



STEEL BANDITS

'Steel Bandits' to appear at ECU

The "Steel Bandits," a seven-member musical family, will present a varied program for all ages in an East Carolina University appearance scheduled for Saturday, March 19, in Wright Auditorium.

The 2 p.m. concert is part of the University Unions Young Audiences performing Art Series and will last about an hour.

In their concerts, the "Bandits" present musical styles ranging from classical to calypso, contemporary to big band jazz, as well as oldies, country and western and Broadway show tunes. The band members play 10 handcrafted, 55-gallon chrome-plated steel drums,

along with woodwinds, electronic music synthesizer and rhythm machines. Adding to their show are vocal and dance routines and bright, colorful costumes.

The band members are all brothers and sisters, ranging in ages from 11 to 21—the children of Joseph and Inez George of Perry, Ga. Their music began when Inez George bought steel drums during a Caribbean visit as a gift for her family. What began as a mother's plan for wholesome recreation developed into a professional career and success.

During the past three years, the Bandits have performed in concert halls and clubs—even at a

political fundraiser attended by former President Ronald Reagan. They have also completed an unprecedented six-month engagement at the Myrtle Beach Hilton Hotel.

"When the Steel Bandits take the stage, sights and sounds follow that are very unusual in this day of ill-conceived and overhyped entertainment," said a University Unions official. "It's an hour of the kind of honest and unaffected performance that comes so naturally to children—and it's put across with the kind of polish and musical virtuosity that defies performers' tender ages."



The Pastor of Triumph Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. C.B. Gray and wife along with Bennie Roundtree, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference enjoy the Annual Black History Celebration in recognition of our outstanding brothers and sisters.

Pitt County is considering community revitalization project

Pitt County, North Carolina is considering a community revitalization project in the Hillside neighborhood of the County

through the use of a Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. A portion of the project area is located within the 100-year

floodplain. The County is interested in discussing alternatives to the project and securing public

perceptions of the possible adverse impacts that could result from the project and securing public perceptions of the possible mitigation

measures. Anyone interested in making comments or requesting further information should contact John K. Bulow, Assistant County Manager, 1717 West Fifth

Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27834, Telephone: (919) 830-6301. Comments will be received until 5 p.m., Monday, February 28. Ed B. Bright, Chairman

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Youth perform program

CCT's Nubian Youth brought the third program in the series of programs celebrating Black History Month being sponsored by the Concerned Citizens of Tillery (CCT).

The program was held at the

Tillery Community Center on Wednesday, February 16, at 7:15 p.m. The youth and their advisors chose the title of "Then 'Til Now" as the theme for the evening.

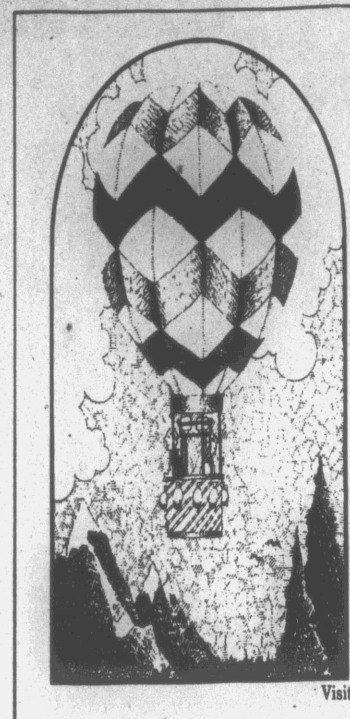
There was a fellowship and refreshment hour following the program.

Workers' compensation workshop

"Workers' Compensation Forum: What Employers Need to Know" will be offered by the Center for Applied Technology at East Carolina University on Tuesday, March 22. Featured speakers include J. Howard Bunn, Chair of the North Carolina Industrial

Commission; Carolyn Russell of the House of Representatives; Rick Langley, M.D. of Duke University; and Angela Waldorf, Asst. Deputy Commissioner of Labor of OSHA.

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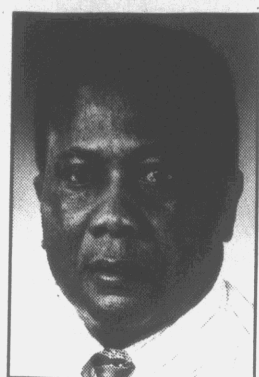
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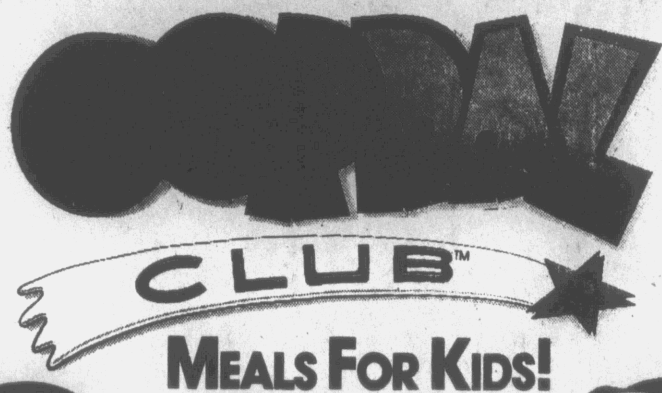
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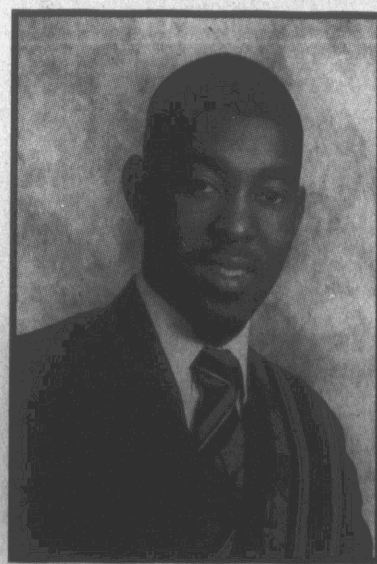
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Masonic District holds workshop in Greenville

Districts No. 9 and No. 10 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Jurisdiction of North Carolina Master Masons gathered Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at the Mt. Hermon Masonic Hall #35 in Greenville. This was the second of a series of school instructional workshops scheduled for the newly named District by most worshipful Grand Master of Prince Hall Masonry of North Carolina, the Honorable William C. Parker of Greensboro, Grand East.

The workshop included a discussion on the Grand Lodge and local lodges, by-laws, the Masonic family houses, the relationship of the Masons and Eastern Stars, the identification of Grand Lodge officers, executive board members and Masonic leaders.

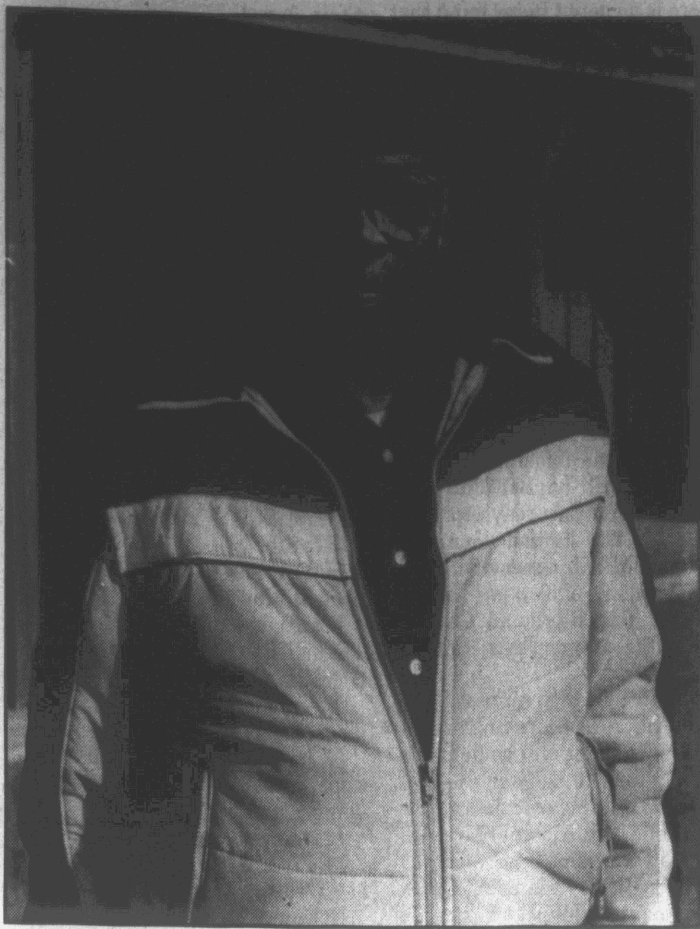
Practice work was done in the first degree from the now official regulated ritual "The ECCE-ORIENTI."

Brothers attending the workshop were: W.E. Honeyblue, District #9 Deputy, Howard Pearce, District #10 Deputy; Marvin Carmon, William R. Tunage, Neil Kelley, Joseph Carr and Anninias Smith of Winterville Lodge; James Collins and Howard Pearce of Banner Cry Lodge; Bernard Dixon of Mt. Calvary Lodge; Noel Jones of Solid Rock Lodge; Hyman Hardy of Bright Star Lodge; Jasper Payton of Star of the East Lodge; Michael Ellis and Chester Ellis, Livingstone Lodge; Ronnie Dickerson, Clifton Griffin and W.E. Honeyblue, Coronation Lodge; Monty Frizzell, Mt. Hermon Lodge; and James C. Murphy of Queen of

the South Lodge.

The next workshop is scheduled for Coronation Lodge Hall, Sycamore St., Williamston on Saturday, April 2, 1994 at 9:00 a.m.

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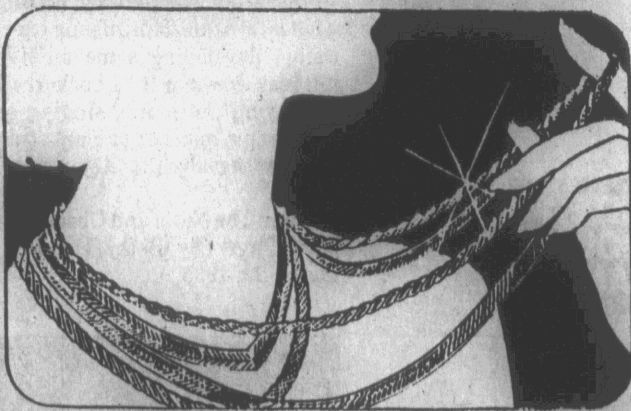
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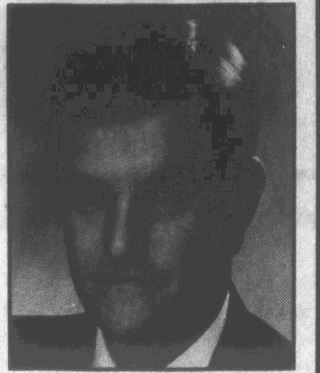
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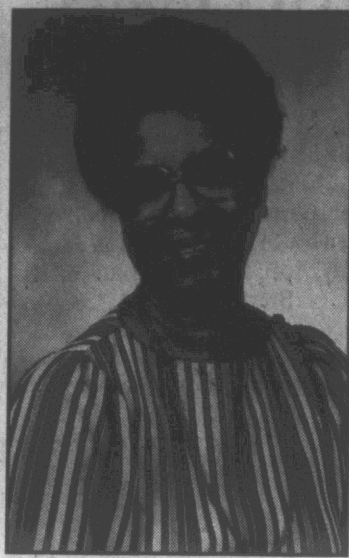
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The Beatrice Maye Column



BEATRICE MAYE

The Black Male

The Black male has a criminally high rate of unemployment and are losing ground to White males, White females and Black females in office and college.

Black males have a higher cancer rate, a lower expectancy and a higher age-adjusted death rate than any other sex or racial group.

Black women agree that Black males are scarce and getting scarcer. Sociologist Robert Staples says that if you exclude married men, imprisoned men and homosexuals, there is one acceptable Black male to every five unmarried Black women.

Today, an increasing number of Blacks who can't crack the job market are choosing to enlist in the Armed Forces.

There are 345,960 persons (Black, White, Hispanic and others) in state prisons around the country, and Black men represent 170, 453 of the total figure. In addition, the number of Black prisoners on death row is disproportionately higher than Whites.

The Black male is more likely than his White counterpart to die at a younger age due to the lack of, or inability to pay for, proper health care.

In the Black male population, as in the general population, the use of alcohol, cocaine and other mind-altering drugs is growing. With this increased use of drugs comes higher crime rates and premature drug-related deaths.

Due to lack of prenatal and post-natal care, the infant mortality rate of Black males is more than double that of White males.

For Black males, unemployment and underemployment are the primary conditions that generate a variety of frustrations. That frustration, sociologists say, is often responsible for criminal acts that can lead to imprisonment or death.

"There is no question that the existence of the Black male is threatened and endangered, but

there is no doubt in my mind that he will survive", says Dr. Bruce R. Hare, as assistant professor of Sociology at the State University of New York.

Black men have seized opportunities and soared to new heights in the 80's in these fields: space, politics, armed forces, business, religion, media, professionals, the arts, science, education, sports and others. The breakthrough has been overcome. We see the promised land.

The Testimonial/Appreciation Banquet for Mr. Matthew T. Lewis, honoring him for his 62-years of dedicated and faithful service to Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 1994, at the Ramada Inn, 203 Greenville Blvd., Greenville, North Carolina, at 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$15.00. See Raymond Carney, Sallye Streeter or Dixie Hairston for tickets.

The Pitt County Alumni Chapter of N.C. A&T State University's annual banquet will be held Saturday, April 16, 1994 in the C.M. Eppes Middle School cafeteria. See Reverend Irvin Moore or Mrs. Ann Brown for tickets.

Black History Matching Quiz (Place the alphabet before the number that characterizes the person.)

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Frederick Douglas
- Marian Wright Edelman
- Bill Cosby
- Carl Rowan
- John Hope Franklin
- Langston Hughes
- Andrew Young
- Doug Wilder
- Johnetta Cole
- James Weldon Johnson
- Lerone Bennett, Jr.
- Benjamin Hooks
- Jesse Jackson
- Maya Angelou
- Ralph Bunche
- W.E. B. DuBois
- Lorraine Hansberry
- Marian Anderson
- Muhammad Ali

- Colin Powell
- Madame C.J. Walker
- Hank Aaron
- Mary McLeod Bethune
- Toni Morrison
- Booker T. Washington
- Clarence Thomas
- A. The novel BELOVED won the Pulitzer Prize in 1987 for literature
- B. Known as the "agitator-prophet"
- C. Founder of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) in 1973
- D. First "African-American" to meet with a President of the U.S.
- E. Greatest fighter of all time
- F. He became president of Tuskegee Institute in 1881
- G. I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS
- H. Committed to the "Brotherhood of Man"
- I. Author of FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM: A HISTORY OF AMERICAN NEGROES, 1947
- J. Founded the National Council of Negro Women, 1935
- K. In 1991, President Bush re-appointed him chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
- L. the poet-laureate
- M. First Black woman president of 111-year-old Spelman College
- N. First Black congressman from Georgia since Reconstruction
- O. Elected governor of the State of Virginia, the first Black governor in the state
- P. Wrote the lyrics to the Negro National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
- Q. Playwright, "A Raisin in the Sun"
- R. Senior editor with the largest black oriented publication-EBONY
- S. Performed at the Lincoln Memorial on April 9, 1939, received the Spingarn Medal
- T. First African-American ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, 1950
- U. Inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982
- V. Founder of PUSH (People United to Save Humanity)
- W. For 15 years, Executive Secretary of the NAACP
- X. His comic, wit, humor and storytelling is making an important contribution to Afro-Americans
- Y. By the late 1950s, he was the most prominent black journalist in America
- Z. Became the first known Africa-American female millionaire from her cosmetic business and "Walker Schools"
- AA. Became the one hundred and sixth Justice to sit on the United States Supreme Court
- BB. Refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white man on December 1, 1955, in Montgomery, Alabama
- CC. Entertainer and activist
- DD. Became the "first world symbol of black athletic achievement"

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	1	2	3	4	5
Years at Present Address	Under 2 yrs.	2-4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15 yrs. or more
	1	2	3	4	5
Gross Monthly Income	\$1,000-1,500	\$1,501-2,000	\$2,001-2,500	\$2,501-3,000	Over \$3,500
	3	4	5	6	7
Years With Present Employer	Under 2 yrs.	2-3 yrs.	4-6 yrs.	7-10 yrs.	Over 10 yrs.
	1	3	4	5	6
Years With Previous Employer	Under 1 yr.	1-3 yrs.	4-6 yrs.	7-10 yrs.	Over 10 yrs.
	1	3	4	5	6
Remaining (After monthly obligations)	Less than 10%	10% to 24%	25% to 32%	33% to 49%	Over 50%
	1	2	3	4	5
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Letter to the Editor

I, like others in the Greenville community, have been following the issues related to the recently announced closing of St. Gabriel's, a private Catholic school that for over the last decade has served many children from the West Greenville African American community.

Many of the editorials and articles I've read reflect many writers' lack of knowledge about the recent factors that have occurred this year that have frustrated parents who have had their children in this school. And although, I do not have a child in this school, I have been kept abreast of issues from a parent who does have a child enrolled there.

These issues do not warrant disclosures in the article. The parents, staff and Catholic leaders at St. Gabriel's know what these issues are. My writing this article however, points to two greater underlying issues that unfortunately pervades too often economically depressed and deprived communities. One is the reliance of others for economic and fiscal support.

St. Gabriel's has shown a 10-year history of financial destitution. The African American community has allowed the destiny of this school to be determined through ignorance, apathy, and dependency-monies i.e. grants, federal programs, Catholic diocese etc. In utilizing this method of funding, the school's parents, over the years, lost their influence and power of

decision-making with the state and local Catholic leaders at the parish. In essence with the monies that were received by parents who were paying tuition, the numbers of parents were not enough to have any influence on the state and local Catholic leaders. Sadly, these parents' appeals went to deaf ears.

The second issue that I observe is the need for an Afrocentric-based Christian school. While St. Gabriel's is a Christian school, it is not Afrocentric-based. The fact that it has served children of African American descent is only due to the economic composition of people who generally live in that area of Greenville. I also think that over the years parents who have had their children in this school and the community forgot what the original purpose of the school was developed for—as a mission school for economically-deprived children.

St. Gabriel has contributed significantly to the growth and well-being of children. That should not be overlooked in all of the issues the school is currently facing. However in my assessment of all the issues and concerns of parents, it points to an overwhelming need for a Christian Afrocentric-based, private, independent school to be developed in the Greenville community.

The financial and intellectual resources are here. Greenville's African American community is representative of greater society. The overwhelming majority of

people are lawabiding, drugfree, hardworking, God-fearing, Christian-loving citizens in spite of what you see through the visual and written media. There are teachers, ministers, lawyers, dentists, doctors, entrepreneurs, administrators, social workers, psychologists, housewives, childcare providers, maids, laborers, etc. and yes, AFDC recipients.


It is unfortunate that the fate of St. Gabriel has ended in this way; however, when the "piper has the purse string," in this case St. Gabriel, it is inevitable that the

string will someday be cut. WAKE UP AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY, it is a new day! Stop relying on others to do what almighty GOD has given you the ability to do for yourselves. DEVELOP YOUR OWN PRIVATE INDEPENDENT AFROCENTRIC-BASED CHRISTIAN SCHOOL. It is not an unrealistic goal.

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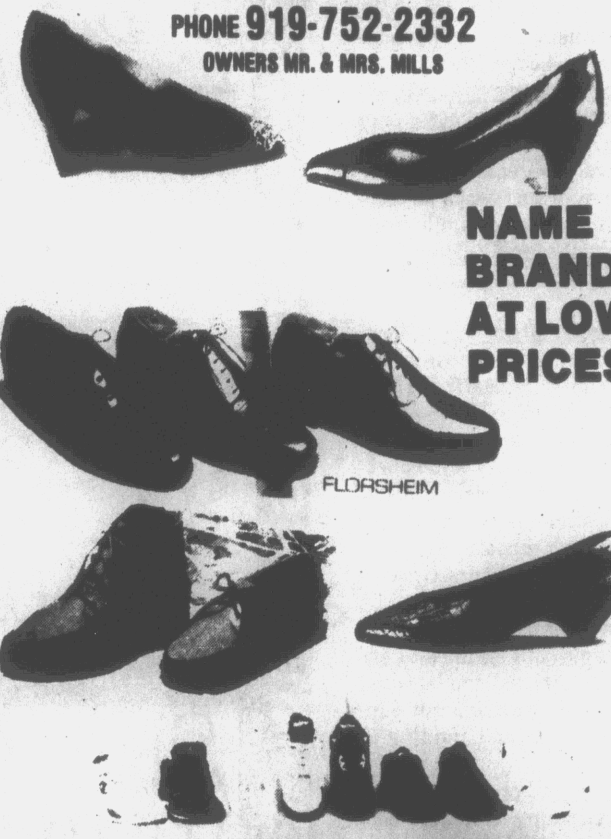


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Connecting families from page one

In order to make real change in our schools, parents must be directly involved in the education of their children. However, in order to sustain this involvement, there must be support from the schools, community, business, and governments.

In the effort to connect schools with parents, schools can:

1. **Encourage families and teachers to establish learning compacts.** Compacts would define the goals, expectations, and shared responsibilities of schools and parents as equal partners in student success. The agreements should be simply written in English or the native language of the parents where feasible. Compacts, used in conjunction with other school strategies, can strengthen the ties between families, students, and teachers; and establish a stronger environment for learning.

2. **Train school staff.** Good schools value parental involvement and reach out to parents. Too often the school contacts parents only when there is a problem. In developing a partnership, training will be necessary for principals, teachers, and other school staff, as well as parents, to help all collaborators acquire the skills needed. Sustaining the partnership is everybody's job.

3. **Design homework that engages parents in the process.** For example, long-term assignments would involve parents in the learning process in such ways as helping families construct family trees, recounting the family history, and describing their daily work.

4. **Give parents a voice in decisions.** Parents should be involved in decisions regarding their children's schooling. Schools can open options for parents to become involved individually and collectively in making decisions about goals and standards for their children and their schools.

5. **Extend school hours.** By staying open in the afternoon, evening, and on weekends, schools can allow students and families to engage in recreational and learning activities and provide adult education programs and training in parenting.

6. **Create parent resource centers.** Set aside an area in the school that invites parents to share their parenting experiences with other parents and to work with teachers and other school staff on school concerns.

Communities Connecting Parents and Schools

Communities can support the connections between families and schools in many ways. Communities can:

1. **Contribute to the education of our next generation through volunteer time.** Members of the community and local businesses can support family involvement by broadening the learning environment. Volunteers can assist in the schools either for special events or on a regular basis through tutoring or mentoring. Family and community involvement should be developed and sustained in support of student development through all grades. Also, by getting involved in a local community board, community members can have an impact on the local policy agenda.

2. **Play a role in supporting the development of children and their families.** Make community resources available to schools and families. Community organizations may reach out to families by providing services such as child care, after school programs, assistance with homework, parenting education programs, or youth and family counseling programs. Inviting education officials to address civic groups and congregations on school policies and positions is another way to sustain the partnership.

3. **Support flexible scheduling time at work and special programs for parents to participate in their children's schooling.** Employers could devise model time release programs that allow parents the time to volunteer in their children's schools without docking them for leave time. In addition, special programs on parenting and helping children with school work could be offered during lunchtime seminars. "Bring your child to work days" can also reinforce what is taught in the school with real on-the-job skills.

How the U.S. Department of Education Will Help

To begin the process, the U.S. Department of Education has launched GOALS 2000 that directly involves parents in standard-setting and bottom-up reform. The legislation also encourages collaborations across education and community services to assist families in supporting their children's education. The Administration's proposal for re-

authorizing the federal elementary and secondary education programs would create compacts in Title I schools to enable parents and teachers to discuss common expectations and mutual responsibilities for their children. Parents in Title I schools will have a significant role in planning and implementing school reform and schools will afford parents opportunities to participate in parenting and other training programs.

The U.S. Department of Education will move forward with this

campaign in several ways. It will:

Reach out to organizations that represent the interests of teachers, principals, and parents and engage them in a national media campaign to create better relations between home and school. The Department is scheduling meetings with the PTA, the teachers and principals associations, and the Chamber of Commerce to find out what they are currently doing and how these activities can be coordinated and brought under a broader umbrella. Televised town

meetings, print media coverage, national talk shows, periodic national surveys, and formal programs are just a few of the means to be used to convey the parent involvement message to the American public.

Connect with other agencies for the campaign. The Department will call upon other government agencies in addressing issues of family involvement. For example, the Head Start program within HHS, the concern with youth violence within the Justice Depart-

ment, the School-to-Work interests of the Labor Department, can each be strengthened with closer collaboration, knowledge, and strategy-sharing among the organizations. The opportunity to use HUD housing projects as places to offer homework rooms and the National Park Service to provide learning experiences for families in the "great outdoors" can also be pursued.

Make the Department of Education an exemplary family-friendly

work site. The U.S. Department of Education, for example, has started a "Parenting in the Workplace" program which presents noon-time parenting seminars and produces a yearly Parenting Fair. The agency is also reviewing its personnel policies for changes that would encourage greater family participation and make it a model for the workplace.

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Rev. Hammond was the former Precinct Chairman of the Democratic Precinct #3 in addition to being a former member of the Pitt County Development Commission.

Rev. Hammond said that he is looking forward to representing all the people of District #2 in the Pitt County area.

Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church, Simpson, awarded plaques to two outstanding senior citizens on Sunday, February 20. Ms. Hattie G. Thompson and Ms. Myrtle Thompson, who are sisters, cheerfully received the recognition for more than 30 years of faithful service they provided to the church. These natives of Simpson have been and continue to be dedicated to service in and for the church.

Ms. Hattie Thompson, who served the church for 36 years, taught school in Pitt County for 37 years. During this time she taught many of those who are now members of Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church.

Ms. Myrtle Thompson served as the church secretary for 34 years. Her son, Joe Thompson, was the second mayor of the Town of Simpson. Both he and her husband, who are now deceased, ran the family convenient mart.

The Pastor and church expresses their appreciation to Ms. Hattie and Ms. Myrtle for the services they provided. The church also wishes that these ladies have continued blessings from the Lord in the coming years.



RECEIVES RECOGNITION... Pictured (L-R) is Ms. Hattie G. Thompson and Ms. Myrtle Thompson, who received awards from Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church for their many years of service.

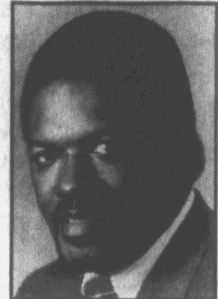
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PUBLIC NOTICE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGING STEERING COMMITTEE

The Pitt County Board of Commissioners will be considering an appointment on the AGING STEERING COMMITTEE. Applicants with experience in dealing with older adults and/or family caregivers is desired. If you are interested in serving on this review committee, please call the County Manager's Office (830-6302), for an application. Deadline for receipt of application is March 25, 1994. Pitt County solicits membership without regard to sex, race, age, religion and national origin.

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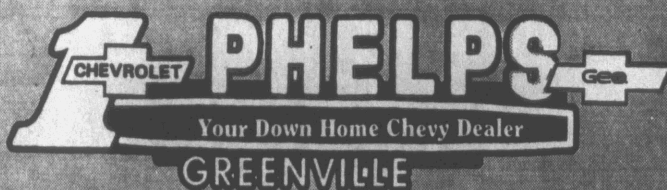
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'Stop The Violence' tour a success

On December 26, 1993 we moved to close out 1993 with Kwanza and Christmas, and into the 21st century without violence and harm, to our brothers and sisters but most of all our children.

History was made on this day in Greenville at C.M. Eppes Middle School as Atlantic Recording Star M.C. Lyte took to the stage with the X-Vandals N.Y., M.C. Dope, and a host of young local artists

throughout the Carolina area of Pitt County as they rocked the house with beats and songs.

This was more than just another concert, this was the beginning of the "Stop The Violence" tour, which was the collective brainchild of Mr. Jim Rouse, WOOW Chairman, Richard Rouse, WOOW President and Mr. Bob Springfield, teacher

and role model for Rose High School, as a leader for teaching kids to do the right thing and get yourself an education. The kids of Greenville have a lot to be proud of; having stations like WOOW and WTOW and Bob Springfield who cares about our children's futures.

In attendance at this event were parents together with their children as they listened to M.C. Lyte and X-Vandals tell the kids don't do what I wrap about, stay in

school, get an education, don't pick up guns to kill each other.

Also our City Council Representative, Rufus Huggins, spoke eloquently as he told the kids they only have two options — education or jail! The same amount of monies are spent, but more on jail.

Our Pitt County Commissioner also attend. This message of "Stop the Violence" has caught on as another event is planned in New York City on April 29 & 30, 1994, but Greenville started the ball rolling. So wake up!

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