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Why Health Care Reform is important to the African American Community

Written by Walter D. Broadnax
U.S. Deputy Secretary of Health
and Human Services

When America catches a cold, the Black community gets pneumonia."

The kernel of truth in that old saying is magnified when America's health care system is due for major surgery, health care for African Americans is in the intensive care ward.

The truth is, every major health care program facing this nation is exacerbated in Black America. From TB to teen pregnancy. From violence to AIDS. From too many babies dying to too many senior citizens not having enough to eat.

And in the face of these exploding health problems, African Americans are less likely to have

health benefits. Currently, over 20 percent of African Americans have no health insurance coverage at all. And, many who do are one pink slip away from disaster.

And when so many Americans have inadequate health insurance, or no coverage at all, clinics get overcrowded, and emergency rooms serve as waiting rooms of last resort for people who can't get care any other way.

Clearly, Black America has a bad case of health care blues. And clearly, we have a vital stake in reform. The centerpiece of President Clinton's Health Security Plan is our commitment to provide health care security to every single American.

The Clinton plan says: Switch jobs or start your own business—you'll still be covered. Lose your job, you'll still be covered.

Under our plan, you will receive a comprehensive benefits package that includes doctor and hospital care, as well as prescription drugs. You'll get preventive services such as mammograms, prenatal care, immunizations and dental care for your children.

You'll also have a choice of doctors and plans, and you'll be able to switch if you're not satisfied. For older Americans, our plan will strengthen services. We'll provide Medicare coverage for prescription drugs and we will create a new home care program for older Americans, and for people of all ages and disabilities.

And for the poor, the Health Security plan ushers in a new era of equity. Medicaid beneficiaries will carry the same Health Security Card carried by all Americans. They will get the same ben-

efits and the same high quality care. The plan contains specific language to eliminate a two-tiered system and discrimination in the delivery of care.

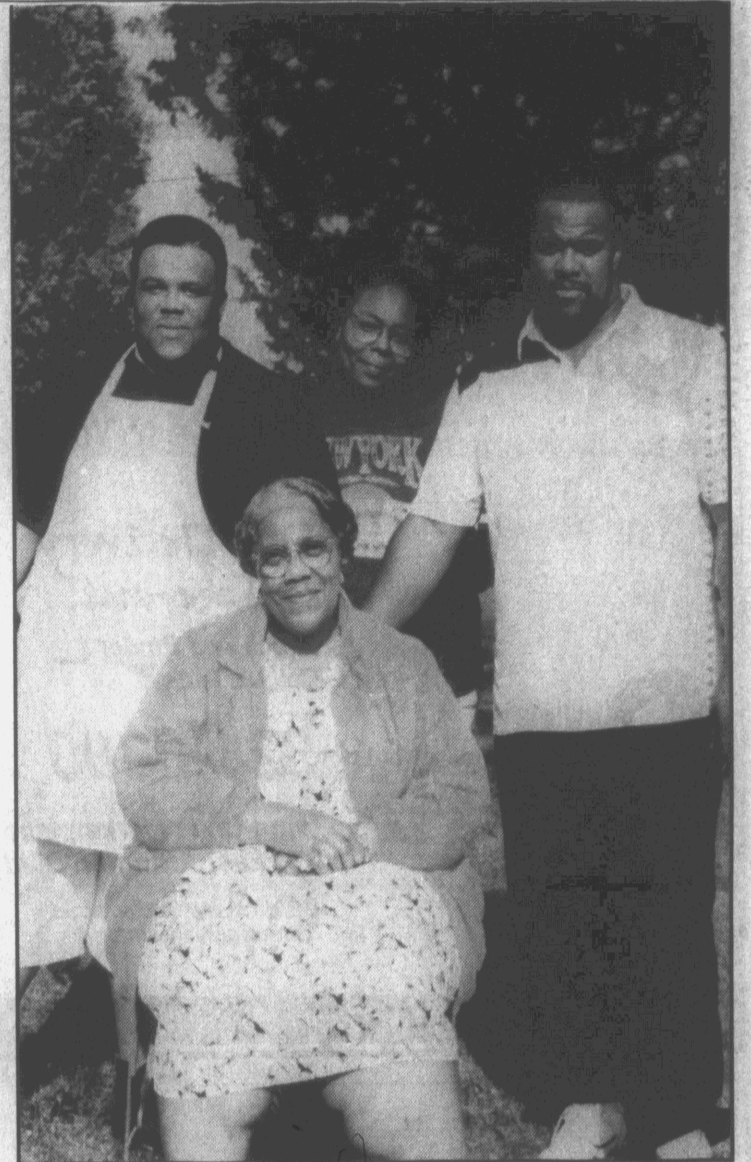
Of course, as Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders likes to say, "A health security card doesn't mean anything if people don't have access to quality health care."

To assure that access, we're going to provide more support for the clinics making a difference in your neighborhoods. We're going to provide more funding for school-based health services.

Currently, African Americans make up only about 3.6 percent of America's doctors and dentists and only seven percent of registered nurses, even though we comprise almost 12 percent of the population. We can do better, and we will. Finally, the plan we've developed is based on an old-fashioned African American value: responsibility. The plan says to doctors: We'll start to shape up the malpractice system and cut your paperwork, but we're going to ask you to keep costs down.

It says to employers: "We'll control your health care costs, but we're going to ask you to pay a portion of your workers' insurance cost."

And it says to all Americans: "We'll provide you with health security and comprehensive benefits, but we're going to ask you to contribute to your health care and take more responsibility for your health. The Health Security Plan is a good deal for the country and, it is a must-do for African Americans."



BELHAVEN N.C. ... Belhaven black community celebrated its annual alumni weekend last week. Each year, African-Americans who grew up in Belhaven and surrounding communities come together with a banquet and parade. Shown above is Brother Vincent Murray and his lovely wife and mother and brother who work at Greenville Utilities. Keep up the good work, Murray family! Photo by Jim Rouse



THE JACKSON FAMILY... A few of the Jacksons of Belhaven are having a good time celebrating homecoming festivities. Shown here from left to right are: Joyce Jackson O'Neal, Helen Jackson, Chris Jackson Morant, Michelle Morant, Ron Jackson, Eric Jackson, Eric Gilbert, Jr. and Rita Jackson-Gilbert.

Banking your hopes and dreams

By George Wilson

While most of the Nation's attention was focused on the debate over the Crime Bill, there were others who were engaged in closing a deal that would have long-range implication for "Minority" participation in the ownership of certain financial institutions. Kay Pierson, Executive Director of the Minority Asset Recovery Contractors Association is one of many who have been waging a battle to insure minority participation in the Resolution Trust Corporations mandate to sell off troubled financial institutions.

If you recall, the RTC was set up to dispose of failed savings and loans institutions. Not only were the properties for sale, but so were the loans and other assets. For large no-minority banking institutions and individuals with eco-

nomie clout, the RTC provided a "Fire Sale" that many took advantage of. For minorities it was a game that could not be played because of regulations that gave the opportunity for true competition to larger non-minority institutions. That is tantamount to telling a 15 and under basketball team and that their next game is against the Chicago Bulls.

Because of the diligence of Congressmen Floyd Flake (D-NY), Kweisi Mfume (D-MD), Reverend Jesse Jackson and the Minority Asset Recovery Contractors Association, the RTC will be changing the bidding process. The changes will make it possible for minorities to purchase some banking institutions and some other holdings.

"What we discovered was the 'Good Ole Boy' in the RTC were not giving appropriately the number of contracts to minorities. We think we have gotten it pretty much resolved. I think we're moving in the right direction. They will now be

giving more opportunities to minorities. It is an opportunity for those who want to be involved in the process," says Congressman Flake in describing the change of heart on the part of the RTC. African Americans and others who have been the recipients of some less than equal treatment when it comes to dealing with financial institutions. The efforts of MARCA and others take a major step in at least bringing minorities "into the mix" Pierson says, "what this means that even you take just the minimal amount of institutions and branches that are in minority neighborhoods. That would still be a minimum of \$8 billion dollars worth of assets that minorities can assume now that these is a more aggressive policy for urging minority participation." It will be a unprecedented opportunity for minorities to own and control financial institutions located in their neighborhoods.

Pitt County Aging Fair set for May 24

The Pitt aging coalition is pleased to announce the annual Pitt County Elder Fair for Tuesday, May 24 at the First Presbyterian Church. This event provides a full day of activities, seminars and speakers geared to the older adult living in Pitt County. Topics of interest will range from nutrition, financial planning, social security and even flower arranging.

Additionally local providers of services aimed at the older adult in Pitt County will have information booths. Entertainment will be

provided and participants are encouraged to contribute songs, poems, etc. during the variety hour.

Lunch is provide at not charge; however, interested individuals must register by May 19 so that arrangements can be made

For more information contact: Alice Keene at 830-4217

This event is brought to the community with financial support from Silvercare, Tarheel Home Health, Northcare Health Services, Apple Nursing Services and Interim Health Care.

Black Support For Conservatism Increases

An increasing number of African Americans are beginning to turn to political conservatism, according to director of the Heritage Foundation's minority outreach program.

In fact, sometime before the end of the century, a "substantial minority, if not a majority, of African Americans are going to begin identifying with political conservatism rather than political liberalism," according to Adam Meyerson.

He contended that conservatism is more attractive to Blacks in the 1990s because it addresses the next stage of the civil rights revolution: the restoration of strong families and communities in America's poor and working-class neighborhoods, and reform of public education.

Nothing that there is "an earthquake that is about to rock American politics at its foundations," Meyerson stated that nearly a third of voting age Blacks already identify themselves as conservative, while an overwhelming number also support

"bedrock" conservative ideas such as school choice, tenant-managed public housing and curtailing additional benefits for single welfare mothers who have additional children.

According to Meyerson, crime control, one of the conservatives' highest priorities for government, has become a burning issue in Black neighborhoods. "Law and order politics were responsible for the election victories of conservative Rep. Gov. George Allen in Virginia and Raleigh, N.C., Mayor Tom Fetzter, the first Republican to carry the city since Reconstruction," he said.

In both elections, he explained, the Black vote played a key role. "Indeed, smart Democratic politicians like Bill Clinton and Mario Cuomo have started talking tough on crime to protect their Black White base," argued Meyerson, who went on to point to a new breed of conservative Black talk-radio host, including Armstrong Williams of Washington, D.C., Ken

Hamblin of Denver and Bill Thomas of Norfolk, Virginia. In addition, there are now at least five conservative Black magazines: Destiny, National Minority Politics, Urban Family, Issues and Views and Lincoln Review.

"Gone are the days of high pay for semiskilled labor through government employment and industrial labor unions, which face ever-tougher international competition," Meyerson said. "Economic advances for Blacks in the future will have to come from highly skilled work, as well as from Black entrepreneurship."

Black pastors, and imams, also have a role to play, Meyerson said. "No one is in a better position to bring men and women back together, to foster responsible fatherhood and motherhood, to teach virtues to children, to convert criminals into law-abiding citizens and to alter self-destructive behavior that is tearing apart families and communities as well as individual lives," he reasoned.



MAKIN THINGS HAPPEN! The historical events in South Africa over the last week was shown over the world in recognition of black folks not only in South Africa, but also in America. The United States government sent several African-Americans to South Africa to witness the historical election day progress to ensure a fair process. Pitt County was blessed and represented by one of our own brothers in Christ, Rev. Arlee Griffin who ministered God's word at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist church in Greenville, NC is shown with the Rev. Al Sharpton, who is a candidate for the senate in New York state as well as a renown civil rights leader.



LITTLE MISS DeRABIA MATTHEWS, daughter of sister Doris "Dodie" Matthews, and granddaughter of Mother Ella mae Matthews, is all smiles.

CBS television program misportrays school as bigot's training ground

Howard University President Franklyn Jenifer at a press conference recently said he is outraged over a program aired by CBS's "Eye to Eye with Connie Chung" which falsely portrayed his school as a "training ground" for bigotry and anti-Semitism. The CBS program "True Believers" concentrated on two student leaders, Malik Zulu Shabazz, who heads the campus group Unity Nation, and Terri Wade, president of the Howard University Student Association (HUSA), whose views, Dr. Jenifer said are not representative of the entire university.

According to Dr. Jenifer, CBS interviewed other students who had varying beliefs on the subject of Black-Jewish relationships, but

failed to air them. Dr. Jenifer has asked CBS for an apology. The CBS report points to a larger issue at the university, according to students. There are forces, they say, working to undermine of anti-Semitism.

Malik Zulu Shabazz, a Howard law student, said that the problem at the university is that Howard is not "independent and self controlled." Because the school gets the bulk of its money from Congress and other outside forces Howard cannot always "think and act like free Black people."

"I'm being attacked because I am a supporter of the Nation of Islam, and I have sponsored several Nation of Islam speakers on this campus for the last five years,"

Mr. Shabazz said.

"The aim right now, as the Connie Chung piece proved, is Louis Farrakhan's relationship with young intelligent Blacks. So they attacked me to break up the connection between college students and Minister Farrakhan and I'm not standing for that."

Terri Wade, the president of the school's student government said she asked several university officials, including the president, what was it that she said on "Eye to Eye" that was so hateful and "they could not answer my question."

Mrs. Wade said those criticizing her should understand that "the mainstream white media has never portrayed Black people in a positive and true light. The reason

they have targeted Howard is because it is the largest most influential Black institution."

Ms. Wade told the Final Call that she was threatened by a Howard administrator because she is working with the Muslims.

Bro. Michael 3X, a Howard student, at a rally following Dr. Jenifer's press conference, urged students not to attack Dr. Jenifer saying that the latest attempts are being waged to "divide and conquer" the Black community.

Bro. Michael warned students that while they are sitting around being passive, media organizations like CNN and CBS are "discussing you."

Students demonstrating outside the Administration Building, where inside moments earlier Dr. Jenifer held his press conference, carried signs reading "Stop Slander of Howard University" and "Who is Behind The Slander." Bro. Michael said the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) is not attacking students because of anti-Semitism or racism, but rather because students are beginning to develop the Black community.

Washington Post writers Richard Cohen and Pat Hintoff, who are Jewish, were criticized for fueling tensions and for referring to Howard's campus as a place where "hate and anti-Semitism" is being spewed.

"The Washington Post is not the moral authority when they portray our youth as violent, wicked dope dealers and always showing the killings in our community. You mean there is no good news in the Black community," Bro. Michael said.

Sabrina Greg, a sophomore at Howard who attended the rally said she "has not personally heard any hate speech" on Howard's campus. Another student, Sophia Hoskins, said she agreed with what was said at the rally that there is a move afoot to take over Howard. "They're trying to get in any way they can. Because technically, Howard is private, they can't dictate as they would to a public school," she said.



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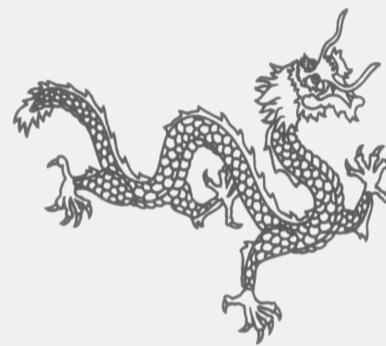
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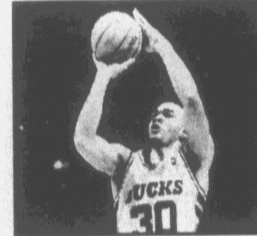
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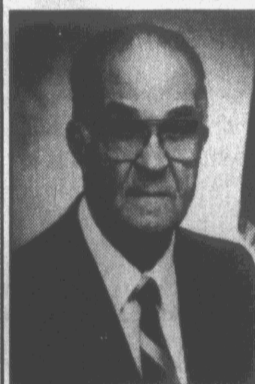
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Senator R.L. "Bob" Martin

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OPEN HOUSE



Land Use Plan Update/Zoning Ordinance

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In a continuing effort to prepare the County's first zoning ordinance, the Pitt County Planning Board is updating the Land Use section of the 1990 Comprehensive Plan. I would like to invite each of you to attend an Open House to see the results of our work so far. We need your input to prepare a valid Land Use Plan which will serve as the basis for the zoning ordinance.

During this informal meeting we will present Goals & Objectives and a Future Land Use Plan map, show various informational maps, answer questions, and collect your comments on our draft recommendations. This is your chance to provide input before we turn our attention to developing the zoning regulations which will be used to help carry out the plan.

Please come by anytime between 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. to learn more about this important effort. We hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Andy Foreman
Andy Foreman, Chairman

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By Dr. Lenora Fulani

I am one of hundreds of activist independents, Black, white and Latino—who have been working intently over the last six months to inaugurate a new national independent party capable of seriously challenging the corrupt and gridlocked two-party monopoly that controls politics in this country.

The party-building process began two years ago when 20 million ordinary Americans rebelled against politics-as-usual by voting for Ross Perot and other independents for president of the United States. Since then Americans from all walks of life, from all ethnic and racial groups, and from across the traditional political spectrum have been working to consolidate that voter rebellion into a political party that can wrest power from the professional politicians and return it to the people.

Over the last year and a half we have witnessed a truly extraordinary political process. We have seen people whom the political pundits said would never even sit in the same room together not only sit down and talk independent politics, but go out into each other's communities and work together to organize.

If this new party we're building is to prove capable of leading America out of crisis and into economic, social and political development, it must be a party that listens to the voice of ordinary Americans. It must be a populist party—a broad, inclusive party of citizen-activists, ordinary Americans of all colors and religions united by their common commitment to government "of the people, by the people and for the people."

Populism—which predates the categories of "left" and "right" in America—is the stubborn belief that ordinary Americans should run the country, not professional politicians and professional bureaucrats and professional "experts." It owes its names to the People's Populist Party, which was founded in 1892 by ordinary Americans (Black and white) and which presented the Democrats and Republicans with the most serious challenge so far to their professional rule.

But populism as a current in American political thought goes back even further. It is the belief that "all men (and women) are created equal." It is the commitment to "We, the People" as the ultimate source of power of society.

Populism is to be found in the patriots who massed along the road from Lexington to Concord more than 200 years ago. It is to be found among the insurgents of the Shay and Whiskey Rebellions which followed independence. It is to be found in the struggle of Thomas Jefferson and his anti-Federalists to have the Bill of Rights adopted and the franchise extended beyond the circles of the very rich. It is to be found in the work of Frederick Douglass and other Black leaders who fought slavery in the first half of the 19th century, and it was with the abolitionists and "free soilers" who united to found the Republican Party in 1854.

Populism, in short, is the determination to make the American dream of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" real for all Americans, regardless of their economic status, their race, their religion, their sex, or their sexual preference. It is the belief that ordinary Americans can and should run America; that if we had the power to set social, political and economic policy we would do a hell of a lot better at the job of looking after ourselves and our loved ones—not to mention the country and the world—than the professional politicians do.

The professionals have declared populism dead. They have buried it over and over again. They have told us the American people are "apolitical" and "apathetic." But just when the professionals had succeeded in driving voter participation to an all-time low, the American people stood up and said: We will have term limits! We will support an independent for president! We want the professional politicians out of the business of governing America!

I have often reflected on the fate

of the old Populist Party. There are two basic reasons why it failed in its mission to bring about greater democracy to America. First, it relied too heavily on programmatic. When the Democratic Party adopted some of the populists' demands as platform planks, many party members were willing to give up their independence. The democratic activity of building the Populist Party was given up in exchange for a promise from the professional politicians.

Of course, the Populists' reform planks were soon left behind by the professionals when they entered the smoke-filled back rooms of party wheeling and dealing.

Secondly, the Populist floundered on the issue of racism and inclusion. The fight over whether or not African Americans were to be included as full and equal partners ripped the party apart. The issue of Black inclusion and Black leadership remains the cutting edge issue for American populism

today.

The only way not to repeat the mistakes of history is to learn from them. We have an extraordinary

opportunity over the next few years to open up the American political process, to reignite through peaceful means the American Revolu-

tion, to make real the American promise of liberty and justice for all. Let's go for it.

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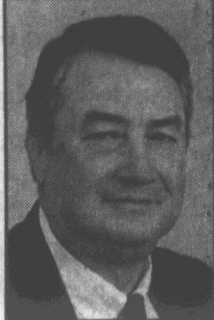
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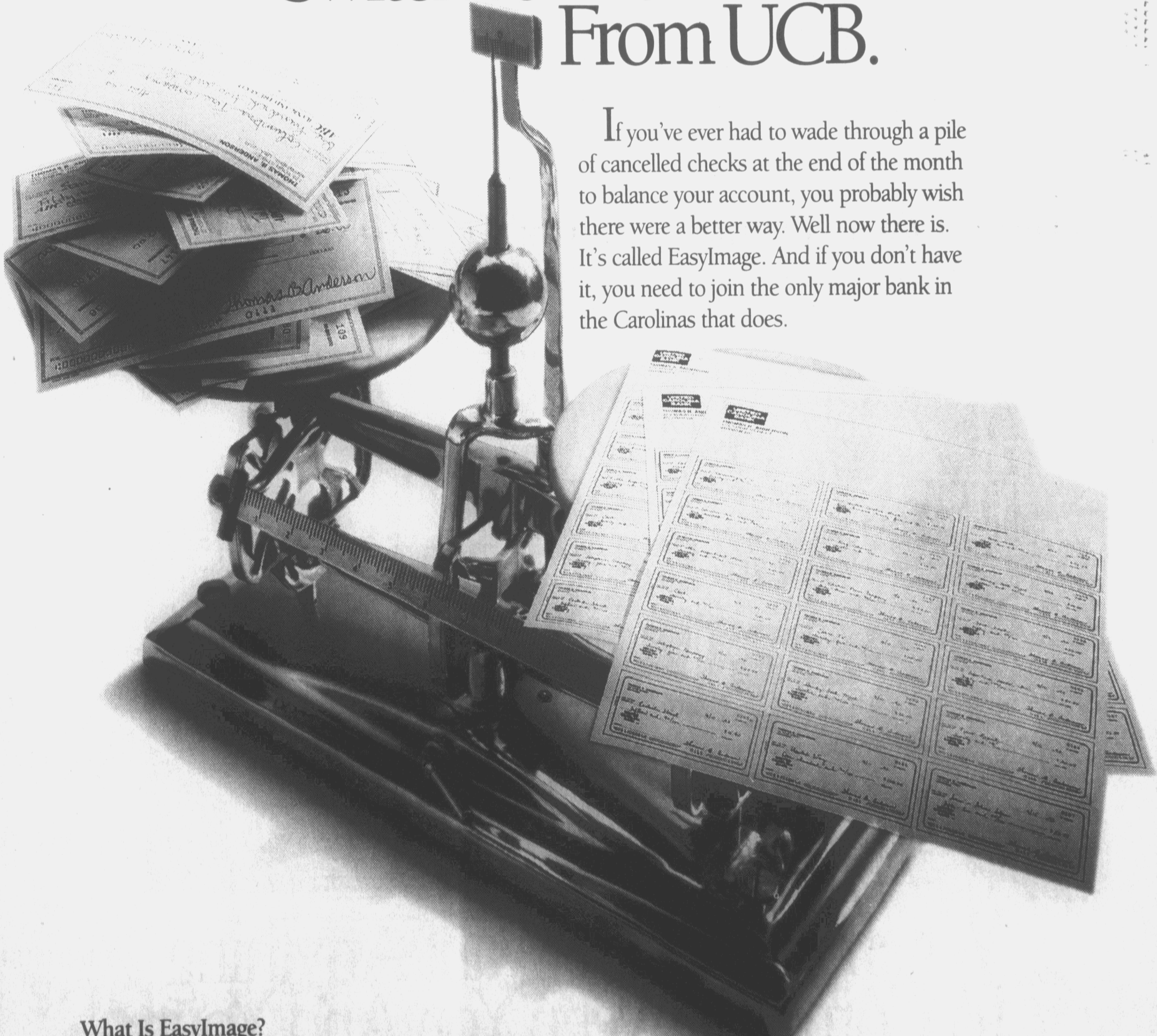
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Please Stop the Violence

A new kind of patriot

By Dr. Lenora Fulani
Over the weekend of April 15-17, I was one of 110 delegates representing 23 states who founded the Patriot Party in Ar-

lington, Virginia. I believe the founding of this national third party to be a milestone in the 400 year struggle for Black empowerment—it is the first

broadly based national electoral party in American history in which African Americans and other people of color are playing an active role in shaping and leading. We weren't present at the founding of the Democratic and Republican parties—and we've sat at the back of the political bus ever since. But

African Americans and Latinos have played a critical role in bringing the Patriot Party into being—and our presence is making a world of difference. The Patriot Party is a Party that is committed to grassroots democracy. As such, it's fighting for the empowerment of ordinary Americans—all Ameri-

cans. Colin Moore, the distinguished Caribbean American attorney who was a delegate to the convention from Brooklyn's 11th Congressional District, expressed some reservations about choosing the name "patriot" because of its association with the founding fathers.

About a third of those original patriots were slave owners, Brother Moore reminded his fellow delegates. "However," he said, "it does not follow that the term 'patriot' as used in 1994 need by narrowed by that historical definition... What is more important is the demonstration of what our party stands for. This party has an opportunity to redefine the narrow concept of patriot by insuring that... in terms of its executive and its staff and its record (it) looks like America in 1994."

And look like American it does—the Patriot Party, heeding Colin Moore's words, put its principles immediately to work by electing to national office the most racially, ethnically, socially, sexually and politically diverse group of leaders ever to head a party in the United States, and, perhaps, the world.

The convention adopted a Statement of Principles for the new party which expressed the delegates' agreement that "the electoral and governmental process must be democratized, that public officials must be made accountable to the people, and that government at all levels must be conducted in a fiscally responsible manner in which the people and not the professional politicians set priorities and policy direction for America."

We, the founders of the Patriot Party—Black, White, Latino and Asian American—articulated in our Statement of Principles the democratic reforms that the American people are clamoring for: "term limits, initiative and referendum, recall, thoroughgoing campaign finance reform, and fair and equitable access to the ballot, the media and televised debates for all qualified candidates."

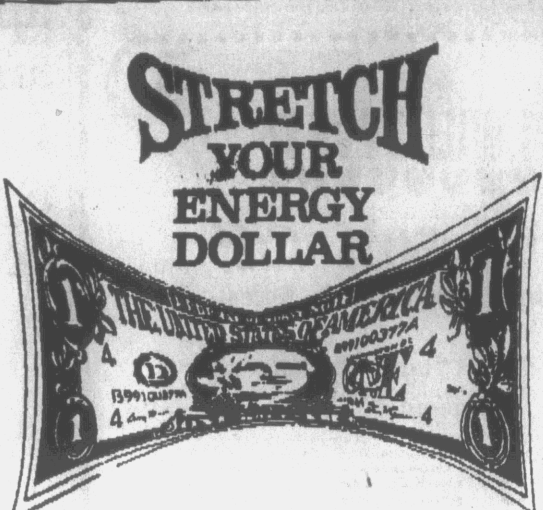
The founding convention also adopted a party constitution which puts power in the hands of the party's grassroots and makes the Patriot Party the most democratically structured party in America.

But the significance of the founding of the Patriot Party is not simply in the words the convention put on paper—the words are a reflection of the process which gave the party birth. That process began a year and a half ago when I, as the leader of the Black-led, multi-racial and pro-gay New Alliance Party and a militant advocate for the Black Agenda, began reaching out to the radical white center those who rejected the tow old parties and supported the independent candidacy of Ross Perot. This association grew in the context of local grassroots coalition among Perot voter, NAP activists and other independents, and their joint activity yielded a new national party based on shared principles and mutual respect.

I believe that the founding of the Patriot Party is a new beginning for American democracy and people's empowerment. Whether we—you and I and tens of millions of other Americans, Black, White, Latino, Asian—can actually build it into a political organization capable of beating the Democrats and Republicans remains to be seen. But whatever the outcome, the founding of the Patriot Party is an historic opportunity. It's a chance for ordinary Americans to take our country back from the professional politicians and bureaucrats and to put it on the path to human dignity and development.

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On Saturday, April 30, Greenville native Shannon I. Perkins went to Atlanta, GA for the Jr. World Cup Tae Kwon Do Championship. In 1993 she went to the US Jr. National Tae Kwon Do Championship held in Dayton, OH and received a gold medal in the sparring competition. Last Saturday she competed in the Jr. World Cup Tae Kwon Do championship along with 500 other top competitors from across the country. She again showed outstanding perseverance and won the gold in the forms competition. Yes indeed Shannon I. Perkins has truly been a valuable student at Byung Lee's Tae Kwon Do academy and a great competitor for Tae Kwon Do abroad. Shannon is an outstanding 7th grade student

attending Wellcome Middle School. She is currently a Second degree Black Belt and will defend her national title at the 1994 Jr. National Tae Kwon Do championship to be held July 14, 15 and 16 in Chicago, Illinois.

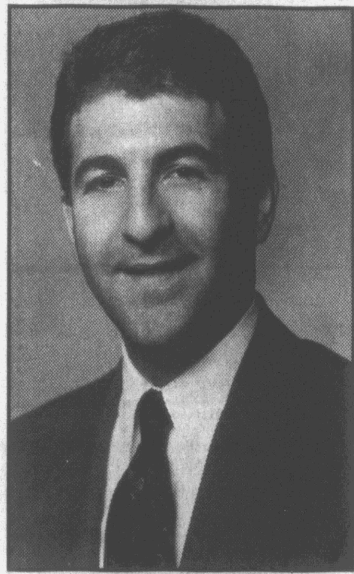
Arts Council to begin art camp registration

The Beaufort County Arts Council will offer three sessions of Art Camp for students in kindergarten through grade 6. Sessions are scheduled for June 13-17 in Washington; June 20-24 in Belhaven; and June 27 - July 1 in Aurora. Please call the Arts Council at 946-2504 beginning May 16 to register and for camp fee.



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Hackney & Sons featured on Profiles of America



JAY TROGER
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Hackney & Sons, Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of beverage delivery vehicles, was featured on Profiles of America airing Sunday, May 8, on CNBC (NBC Cable Network).

According to the show's producer, Hackney & Sons, Inc. was selected to be profiled because of the high degree of public interest in the beverage industry. Hackney plays a unique role and has enjoyed long time success in an industry that is highly competitive and constantly changing. The segment also touches on other

markets Hackney serves such as Emergency Support Vehicles.

The segment features Hackney's important task of designing and supplying top-name beverage companies, such as Coke and Pepsi, with long-lasting and durable delivery vehicles. Hackney designs the trucks to suit the individual needs of these companies and takes care of all the details, including painting the company's logo on the truck. Hackney has a team of engineers that constantly work on improving their vehicles so their customers get the most value for their money. This ultimately saves the consumer. Jay R. Troger, President & CEO of Hackney & Sons, Inc., said, "We were thrilled to be chosen for the program. We put a lot of pride and workmanship in our trucks to produce the highest quality delivery vehicles on the market, which is just one reason we're rated number one in the world."

Hackney & Sons, Inc. was founded in 1947 by James A. Hackney, Jr., but the company actually originated in England in 1621 when the first Hackney "London Coach" was developed.

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Photo by Jim Rouse

Pitt County Schools Class of 1994 invited to this year's Project Mall

Pitt County Schools Class of 1994 is invited to participate in this year's Project Mall. Pitt County Schools, Mothers Against Drunk

Driving and many local businesses have come together to provide a drug and alcohol free graduation celebration for this year's senior class.

Limited space available for "Miss Saigon"

The Beaufort County Arts Council has ten spaces available for the August 18 and 19 trip to Washington, D.C. The overnight trip offers orchestra seating for the musical "Miss Saigon" at the Kennedy Center, lodging at the Inn At Foggy

Bottom, and a river cruise to and tour of Mt. Vernon. The tour fee is \$215 for Arts Council members and \$225 for non-members. Please call the Arts Council at 946-2504 to confirm space.

Activities include bowling, movies, karaoke, bingo, live entertainment, gifts, door prizes, arcade games, and breakfast. The celebration will begin after graduation at 10:00 p.m. and last until 6:00 a.m. Saturday.

For further information contact Gretchen Allen (752-4710) or Judy DeFrancis (830-4208).

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Thank You

May 10, 1994

Dear Citizens:

During my first campaign in 1990, I pledged to eliminate racial problems within the Pitt County Sheriff's Department. There have been no racial complaints filed during my term in office. I pledged to promote minority hiring, this was accomplished. Minority hiring was increased from 3% to 30% and minority supervisors from 0% to 19%.

Many in the minority community were among my strongest supporters this past election, for that I am grateful. In the next four years, I hope to increase your confidence level.

Crime is not a black or white issue in Pitt County. It is a people issue. All of us must join together and work cooperatively in making our County a safer place for us to work and for our families to live.

As we work together each day to battle our crime rate, please look around at those leaders, both self-appointed and acknowledged, as they support our efforts to serve all our citizenry. Be diligent and questionably. YOU, not the self-servers should evaluate the Pitt County Sheriff's Department. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to call me anytime.

Next election day, as the one just passed, I want you, the citizens we serve, to be the final judge of our accomplishments.

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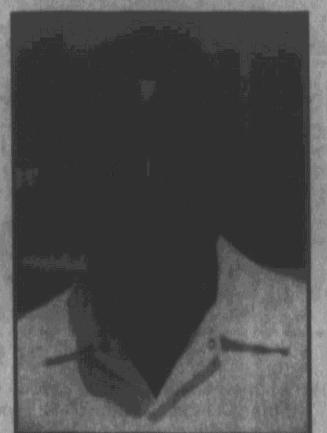
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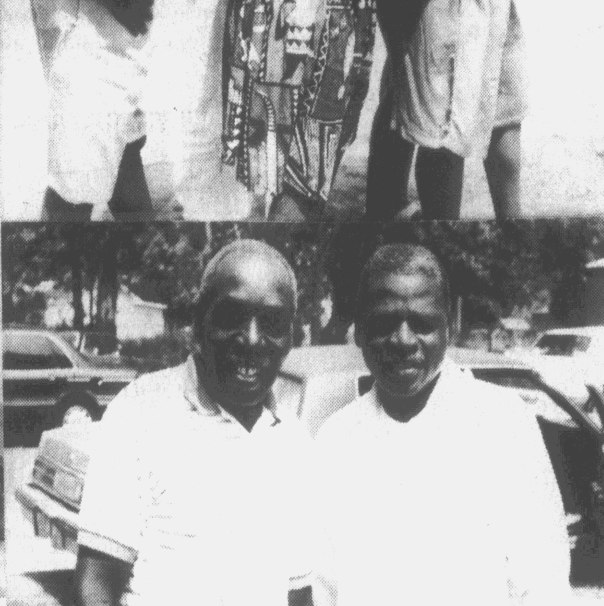
The Beatrice Maye Column By Beatrice Maye

10 Ways To Keep Love Alive secure and physically attractive is best prepared to sustain a relationship with another person.

1. Love yourself first. Someone who feels confident, emotionally

2. Be prepared for an emotional roller coaster ride. The first giddy, intoxicating phases of romance feel wonderful. Once you take off, the rose-colored spectacle, reality will intrude. Make sure you're ready

People, Places and Faces



for it.

3. Learn to think.

4. Learn to talk. Discuss matters that may create conflicts.

5. Give the relationship some room. Love needs lots of breathing space.

6. Treasure your private time together. Schedule a little leisure time though busy.

7. Reserve your week ends for each other - a romantic breakfast, a short walk, a quiet midnight dinner.

8. Be tolerant. Learn to tolerate your differences.

9. Don't forget romance. Find little, spontaneous ways to demonstrate your love. Kiss her when she least expects. Touch. Tuck little notes into his pockets when he's not looking. Find some way to say "I Love You" every day.

10. Be supportive. When you see your mate is down about something, you should be the one to begin the healing process.

11. Keep your sense of humor. Be able to see the lighter side of things.

From Ebony, March 1989, by Laura B. Randolph

Four Suggestions For Silencing Rumor Mongers

1. Identify source by name.
 2. Support evidence with facts. Do not accept hearsay.
 3. Ask the person, "May I quote you?"
 4. Openly admit, "I don't appreciate hearing that." It will halt the regular garbage delivery to your ears.
- Read: Proverbs 10:11-21; Proverbs 15:1-7
- "A family that eats together, stays together."

Man's Quest

Greece said . . . Be wise, know yourself.

Rome said . . . Be strong, discipline yourself.

Judaism says . . . Be holy, conform yourself.

Epicureanism says . . . Be sensual, enjoy yourself.

Educations says . . . Be resourceful, expand yourself.

Psychology says . . . Be confident, fulfill yourself.

Materialism says . . . be acquisitive, please yourself.

Pride says . . . Be superior, promote yourself.

Asceticism says . . . Be inferior, suppress yourself.

Diplomacy says . . . Be reasonable, control yourself.

Communism says . . . Be collective, secure yourself.

Humanism says . . . Be capable, trust yourself.

Philanthropy says . . . Be unselfish, give your self.

A righteous man walks in his integrity. How blessed are his sons (and daughters) after him.

Simplicity

1. Make it clear.
2. Make it simple.
3. Emphasize the essentials, and
4. Leave something unsaid.

Praise

Look around and praise three people who are never in the limelight.

Hell

Nothing tastes good in hell.

A study at the University of Chicago predicted that the year 2000, 70% of all Black men alive now will be either unemployed, in jail, on drugs or dead.

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Attorney receives endorsement

Attorney E. Yvonne Pugh who filed as a candidate for election to the North Carolina Court of Appeals has received the endorsements of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers and the North Carolina AFL-CIO.

The AFL-CIO is a 100,000 member voice of working families in the

state and the Academy is an organization of lawyers statewide whose history has been that of supporting the rights of working men and women who trial lawyers represent and preserving access to a fair jury system in which everyone has the same chance to achieve justice.

20 Year Reunion planned

The Farmville Central High School Class of 1974 will celebrate its 20th year reunion with a dinner dance on Saturday, June 11, 1994 at 6 p.m. and ending at mid-

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A Stroke Of Brilliance.

Souljah: Blacks are in a state of war

A standing ovation and ear-shattering cheer greeted raptivist Sista Souljah as she approached the podium to speak at Rutgers University. She was invited to the campus by 100 Black Men of Rutgers to spark the second day of their annual week-long remembrance of the African Holocaust titled "Slavery Remembrance Week."

Souljah, who was criticized by President Clinton during the '92 presidential race for her sobering analysis of Black-on-white violence in L.A. during the rebellion, emphasized the fact that Black people need to return to an "African way" of living and thinking. During her one hour and forty-five minute discussion, she outlined a common-sense method of putting Black folks on the road to unity and progress.

"Being an African person is less of what's going on in the outside and more of what's going on in the inside," Souljah said to the audience of 150 people inside the Lucy Stone Hall Auditorium.

On the subject of dealing with the "inside," Souljah stressed the importance of Black men and women establishing a "relationship with the spiritual creator."

"If you don't believe in some spiritual force or God and goodness," she said while discussing the cause of moral degradation in the Black community, "then you don't have any limitations to the actions that you will take... that is why a brother will take your life in an instant."

Another hindrance to our progress, noted Souljah to the very attentive audience, is the relationship between the elders and the young. According to Souljah, too many secrets are being kept by the elders; secrets that are vital to the continuing existence and advancement of Black youth.

The raptivist said, "Too many elders are teaching the youth to cooperate with white supremacy... with injustice. They are telling them to 'do what they say,' just go for what they ask for, and get out of there (college.)"

In an African society, Souljah argued, to be an elder "means that you've lived life and that you can teach the young to survive in the society in which they are born."

Afterwards, Souljah whose record career is earmarked by her battle cry of "We are at war!" clarified what she meant by the statement, which many mistook as the raptivist's all to "kill white people."

Rejecting any hate-mongering labels, Souljah explained that war is not something she wants. She said she wants peace more than anything, but "a state of existence is being placed on Blacka people's permission or their cooperation." This said Souljah, is a state of war.

"War exists when any group of people or system tries to take from you that which is rightfully yours: your ability to think for your own benefit, to move freely, to protect yourself," said Souljah. "Anytime these things are interrupted, especially for the majority of your people, a state of war has been declared."

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African Ambassadors for Carolinas Export Markets

The American business community will have the opportunity to discuss export processes and export market opportunities in Africa with African Ambassadors during a two day World Trade Conference sponsored by World Trade Inc. of Dallas, NC to be held on April 29, & 30, 1994 at the Sheraton Airport Plaza Hotel, Charlotte, North Carolina.

The conference will focus on scholarly and productive discussions and dialogues on export procedures and regulations; international insurance, shipping, financing and methods of payment. In addition to the valuable general information on exportation by selected speakers and panelist, African Ambassadors will explain and answer questions on specific

African business conditions and environment regarding technology transfers, joint ventures, agency, representation and distributorship. These will be valuable to participants. The American manufacturers, investors, importers, exporters, distributors, insurance, shippers, bankers, financier, trades, contractors, construction/engineering, institutions of higher learning and aspirants in international business are encouraged to attend. Specially discounted rate for Small businesses and Minority owned businesses, Limited sitting. Registration is on first come first served bases. For registration, call 1 (800) 919-9997 (long distance) 1 (704) 922-3666 (local) Fax 1 (704) 739-9157

Is underage drinking worth the risk?

Despite the fact that middle and senior high school students drink throughout the year, a concerted effort to call attention to teenage drinking habits usually occurs with the first blossoming buds of spring. Maybe it's because underage drinking becomes visible again. In the spring, many high school students party in open fields, chirping birds inaudible over the blaring music from some car radio or boom box. If these kids aren't in a field partying, they may be in anyone's home, parents gone for the afternoon, evening, or worse, the weekend. And let's not forget the upcoming prom season and the descent of thousands of teens to the southern sandy shores of our state.

ents that actually feed into these same attitudes. One beer in the system of an average sized teenager is enough to put his or her blood alcohol level up to .02. Contrary to popular teenage myth, eating while drinking does not help absorb alcohol; and waiting an hour between drinks won't bring down the blood alcohol level either. It takes a considerable amount of time for the body to metabolize alcohol out of the system.

The results of these gathering are often devastating: serious automobile crashes with personal injuries, unwanted and unprotected sex, physical violence and property destruction. Most of these kids don't have substance abuse problems. Some may truly think they can walk away from the party after having just one beer. The old cliches ring out like a bell from the highest tower: "It's just one beer." "I won't drink the hard stuff." "I can handle it." "There's no problem driving. I've only had one." worse are the par-

If caught, underage drinkers face the possibility of losing their licenses and possibly incurring fines, not to mention the fact that the more serious SWI charges usually result in a police record. Since kids probably won't read this column parents, ask your kids this: "Is one drink worth an automobile accident, a fight, unwanted (and possibly not remembered and unprotected sex or police record?" Is one beer, or a drink of any alcoholic beverage really going to make the party better? Is one drink going to make that girl (or guy) think you're really that cool? Hey, underage drinkers... it's decision making time. Is a drink really worth it? All you'll gain is one—or severally drinks. You have a lot more to lose.



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Hampton University of Hampton, Virginia. She is a member of Chi Eta Phi and Delta Sigma Theta Sororities, Incorporated. DeWanda is presently preparing for the NCLEX (National Council Licenser Examination). Com-

mence exercises were scheduled for May 8, 1994. Afterwards she plans to reside in Maryland. Congratulations DeWanda!



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The Greenville Urban Area's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will soon be preparing a Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) for Greenville, Winterville and a portion of Pitt County. The LTIP will focus on highway, bridge, public transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and railroad safety projects. The MPO has developed a proposed Public Involvement Policy to assist the MPO in establishing transportation priorities.

The proposed Public Involvement Policy will be on file in the office of the MPO's Lead Planning Agency for forty-five (45) days beginning Monday, May 16, 1994. To obtain a copy or review the proposed policy, please contact John Roberson, Engineering Division, City of Greenville, 306 South Greene Street, PO Box 7207, Greenville, NC 27835. (919) 830-4476.

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"A Night In Africa"

Voluptuous Fashions of Farmville and the Spirits of Unity present "A Night in Africa", Saturday, May 21, 1994 at the Ramada Inn, 203 Greenville Blvd. at 6:30 PM

Authentic African Dishes will be served. All guest are urged to "Dress Up" for the occasion by wearing an African Garment.

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Call Bernetta Collins at 919-753-2467 or Gwen Aflord at 919-758-4597.

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