

# DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

This Is An Election Year!

## Quote

"At the bottom of education, at the bottom of politics, even at the bottom of religion, there must be our race economic independence"

Booker T. Washington

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## Reginald Frazier files suit against North Carolina Bar

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA EASTERN DIVISION

NO. 95-HC-463-BO

REGINALD L. FRAZIER,  
Petitioner,

v. MOTION FOR IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY STAY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR,  
et al.,  
Respondents

To the Honorable Terrence Boyle, United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina

NOW COMES, Reginald L. Frazier, pro se, in the above cause, having lodged before this United States District Court a complete record (whole record) 93-CVS-1771, 95-HC-463-BO, pursuant to 28 USC 2254, 42

USC 1983; relying upon Powell vs. McCormick 395 U.S. 486, 494-500 (1969) and Steffell vs. Thompson 415 U.S. 452, 472-73 (1974). "A 1983 suit may be instituted prior to the commencement of an administrative process or may be litigated concurrently with the administrative remedy"; i.e., Reginald L. Frazier vs. North Carolina State Bar; 93 CVS 1771, 95 BRC 4, 94-HC463-BO; the Respondents having waived all exhaustion and the matter is properly before this Court.

The cessation of the administrative process; i.e., the final decision of the Order of Disbarment of the N.C. State Bar and the

Disciplinary Hearing Commission disbarment of November 6, 1989 (89DHC-15), does not represent an adjudication of the merits of the Movant's federal claims; that the judgments of disbarment are absolutely "void" and that the said (disbarment judgement); i.e., the taking of the right of property/without/due process, is an infringement on

the right to practice law by the 1st, 5th, and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution; (see) Article 1, Section 5 of the N.C. Constitution, 1g65 Voter's Rights Act, Section II; i.e., (84.28.1).

The N.C. State Bar, nor the Disciplinary Hearing Commission, may not, pursuant to the authority of 42 USC 1983 Steffell vs. Thompson 415 U.S. 452 (1974) \*abort by any claim, real or imaginary, or any attempt as it has so pervasively done herein, to beguile and beguile this Court, as to the current state of the law in the State of North Carolina and the United States, concerning the lawful right of Reginald L. Frazier, a Negro citizen, to practice law before the State Courts of North Carolina or the Federal Courts of Eastern North Carolina, in particular. The practice of law is a right of property; i.e., law license, and is entitled to equal protection and due process.

This Court is hereby requested to grant an immediate stay of the disbarment order of Novem-

ber 6, 1989 and recognize the order lawfully issued by the Superior Court Judge, George Greene, on December 13, 1993; and strike and declare as "a nullity" the arbitrary and capricious order entered in the cause on December 28, 1993, which is a fraud upon the jurisdiction of the Courts of the

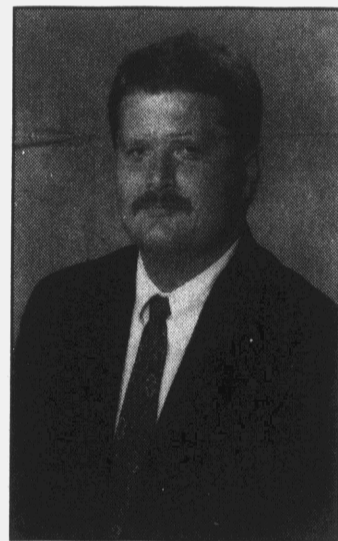
State of North Carolina and more particularly, a fraud upon the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts of the United States, particularly this Honorable Court, in that said order appears on its face to be null and void and is of no legal effect whatsoever; for

the obvious reason that the Order of December 13, 1993 is not a Restraining Order but a valid Order of Stay pursuant to 150-B-48.

REGINALD L. FRAZIER, A NEGRO LAWYER AND CITIZEN HAS ALLEGED THROUGHOUT THE "RECORD" THAT AS A NEGRO LAWYER AND CITIZEN, THE N.C. STATE BAR HAS ACTED WITHOUT LAWFUL AUTHORITY IN ISSUING ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS OF DISBARMENT FOR THE REASON; AS IT HAS BEEN CLEARLY AND COGENTLY DEMON-

STRATED BY SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE; THAT THERE HAS BEEN SELECTIVE PROSECUTION OF NEGRO LAWYERS (PARTICULARLY, REGINALD L. FRAZIER), THROUGHOUT THE HISTORY OF THE N.C. STATE BAR; disproportionately with gross disparity, for the reason that Negro Lawyers constitute less than 1%; i.e., 500 members, as opposed to 16,000 White members which when translated simply means, that the 1% Negro Lawyers suffer 65% of all the disbarments and suspensions (Continued on page 2)

## Braddy files for District Court Judge



G. GALEN BRADDY

G. Galen Braddy, an attorney with Harrington, Edwards & Braddy, L.L.P. of Greenville announced his candidacy for District Court Judge at noon today at the Pitt County Courthouse. Mr. Braddy attended East

Carolina University where he was a member of the Pirate Football Team. After attending East Carolina he received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and later graduated with Honors from the North Carolina Central School of Law.

Mr. Braddy is a partner in the law firm of Harrington, Edwards & Braddy, L.L.P. where he concentrates his practice in personal injury, criminal defense, worker's compensation, and social security law. He is currently a member of the East Carolina University Faculty and is attorney for the East Carolina University Student Body.

Mr. Braddy was recently elected as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Pitt County Judicial District 3A Bar and is Vice-President of the Pitt County Criminal Defense Bar. He is a member of the Pitt County Bar Association, the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, the North Carolina Bar Association,

the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the American Bar Association.

"Pitt County has given me many opportunities from playing football at East Carolina and being a member of the ECU Faculty to practicing law in the Pitt County courts daily. My practice has exposed me to all segments of society and has made me aware of the problems facing our citizens in court. I want to use my background to bring to the bench a hardworking and enthusiastic approach to restore our community's confidence in the legal system through an efficient, fair and just application of the law to all parties."

The Treasurer for Braddy for District Court Judge is Danny Harrington, a partner in the firm of Harrington Edwards & Braddy, L.L.P. His Campaign Manager is Marcy W. Romary of Greenville who assisted Congressman Martin Lancaster and Congressman Tim Valentine in recent campaigns.

## The New Populist Partnership

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

While the press is busy writing about the Buchanan upset in New Hampshire, the other big political story of 1996 — what's going to happen with the Black vote — has yet to be covered.

Black Democrats are already working overtime to get their message — ut. And while the tone and form of the message might vary, the goal is the same — keep the Black voter tied to the Democratic Party at all costs. Some Democrats think that the party should play directly upon the fears the Black community has about social policy under a Republican administration. Others urge that Black voters — together with our traditional allies like white liberals, the women's movement, etc. — work to elect 75 additional Democratic Congresspersons to restore the Democratic majority. Still others argue that the Black community should consider (but not take) an independent option — in coalition with our traditional liberal partners — as a way to leverage our position with respect to the Democratic Party. These are all efforts to contain the growing dissatisfaction within the Black electorate about politics in general and the Democratic Party in particular.

That dissatisfaction, however, is not showing any signs of dissipating. That's why Bill Clinton

who wants to keep us in the fold while giving us as little as possible, made his appearance at the NAACP's swearing-in ceremony for Kweisi Mfume. President Clinton is well aware that the African American electorate is restless and dissatisfied. We see that sentiment manifest in the monumental outpouring for the Million Man March last October at which Minister Farrakhan urged the Black community (even as I have personally urged Minister Farrakhan for years) to reconstitute itself as an independent "third force." The polls continue to back this up. Most recently, Dr. Michael Dawson, a political scientist from the University of Chicago, conducted a poll showing that 57% of African Americans favored the formation of a third party.

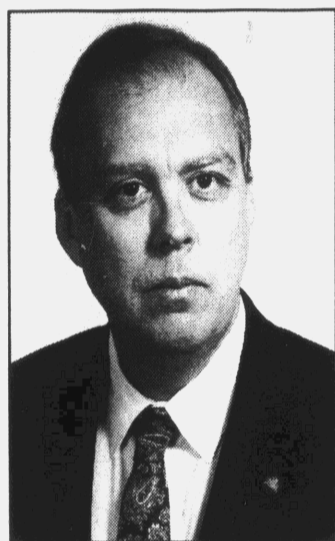
But those Black leaders who are trying to persuade us to resist the pull towards independent politics are relying upon the assumption that we can continue to ally with what have been our traditional white liberal coalition partners. I think this is an error. The story of the last 10 years of U. S. politics has been the story of betrayal of African American interests by white liberals. Look, for example, at the desertion of New York Mayor David Dinkins by tens of thousands of white voters who switched loyalty to the Repub-

licans during Dinkins' 1993 re-election bid. Look at the liberal Democrats' refusal to support the creation of new majority Black districts in the South. Look at the white liberal establishment's virulent attacks on Minister Farrakhan and other Black leaders who work.

There is less and less evidence that the white liberal community will work to coalesce with us at all, even inside the Democratic Party. There is no evidence that white liberals would join us in leading the way to a new, independent party! They, for the most part, reject independent politics. Indeed, they have been all too willing to downplay and ignore our interests in favor of keeping the Democrats in power no matter what the cost. But if keeping the Democrats in power means giving up on what's best for our people, what reason do we have to stay with the Democrats? In my opinion, none!

The fundamental challenge for the African American community in this election year is to establish that we can come together with other forces in ways which make us a significant enough threat to the status quo to give us some genuine leverage. I have argued, and continue to argue, that the potential for that new alliance exists with the populist "white center," or the (Continued on page 3)

## Mercer files for re-election



LINWOOD MERCER

State Representative Linwood Mercer filed for re-election on

Thursday, February 1, at 11 a.m. at the Pitt County Board of Elections. Mercer, a Democrat from Farmville, has represented the 8th house district since 1992. The 8th district includes most of Greene County and parts of Pitt, Edgecombe and Martin County.

Rep. Mercer serves on the appropriations committee, and is the Ranking Minority Member of the subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety. He is also the Ranking Minority Member of the committee on Pension and Retirement. He has been assigned, by the Speaker of the House, to several study committees including the Election Reform Committee, Corrections Oversight Committee, and the Administrative Rules Review Commission. In the last term, he served as Chair of the Fire and Rescue Pension Fund Study Committee. Rep. Mercer's leadership

on this committee led to a dramatic increase in funding for our fire and rescue personnel.

Rep. Mercer has previously served as Chair of the Pitt County Commissioners, Mayor of the town of Farmville, and was Pitt County's Small Businessman of the Year in 1993. Linwood and his wife, Alice are members of the Farmville United Methodist Church and they have three daughters: Sarah, Nancy and Rebecca.

Mercer's proudest accomplishment was the creation of over sixty new state jobs in his district. Additionally, millions of dollars have been invested in state construction projects in his district during the last term. Mercer says, "What the people of my district need most is good jobs with good benefits. I have been successful in bringing these home and I plan to continue."

## Our African-American Heritage/Legacy

In the words of the Honorable Louis Farrakhan, "Black people should stop depending on the white man and do some things for themselves..."

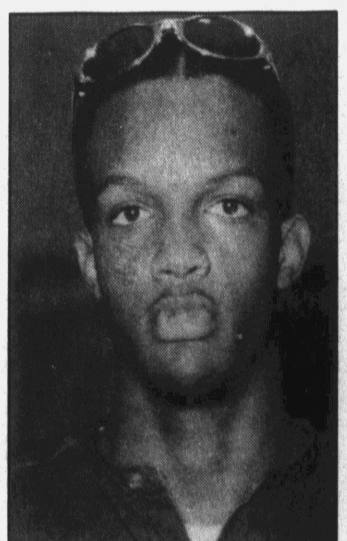
We want freedom, we want justice, we want equal opportunity, freedom, justice, equality, self-preservation of laws. We want freedom, just, equality to all... regardless of creed, class, or color. We want freedom, justice, equality, membership in society with the best in civilized society. We want our people in America, whose parents or grandparents were descendants from slaves, to be allowed to establish a separate state or territory of their own... either on this continent or elsewhere.

I feel that those black people, as a whole, should have their own businesses, own land, open schools for their children to attend. We need to provide the wherewithal for our children to function independently by owning and operating factories, barber shops, music shops, restaurants, motels, banks, car washes,

supermarkets, department stores (such as a J.C. Penny), mechanics garages, welders shops. We need to build our own houses (providing carpentry, brick masonry, electrical, and landscaping jobs); we need to own and operate our own schools (providing nursing and physicians positions). These are just some of the ways we could move toward economic independence. The list of possibilities is endless.

In order for these possibilities to become a reality, however, some fundamental preparation must be completed: our children need to go to school and get their basic education, complete the requirements for a diploma; go to college and earn a degree; go to technical schools and learn some kind of trade. Our children must have gainful employment, maintain a bank account, maintain a savings account, make wise investments. Through these steps, there is no limit to the potential our children can reach. There is more: our children

need to be taught to put God FIRST in their hearts and believe in Him. Our children need to avoid bad company (people who do bad things... wrong things). They need to know that it is wrong to rob, steal, kill one another; that they should stay away from drugs, drug addicts, crack houses, and alleys. Our children today need to honor their fathers and their mothers with all their hearts. Amen, Amen, Amen.



YOUNG, BLACK AND STRONG... John Lynch, candidate for ECU's Student Government Association. Our camera caught up with Brother Lynch at the ECU Mendenhall Student Center recently while a function was underway to aid Cornelia Anderson, a young gifted African American sister who is in need of a bone marrow transplant. Brother Lynch is aspiring to be the first African American SGA president. He is reaching out to the black and white communities to pray for him and give him. Give your support to our young son. He is our future. (Continued on page 3)

Staff photo by Jim Rouse

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and Negro lawyers have been the victims and objects of invidious, unconstitutional disbarment punishment throughout the entire history of the N.C. State Bar; particularly Negro lawyer Reginald L. Frazier, who is the only lawyer ever subjected to such outrageous, unlawful abuse of authority at the N.C. State Bar.

Reginald L. Frazier is the only lawyer in the history of the judicial system of North Carolina; particularly the N.C. State Bar, who has ever been subjected to such abusive, shocking and outrageous racial oriented judgments. That the record proper herein is overwhelming clear that the numbers support the claims as defined with detailed specificity and particularity in the record before this Court; the evidence is so overwhelming that the N.C. State Bar filed no objections to the same nor has it contradicted the same in the whole record.

That Reginald L. Frazier is being denied the right to engage

in or exercise the right to practice law because of the illegal and improper scheme of the N.C. State Bar since 1985; for the reasons herein alleged in the whole record before this Court herein again requested that 93 CVS 1771 be incorporated in the record herein by reference.

The evidence in this cause is mountainous, unequivocal, clear, simple, and without question; that "judicial racism" is and was the basic criteria for the disbarment of Reginald L. Frazier, the Movant herein and it is prayed that this United States District Court will grant an immediate [Temporary Stay], allowing Reginald L. Frazier to engage in the practice of law until a final determination of the serious issues of racial disparity and racial discrimination and formalistic policies of the N.C. State Bar and the State of North Carolina, in terms of racial inequality, are determined by this Court which have been pending without action by this Court and is in effect further punishing the

# Reginald Frazier Suit

Movant. Attached hereto, to this application for relief, are Court documents and affidavits from the whole record proper which are clear, cogent and convincing

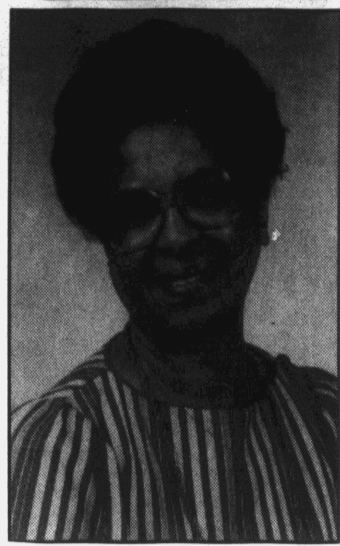
proof of the claims of Reginald L. Frazier. Claims supported by the numbers, as by law required, to establish a case of targeting and selective prosecution at the N.C. State Bar, as well as other seri-

ous issues of first impression and issues of substantial constitutional merit. That Reginald L. Frazier is now left without an adequate remedy of law and is entitled to a Temporary Stay and/

or Injunctive Relief as prayed. Signed this 27th day of February, 1996.

Reginald L. Frazier, pro se

## from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



BEATRICE MAYE  
THE WOMEN/FEMALES  
& MEN/MALES WE  
MOST ADMIRE

Explain yours in your own words. (Limit your choice to African Americans, please).

WOMEN/FEMALES

MEN/MALES

Wonderful mother and A true man of God, he lives grandmother whose family always what he preaches and judges no man. comes first

His gift as a peacemaker and Brains, spunk, and his humanitarian activities integrity He keeps telling it as it is Shows compassion and and lets the chips fall where they may keeps her life clean

A true African-American A great humanitarian who isn't afraid to help the poor

A man with backbone who made us proud to be an African-American

She makes me laugh. His life is dedicated to helping others without asking anything A "gusty" lady - she can in return stand up to men.

He's not afraid to stand up Great writer. Her words for his beliefs. seem to heal the soul.

A military man who exemplifies I admire as a woman. hard work, determination and morality.

Honest, strong, spunky and beautiful. A great professional who served us well.

A tough woman in a tough job

ADVERSITY

Adversity is no excuse for quitting.

RISKS

"He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life".

Mohammed Ali

ABILITY

"We all have ability. The difference is how we use it". Stevie Wonder

EXPECTATION

"You have to expect things of yourself before you can do them".

Michael Jordan

LOVE/HATRED

"Great men cultivate love...only little men cherish a spirit of hatred". Booker T. Washington

Call In Questions on Channel 9, Friday, February 23, 1996, "Carolina Today" with John Moore and Dianne Bowen, hosts and Pat Alexander, Bernita Demery, Beatrice Maye and Brenda Teel. How would you have answered them? Give us your answers, please.

1. Do you think WNCT -TV and other local stations give a fair and honest depiction of our

Black community?

2. What can be done to educate Black women on finances?

3. What can be done to strengthen the images, outlooks and perspectives of African-American men?

4. Why do you think Black men have been portrayed so badly and what can they do to change the image?

5. Why is it important for whites to know the contributions of Black Americans?

6. What can the public school do to better encourage minority students to want to get an education?

7. What can be done to make Black superstars be more positive role models and help more Blacks employ Blacks, marry Blacks, etc.?

8. Will those who receive money for energy assistance get more money later?

9. Are there parent-teacher drug workshops to address drug issues in the schools today? Is the drug issue better or worse?

10. How would you characterize the state of race relations here in Pitt County?

11. What do you think of the Warren & Felicia Moon's case in Texas?

12. What do you think of Louis Farrakhan's visit to Libya and Iraq?

13. With the Black population having babies so young, young ladies winding up on social services, what can be done to get them off of social services and into the working field?

14. How has the role of Black women changed in the church, the home and the community?

15. Why are the kids mistreated and abused in our school system and where can you go above the Board of Education for help?

16. Why is the young Black farmer not recognized?

17. Can a race of people be strong without a strong father figure in the home?

18. Why does the Black condone Louis Farrakhan visiting the United States?

INSPIRING WOMEN

March is National Women's History Month. "See History in a

New Way". It calls attention to the fact that girls and women can be inspired by the examples set by women in the past. They can also be inspired by the women of today.

I shall cite some women in Greenville and Pitt County who were/or trailblazers or pathfinders or are simply women of inspiration who exemplify this year's theme, "See History in a New Way".

1. Fannie Jackson who opened and Danaged the first licensed day care center in West Greenville, the Meadowbrook Day Care Center.

2. Lizzie Kearney made and sold hats on Dickinson Avenue. She owned her own millinery Shop.

3. Belle May Atkinson, George Washington Carver's first librarian. The library was then located on Shepherd Street.

4. Lucille Gorham, the first Black female to serve on the Greenville City School Board.

5. Georgia Williams Foreman, who lived 90 minutes into her 102nd birthday, was a school teacher, whose monthly salary was \$25.00.

6. Margie Clemons, along with her husband, are Tara Distributors, an industrial cleaner establishment.

7. Sadie Saulter, principal of Fleming Street School that was later named for her, the Sadie Saulter School.

8. Lena Bradley Brown, principal of South Greenville School until her retirement.

9. Esther Mae Rich, a blind medical/records transcriptionist

10. Esther Mae Porteur and Beatrice Atkinson, starred in the movie, "To Pitch a Boogie Woogie".

11. Mary Daniels, a midwife who worked under the supervision of Drs. Joe and James Smith.

12. Louise McConnell, first female supervisor of Pitt County Schools

13. Hazel Jordan and Madeleine Blount and Lillian Dupree Bradley, Pitt County School Supervisors

14. Patricia Mitchell Clarke was honored by the Greenville Jaycees as being named "Young Educator of the Year 1986".

15. Mary Perkins Williams, 8th house District Candidate

16. Annie M. Brown of Simpson was instrumental in securing the Housing Project in Ayden; thus, they named the recreation center the "Annie M. Brown Recreation Center.

17. Jennifer Congleton and Charla Davis were appointed by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners to serve on the Pitt County Women's Commission.

18. Sadie Rooks, who worked with her husband, the late Rev. O. James Rooks, in his tailoring shop, located on 14th Street, made men's and women's suits.

19. Rosa Bradley, Ellen Gatlin and Lucy Jones, owners/managers of Rest Homes and Home for the Aged.

20. Amelia Capehart-Brown and Addie R. Gore, Home Economists for Pitt County's Agricultural Extension Services. Cheryl is the present home economist, Cheryl Summers

21. Ruth Braswell Jones, the first female/Black president of the NCTA and the first female director of the NEA.

22. Bernita Demery recently elected the first Black woman in the city's financial department. Anglene Peoples, Bernitals assistant

23. Willi Mae Carney, voters registration "ace", though deceased

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## Agree or Disagree

# The Racial Preference licensing act

"Black people will never gain full equality in this country. Even those Herculean efforts we hail as successful will produce no more than temporary "peaks of progress," short-lived victories that slide into irrelevance as racial patterns adapt in ways that maintain white dominance. This is a hard-to-accept fact that all history verifies."

Law Professor and author, Derrick Bell, wrote the above state-

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#### Mrs. Maye

24. Marjorie Gatlin owns and operates her own flower shop, "Flowers by Marjorie", on 14th Street

25. Laura Marie Leary Elliott, 1st female Black graduate, the class of 1967, East Carolina University. Her degree was in Business Administration. Congratulations, Mrs. Elliott!

26. Gertrude Latham and Hattie Streeter Tyson, first beauticians

27. Selena Longhorne Davenport Forbes, C. M. Eppes High School's first choral directress. She has played the organ for 60 years, Congratulations, Mrs. Forbes!

28. Shirley Person, Greenville's first Black police lady

29. Dede Carney, Realtor/Broker for Remax Properties. Her awards and recognitions have been innumerable.

30. Jean Darden, J. H. Rose High's first female assistant principal

31. Shirley Carraway first Black as well as first female principal of J. H. Rose High School

32. Carolyn Ferebee, first Greenville City Schools Community Schools coordinator as well as first principal of the C. M. Eppes Middle School

33. Beatrice Maye organized the first Black Book Club in Greenville. Perhaps, she is the first Black individual (female) whose picture hangs in a school library. She opened E. B. Aycock's Media Center/library

34. Valerie Thomas, director, New Directions

35. Pauline Anderson, a newly elected member of the Board of the Woman's Foreign and Home Missions for the state of North Carolina

36. Mable Lang, received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from the School of Theology, Shaw University

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#### Brubaker

tor. "The Taxpayer Protection Act would require our legislators to take a hard look at where taxpayer dollars should be spent. Under Speaker Brubaker's leadership, the N.C. House took a proactive stance toward reforming the spending habits of the General Assembly."

The annual award, known as the E.A. Morris Award, is given by N.C. Taxpayers United to individuals that work diligently to protect taxpayer interests in North Carolina. For more information about the award or North Carolina Taxpayers United, call (919) 571-1441.

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#### Populist Partnership

"Perot voter" as it is more popularly known. The Perot voting bloc, by going independent, has created a situation in which the powers-that-be are obsessively competing for them. We should do the same. Moreover, if we joined the white populists in creating a new electoral coalition in an independent party, we'd be part of a new plurality that could win three-way elections at the national, state and local level.

ment in his article Racial Realism, which appeared in the 24th volume of the Connecticut Law Review, in 1992.

He continued, "We must acknowledge it and move on to adopt policies based on what I call: "Racial Realism." This mind-set or philosophy requires us to acknowledge the permanence of our subordinate statue."

"That acknowledgement enables us to avoid despair, and frees us to imagine and implement racial strategies that can bring fulfillment and even triumph," writes Bell.

According to Bell, all too many of the Black people we sought to lift through law from a subordinate status to equal opportunity, are more deeply mired in poverty and despair than they were during the "Separate but Equal" era.

In addition, Bell states in his article that despite successful efforts to strip the law's endorsement from the hated "Jim Crow" signs, contemporary color barriers are less visible but neither less real nor less oppressive.

Bell writes, "Today, one can travel for thousands of miles across this country and never come across a public facility designated for "Colored" or "White." Indeed, the very absence of visible signs of discrimination creates an atmosphere of racial neutrality that encourages whites to believe that

racism is a thing of the past."

"Today," Bell writes, "blacks experiencing rejection for a job, a home, or a promotion, anguish over whether race or individual failing prompted their exclusion. Either conclusion breeds frustration and eventually despair," according to Bell.

Bell states in his article that we call ourselves African-Americans, but despite centuries of struggle, none of us, no matter our prestige or position, is more than a few steps away from a racially motivated exclusion, restriction, or affront.

In his 1992 book, Faces From the Bottom of the Well, Bell describes an imaginary new law, the Racial Preference Licensing Act. This imaginary law was created for use in starting a dialogue among law students on the topic of race in the law.

Under this imaginary law, all employers, proprietors of public facilities, and owners and managers of dwelling places, homes, and apartments could, on application to the federal government, obtain a license authorizing the holders, their managers, agents, and employees to exclude or separate person of the basic race and color.

The license itself was expensive, but not prohibitively so.

Once obtained, it required payment to a government commission of a tax of 3 percent of the income

derived from whites employed, whites served, or products sold to whites during the time the policy of "racial preference" was in effect.

License holders were required to both to display their licenses prominently in a public place and to operate their businesses in accordance with the racially selective policies set out on their license.

Specifically, discrimination had to be practiced in accordance with the licensed on a nonselective basis. Licenses were not available to those who, for example, might hire or rent to one token black and then discriminate against other applicants, using the license as a shield against discrimination suits.

Persons of color wishing to charge discrimination against a facility not holding a license, if successful, would be entitled to damages at ten thousand dollars per instance of unlicensed discrimination.

License fees and commissions paid by license holders would be placed in a "equality fund" used to underwrite black businesses, to offer no-interest loans for black home buyers, and to provide scholarships for black students seeking college and vocational education.

To counter charges that black people would be both segregated and never gain any significant benefit from the equality fund, the act provided that five major civil rights organizations would submit the name of representative who would serve on the commission for one, nonrenewable three-year term.

In law schools, students discuss the good and bad aspects of this law and Bell's position on race relations.

The Minority Voice, Inc. wants to know your opinion.

Discuss this hypothetical new law with your family and friends. We invite you in respond to the

following questions:

1. Do you agree with Derrick Bell's statement that African-Americans will never gain full equality in this country?

2. Do you believe segregation still exists in this part of North Carolina?

3. Do you feel that a law such as the Racial Preference Licensing Act would improve the conditions of a majority of African-Americans in this are of North Carolina?

4. Do you feel that such a law would lead to increased segregation?

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6. What other comments would you like to make?

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March 7-April 26 - Folk artists Ann Bell, Julie Ottesen, Carmella Hollis and Jesse "Bill" Whitley will have paintings, baskets, quilts and wood carvings on display in the Civic Center's gallery. The gallery is open to the public weekdays, unless closed for a private function, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

March 16 - The Gregg Gelb Swing Band will perform memorable music for dancing or listening at the Washington Civic Center from 8-11 p.m. Admission is by tickets available in advance at the Arts Council or at the door on March 16. Tickets are \$10 for Arts Council members and \$15 for nonmembers. For more information, please call the Arts Council at 946-2504.

March 18 - The Arts Council's Board of Directors will meet in the depot at noon. Please call the office at 946-2504 if unable to attend.

March 18 - The Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Company will present "The Jazz Dance Beat - Then and Now" for students at Jones Middle and Northside High schools. The Chicago-based company, under the direction of Nan Giordano, will summarize the history of jazz dance in an educational and entertaining manner. These performances are sponsored by the Beaufort County Arts Council and the Beaufort County Schools.

March 28-30 - "Little Shop of Horrors," a horror musical comedy spoof, will be presented by

the Washington Community Theatre Association at 8 p.m. each evening at the Washington Civic Center. Tickets, \$8 for adults and \$6 for children, may be purchased in advance weekdays at the Arts Council or before the performances. For more information, please call the Arts Council at 946-2504.

March 31 - The Washington Community Theatre Association will present a 2:30 p.m. matinee performance of "Little Shop of Horrors" at the Washington Civic Center. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children.

March 31 - The Beaufort County Choral Society and the Beaufort County Children's Chorus will present two performances of the annual Spring

Concert. The first performance is at 3 p.m. at Washington's First Christian Church, and the second at 7:30 p.m. at Bath's St. Thomas Episcopal Church. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free; donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, please call the Arts Council at 946-2504.

The Beaufort County Arts Council and Civic Center are on Main and Gladden Streets in Washington's restored train station complex. Visitors are welcome to view the exhibitions and to browse in the gift shop. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, please call 946-2504 or 975-6993.

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What does it mean to be an African American?

It means being set free from slavery, but not free from prejudice.

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It means driving a fine car and being pulled over...because of the color of your skin.

It means going to buy the home of your choice...but getting turned down because of the color of your skin.

It means going to a bank for a loan and getting turned down...because of the color of your skin.

It means you bought your dream home—in a fine neighborhood—and decided to go for a walk in the neighborhood—and the police stop you and ask you what you are doing in this neighborhood...because of the color of your skin.

It means going to a store to purchase something, and being followed around the store...because of the color of your skin.

But to me, it means having to struggle to prove that you are a strong black person with the same hope and dream as any other person. It means forgetting Africa, and the beauty of being black. African Americans have survived the worst form of slavery, but through our belief in God, our spirits have not been broken. So, we must keep the torch lit so that others can see the way.

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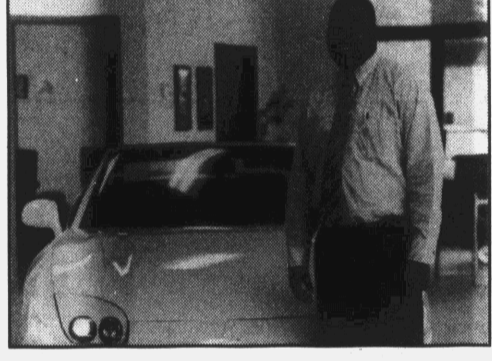
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**Pitt County gets 231,011 for 1996-97 CBA Programs**

Pitt County receives \$231,011, from the North Carolina General Assembly to fund local Community Based Alternative programs. The North Carolina Department of Human Resources is responsible for the Community Based alternative program through the Division of Youth Services. The Community service of the Division of Youth Services acts as the administrator of the CBA funds. The local Pitt County Youth Services Advisory Committee makes recommendation regarding the spending of the funds in Pitt County.

The Pitt County Y S A C is composed of local residents appointed by the County Commissioners. It recommends funding for the continuation of programs that have been funded and the establishment of new community based alternative programs.

The Community Based Alternatives services are specifically designed to provide services for children (ages 7-17) and their families. The children and families are those who are at risk of training school commitment. The CBA programs are designed to divert the children from training schools by providing coping skills for the children and strengthening parenting skills in the home. In Pitt County we now have 7 programs.

We are now seeking grant pre-applications. The grant preapplication deadline date is March 25, 1996 @ 12:00 noon. To obtain a preapplication form contact the Pitt County YSAC chairperson: Arlene Ferren, 1717 W. 5th Street, Greenville, NC 27834, (919) 830-4237 or Regional CBA Consultant: Mavis G. Williams, (919) 355-9013.

The original and eight conforming copies of the pre-application must be submitted. The pre-applications will be competitively reviewed. Only those pre-applications following the guidelines will be considered for review by the funding and program review subcommittee.

# Mental retarded inmates learn skills

BURGAW - Mentally retarded inmates at Pender Correctional Institution are learning landscaping, horticulture, commercial sewing and woodworking skills in a six-month training program. "The inmates adjust well," said Prison Psychologist Russell Smith. "A full performance appraisal is completed for each inmate. Those who meet the program's objectives and display good behavior graduate. Those who don't remain in the program." Designed to teach basic work and social skills, the training program runs five days a week. It started in 1993. Each of the sixty-

six inmates in the program is assigned two of the skill activities by prison staff. Inmates working in landscape and design learn to measure lawn areas and to decide where to place plants or trees. They get experience in clearing an area, grading, filling, leveling, and tilling. Inmates learn to take care of trees and install lawn borders of wood, stone, brick or plastic. Inmates can also master hand planting, and laying walkways or patios. At the prison's greenhouse, inmates learn about watering, lighting, fertilizer, seed germination, transplanting, pruning and recog-

nizing different pests. "Staffmembers are actually therapists in work situations," said Smith. "Therapeutic interaction is what this program is all about. Staff teach inmates about life and living during routine work activities by responding to the inmate's behavior and conversations. We try to build on the positive." This is clearly a strong, worthwhile program," said Correction Secretary Franklin Freeman. The training program provides mentally retarded inmates with important social and work skills that could keep them from returning to prison after their release."



**NEW MEMBERS OF THE KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY...** The new members pictured above are: L to R, standing, Dr. Brian Haynes, Mr. Carroll Dashiell, and Mr. Thomas Johnson. Seated on front row, Mr. Arnie Wynn, Mr. Leslie Spaulding, Mr. Charles Robinson, and Mr. Daniel Bullock, Jr.

## Extension Notes

### Phillip Rowan Agricultural Extension Agent

As the population of people increases in Pitt County, so does the population of horses. More people means more horse owners. Horse production is usually not thought of as an agricultural commodity because horses are used primarily for recreational or leisure activities. However, horses do contribute much to the economy. According to national horse industry data, horse owners account for roughly \$13 billion in annual investment and maintenance expenditures. Horse sports draw more than 110 million spectators annually. In North Carolina,

horses contribute over \$325 million annually to the economy from sales, equipment and related services. Many feed stores, tack shops, stables, riding instructors, farriers, veterinarians, and others in the area and around the state depend on horse owners as a source of income. The North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service offers a number of learning opportunities for horse owners each year. This year, the Extension Service will again present a series of horse management seminars on live two-way television. This series will be held at the East Carolina University Medical Center (Brody Building) each Tuesday evening in March

from 7 to 9 pm. The twoway tv format will allow participants and speakers to communicate. Topics to be included in the series are: Routine and Emergency Health Care; Horse Training and Behavior; Hoof Care, Shoeing, and Lameness Evaluation; and Horse Feeding Clinic. Anyone with an interest in horses are welcome to attend. Contact Phillip Rowan at 757-2801 to register or get more information.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 26 - Ayden State Graded Stocker Sale; cattle delivered and graded on March 25

## Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity initiates new members

The Greenville Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated seven new members on Saturday, February 17.

A brotherhood banquet was given in honor of the inductees at Christine's Fine Dining at the Hilton Inn in Greenville. The Province Polemarch of the Middle Eastern District, Joseph K. Davis of Durham, NC, attended. On Sunday, February 18, Polemarch William Turner and Francis Mebane, both of the Greenville Alumni Chapter, presented the initiates to the congregation of the Phillippi Church of Christ and Bishop Randy B. Royal, during their 11:00 a.m. service.

## The Dietary Guidelines

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans, first issued in 1980, reflect current nutrition knowledge and are revised every five years. The just-released 1995 edition includes some important changes. It is a road map to good nutrition that shows how you can eat well. For the first time since their creation, the guidelines recommend Americans maintain or improve their weight by balancing the diet with moderate physical activity. The revised guidelines also call for a greater emphasis on grain foods.

In general, the new dietary guidelines provide simple steps to better health. Good nutrition begins with the food choices we make each day, so keep these seven guidelines in mind:

- Eat a variety of foods.
- Balance the food you eat with physical activity. Maintain or improve your weight.
- Choose a diet with plenty of grain products, vegetables and fruits.

- Choose a diet low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol.
- Choose a diet moderate in sugars.
- Choose a diet moderate in salt and sodium.
- If you drink alcoholic beverages, do so in moderation.

## Community based alternative programs in Pitt County

Pitt County is one of 100 counties that receives funds from the North Carolina General Assembly to fund local Community Based Alternatives to training school programs. The North Carolina Department of Human Resources is responsible for the Community Based Alternative programs through the Division of Youth Services. The Community service section of the Division of Youth Services acts as the administrator of the CBA funds. The local Pitt County Youth Services Advisory Committee makes recommendations to the County Commissioners regarding the spending of the funds in Pitt County.

The Pitt County Y S A C is composed of local residents appointed by the County commissioners. The YSAC recommends funding for the continuation of programs that have been implemented and the establishment of new community based alternative programs.

One of the major objectives of the Community Based Alternatives program is to provide services to troubled youths and their families in an effort to divert the children from training schools. Another objective in Pitt County is to provide programs that are primarily tailored to the needs of Pitt County children. The Youth Services Advisory Committee (YSAC) has undertaken a needs assessment to determine priority crucial service program areas that are needed in Pitt County.

Priority funding consideration is given to those programs providing counseling (individual, group, family), home based family services, crisis counseling services, group home services, restitution, temporary shelter care, guided growth services, and psychological services.

The Community Alternative Based services are designed to provide services for children (ages 7-17) and their families. The children and families are those who are at risk of training school commitment. In Pitt County we now have 7 community based alternative programs providing services to children and their families. They are: Adolescent Outreach Services, Communities in Schools, Juvenile Restitution, Project S.O.A.R., Resolve/Mediation, Psychological Services to Assist with Treatment, and Tabernacle Center for Counseling.

"It's good to be a partner with the Correction Department in this laborious task," Scott said.

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## Prisoners make traps for gypsy moth

POLKTON - Medium custody state prisoners are making traps for a destructive predator, the leaf-eating gypsy moth. Starting Feb. 20, Brown Creek Correctional Institution inmates are folding pieces of pre-cut cardboard into 40,000 traps for the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

For the past 24 years, the tent-shaped traps have been hung each spring in a coordinated trapping system throughout the state, ensnaring thousands of moths. Gypsy moths have defoliated millions of oak trees in northern states. Instead of pulling agriculture employees off their regular assignments, Plant Pest Specialist Supervisor John Scott requested help from the Department of Correction.

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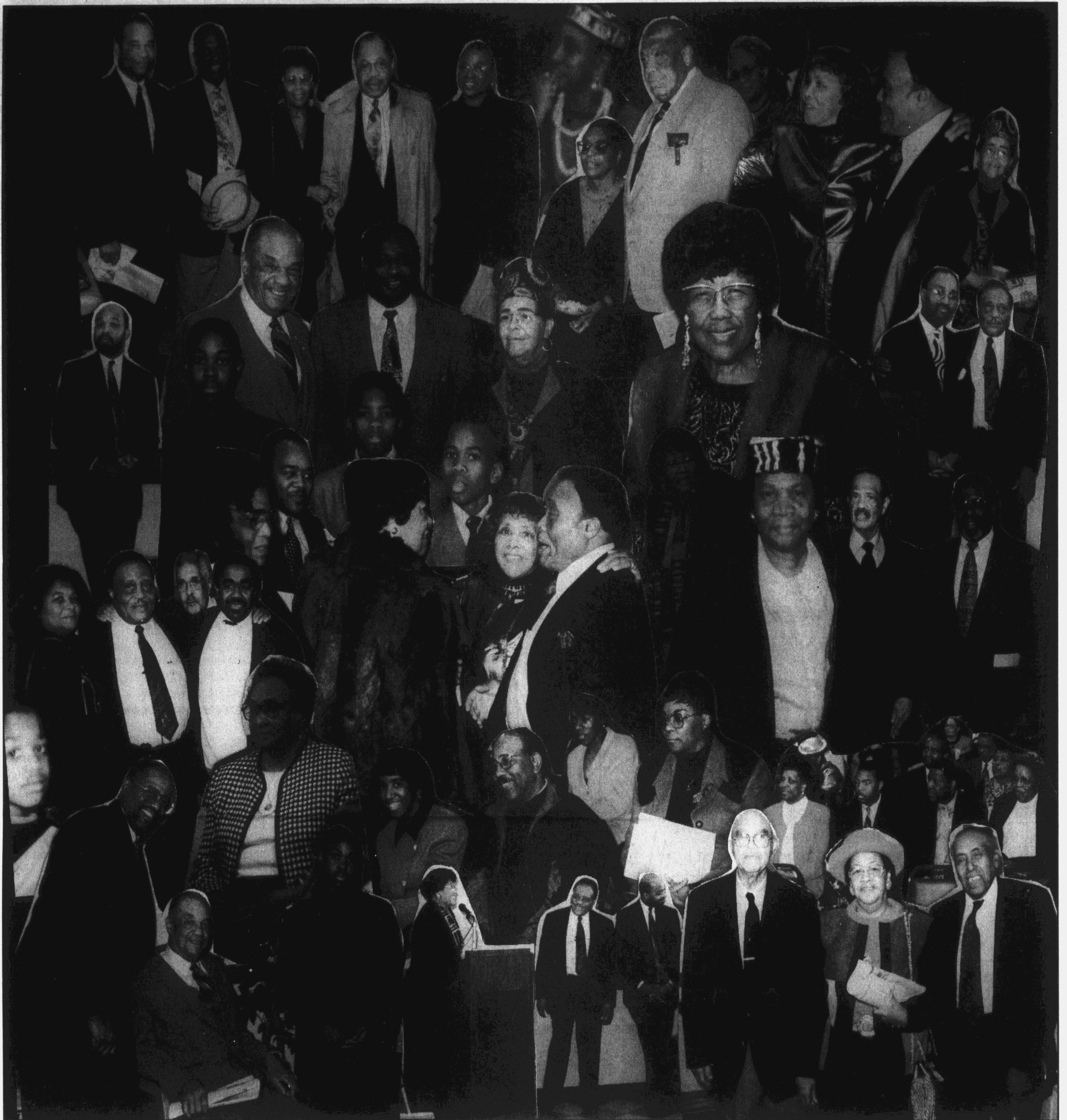
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## Around Eastern North Carolina



### Free masons to hold anniversary banquet

Mt. Hermon Lodge #35 of the Prince Hall Free and Accepted Mason will celebrate its 115th anniversary with a banquet and program on Saturday, March 9,

at the Du Bois Building, located on 200 Hooker Road. More than 200 people are expected to attend. The theme, "Our past, present and future", is designed

to honor the founders and elderly brothers....while looking into the future. The dinner program will feature reflections from the 50-year brothers as well as comments from the most worshipful grand-master from North Carolina jurisdiction. Grand lodge officers are expected to be present. A talent program by the

youth will conclude the program. Mount Hermon Lodge #35 had its beginning in Pitt County in 1880 due to the efforts of brothers Pearsall Zacharich—Worshipful master, Brother Nelson Rasberry—Senior Warden, and Brother Charles Willion—Junior Warden. They located their lodge in Greenville, believing in

God and always receiving blessings from him spread it to all mankind. Today, the lodge is located at 1109 West Fifth Street.

For more information on the Mt. Hermon Lodge #35 Free and Accepted Masons Anniversary Banquet, contact Worshipful Master Dennis Chestnut at 757-1531.

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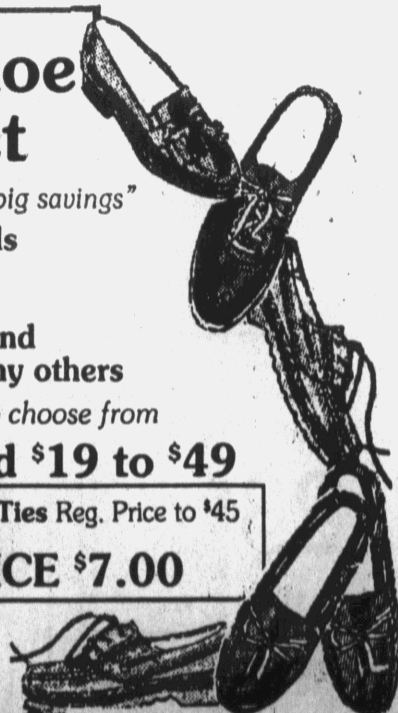
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# Is the voting rights act in danger?

In 1896, the U.S. Supreme Court handed down a landmark decision known as Plessy v. Ferguson, which also upheld the practice of segregation in railroad cars. That decision also ushered the doctrine of separate but equal.

In a dissension opinion, one of the justices noted that, "No citizen should be denied because of race the privilege of participating in the political control of their country."

One hundred years later, that justice's worst fear seems to be coming true. The same Supreme Court that handed down the Plessy v. Ferguson decision has ruled in the cases of Shaw v. Reno (North Carolina) and Miller v. Johnson (Georgia), that the congressional districts now represented by African Americans are unconstitutional and must be redrawn without using race as a factor.

In describing the gravity of the situation, Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Donald Payne (D-N.J.), notes that, "The enemies of racial progress have staged an all-out offensive aimed at diluting

the voting strength of minorities at both state and federal elections."

The intent of the Voting Rights Act was to provide those who were systematically locked out of the political process an opportunity for equal representation. It seems that guarantee is going the same route as the "forty acres and a mule" promise. Nice words, but no delivery on the promise.

The list of states that are involved in challenges to districts

that are now represented by African Americans reads like the "Hall of Fame For Bigotry and Racism." These states are: Georgia, Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia and yes, New York."

The Congressional Black Caucus has formed a voting rights task force for the purpose of educating the public about the implications of these challenges to districts for the future of voting rights. Congressman Cleo Fields (D-La.),

chairs the task force and is also a congressional member who finds his district under challenge. But he also recognizes the enormous task ahead.

"1996 will not look like 1896 if we can help it!" the congressman states with extreme confidence. "We feel that the court is absolutely wrong. These courts are taking the most diverse districts in the country, districts that are not 80 and 90 percent Black, but rather 55 percent Black and declaring them unconstitutional." Fields sees these decisions as a "misapplication of the Constitution."

The Congressman observes that, "The Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution has always been used as a shield to protect voters. Now, it's been used as a sword to injure voters." This educational

campaign should begin in earnest within a few days, Fields notes.

On February 19 in the state of Florida, the District Court will hear the case of Johnson v. Morthan, a case which challenges the constitutionality of the congressional district now represented by Congresswoman Corrine Brown (D-Fla.). Prior to Brown's election in 1992, the state of Florida had not elected an African American to Congress for 127 years. If the court challenges are successful, this dubious bit of history could repeat itself.

Speaking of history, consider this: Brown's predecessor, Josiah Walls, was one of the seven African Americans who integrated the House of Representatives just after the Civil War. Walls' district was challenged, but he survived that challenge and went on to win

the district again. That apparent victory was also contested for alleged irregularities in the balloting. The courthouse that contained the ballots "mysteriously" burned down and as a result, Walls was thrown out of Congress, since the votes could not be recounted and he couldn't defend himself.

In the history of Congress, African Americans have served with distinction, while advancing the cause of civil rights. Apparently, the enemies of African American progress have read the history and are working through the courts to keep African American representation at a minimum in a quest to render the Voting Rights Act null and void, along with the rights of a constituency that deserves representation.

## Jackie Robinson baseball league registration set

The Jackie Robinson Baseball League will begin its baseball registration March 11-April 10 at Jaycee Park Recreation Office, South Greenville Recreation Center and Greenville Housing Authority's Cultural and Recreation Center.

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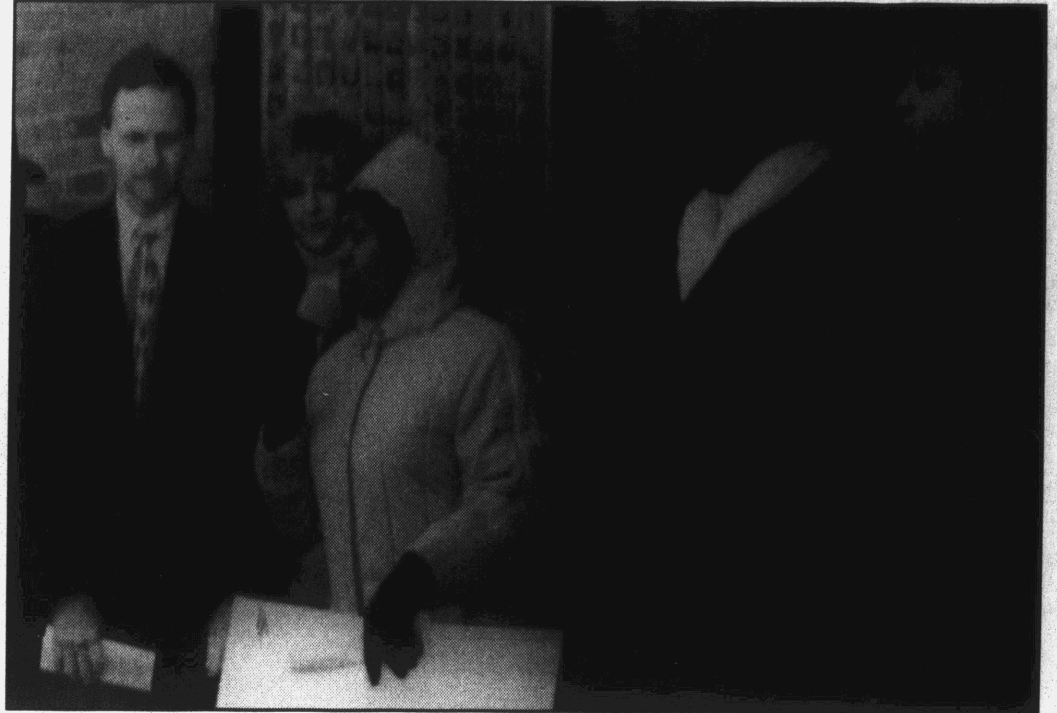
The age groups are 9-12 and 13-15. Age is determined as of July 31, 1996.

Physicals are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 13 at South Greenville Recreation Center.

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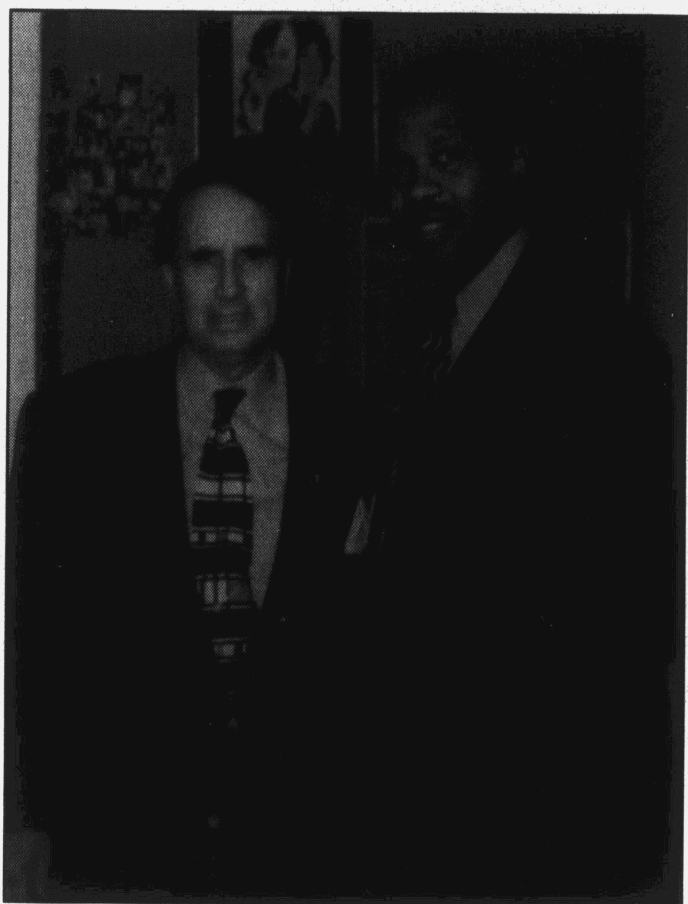
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PASTOR JAMES CORBETT(R) . . . joins Evangelist John Gimenez (L) who was the guest speaker at a luncheon to kick off the "Washington For Jesus" rally. Photo by Jim Rouse

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Sealed proposals will be received by the Pitt County Board of Commissioners in the Courtroom (Room C107) in the Pitt County Detention Center, 124 New Hope Drive, Greenville, NC until 2:00 p.m. on March 19, 1996; at which time and place bids will be opened and read for the construction of the Pitt County Detention Center New Housing Building.

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