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AT NEWS CONFERENCE—The Coalition Against Racism is shown here at a news conference at Philippi Church after WNCT TV news aired a story concerning a police officer allegedly beating up a Black man, and arresting him on a drug charge. Pictured from left to right are: Bill Worthington, Bishop Randy B. Royal and Don Cavellini. (Haywood Johnson Photo)

Coalition Against Racism Expresses Concern Over Officer Placed On Leave

From Staff Reports
The placing of Police Officer Bruce Groccia on administrative leave by Police Chief Charles Hinman is only the latest incident implicating this police officer for improper conduct and abuse of power.
On March 21st 1997, a mediated agreement was entered into in lieu of trial to settle a civil rights lawsuit against Officer Groccia and the City of Greenville. They were charged with false arrest, use of excessive force and violation of Don Cavellini's right to distribute flyers during a March 4, 1995 march by the Coalition Against Racism.

The District Attorney, upon advice of the Police Chief, dropped the charges against Mr. Cavellini due to Officer Groccia's "enforcement action..." not being "in keeping with the established philosophy regarding the policing of parades."

Whereas the dropping of charges and the out-of-court settlement were victories for every citizen willing to stand up for what he or she believes in, this police officer was not disciplined at the time (1995) and could easily have interpreted this lack of consequences as a license to continue his misconduct and abuse of police power.

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Williamston Whistlings

By Joycé Gray
Contributing Writer
WILLIAMSTON—Ms. Latoya Mechelle Purvis, a 15-year-old 10th grader at Roanoke High School, is a contestant in the Miss Junior COBRA Pageant. The daughter of Minister James C. and Bertha Purvis of Robersonville, she is seeking support.

She is a member at Chapel Hill Baptist Church and sings in the St. James Baptist Church Choir every second Sunday.

Proudly saying it was her son, Al, who did the programs for their family reunion each year, Ms. Florence Jones Willis promised to send me one and so she did. The colors used were grey with black letters and roses in charcoal.

Without giving himself credit, it

reads, "H.I. Jones Family Reunion—1997—in honor of Henderson I. Jones and Clara D. Jones: Marie-1919, Aldean-1921, Thenorma-1922-1992, Henderson-1924, Ruth-1926, Florence-1920, Ann-1932, Eleanor-1934, Ethel-1936, Deborah-1938, Edward-1940, Vertie-1942. Family and Friends Weekend of July 19, 1997, Lexington, North Carolina."

The family song is "We've Come Together." It is sung to the tune of "My Hope is Built." The lyrics are "We've come together in Jesus' name/ To sing and praise and rejoice again/ To thank you, O Lord, for another year/ May we, a Christian life display." The chorus is, "In Family Faith and Love and Peace, no other way for us to see/ No other way for us to see." It's written by Ms. Vertie Jones Thompson.

NAACP Vows To Check Corporate Assistance

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The NAACP vowed recently to monitor the assistance American corporations provide to African-American economic development programs and to mount nationwide selective buying programs against firms with failing records.

Promising a massive national program, organized by its newly formed Business Development Institute, the association says its more than half-million membership, active in close to 3,000 chapters, would spearhead the new national effort.

NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume submitted a series of resolutions to delegates at the association's 88th annual convention that promised to move the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization back into an era of extensive social activism.

One major goal of the Mfume resolutions called for optimizing uses of the estimated \$400 billion in annual purchasing power of Af-

frican-Americans.

The basis for strengthening the economic development capacity of African-Americans was spelled out in the resolution's charge that "The African-American consumer is entitled to a reciprocal relationship with corporations and businesses, given the significant expenditure of the African-American dollar in virtually every U.S. industry."

Another resolution passed during the convention said that "A nationwide selective buying campaign is an effective tool of persuasion against corporate injustice."

Mfume told attendees, "We are like beggars sitting on bags of gold."

The new Business Development Institute will have "a leading role in publishing and distributing" information on how effectively American corporations have performed in helping to promote African-American economic development on an industry-by-industry basis.



GOSPEL ARTIST PERFORMS—Linda Faye Harris visited Greenville over the Labor Day weekend. Shown here she performs for the congregation of Philippi Church of Christ Disciples of Christ. Ms. Harris is on tour promoting her new album. (Haywood Johnson Photo)

North Carolina SAT Scores Continue To Rise

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Ward announced today that for the 38,468 college-bound seniors taking the sat In 1997, higher scores were related to the number of higher-level courses taken.

North Carolina students, overall,

improved their scores by two points on the math portion of the test reaching an average score of 488. Verbal scores stayed the same, at 490, on average. Fifty-nine percent of North Carolina high school seniors took the SAT. Nationally, only 15 states posted a participation rate that high.

Nationally, math scores went up by three points to an average score of 511. Verbal scores, on average, stayed at 505. The highest score possible is 1,600 for verbal and math combined.

The difference between the national average score and North Carolina's average score is the smallest that it has been since 1972.

The SAT measures a student's reasoning, verbal and math skills against the skills needed to be successful in freshman level college coursework. The primary use for SAT scores is as a tool for admission's officials at colleges and universities. The College Board discourages the comparison of states on the basis of SAT scores alone and considers it invalid.

The results released today showed that for North Carolina students who took more than the minimum number of courses required for graduation in each subject area, the payoff was in higher SAT scores and a stronger knowledge base.

For example, North Carolina students who had taken four years of high school-level mathematics earned an average score of 1,003, several points higher overall than the average score for all students and 81 points higher than the average score for students who took only three years of mathematics. Students are only required to take three years of mathematics for high school graduation. Coursework in geometry, trigonometry and calculus boosted scores significantly. North Carolina students who took calculus, for example, scored a average combined score of 1,156, a score that is higher than the state and national averages.

The relationship of coursework to performance held up in other subject areas also.

"The SAT is an important measure for individual students," Supt. Ward said. "It can open important doors for them to continue their education. It is encouraging that North Carolina continues each year to gain points on the SAT. I hope that these increases will help more of our students pursue their educational goals."

The ABCs of Public Education, North Carolina's major education reform effort, begins this fall in high schools. It also places a strong emphasis on reading, writing and mathematics in the elementary and middle school grades. This emphasis, Supt. Ward said, will pay off for students as they enter high school and prepare for college.

Supt. Ward said that details of the SAT report showed the importance of good study habits, of taking advanced courses and of taking a balanced, rigorous selection of courses.

"The message to students and their families is that preparation for college and for the SAT needs to begin early, even before high school

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Kmart Introduces Retail Cash Card

TROY, Mich.—Since Aug. 17, Kmart customers have been able to purchase a retail Kmart Cash Card in any amount to give as a gift or use for their own shopping needs.

The Kmart Cash Card can be used as a gift certificate; as an AT&T calling card, or as a budgeting tool for family spending.

"Our focus on the customer led Kmart to look at new ways to bring convenience to shoppers," said Michael Viola, Kmart vice president and treasurer. "Now, when you want to purchase a gift certificate at Kmart stores, it will be as simple as purchasing the Kmart Cash Card."

The cards may be purchased at any register using cash, check or credit card. The card is reusable and flexible. Any amount in any increment may be placed on the card, and it may be "rejuvenated" when funds have been depleted.

Also, with the introduction of the new card, customer cash refunds on returned items without a receipt will be granted as a Kmart Cash Card.

"The Kmart Cash Card responds to our customers' desire for choices in their shopping experience. Pro-

viding the option to use the Kmart Cash Card to make AT&T calls offers that extra flexibility," said Viola.

AT&T will provide the calling feature for the Kmart Cash Card. The card offers consumers a way to place calls on the AT&T network from any phone, particularly when away from home. Customers simply follow the directions on the back of their Kmart Cash Card.

Stored Value Systems, the leading provider of retail cash card solutions, worked with Kmart and AT&T to design and implement the Kmart Cash Card program.

Incorporating leading-edge information systems with magnetic stripe processes, SVS delivered a solution that integrates Kmart's existing point-of-sale system and AT&T's telecommunications network. (See K MART, P. 2)



GOD IS STILL IN CHARGE—Shown here at their new church on Watauga Ave. Selvia Chapel FWB Church tried to buy the old Agnes Fullilove School several years ago. But the county kept going up on the price. Now after years of frustration, Bishop A.H. Hartsfield and church members are now owners of a school, daycare center, and the school auditorium is now the church sanctuary. To God Be The Glory. (Jim Rouse Photo)

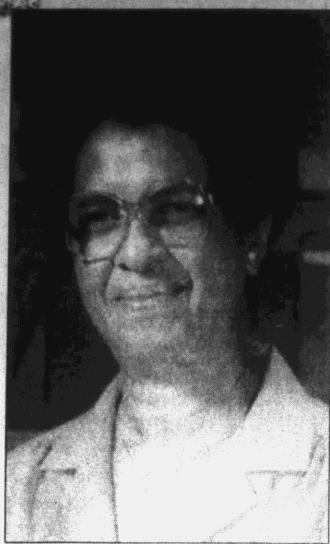


AYDEN-GRIFFTON REUNION BIG SUCCESS—The Ayden-Griffon High School Reunion turned out over 500 people over the weekend. Shown above are Mr. Brown, his grandson and of course his fiancée. Hang in there Dad!

from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye

PROBLEM WORDS

- Ms. - I don't know and I don't care whether Barbara is married or single.
- Ad hoc - means "with respect to this" or "for this purpose only"
- Afro-American - An American of Africa descent. The term is also used by Black American culture and history. Many Blacks prefer to be called by this name.
- Ain't is considered illiterate, colloquial, or dialectal and is cautioned against in so called standard speech and writing.
- Alright, all right is a common misspelling of all right. There is no such word as alright.
- Alumnus, alumna, alumni - An alumnus is a male graduate of some institution, usually a college or university. An alumna is a woman graduate. Respective plurals are alumni and alumnae. The term alumni is now often used to refer to men and women graduates of coeducational institutions.
- And etc. This is a redundant expression from which and should be dropped.
- Anywheres is an expression characteristic of uneducated speakers.
- Between you and me. Avoid the mistake of saying "between you and I" or "between you and she".
- Canvass, canvass - Canvass is a kind of cloth. To canvass is "to request", "to solicit".
- Complement, compliment - Complement implies something which completes. A compliment is flattery or praise.
- Continue on - The word continue means "to go on", "to keep on" On should be omitted from the phrase.
- Cooperate together - Cooperate means "to work together". Drop the together, all it adds is a useless word.
- Die of, die from, die with. In its customary sense of "to cease living", die is preferably followed by of. "He died of (not from) a coronary attack". Die with expresses an idea not related to a cause of death. "He died with courage".
- Different fro, different than, different to - The first two of these expressions are widely used, but different from is preferred by careful, educated writers and speakers.
- Disinterested, uninterested - Disinterested means "impartial", "unbiased", not influenced by selfish motives. Uninterested suggests aloofness, indifference, and/or lack of interest.
- Disregardless, irregardless - Both words are illiteracies. The prefix in and dis are superfluous.
- Don't, don't think - Don't is contraction of do not. Avoid such illiteracies as "he don't, they don't got", and "it don't seem".
- Each and every. This is a redundant (wordy) phrase. Preferably, use each or every, not both.
20. Envelop, envelope - The first of these words, a verb meaning "to enclose", or "surround". The noun envelope, meaning "something that envelops", an enclosing wrapping.
21. Fat, plump, obese, stout - Fat usually has an unpleasant connotation, plump and stout suggest a roundness that is pleasing or a heavy build that is not pleasant. Obese, meaning "excessively fat", "overweight" is used more often in scientific circles than by the general public.
22. Final, finale - Final "coming at the end", "last in time, place or order". Finale the concluding part of any performance or set of performances.
23. First, firstly, secondly - All three terms are in acceptable use, but first is more common than



Mrs. Beatrice Maye

age it could also apply to drugs. God does not want us to abuse our bodies or cloud our minds.

9. Not violent. Temper tantrums do not please God. This includes both violent actions and words.
10. Gentle. A God-honoring man means being gracious, kind, forbearing, and considerate of others.
11. Not quarrelsome. A man is not to be one who is always looking for an argument or stirring up trouble.
12. Not greedy for money nor covetous. Acquiring money and possessions should not be a priority. Jesus and Paul warned against a preoccupation with money. (Matt. 6:19-21; 1 Timothy 6:10).
13. Rules his own house well. The man is the head of the home. He is responsible to see that his relationship with his wife and children is good. He is to be a good manager of home life.
14. Having his children under submission. A father is to be a respected leader at home, a man who does all that is in his power to train and discipline his children.
15. Not a novice. A new believer who becomes a leader before he is mature in his faith and practice runs a risk of falling into pride. This is a warning that a man is not to take on responsibilities that he is not mature enough to handle. Men must guard themselves against pride.
16. Good testimony among those outside. A man must develop a good reputation with non-Christians. He is to have a consistent faith that will be a strong witness to unbelievers.

WHAT PRODUCES STRONG CHARACTER QUALITIES?

1. Self-confidence - which comes from being at peace with God and knowing who we are to Christ.
2. Consistency
3. Training
4. Right priorities
5. Following the right example
6. Obedience to God's commands
7. A steady diet of God's Word
8. Relying on the strength of the Spirit
9. Right choices - living out the Christian faith
10. Doing what is right no matter what
11. Trusting and depending on God
12. Learning from others

LOVE DESCRIBED FOR US IN 1 CORINTHIANS 13

This love

- is patient, is not a grudge-keeper
- is kind, is not an evil thinker
- is not envious, is not a fan of evil
- is not boastful, rejoices in truth
- is not proud, protects
- is not rude, trusts
- is not selfish, hopes
- is not easily angered, perseveres

A man who expresses that kind of love won't have trouble finding a wife, family or a congregation who would be more than willing to submit to his leadership.

From: What Does God Expect of Man? By Martin R. De Haan II

STOP BACTERIA: WASH YOUR HANDS From: Cooperative Extension Service

Handwashing is the number one ways to prevent the spread of harmful bacteria. Bacteria is present everywhere and we can not get rid of it but we can minimize its harmful effects. Proper handwashing is the first step. Proper handwashing should follow a few guidelines:

1. Always wash your hands after using the restrooms, changing diapers, after handling dirty linens, before handling food, after sneezing and after dressing a wound. Never handle food with hands that have cuts, bruises or sores on them.
2. Use hot water and plenty of soap. Hands should be washed at least 20 seconds. You may need to check your watch to see just how long 20 seconds will be.
3. Rinse with warm water and dry them with a disposable towel. Use the towel to turn off the faucet. Remember, you used dirty hands to turn it on.
- Children need to be taught how to properly wash their hands and may need some supervision to make sure they do it correctly. The importance of handwashing can not be over emphasized as a means to cut down on the spread of microorganisms which may be harmful.

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Coalition Against Racism calls for an immediate and complete investigation of the circumstances surrounding the arrest of Leonard Tyson on Aug. 27, 1997. It also calls for the establishment of an independent, civilian complaint review board to truly monitor Greenville Police Department operations. On Oct. 9, 1995 the Greenville City Council voted unanimously to study the need for a "Police Commission". This mandate has yet to be implemented.

C.A.R. POSITION

On Monday, Oct. 23, 1995, a civil law suit was filed in U.S. District Court in New Bern, N.C. against the City of Greenville and Greenville Police Officer Bruce A. Groccia. The City of Greenville and Police Officer Groccia are being charged with violating Federal Civil Rights laws protecting a citizen's rights to free speech and to redress grievances. They are also charged with false arrest, use of excessive force and violation of Don Cavellini's right to distribute leaflets during March 4, 1995, march by the Coalition Against Racism (C.A.R.).

The Police Department and the District Attorney must have realized the power of the organized citizenry because Don was released the very day of the march, just two hours after he was wrongfully arrested. The charges were then dropped three weeks later before going to trial. The dropping of the charges was both a victory for every citizen willing to stand up for what he or she believes in and was a testament to the solidarity of the courageous members of C.A.R.

Hopefully, the filing of charges against the city will serve notice that no government can condone the brutalizing of its citizens—not Los Angeles with its Mark Furmans nor Philadelphia as it plans to execute Mumia Abu Jamal.

The Greenville Police Department (GPD), the Mayor and the City Manager already stand accused of perpetrating and/or tolerating racism, sexual harassment, selective enforcement and retaliation in the cases of Lt. Angelo Fordham and Corporal C.J. Melvin. On Oct. 9, 1995, the Greenville City Council voted unanimously to study the need for a "Police Commission" to review the GPD's operations. We urge citizens to sign and circulate the petitions for a civilian police complaint review board.

There's a pattern of denying people democratic means for solving problems in this city and county. C.A.R. had been denied a permit to march on two occasions and government officials have refused to sit down and negotiate with recognized worker and community leaders. Lt. Fordham, Cpl. Melvin and other Black police officers have been "railroaded" whenever they exercised their democratic rights. Bill Worthington was fired for helping to expose 45 health and safety violations in the Pitt County bus garage and representing his fellow bus drivers. He is now a candidate for town council in Winterville, N.C.

It's time for City and County officials to enter into a dialogue with concerned citizens, otherwise, it will impede the progress Eastern North Carolina can make.

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enrollment. The more courses students take in every subject and the more rigorous the quality of those courses, the more prepared students will be for college admission and for college success," Supt. Ward said.

The fact that more North Carolina students are taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses is one indicator that this message is being heard. AP courses are rigorous, college-level courses which students take in high school. Students can earn college credit for these courses through the national AP exams. A total of 16,436 students took at least one AP exam in North Carolina last year, a 3.3 percent increase from 1996. Of the 26,148 AP exams taken by these students, the students earned college credit for 15,647 of the exams. This is a 13 percent improvement from 1996 performance.

Supt. Ward also noted that more efforts need to be targeted toward minority students whose scores continue to trail the scores of white students. Participation rates for minority students have improved

over time, but more needs to be done to help prepare these students to do well on the test, Ward said.

KMART

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work with SVS' own retail cash card platform.

Kmart Corp. serves America with 2,122 Kmart and Super Kmart Center retail outlets.

In addition to serving all 50 states, Kmart operations extend to Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

WILLIAMSTON

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reach for the one she sent some years back.

Sympathy expression is extended to Columbus Brown whose sister, Ms. Evelyn Brown Leary, entered into eternal rest on Aug. 18. Funeral services were held Wednesday, Aug. 20 at New Fellowship Church of Christ, Williamston.

Happy Birthday greetings to: William M. Harris, Sr., Melvin Moore, Ms. Marilyn Mason, Ms. Keisha Moore, Ms. Phyllis Pearson, Augustus Harris.

On the sick and shut-in list: Ms. Eula Cotanch, Nathaniel Hardison, Melvin Moore, Arnold Lyons, Ms. Janice Moore, Joe Rodgers, Betty S. Lanier, Ms. Leda M. Duggins, William E. Boston, F.L. Joyner, Ms. Nonie Smallwood, Ms. Lillian Peel, Grad Moore, Ms. Marie Jones McNair, Ms. Lela C. Bond, Kelvin Rodgers, James Rodgers, Andrew Marriner, Ms. Isolene Roberson, Ms. Rosa Moore, Ms. Almata Lloyd, Ms. Minnie Chambers, Ms. Lucy P. Brown, Robert Lloyd, Ms. Reba Reddick, Ms. Novella J. Bonds, N. W. Slade, Ms. Clara R. Owens, Ms. Delia Lloyd, Ms. Clara Jones, George A. Perry, James E. Smithwick, Jesse Allen Bell, James Moore, Ms. Gladys Joy Duggins, Ms. Mattie H. Perry, Willis E. Williams, Jr., Ms. Zenner Midgett.

Ms. Pearl Nichols, I.B. Cordon.

In the nursing homes: Ms. Hattie Little, Ms. Annabell Best, Ms. Courtney Johnson, Alexander Hodges, William Ellison, Ms. Ruth Ollie Perkins, Luther Perkins, Ms. Madgeline Respass, James A. Jones, George Peel, Alton Bell, Noah S. Nicholson, Robert J. Duggins.

Folk who had gotten used to the polite, quick and prompt to their door service by UPS—and when the package was extra heavy those drivers put it inside your door for you—suddenly found a very disappointing moment upon getting a notice from the post office asking them to do a pickup because the package was too large for them to deliver. Even I got caught in the middle of trying to find one of those precious scarcities for a friend—an able-bodied man with a truck.

Maybe it will take awhile for the company to gain some customers back but I predict they will. Folks have a lot of modern conveniences today; nevertheless, they seem to have less time than ever before to spend in the stores whose cashier lines seem to get longer and those items you found on aisle one a few weeks ago got moved to aisle five (a sales tactic) and sales associates are only available when you just want to look around to do some price comparison.

Sometimes folks would rather pay a little more for the less consuming time. It has been amazing how fast mail traveled the past 15 days. Is that telling us something about the post office operational system? And to think, there was an era when non-Caucasian men weren't driving those UPS trucks.

Sympathy expression is extended to Ms. Geraldine H. Brown in the loss of her aunt, Ms. Kadie Blount Rhodes, on Aug. 20. Ms. Rhodes was a descendant of the late Ross and Kadessa Cotanch. Her husband, Linwood Rhodes, and son, Linwood, preceded her in death.

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Local Educator Part Of Top Exemplary School

Hilda Teel, a native of Winterville, who now resides in Greenville, is a teacher in one of the Top Exemplary schools in the state of North Carolina. She teaches 4th and 5th grade Math, Science and Social Studies to 50 students at Dawson Elementary. Her school ranked #3 in the state for test scores under the new ABC Plan.

When state-mandated test scores arrived last spring, state officials were astonished at the results from Dawson Elementary School in Halifax County.

The students had learned more than twice what was expected based on scores from the previous year. The Department of Public Instruction was so surprised that it sent officials to interview students, teachers and proctors and to check for signs of cheating.

Dawson made more progress than any school in the state. At Dawson Ms. Teel stated that she and two other teachers wrote up a grant called NETTS (New Enhanced Test Taking Skills). Teachers worked extra time without pay to help move students from one

level to the next higher level. Teamwork is a key factor in getting the job done and you must be dedicated, states Ms. Teel.

The results bear repeating: Dawson scored the biggest gain in the state.



MS. HILDA TEEL

Ms. Teel says she's proud to be part of a high achieving school. Her two children Justin and Zelda also attend this school. Justin also topped out by scoring level IV on Reading and Math, as well as a 3.0 on the 4th grade Writing Test.



SWEET LOU—As the 'M' Voice News Paper cameras travels around the County Sister Annie Clemon is shown in her beauty shop on the Grimes Land highway with Son and Friends. (Staff JR.)

PLANT THE SEED

BY JOY R. BROWN

"But my god shall supply all you NEED according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19

When we are experiencing difficulties, especially financial difficulties in our lives, we pull out this scripture and quote it beautifully. This promise, Philippians 4:19, that was made to the Philippians, still holds true to the born-again believers of today who are faithful to God.

Recently, I was engaged in a "rap" session with the girls. We were discussing some areas in our lives that were under attack. We dare not give the enemy any credit or glory. "And we know that all things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose." Thank God for the Holy Spirit who brought Philippians 4:19 to my attention. As I began to ponder over the scripture, the word NEED was highlighted. The spirit of the Lord allowed me to know that I should only have one need at a time. When that need arises in my life, that's when I need to cast it immediately upon Him for He cares for me and He's concerned about what I'm going through. Now, what really blew my mind is when the Holy Spirit allowed me to know that the reason why I am sometimes faced with a multitude of problems, worries, heartaches, etc., is because I am still trying to hold on to something that I can't

handle myself. That one problem begets to attract other problems



JOY R. BROWN

and before you know it, you are ready to throw in the towel and give up. That one need (problem) was nurtured by us and produced a field of other problems. So, the next time a need arises in your life--instantly release it and let it go. Remove it out of your hands and into the hand of God. Then begin to thank God for the way of escape that has already been provided. Just stand back and watch God move.

Plant this seed (word) and watch it grow!

Idleness, like kisses, to be sweet must be stolen.

—Jerome K. Jerome

Did You Know?

(NAPS)—In *Fresh Start*, an award-winning cookbook available at local stores, author Julee Rosso proves that by focusing on intense, powerful flavors, while at the same time reducing the amount of fat, old eating habits can be changed to newer, better ones.

A former reporter, now a clinical hypnotherapist, Barbara Lane has written a book revealing some surprising experiences. *Echoes From The Battlefield: First Person Accounts of Civil War Past Lives*, (A.R.E. Press, \$13.95) tells the

story. Cristina Ferrare, co-host of The Family Channel's "Home & Family," provides a daily cooking segment on the show.

Sizzling, succulent duck can be easy to prepare with Maple Leaf Farms Frozen Duckling.

When crops don't yield, the Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program can help farmers who have registered with their local Farm Service Agency.

BellSouth is making sure that every call at an Olympic venue is completed.

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A Lady Passes

Some of our white readers may be surprised to learn that blacks, too, mourn the passing of Lady Diana, the former Princess of Wales.

That is certainly understandable. After all, Princess Diana was at one time the wife of the Prince of Wales. Her mother-in-law was the Queen of England.

You can't get much whiter than that, and an outside observer might be forgiven for wondering what there was about Diana that black folks could find interesting or relevant to their situation.

It is true that, although black folks like a fairy tale as much as the next fellow, they weren't quite as caught up in the hysteria over the royal wedding back in the '80s as the mainstream population.

But Princess Di quickly set herself apart from the rest of royal crowd. It became obvious that, though she was of aristocratic stock herself, she was anything but overawed by their affectations and trappings.

While maintaining discretion and decorum, she let her displeasure be known.

And when she realized that her marriage to Prince Charles would be a typical royal marriage, complete with boarding-school children, an absentee husband and the standard complement of royal mistresses, Princess Diana did the unthinkable—she called it quits and demanded out.

A woman who would rather raise her children in a loving family than be the Queen of England someday. That was something that impressed black folks.

As she moved into her new role as Lady Diana, she impressed black folks even more.

She began to go out into the field, where the aristocracy never ven-

ured. She began to champion causes that they never talked about.

She touched lepers. She spoke of causes and issues that were out of her traditional sphere. She championed those who usually had no champion.

Black folks liked that, too.

Her last public stand was to call attention to the presence of thousands of land mines in a country where she had never been, with people who had nothing in common with her.

In a time when caring is so rare, Lady Diana cared. And she used her position to make others care, about issues and peoples who were not "trendy," and who could not help her, socially.

Black folks respected and liked her, and recognized the hype that frequently surrounded her as an artifact of media fascination with her, rather than a thing that she herself courted.

It is sobering for us as a media outlet to reflect on the fact that her death may have been caused by paparazzi pursuing the car she was driving in hopes of one last, fleeting picture of Lady Di with her new romantic interest.

"Legitimate" media like newspapers, radio and television prefer to disown and disavow these lurkers on the media fringe.

They are regarded as the bastard stepchildren of "real" media. But we cannot deny that their actions are fed and sustained by the same mania that is whipped up to sell papers and magazines and bring viewers to TV.

If so, we all bear some culpability in Lady Diana's death.

It is something that should shame all of us, because she was a "lady" in a sense that many of her blue-blooded compatriots will never be.

An Old-Fashioned Good Time

"A good, old-fashioned butt-whooping" is how Saturday's game between the North Carolina A&T State University Aggies and the North Carolina Central University Eagles was described.

But it was much more than that.

The game that has become an annual event, the Aggie-Eagle Classic (or Eagle-Aggie Classic, depending on which year it is), has turned into an old-fashioned great time for black folks, the like of which this area hasn't seen for decades.

A good 48,000 students, alumni, and black college football fans from all over the area converged on Raleigh's Carter-Finley Stadium to view the spectacle, pay too much for hot dogs and cheer themselves hoarse.

Now, there may have been some grumbling over the lopsided score. There almost always is, after a sports contest, we have noticed.

And there has been some talk that the Eagles are getting sick and tired of those "butt-whoopin's" administered over the past few years.

But we would like to add our voices to those who say that the Eagles and their supporters should not become despondent and talk, as so many other teams have done in similar circumstances, of calling the

series off altogether.

It is true that nobody likes to lose all the time. It is also true that nobody ever does.

"What goes around, comes around," could well have been coined for sporting events, as last year's doormat becomes next season's juggernaut.

Witness the game last year, which just about all observers agreed was actually won by NCCU, if not for an inopportune call by a field official.

This game has become a rallying point of the black fall sports season in the area, something that is anticipated and planned for a year in advance.

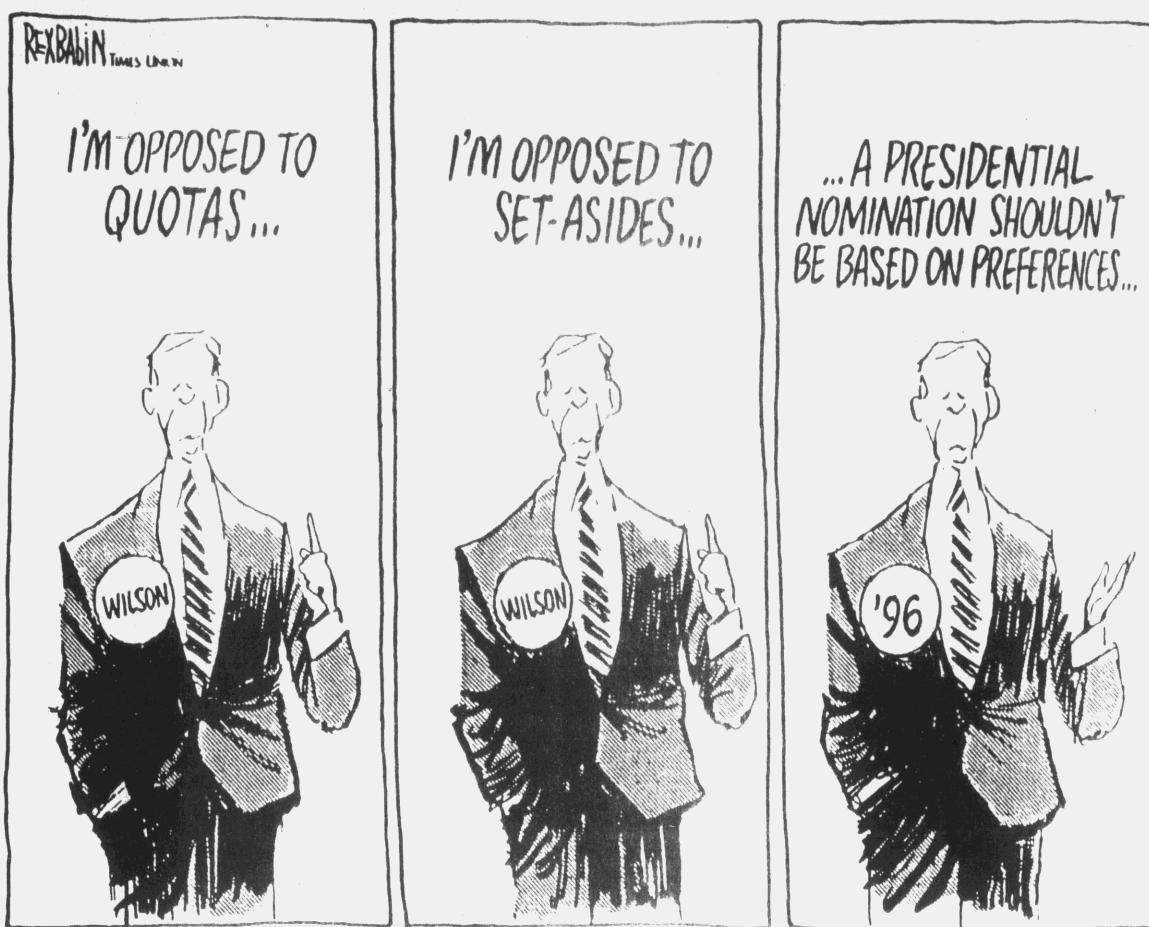
It is an experience to be savored, an event not to be missed, something to plan to take your children to in future decades.

It features the pomp, the ceremony, and those unbeatable marching bands that you just can't find anywhere else in college football.

In short, the Aggie-Eagle Classic is what much of black college football was in yesteryear, and is the stuff of much of our parents' fond memories.

It was a plain, old-fashioned, African-American good time.

So we can all join with the Eagles fans in sincerely crying, "Just wait 'til next year!"



EDUCATIONAL AWARENESS SERIES HAS HARD-HITTING INFORMATION BY TREY BANKHEAD



One of the advantages to being a columnist is that I get to express my opinion without having to pretend to be objective. And, after the last few weeks, I've got a LOT of opinions to express. Have you ever noticed that, when a great idea that will actually help people comes around, there are always people that will try anything to oppose it?

Many of you are probably already aware that Pitt County has a new contender in the education ring. The Right Step Academy, a new charter school located in Greenville, is an alternative public school designed to give parents and students a choice in public school education. Basically, a charter school is a public school with alternative sources of funding and more latitude in getting kids educated. Make no mistake: Right Step is a public school in Pitt County, but it is not a part of the Pitt County Schools system.

It's always been my belief that education is for the benefit of the kids, not for the administrators. As a teacher, I've always tried to keep the needs of my students first and foremost. If I stop looking at it that way, and start looking at it as "doing a job just for the money," then I've no place in the classroom. Still, it was driven home to me recently that there are some in the education community who have made that mistake. At a meeting held at J.H. Rose High School on Aug. 9th, the Superintendent of Pitt County Schools and Right Step Academy to be a "reasonable one," he wants to make it clear that RSA "is basically on their own."

I find this attitude appalling and childish! It is the responsibility of every educator to put the needs of the students first! If the main goal is to get the kids educated, then should not the traditional public schools and the alternative schools (charter schools and private schools) work TOGETHER to attain that goal? Considering alternative forms of education as competition, rather than as an aid, to traditional public schooling is dangerous in the extreme. North Carolina's educational systems is a hodgepodge of traditional public schools, public charter schools, private schools, and home-schools. Has it not occurred to anyone in the traditional schools that there is a REASON for this influx of educational alternatives? Could that be why there does not seem to be any support for the new schools by the traditional public school communities?

Granted, parents haven't exactly been blameless, either. In many cases, parents are so apathetic that they really have no idea what's going on in their child's school that affects both them and their child. Case in point, how many of you were aware that there are now new requirements that children must pass in order to graduate from high school with an actual diploma? Or that the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction has implemented a new series of changes for traditional public schools?

Parents, over the next several issues, this column will be focusing on educational awareness. I'll be exploring all available types of education available for our children, and presenting what benefits and problems they present for or communities. For example, there will be an expose on the Right Step Academy, on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and a report on recent findings of research into the success and failures of the various types of education available.

Please...read this series. Think about it. And, if you have any questions, find out who can answer them and ASK!

This Way for Black Empowerment
By Dr. Lenora Fulani

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT THE LOUIMA CASE
Like most New Yorkers, when I heard the news that Abner Louima had been viciously assaulted by police at the 70th Precinct in Brooklyn, I was horrified. My heart went out to him and his family. I was personally acquainted with the racist brutality of officers in the 70th, after a young

black male—Tony Amos—was shot in the back by police several years ago. His family came to me for help, but we could not prevail upon the authorities who exonerated the police of Tony's murder.

But this time the circumstances were different. New York is presently in the throes of municipal elections and a high-profile police brutality incident against a Haitian man could upset incumbent Rudy Giuliani's reelection bid. After all, New York's first black mayor was elected in 1989 after a highly publicized racial murder mobilized the black community to the polls and defeated Giuliani's first mayoral bid. So it was no surprise to anyone that Mayor Giuliani responded to the Louima beating by softening his "defend the police at all costs" posture while investigators, the police commissioner, and the district attorney acted swiftly to indict the officers who perpetrated the beating and to uncover complicity on the part of other cops. Giuliani also named a \$15 million task force to recommend solutions, which has been roundly and properly denounced as an election season ploy designed to cover over that the issue has been explored by many commissions—including most recently the Mollen Commission—but that Giuliani has purposely ignored their findings.

While all of these commentaries ensued, I got in my car and went out to the neighborhood surrounding the 70th Precinct. Almost immediately I ran into people in the Haitian community I know, or who knew me from my advocacy of the Haitian democracy movement. I had traveled twice to Haiti, once in 1987, just prior to the vote on the country's new post-Duvalier constitution—and again in 1992, after the democratically elected Aristide government had been violently overthrown—and had maintained a strong connection to the Haitian community here. Almost immediately people began to meet Rev. Philius Nicolas, pastor of the largest Baptist church in the city, where the Louima family worshipped.

Rev. Nicolas and I discussed the situation, the need to keep public pressure on the Giuliani administration, to bring an independent counsel in to coordinate the investigation and the prosecution. He described the desperate financial plight of the Louimas, given Mr. Louima's hospitalization and inability to work. I called a good friend an colleague of mine, Abe Hirschfeld—a successful businessman and now a builder of the Independence Party with me in New York—and described the situation to him and he wrote a check to the Louimas for \$1,000 on the spot, saying that when a family is in trouble, New Yorkers have to help. At Rev. Nicolas' invitation, I presented the check to Ms. Louima in church on Sunday at a beautiful service performed in Creole.

Abner Louima seems to be recovering from his injuries, and will hopefully be all right. Political gamesmanship on all sides continues unabated, as commissions, federal involvement, the police "wall of silence" and the reign of terror against black males is the subject of candidate debates, newspaper editorials and policy forums. Still, little of this public bloodletting brings us any closer to understanding what happened in the washroom of the 70th Precinct on Aug. 9. Some say the police who beat and sodomized Abner Louima are monsters. Sadly, the truth is probably worse. They are just ordinary people who, given the opportunity, the environment, and a particular set of circumstances, will inflict terrible horror on other human beings. Until we can have an honest discussion about that, I don't think we'll be any closer to preventing another tragedy.

Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party. She can be reached at 1-800-288-3201 or at www.fulani.org.

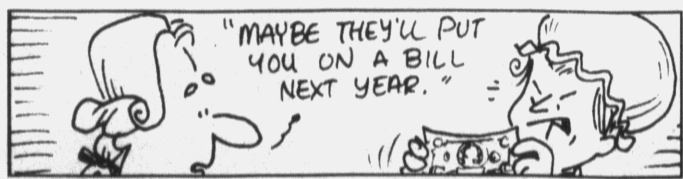
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LOCAL TV NEWS



George Washington, the nation's first president, had only seven or eight years of formal education. His wife, Martha, had none.

Whitney Houston To Star In "Cinderella"

Production has wrapped on the television production of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella." Starring recording sensations Whitney Houston and Brandy, this retelling of the classic fairy tale will air on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. on ABC as part of "The Wonderful World of Disney."

Rodgers & Hammerstein's original musical—their only work written for television—shimmers to life once again in this new production.

Its lyrical score relating a fanciful tale of sibling rivalry, love at first sight and beauty within is embellished with an empowering '90s theme that updates, but never outdates, the classic tale.

Aided by the magical presence of her Fairy Godmother (Houston), Cinderella (Brandy) learns that, through positive thinking and believing in yourself, "impossible things are happening every day."

Shot on sound stages at Sony Pictures Studio and on the backlot at Universal Studios, "Cinderella" stars Academy Award winning actress Whoopi Goldberg as the sophisticated Queen Constantina, the prince's mother who only wants

happiness for her son, with Tony Award nominee Victor Garber (*The First Wives Club*) playing her husband, King Maximilian.

Tony Award winner Bernadette Peters bullies and belittles Cinderella as the absurdly imperious stepmother.

Emmy Award nominee and Tony Award winner Jason Alexander ("Seinfeld") stars as Lionel, the prince's ever-loyal, but long-suffering valet.

The cast also includes newcomer Paolo Montalban as the prince, and Natalie Desselle (*B.A.P.S.*) and Tony Award nominee Veanne Cox as Cinderella's awkward, insecure stepsisters, Minerva and Calliope.

The film also marks Whitney Houston's debut as executive producer for her Disney-based production company.

"My dream is that this 'Cinderella' will touch every child and the child in every adult. I sincerely hope that it reinforces the art of dreaming—having a vision and understanding that everyone has the power within to make that vision come true," says Houston's producing partner, Debra Martin Chase.



SAVED BY THE BELL MAN COMES TO TOWN—Singing legend Roy C performed at the Hilton Hotel on a Pre-Labor Day Show. The Williams Family celebrated their family Reunion. Roy C was their special guest. Shown here Roy C and his band perform, "I Wanna Make You A Star." (Haywood Johnson Photo)

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HOUSTON MUSICAL FAIRY GODMOTHER—Fairy Godmother Whitney Houston (right) magically transforms Cinderella, Brandy (left) into a princess fit for a Prince in the classic musical fairy tale "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella," airing on Sunday November 2, 7:00-9:00 P.M. (ET/PT) on ABC as a part of "The Wonderful World of Disney."

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MOVE INTO NEW CHURCH—Selvia Chapel FWB Church moved into their new church on Watauga Ave recently. Bishop A.H. Hartsfield would like to announce that Selvia Chapel owns the whole

block, thanks for your prayers and support. Join them for 13 days of revival. (Staff Photo)

Child Immunization Rate Low In Black Community

By Dr. Walter Faggett

A Commentary

Although immunization rates for children in this country are up for the general population, in many parts of the country, especially in urban and minority communities, immunization rates for children remain low and pose a major health threat. This is particularly true in "pockets of need," which are defined as areas with low immunization coverage.

The seriousness of childhood immunization is dramatized by these facts:

- More than 25 percent of children between the ages of 19 and 35 months in the United States (approximately two million) are not immunized with critical vaccines.

- Approximately 100 children die each year from preventable diseases.

- Unimmunized children also pose a health risk for parents. In the past year, three parents, ages 20, 25 and 31, contracted chicken

pox from their children and died of complications.

- Each day, 11,000 children are born in the United States. At the same time, one million preschool children in the United States are missing one or more recommended vaccinations. Many of these children are African-American who remain at risk.

This problem is a top priority for the National Medical Association and its president, Dr. Nathaniel H. Murdock. NMA represents the interests of 22,000 African-American physicians.

"Immunization is more than a shot in the arm. It is a shot at life." This is the NMA slogan that encompasses our belief that everyone has an important role to play in raising infant immunization rates among urban and minority children.

For this reason, NMA has developed the National Immunization Outreach Effort as part of a cooperative agreement with the Cen-

ters for Disease Control and Prevention to ensure that 19 to 35-month-old urban and minority children are adequately immunized against vaccine preventable diseases.

America's childhood immunization schedule now requires children to receive as many as 12 to 16 shots by age 2. Parents should not be alarmed by these numbers, but pleased to know that U.S. health officials, since 1990, have added vaccines to the schedule to protect

our infants from a form of severe meningitis, hepatitis B, and chicken pox.

Other vaccines protect our children from diphtheria, tetanus, polio, mumps, pertussis (whooping cough), rubella (German measles) and haemophilus influenzae.

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Dedication Service Held By Selvia Chapel In City

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September 1—Bishop James Tripp and Holly Hill; September 2—Dr. Allen Smith and New Vision; September 3—Dr. Douglas Cogdell and White Plains; September 5—Bishop L.N. Forbes; September 6—Raymond McCloud; September 7—(11 a.m.) Dr. Raymond Lee and Community Baptist Church of New York & (3 p.m.) Bishop T.L. Davis and Progressive; September 8—Bishop Ralph Love and Holy Trinity, September 9—Bishop J.B. Taylor and Jones Chapel; September 10—Matthew

Best and Best Chapel; September 11—Bishop Randy Royal and Philippi; September 12—Bishop Artis, Cape Fear S.W. Conference, and September 13—Bishop J.E. Reddick and United America Conference.

Bishop A.H. Hartsfield, Pastor, and the congregants of Selvia Chapel invite the public to worship in any of these services.

Gary Oliver will preach at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 7 and will be presented in concert at 6:30 p.m. at the Faith & Victory Church (located off Fire Tower Road—across from the Boys & Girls Club) in Greenville. There is no admission, but a love offering will be taken. Nurseries will be provided during each service for ages Birth through 3 Years. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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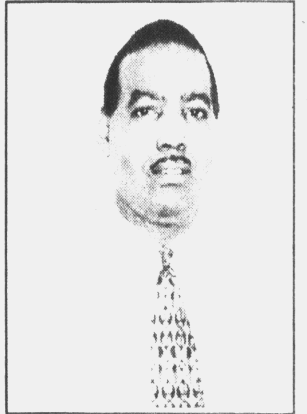
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GETS AS EXCITED ON FIRST DAY AS HER STUDENTS—Wachovia Principal of the Year Judith H. Budacz gets as excited on the first day of school as her students do. Ms. Budacz was named North Carolina's top principal in May for her innovative leadership at Wahl-Coates Elementary School in Greenville. The annual award is sponsored by Wachovia Bank and recognizes outstanding principals across the state.

Field Inspectors Search For Contaminated Beef

Field inspectors from the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services fanned out across the state last week, searching for the contaminated lots of Hudson ground beef patties. Inspectors with the department's Food and Drug Protection Division surveyed grocery stores, food-service suppliers and warehouse clubs in search of the product.

The USDA modified its recall notice issued on Aug. 12 to include an additional 20,000 pounds of ground beef distributed from Hudson Foods Co. to Boston Market and Burger King restaurants. Information from the USDA indicated that no illnesses have been associated with sales from either of these fast-food vendors. The beef in question was produced on June 5.

"We have not found any of the contaminated lots, but we did find vendors who were selling the Hudson Foods Company brand burgers," said N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham.

"In retail locations where the Hudson products were sold, all the Hudson beef patties have been removed, even the lots not covered by the recall, to allay consumer fears. The retailer wants to make sure the recall does not expand before restocking the patties," he said.

Three lots of the Hudson Foods Co. ground beef patties in retail packages were recalled. They are:

- All 48-oz. (3-lb.) packages of Hudson Beef Burgers, Individually Quick Frozen, containing 12 one-quarter pound frozen patties with the code 156A7 embossed on the bottom of the bag;

- All 3-lb. packages of Hudson 100% Pure Beef Patties, Individually Quick Frozen, containing 12 one-quarter pound frozen patties, with the code 156B7 embossed on the bottom of the bag; and

- All 15-lb. packages of Hudson 60 1/4 lb. Beef Patties, Uncooked Individually Quick Frozen, with the code 155B7 printed near the

bar code on the box.

Consumers with burgers in the freezer displaying these codes should dispose of the product or return it to place of purchase for a refund or exchange. The burgers may be contaminated with E. coli 0157:H7, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The affected lots were distributed in June and July.

for the questionable product. Ground beef should be cooked completely, until all juices run clear and no blood or red meat is visible to maximize food safety.

For additional information, contact the NCDA&CS Food and Drug Protection Division at 733-7366 or the U.S. Department of Agriculture at 1-800-535-4555.

Plight Of Black Farmer To Be Viewed At Meet

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton (D-1st), along with Reps. John Conyers, Jr., Earl L. Hilliard, Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. and Bennie G. Thompson, will sponsor a braintrust titled "The Plight of Black Farmers: Problems and Possibilities," Sept. 12 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Washington Convention Center.

The braintrust will be part of the 27th annual Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference held Sept. 10-13.

The organizers say the primary focus of the forum is to address the problems faced by dwindling numbers of minority farmers and to focus on the possibilities that might exist to improve their financial standing.

Farmers from around the country will be present to hear the problems and learn about possible

solutions for disadvantaged and small family farms.

Invited panelists include Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, Secretary of the Army Togo West, Bill Williams, president and CEO of Glory Foods, and H. Chuck James, III, president of H.C. James and Co.

Clayton has adopted the cause of small and minority farmers who have alleged discrimination on the part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Earlier this year, Clayton and her colleagues requested field and full committee hearings to address the charges. The request resulted in more than a dozen field hearings around the country, an extensive task force report, a full Agriculture Committee hearings and legislation penned by CBC members.

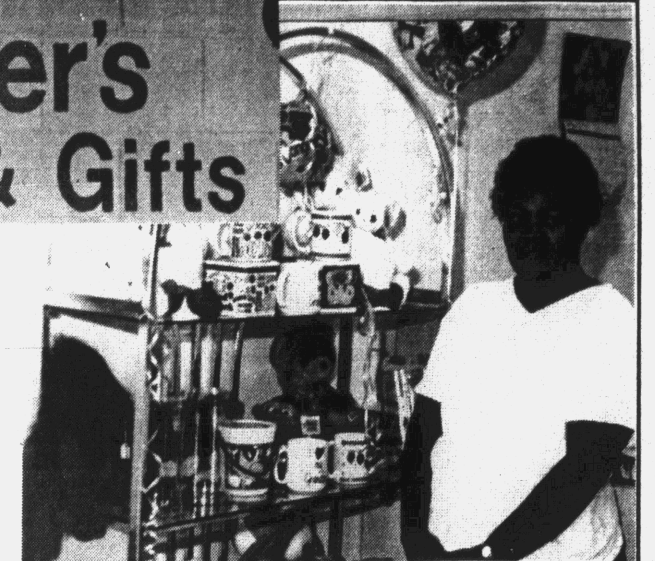
The legislation, titled, "The USDA Accountability and Equity Act," H.R. 2185, was introduced prior to the August recess. Nearly 100 members of Congress have signed onto it.



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