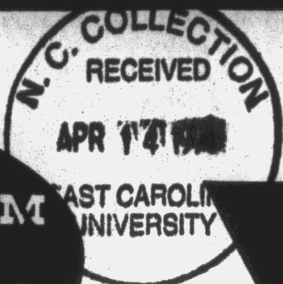
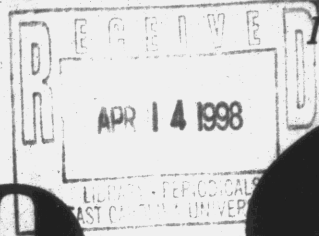


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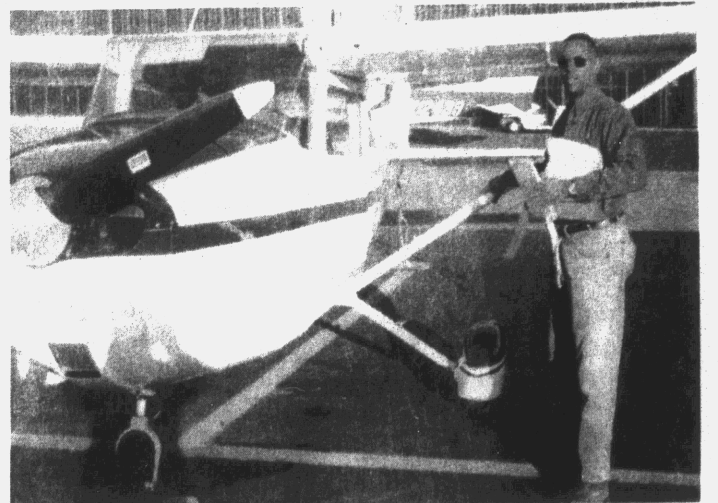
Rep. Maxine Waters Praises Clinton Trip

By U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters
Recently I returned from a six country trip to sub-Saharan Africa. This extraordinary tour took us to Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa, Botswana and Senegal. I was one in a delegation of elected officials, business people, religious leaders, representatives of organized labor and civil rights groups invited by President Bill Clinton to accompany him and First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton on the trip.

Well over one-half million people gathered to see President Clinton in Ghana. In Uganda, the school children sparkled and performed for the President. In Rwanda, the President brought tears to the crowd when he admitted that the United States and other nations did too little, too late to avoid genocide in Rwanda. The President pledged support for the victims and for the appointment of an international commission to prevent future genocide. In South Africa, the President visited Robbin Island with Presi-

dent Nelson Mandela and held serious discussions about the ongoing relationship between South Africa and the United States. In Botswana, the President praised President Ketumile Masire for his leadership in promoting democracy and the tremendous progress of Botswana. In Senegal, President Clinton visited the island of Goree and toured the slave quarters where millions of Africans were sold, died of disease and brutality and, eventually, were shipped to the United States, the Caribbean and other countries. There, the President de-

nounced slavery and, pointing to the African-American Members of Congress, praised us for our strength and leadership despite the inhuman treatment of our ancestors. At each stop, the Presidents of the six countries greeted our delegation with pomp and ceremony. The millions of Africans who lined the streets and countryside shouted with glee. In several countries, the dresses of the African women had the portraits of President Clinton and the President of their country woven into their



RUSSELL PARKER, LICENSED PILOT

ating and almost overwhelming.



TOURS DISTRICT—Congresswoman Eva Clayton toured the Pitt County 1st Congressional District last week. Supporters from Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Philippi Church and Community Christian Church are seen with Ms. Clayton. (Staff Photo)

N.C. Native Realizes Dream Of Flying

By Kitty J. Pope
When Russell Parker entered East Carolina University to major in social work and corrections, his dream of becoming a pilot still laid latent in his mind. The Windsor native attended ECU on a track scholarship, but never abandoned his childhood ambition of flying planes. He took his first plane trip with his track team to Detroit. Parker described this trip as highly "spiritual," because being in flight reminded him of what he felt was his mission in life. Russell continued his heartfelt mission and enrolled in the aviation program at Lenoir Community College while still a senior at ECU. There, he met a pilot (who is now a 727 captain) who showed interest in Parker and encouraged him to follow his dream.

Because he had no money to finance his flying lessons, he decided to join the Air Force after graduating from ECU. Parker stayed in the Air force for almost 12 years, where he also took lessons at local clubs and encountered friends with planes who helped him get the flying hours. "I also worked part-time while I was in the services to finance my flying lessons. Every penny I made went toward flying. I had no car, no expensive stereo equipment like other guys my age and I hardly ever bought new clothes. I dedicated everything toward reading my goals," said Parker. Parker went on to get his first private pilot's license in 1987 in less than six months. He continued to train with Wheeler Airline, the first black airline company which helped to train the majority of black flyers at that time. Parker also got some flying time with a friend who bought into a partnership with an airplane. With his friend, he was able to fly almost every day at a cheaper rate. Parker, who just received his multi-engine license, says that most people miraculously came around when he needed help in pursuing his flying career. "I believe that when you really want

something, God sends the right person at the right time," explained the former track star. A member of the Organization of Black Airline Pilots (OBAP), Parker has attended many conventions related to aviation. Inspired by the Tuskegee Airmen, he made a trip to the Negro Airman International Airshow where he met the famed Tuskegee Airmen and the producer of their movie. Parker's dedication to his profession has also brought him into contact with astronaut Guion Bluford and groups like women Delta pilots and Women in Aviation. Through his membership with OBAP (which is on an Internet website), Parker has helped to expose inner-city children to aviation. Despite his accomplishments, Parker has remained grateful to many others whom he claims are responsible for his realizing his dreams. He said that his parents always believed in him and supported his dreams. He also had the support of the Windsor community. Parker, who has aspirations to become a 727 captain or a jet pilot, says that he more than anything wants to give back to the community and those in general who helped and encouraged him.

Black Leaders Pleased With Street Naming

The city council reached a decision to name a part of West Fifth Street after Martin Luther King, Jr., a decision that pleased many leaders from the African-American community. Last Monday, more than 150 people gathered on the third floor in the city council chambers in support of renaming the street for Dr. King. The city council reached the decision after a 1 1/2-hour public hearing. Present for the meeting was County Commissioner Jeff Savage, who said that renaming the street is a start. "It is a necessary move toward harmony in the city," said

Savage. Proponents for the renaming of the street argued that the renaming is long overdue because most other cities already have a street named for the slain civil rights leader. Those who opposed included historical groups and Fifth Street business owners who cited cost and confusion as a few reasons not to change the name. Members of the black community present included local leaders, Bennie Roundtree, Rev. Elmer Jackson, Rev. Dave Hammond, Commissioner Jeff Savage, Keith Cooper, and several members of the NAACP. The local leaders had

a petition of nearly 500 names in favor of the change. The North Carolina Department of Transportation will have to give approval of the street change. The renaming should go into effect on Jan. 18, the Martin Luther King, Jr. designated holiday. The cost to the city would be between \$600 and \$800.

Burger King To Sponsor UniverSoul Circus Events

MIAMI, Fla.—The "Big Top" may be coming to a location near you in the next several months, thanks in part to Burger King Corporation. The fast food giant announced that it will be a national sponsor for the UniverSoul Circus, the only African-American owned circus in the 20th century, for its 16-city 1998 U.S. tour. Featuring a world renowned unicycle troupe, a contortionist, aerial artists, clowns, amazing death-defying feats and of course, the hottest urban music hits of the last few decades, UniverSoul Circus tries to bring a fresh, upbeat urban flair to the magic of the Big Top. "We give audiences what they don't expect. It's a hip hop under the big top," laughs Calvin "Casual Cal" Dupree, the co-founder and ringmaster of UniverSoul Circus, who ceases each night zipped up in a zoot suit in homage of Cab Calloway. Now in its fourth year, the circus has been hailed for its artistic and technical triumph. It features a

troupe of international performers of color from some of the world's best known circuses. "Our African-American consumers contribute more than \$1 billion a year to our brand and are among some of our most loyal customers. Linking with the nationally acclaimed UniverSoul Circus is a natural way for Burger King to both thank a large group of our consumers while delivering high quality entertainment," said Jim Watkins, senior vice president, marketing, Burger King Corp. The itinerary for the remainder of the tour is: New York City (April 10-May 17); Newark, N.J. (May 21-31); Cleveland (June 5-14); Baltimore (June 19-28); Washington, D.C. (July 1-19); Memphis (July 25-Aug. 2); Detroit (Sept. 11-27); New Orleans (Aug. 7-16); Chicago (Aug. 21-Sept. 6); Oakland (Oct. 4-11); Los Angeles (Oct. 16-Nov.1); Dallas (Nov. 6-15) and Houston (Nov. 20-29). The circus has already made stops in Miami (See SPONSOR, P. 2)

By George Waters, Jr. and Aaron Bocage

Black Inventors Impact On U.S.

The history of black entrepreneurs in America is an untold story. Their success shaped the course of our nations' history and built a tradition for future generations to follow. The spirit of invention that gripped so many people throughout the country during the late 19th and 20th centuries was not the sole domain of one class or type of American. People from all walks of life caught the invention fever, including the country's black population. Because slaves were not permitted to patent their inventions, it is impossible to be certain how many inventions may have been the handiwork of blacks. In spite of these restrictions, however, from the period of emancipation onward, it is possible to trace hundreds of inventions that were registered at the U.S. Patent

Office by innovative blacks. Although there are several hundred inventors/entrepreneurs that could be featured in this article, we will focus on three: Granville Woods, Ebenezer Butterick and Joseph Lee. In 1884 Woods and his brother opened a machine shop in Cincinnati, which gave Granville the chance to concentrate his energy on experimenting with various devices. His first patent was a steam boiler furnace that was able to operate on less fuel than that required by other furnaces. Another of Woods' inventions, the telegraphony, was an instrument that combined the features of the telephone and telegraph. It was purchased from him by the Bell Telephone Company. Businessman Butterick patented the standardized paper pattern to make clothing, which became an immediate hit with homemakers and professional dressmakers. He then established a factory to manufacture these patterns and even started a magazine to promote their sale. Lee, in the 1880s, started a ca-

Let's Look Back In BLACK HISTORY

—(See HISTORY, P. 2)

Correction!



ATTEND NAACP BANQUET—Jennifer Congleton and child at NAACP Banquet. Please drop by newest funeral services directed by Congleton family to say hello.

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dress fabric.

There were many meetings with officials and non-governmental organizations, including a regional summit which included the presidents of Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Congo, Tanzania, and the prime minister of Ethiopia and the finance minister of Zimbabwe. The seven African leaders signed a commitment that stressed Africa-based peacekeeping, trade, economic development and human rights.

We met with environmentalists who discussed the complications of protecting the environment, while recognizing the need for poor people to use the natural resources—trees for wood, soil for farming and animals for food. There also were meetings with women on health issues and human rights organizations.

There was much discussion about the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act, H.R. 1432, which recently passed in the House of Representatives. This legislation creates new opportunities for trade and investment in Africa. During the trip, there also was a renewed commitment to continue, and not replace, aid with trade in Africa.

It is important that this government develop a public policy that does not usurp the authority of African nations to control their own economies because of the daunting tasks they face to build a firm infrastructure, foster human rights and establish international trade.

The President's visit helped to shine the spotlight on the great continent of Africa. The President hoped to dispel the negative images of Africa and portray its greatness and possibilities.

As a Member of Congress who worked in the anti-apartheid movement for many years, including authoring the California law that divested California's pension funds from all businesses doing business in South Africa, I am elated that my work and support of a free South Africa is finally being realized by the leader of the greatest nation on Earth—the United States. President Clinton's visit will do for Africa what former President Nixon did for China.

Africa, with its vast resources and a humble, yet proud, hard-working people, has the potential for full growth and development. It is finally emerging from colonialism and exploitation with new leaders and a commitment to democracy.

The President pledged his support for the work that must be done to help Africa realize its full potential. The Congressional Black Caucus is committed to helping move this process forward.

Together with my colleagues, my work will continue. Last month the CBC, in cooperation with the African American Institute, launched "Africa Thursdays," a monthly meeting on Africa to bring together Members of Congress, the White House, the State Department and non-governmental agencies to work towards developing a comprehensive Africa policy. We believe this type of focus both will help the President and the people of Africa to move a positive African agenda forward.

President Clinton is to be commended for his vision of Africa's possibilities. His historic trip has focused America's attention on this continent in new ways. We have a unique opportunity that we must not squander.

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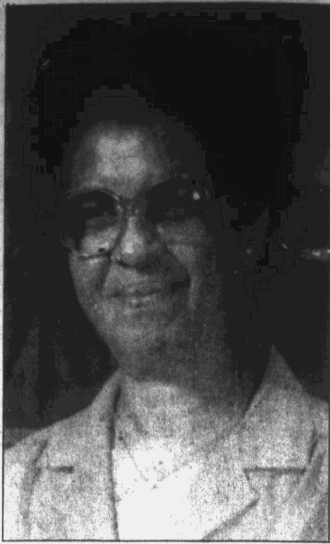
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from the desk of **Mrs. Beatrice Maye**



Beatrice C. Maye

WHAT DOES A CHURCH CLERGY/PASTOR/MINISTER DO ALL WEEK? RATE YOURS!!

Congregations need to understand that ministry is more than giving a sermon and greeting people on Sunday morning. They should know that one sermon involves many hours of preparation. Pastors today are overloaded with home visits, personal and family counseling, board meetings, Bible studies, hospital calls, administrative duties, crises counseling, baptisms, marriages, divorces and funerals. Some are expected to referee family fights. In addition to all of the above, the congregation expects its pastor to be available all hours of the day and night. No wonder so many ministers experience burnout and health and family problems.

MARRIAGE:

The duties of the "best man":

1. The minister should be paid when he or she arrives to perform the ceremony. After the ceremony, the minister is a forgotten person.
2. Give the minister the marriage license before the ceremony, please put the fee in the envelope with the license.

Combining two duties into one should simplify the best man's responsibilities.

THE NEW EMPLOYEE

The new employee must meet some firm expectations:

1. Promptness is essential. Management prefers workers to clock in on an actual clock at least 10 minutes before their areas open, to the public. Tardiness is unacceptable. Repeated tardiness will lead to dismissal.
2. Communication is key. Employees are expected to listen to and follow directions accurately, asking questions if they are unsure about what they've heard. They are also expected to accept constructive criticism gracefully and share any problems they may have relating to coworkers.
3. Taking responsibility for his or her own actions goes hand in hand with functioning smoothly as team

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and Atlanta. For more information about the circus, visit the website at www.burgerking.com.

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tering business. Bread crumbs was an item that he and his employees used constantly in various recipes. Making bread crumbs by hand was a slow, time-consuming job that could have been better spent preparing the specialties desired by their customers.

Lee's goal was to perform tasks faster and more efficiently so they could win more customers and increase profits. Thus, he invented his own time-saving bread-crumbs maker.

Material for this article was adapted from a recently released book called **Making Money the Old Fashioned Way: A Story of Black Entrepreneurship**, written by Bocage and Waters. Call 1-800-963-9362 or Internet@edtecinc.com.

members. Each individual is expected to do his or her part and more.

4. Demonstrate strong interpersonal skills in dealing with each other and with the public. Courtesy is essential. Attitude is unacceptable as is uncontrolled anger.

From: **Rich Currey, Mulhall's Human Resources Director**

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Show school spirit.
Smile.

Don't talk about school, your teachers, your classmates.

Spend time with an older person.
Finish your homework and do your best.

Cheer up a sick friend.
Compliment your teachers, parents, and classmates.

Film Festival Set For Wilmington

WILMINGTON—Cape Fear Coast CVR President/CEO Judith Grizzel recently announced that the 4th Annual Cucalorus Film Festival will be held from Wednesday April 16 through Sunday April 19 at Thalian Hall in historic downtown Wilmington. The festival is sponsored by Twinkle [Down, a small group of Wilmington based independent filmmakers.

Weekend passes are \$45 for adults and \$30 for students. Tickets may also be purchased for individual activities. Outlets for passes and tickets are CD Alley, 8 Market Street, 762-4003; Screen Play Video, 212 North Front Street, 815-6757; and Thalian Hall, 310 Chestnut Street, 343-3664.

This year's festival will showcase eight documentaries, 10 feature-length films and 35 short films. Highlights include the North Carolina feature *Paradise Falls* and an archival print of Orson Wells' *The Third Man*. Activities also will include chat sessions for attending filmmakers, equipment demonstrations and studio tours.

For additional information, contact Brent Watkins or Kristy Byrd at the Cucalorus Film Festival office, phone (910) 343-5995.

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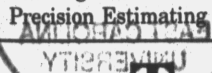
STRESS BLASTERS

- Get up 15 minutes earlier
- Avoid tight-fitting clothes
- Lend an ear
- Prepare for the morning night before
- Hold a hand
- Say "I love you"
- Walk in the rain
- Make duplicate keys
- Pay a debt
- Smile!
- Say "NO" more often
- Avoid negative people
- Look at problems as challenges
- Give a hug
- Return a book
- Simplify meal time
- Make copies of important papers
- Say something nice to someone
- Ease a pain
- Warm a heart
- Mend a quarrel
- Schedule play time into every day
- Develop your sense of humor
- Dance
- Forgive a wrong
- Pat a back
- Dry an eye
- Do it today
- Whistle a tune
- Read a poem
- Buy yourself a flower
- Take time to smell the flower
- Boost a cause
- See only the good
- Give a gift
- Be cheerful on optimistic
- Strive for excellence NOT perfection
- Hum
- Plant a tree
- Practice grace under pressure
- Stand up and stretch
- Always have a plan "B"
- Call EAP
- Memorize a joke
- Phone a friend
- Pay a compliment
- Remember a birthday
- Take a different route to work
- Have a support network
- Write a letter
- Welcome a stranger
- Quit trying to "fix" other people
- Shine (even if the sun doesn't)
- Send a card
- Get enough sleep
- Talk less and listen more
- Relax, take one day at a time
- Simplify! Simplify! Simplify!
- Be decisive
- Be bold and courageous
- Count your blessings
- Add love to everything you do
- Be generous
- Take the stairs

Construction Seminar Set

GREENVILLE—Construction Information Services, Inc. (CIS) with offices in Charlotte and Greenville, is hosting a free Construction Technology seminar in Raleigh on Wednesday, April 22 to introduce Timberline's integrated Windows 95 Accounting and Estimating software for the construction industry.

The seminar will be held at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley. An agenda and directions will be sent to registrants.



Precision Estimating will be covered from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Timberline Gold Accounting will be featured from 3 to 4:30 p.m. To register for one or both sessions, call Tom Edwards at (919) 321-9227, extension 161. Space is limited.

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CANDIDATES FOR SHERIFF—Beaufort County candidates for Sheriff and Beaufort County Commissioner Candidate David L. Moore appeared recently on Bro. Jim Rouse's television program. Tune in 8:30 - 9 p.m. Fox and Wednesday at 7 on Cable 7 for the program hosted by Bro. Rouse. (Staff Photo)

Sterling House To Open Doors In Pitt County On April 19th

As the population of older adults grows in the Pitt County area, the need for long-term housing options grow as well. Alternative Living Services, a longtime leader in developing Assisted Living communities nationwide, has chosen this area as an ideal location for one of their premiere Assisted Living communities. Officially joining our community April 19, Sterling House of Greenville will open its doors.

"When planning any new Assisted Living Community, we look at several indicators before breaking ground. We want to see if a community has the ability to meet the changing needs of a frail population, by offering and developing nontraditional medical and service programs typically found in large metropolitan areas," says Miriam Hamel, regional Marketing Manager for Alternative Living Services. "This area not only seems to be growing in terms of the number of older adults but by the many providers currently operating in the community. There is a clear commitment to creating an environment of choice. Giving the customer the option of how and where they have their healthcare needs met."

When Alternative Living Services founder William Lasky first began his mission in this field the intention was to offer an alternative to the institutional setting of a nursing home to those individuals who could no longer remain at home but did not need around-the-clock skilled care. That idea has grown since 1981 and Assisted Living is a concept many families have come to know through experience with a loved one. As the options increase standards and expectations will drive this service industry to a new level. Options will be available for not just the affluent few but the older middle-class population so often unable to assess state assistance but unable to afford Life Care programs.

In a Sterling House, residents receive a perfect combination of extra help when needed without having to sacrifice their dignity or independence in an institutional setting. Individualized programs are tailored to each resident's needs and a high priority is placed on the resident making choices about how and when services are delivered. Setting Sterling House apart is its unique architecture, homelike comfort and compassionate philosophy.

It is assumed residents' needs will change over time, so every effort is made to anticipate those changes and make adjustments or add services when they do.

The attractive, one-story residence will be expertly landscaped and beautifully decorated to create an inviting atmosphere that eases the transition from previous, familiar surroundings. Sterling House features 42 spacious apartments built around a large, enclosed courtyard allows the resident the independence of mobility in and outdoors, with the quiet assurance that assistance, if needed, is just moments away.

Apartments can be furnished individually by the resident. Each apartment will have a private bath with roll-in shower, kitchenette, individual thermostats, state-of-the-art emergency call system and cable and telephone hookups. In addition, resident have keys to their room and their own mailbox just like at home. The building is secured by a 24-hour coded security entrance.

For comfort and relaxation of the residents, the common areas are large with dual access, so the feeling of a congregate setting is eliminated and residents can choose to mingle or just enjoy the pleasant surroundings. "We have been answering the needs and listening to the desires of this population over the past 15 years. The Sterling House design is a product of the input our customers and their families have shared," says Miriam.

In the large dining room, 3 delicious meals a day are served by the attentive staff, restaurant-style. Individuals with special diets are also able to enjoy meals at Sterling House. Snacks are available throughout the day. Having the ability to make meals in the resident's apartment if they prefer not to attend every meal is an option to Sterling House residents. All utilities, housekeeping and laundry services are among some of the other amenities included.

Individual preferences are considered when planning activities. The cheerfully decorated gallery and Living Rooms are often used to hold social events. The recreation room is the place frequently used for creative projects as well as activities that may not be of interest to everyone in the community. A wide variety of on and off site programs are regularly planned and residents determine the social schedule of their choice.

Sterling House of Greenville will be licensed by the state of North Carolina to provide residents with Assisted Living Services. In an effort to effectively provide for each person's personal and medical needs, four levels of service and care plans are available. This allows the flexibility to change with the needs of residents, allowing them to "Age in Place."

On-duty 24 hours, the licensed staff is not only highly trained, they have a caring and compassionate attitude. The Sterling House staff will receive an additional 40 hours of training over and above that required by the state to be certified. Toni Donahue, Director of Sterling House, explains, "My staff and I will be the first to say we are guests in our resident's home, delivering services the way a loved one or family member would. With all the wonderful amenities offered to our residents, the bottom line for me is providing the highest quality care."

Alternative Living Services has over 200 residences nation wide with 9 currently operating in North Carolina. New Bern, Rocky Mount and Goldsboro are also scheduled to open within the next two months. The Open House to the public is scheduled for April 19 and 20. For more information or to contact the Director of Sterling House call 758-9155.

Open House scheduled for April 19 from noon to 6 p.m. and April 20 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ribbon cutting scheduled for 4 p.m. April 20.

Kidney Car Program Gets In Full Swing

CHARLOTTE—With Earth Day approaching April 26, the National Kidney Foundation is not only helping to save lives, but helping to protect the environment as well, through the Kidney Cars Program.

Vehicles donated to the program are either sold at auction or recycled. One benefit of the recycling efforts of the program is that materials which otherwise are earmarked for a landfill will now reenter a cycle of use. According to the Steel Recycling Institute, every ton of steel recycled saves 500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal and 120 pounds of limestone. Last year the Kidney Cars Program in North Carolina was responsible for recycling 1,400 tons of material.

But the best part about the program is that the money raised from the sale of vehicles at auction or from recycling the vehicles, remains in the state to benefit dialysis patients and transplant recipients.

The National Kidney Foundation makes it easy to donate a vehicle. All you have to do is call toll free 1-888-288-CARS. A representative of the foundation will walk you through the donation process, including providing free towing and a letter for tax purposes. It's the smart way to save time, money and the environment, while fighting kidney disease in North Carolina.

For more information or to donate a vehicle, call 1-888-288-CARS.

'Trash Bash' Set For Friday, April 17th

We're "TRASH BASH"-ing on Friday, April 17. The community is invited to participate. All volunteers are to meet at the front of the Ayden Arts & Recreation Building at 10 a.m. to be assigned an area. Trash bags, vests, and gloves will be provided. There will be a cookout at the J.J. Brown Park immediately following the Trash Bash for volunteers.

For more information or to volunteer, call 746-7003. Children are welcome. Sponsored by Ayden Housing Authority, the Town of Ayden, South Lee Street Neighborhood Improvement, Inc.



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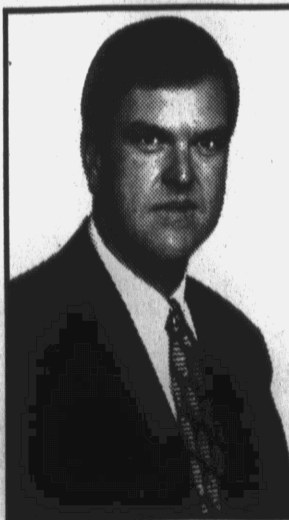
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Credo of the Black Press

The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and natural antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human rights. Hating no person, fearing no person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

A "D" That Can Lead To An "A"

All of us, at one point or another throughout our stints in school, may have cringed at the thought of receiving a "D" in a particular course of study, or sighed in relief that we didn't get that "F" that we so richly deserved.

But there is one "D," throughout our years in elementary school, high school, and yes, even college, that was the key to whatever degree of success we enjoyed in the classroom and beyond.

A "D" that yielded success on the athletic field, a "D" that all successful coaches, and well as teachers insist upon, that "D" is DISCIPLINE!

Discipline, that training through repetition, which enables us to develop certain habitually "good habits," or discipline, punishment to correct "poor behavior."

Regardless of its application, discipline is necessary for us to succeed and progress in whatever knowledge we need or want to acquire.

But wait, what of doing your own thing? What about creative self-expression? What about the freedom of individuality to make expressions solely based on feelings?

All of these are enhanced if we develop the discipline to learn of those who preceded us, and wanted to accomplish some of the same ends. If we have the discipline to read entire books of the Bible, instead of a particular chapter and verse.

To have the discipline to listen to the coach's instruction, and the confidence in that coach's ability to enhance your performance on the athletic field.

Discipline to get up at 6:30 every morning to get to work comfortably on time at 8 a.m. Discipline to listen when an employer gets upset, and sift through the loud talk to get to what was done incorrectly and eliminate that error entirely in the future.

Discipline to buckle your seatbelt,

as well as the seatbelts of your loved ones. Discipline to hold one's tongue, when the heat of the moment might dictate another reaction.

The "D" for discipline applied appropriately along the road of life can yield "A" after "A."

In one local church the congregation took the suggestion of one of their parishioners and adopted "The Commandments of Discipline" to assist them in raising funds from the congregation to build a new house of worship. Those commandments included:

- (1) Smoke 5 less cigarettes a day—50 cents;
- (2) Eat one meatless meal a week—50 cents;
- (3) Walk one way to work (if not too far)—25 cents;
- (4) One less soda a week—20 cents;
- (5) Retire one hour earlier one night a week—25 cents;
- (6) Wash car once a month—35 cents;
- (7) One less beer a week—40 cents;
- (8) No dessert one meal—15 cents;
- (9) One less "high-ball" a week—20 cents;
- (10) Ride the bus, instead of driving car—25 cents.

Total for church—\$3.05.

This '70s plan would yield a much higher total in the '90s, that could go toward a church's building fund. This '70s plan helped build a new church in our community that exists today. A good example of a "D" that led to an "A" in this church's life!

How many "D's" have been applied your life? How many "D's" have been applied throughout your children's lives? Have those "D's" evolved into "A's" for successful living as time has gone on?

Have those individuals, placed in our lives, who would accept no less than our best, in reality been insisting that we take the "D" of discipline through life?

Yes, we all may fondly refer to them as taskmasters, tough teachers, dictatorial coaches. But haven't they been part and parcel of the "A's" we've made later on in life?

Same Game, Different Players

Black North Carolinians who hope for some kind of proportional representation in the House of Representatives are caught in a crossfire between the ruling political parties.

Some folks were surprised at the majority-Republican three-judge appeals panel's rejection of the state's redistricting plan this week, after everybody else had agreed it was all right.

They needn't have been.

Perhaps they were trying to discern the logic of the panel in still insisting that the 12th District was still drawn "along racial lines."

The fact is, that wasn't the reason for the judges' rejection of the plan. Their aim is clearly a plan which produces more Republican representatives. It's that simple.

If you are shocked by this, you just don't know North Carolina history.

It's the way politics has always been done. The Democrats did it for years, using redistricting and reapportionment to ensure that they kept a firm grip on state politics.

It was a not-too-tightly-kept secret that judicial decisions in those matters (always from Democratic judges) served to further that purpose.

Now, for the Republicans, finally getting a toehold in local politics, it is time for both payback and consolida-

tion.

The redistricting decision is a golden opportunity for Republicans to gain uncontested control of the Legislature, and to add to their majority in the U.S. House of Representatives.

That fact surely wasn't lost on the Republican judges who voted to strike down the plan, any more than it was on the Democratic judges who voted to approve it.

The plain fact of the matter is, no judicial panel controlled by Republicans is going to approve a redistricting plan that doesn't produce more Republican representatives.

And that means, no majority-black judicial districts. It's not (necessarily) racism. It's just that black folks vote Democratic.

Although theoretically the problem is the 12th District, any plan that comes out of the Legislature which leaves intact the black majority in the 1st District (which the Supreme Court let stand last year) will be struck down by that panel as well.

And you may rest assured that, if the judges themselves draw a plan, there will be no black representatives going to Congress from North Carolina. Nothing personal.

It's just politics. Fairness and justice have nothing to do with it. They never have.



This Way for Black Empowerment
By Dr. Lenora Fulani

Independent Party. She can be reached at 800-288-3201 or at <http://www.Fulani.org>.

ONE MAN'S OPINION
BY OSCAR SMITH, JR.

PHILADELPHIA ACTIVIST MAKES INDEPENDENT RUN FOR CONGRESS

On March 26, I traveled to Philadelphia to endorse Juanita Norwood's campaign for Congress. A special election has been called for May 19 to fill the congressional seat vacated by Tom Foglietta. Juanita Norwood is the Reform Party candidate—the only black candidate in the race. The district, though majority black and Hispanic, has never been represented by a person of color.

Juanita Norwood is an enormously qualified candidate for congressional office. She is one of those people who has assumed the responsibility of leadership without a formal or elected position, but because she cares about what is happening in our communities. She is a successful businesswoman and an educator who has invested her considerable knowledge and experience in creating training opportunities for young entrepreneurs and helping women move from welfare to work. She is a black woman who knows firsthand the value of self-reliance and building from the bottom up. She has the qualities of a citizen legislator, someone who goes to Congress—not for a career—but to get a job done for her constituents.

For Juanita Norwood, there is no more important job to be done than dealing with the intractable poverty in this district that has not been ameliorated by either the Democrats or Republicans. The median household income in the district is just over \$20,000. The per capita income is under \$10,000. The 1st is the poorest district in the state of Pennsylvania. Juanita Norwood and I and the Reform Party want to change that.

I wanted to help kick off Juanita Norwood's campaign for some personal reasons, too. I was born and grew up in Chester, Pa., which comprises the southern portion of the district. My father died when I was 12 years old because the ambulance wouldn't come into the poor black community and my family had to rig a stretcher in the back of an old car to take him to the hospital. Poverty, racism and needless suffering persist to this day in the Chesters of America. I am convinced that until the political arrangement changes these unfortunate facts of life will not change.

Finally, I am enthusiastically backing Juanita Norwood because she is running for Congress as an independent. She is the candidate of the Reform Party, of which I am proud to be a founder—along with Russell Verney, Elizabeth Christman, Tom McLaughlin, Mary Rivera, and so many others.

There is something of an independent and revolutionary tradition in the 1st Congressional District. Independence Hall, where the U.S. Constitution was framed, is in Center City. Nearly 200 years down the road, in 1980, when the outgoing congressman was first elected to this seat, he ran and won as an independent, though the Democrats quickly converted him.

In my first discussion with Juanita about her candidacy, she said to me that we have to get out of the political status quo to make a difference. She said it is time to reject Democratic and Republican corruption and create new independent approaches to economic development, education, and political reform.

I plan to go to the voters of this district over the next seven weeks with Juanita Norwood to deliver this message. As a black activist, psychologist and parent, I have come to believe that there is no more important consideration for the black community today than reevaluating and moving beyond its deadlocked relationship to the Democratic Party. The black tradition of voting Democratic has outlived its usefulness. All you have to do is walk through the streets of North Philadelphia or look at those income statistics I mentioned earlier to see that. It's time for black voters to become independent voters.

Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified

TESTING TEACHERS?

Teachers in our state's public schools are saying they will refuse to buy a plan to give them a competency test to determine whether or not a teacher is a poor teacher.

Would you please tell me how a written test is going to determine whether a teacher is effective in his or her job? How do you give a teacher a test to see if he or she can get an hold a child's attention, or determine the humane element of teaching that is a must in an effective teacher?

Whether this is going to be a general know test or some other kind of written test, there is absolutely no way that teachers can be fairly examined to make such decisions. This state went out and purchased an examination from the state of Florida, which was designed to test the knowledge of graduates of that state's university system who are planning to go into the teaching field ... those seeking to be licensed.

You can't lay the blame on the folk in the state Superintendent's office either, after all the law is the law, and that is what the law requires. I'm talking about the one written by those guys who stayed in Raleigh more than half a year last year—and this is what they came up with? Of course you know they don't make mistakes, if the law is on the books then it has to be enforced, or at least that is the attitude of some of them.

State Board of Education members want to delay the testing for at least a year, but our good makers of our state laws aren't leaving that decision to educators. Legislators decided that when students perform poorly in their classwork this was the way to weed out the bad teachers from the good ones.

Strong, detailed evaluation of this type takes a tremendous amount of development to accomplish—that is if it is to be done fairly and accurately. If such testing is to take place, that is the kind that this should be... and the evaluation should take place by those who are trained in such evaluation.

What is about to happen if state legislators refuse to change this bad mistake is the loss of a lot of good teachers in our public schools. Of course there are some legislators who would like any 'ole' excuse to cut off funding of the state's public school system and go to other methods allowing greater choice, but we all know who would suffer if that happens.

Of course teachers who are not teaching should culled from the flock, but it should be done to ensure that just that is done, and certainly not running good teachers away. They are to hard to find.

If You Have An OPINION About The Community SHARE IT!!!



Today's Black News Is Tomorrow's Black History!

Initiative Launched To Eliminate Health Disparities In The U.S.

By David Satcher, M.D.

U.S. Surgeon General, An Analysis
We live in one of the wealthiest and most medically advanced nations the world has ever seen. Yet, in America today, black babies are more likely to die in infancy than white babies. The prevalence rate for diabetes is much higher for African-Americans and American Indians than whites. The AIDS death rate is declining more slowly for blacks and Hispanics than for whites. We cannot and must not tolerate these inequities.

That is why President Clinton recently announced the historic Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Initiative to eliminate racial disparities in six key areas of health status by the end of the next decade. Ironically, the President chose the year that we're marking the 200th anniversary of the Public Health Service to launch this effort to improve the health of all Americans by closing the gaps in these critical areas: infant mortality, cancer screening and management, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS rates, and adult and child immunization. Consider:

Infant mortality. Although infant mortality rates have declined overall since the early 1980s, black babies still suffer the country's

highest infant mortality rate—14.2 per 1,000 live births in 1996—nearly two and a half times that of white babies. It's not much better for American Indian infants, whose mortality rate was also above the national average at 9.0 per 100,000 in 1995.

Breast and cervical cancer screening and management. According to the latest data from the National Cancer Institute, the five-year survival rates for black women are 15 percent lower than those of white women. Hispanic women, along with black women, have higher cervical cancer death rates than the overall U.S. population; and Vietnamese women in the U.S. have a cervical cancer rate that is five times that of white women. And we cannot overlook black men having the highest prostate cancer death rates in the U.S. While it has not been proven that screening reduces the risk of prostate cancer, we hope to learn something that will ultimately help us with prostate cancer.

Cardiovascular disease. Heart disease and stroke are the major killers for all Americans, and those diseases take the highest toll on African-Americans and other minority populations. For example, the age-adjusted heart disease

death rate for blacks in 1995 was about 40 percent higher than whites and more than 35 percent higher than the overall population.

Diabetes. Blacks are 70 percent more likely than whites to have diabetes, which can result in kidney disease and limb amputations. Diabetes also contributes to increased risk for cardiovascular disease and blindness, increasing its toll on African-Americans as well as Hispanics and American Indians.

HIV/AIDS Infection Rates. No disease strikes more fear in the heart of African-Americans than HIV/AIDS infection, according to the results of a survey just released by the Kaiser Foundation. That study says African-Americans are twice as likely as others to be worried about becoming infected with HIV; half of all blacks in the survey know someone who has HIV or AIDS or died from AIDS; and more than half of all African-Americans list AIDS as their greatest health concern.

The story here is a classic good news-bad news one—the good news is the overall decline in AIDS cases, but the bad news is the decline is occurring more slowly for African-Americans and Hispanics, and even increasing for some age

and risk groups. From 1995 to 1996, the overall U.S. AIDS rate dropped by 23 percent, but the decline for blacks was just 13 percent.

Immunization Rates. Here, there is some good news to report. The wide gap that once existed between minority and white preschoolers for the most critical childhood vaccinations has been closed. And the influenza and pneumococcal vaccination rates for people age 65 and over have increased slightly for African-Americans. Yet, black children still lag behind white children in the full series of vaccinations, and the vaccination rates for black seniors still trail those of whites.

President Clinton has proposed a \$400 million investment over the next five years to address racial health disparities. The initiative includes a massive outreach campaign; a new foundation and government partnership to coordinate public and private research; and a task force composed of our brightest scientific minds.

But a new infusion of money is only part of the strategy. The President and U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Donna E. Shalala are drawing together all of the existing public

health and research resources to address these critical problems.

There is no time to lose. This initiative is about saving our mothers from breast cancer, our fathers from heart disease and prostate cancer, and our babies from dying

before they can even crawl. It's about better health for all Americans. That's the best investment we can make in strengthening America for the 21st century. And that's the finest legacy we can leave.

Rev. Linwood Dudley & Church Family Riddick Chapel Guests

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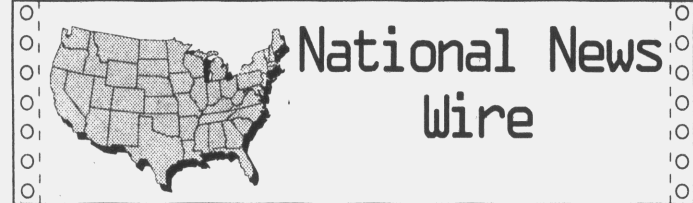
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TAKE PART IN PAGEANT—Winners at the recent Victory Christian Academy Pageant included: Top Left, Little Miss VCA Shekiah Barrett with young Mr. VCA Derrick Felder, and Top Right, Miss Victory Christian Academy, Jennifer Bynum, with Mr. VCA Relyea Vines. Bottom: Participants in the Victory Christian Academy Pageant that took place recently at the Victory Christian Assembly.



Victory Christian Academy Holds Pageant

The Victory Christian Academy of the Victory Christian Assembly Church held a pageant last Saturday with 19 students participating. The pageant was coordinated by Cathy Bynum, principal of the Victory Christian Academy, and the Parent Teacher Fellowship. Minister Maurice Revell was the master of ceremonies.

UNDERGROUND RAILROAD LAW TO PROTECT HISTORIC SITES
The bathroom in the basement of the historic Michigan Street Baptist Church in Western New York looks like any other bathroom until you remove the picture frame on the east wall. There is a hole in the wall behind the picture. And beyond that, a secret room where hundreds of runaway slaves hid on their way to freedom in Canada in the years before the Civil War. Other sites around Buffalo and elsewhere have been built over, destroyed or forgotten. Because they were secret rooms, underground tunnels, barns and makeshift docks on river banks, the sites were not always easy to identify for historical purposes. But a new state law will revive the history of the Underground Railroad in New York and protect and mark the remaining sites, artifacts and paths. The "Freedom Trail" legislation, signed into law by Gov. George Pataki at the Michigan Street Baptist Church last October, is the first in the nation aimed at preserving the history of the Underground Railroad. On the federal level, U. S. Rep. Louis Stokes, (D-Ohio), is leading an effort to craft legislation for a national Freedom Trail program. In addition to sending a copy of the New York legislation to each of the other 49 states, Stokes submitted a bill to Congress last May. It has yet to come up for a vote.

NATIONAL STROKE STUDY SEEKS BLACK PARTICIPANTS
African-Americans are nearly twice as likely as other Americans to suffer and die from a stroke, according to the National Stroke Association. Yet most published clinical stroke studies include only a small proportion of African-American subjects. This has left many important questions unanswered. Now, the African-American Antiplatelet Stroke Prevention Study (AAASPS), the first national program to exclusively address stroke prevention in the African-American community, has enrolled its 600th patient, bringing it one-third of the way towards its goal. Researchers are actively seeking 1,200 more patients across the U.S. to participate. The study is sponsored by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke of the National Institutes of Health. For information on stroke or to enroll in the study, call the National Stroke Association hotline at 800-STROKES.

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Governor Proclaims April Floriculture Month

RALEIGH—N.C. Gov. Jim Hunt recently proclaimed April as floriculture month to recognize one of the fastest growing agricultural industries in the state.

North Carolina currently ranks ninth nationally in growing and cultivating flowering plants. Bedding and garden plants generate about \$45 million annually while potted flowering plants generate an additional \$33 million to the state's economy.

Ranked second nationally, North Carolina grows more than 1.7 million potted florist chrysanthemums each year. The Tarheel state is also among the top 10 states in the production and sale of poinsettias, kalanchoes, azaleas, lilies, and bed-

ding and garden plants.

"Nursery and greenhouse operations are one of the fastest growing segments of agribusiness today," said N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham. "Now that spring is officially here, I encourage everyone to look for and buy

North Carolina products when they're working on landscaping or putting in this year's gardens."

More than 41 major floriculture products are grown in 11 million square feet of floral greenhouse space across North Carolina.

PAUL ROBESON EXHIBIT OPENS IN NEW YORK

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Paul Robeson, an exhibition of his life, artistry and ideas opened at the New York Historical Society on April 1. Titled "Paul Robeson: Bearer of a Culture," this is the largest exhibition of Robeson memorabilia ever shown to the public. Included are unpublished photographs, manuscripts, diaries, recordings and programs as well as sculptures, posters and costumes from the vast collection owned by Paul Robeson, Jr. It will also feature audio-visual stations featuring previously unavailable footage and recordings. The son of a former slave, Robeson first gained national attention as an undergraduate at Rutgers University where he was one of only two black students.

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CONTINUING THE MISSION 1998 is an election year Pitt County voters will elect a Sheriff

Incumbent Billy Vandiford is not worried about the competition. His concerns are focused on providing the citizens of Pitt County with quality law enforcement. Something he has focused on for the past 7 years.

There are several items that top his agenda. One of those is asking the county commissioners for additional deputies. "We are woefully short of street deputies. Calls for service have increased, but we have not had a deputy sheriff in the last five years." There have been deputies added to the department, but those deputies were assigned to grant-specified positions.

The shortage of deputies is a problem, but not a problem that can't be solved. Sheriff Vandiford is a problem solver. He tries to solve problems before they become burdens. He has implemented several programs that have generated a great deal of revenue for Pitt County. His implementation of getting inmates to pay for medical care was the first of its kind in North Carolina. This program has become the model for several other states.

The Domestic Violence Unit of the Sheriff's Department is another grant-funded program set up by Sheriff Vandiford. This program has focused on all aspects of domestic violence; from the initial distress call to follow-up visits providing avenues of help for the victim and the defendant. This unit is the first to have a team of officers that handle all aspects of domestic violence all the time.

Another issue close to Sheriff Vandiford's heart is the juve-



nile crime rates. "We need to be spending more money on at-risk youth before they enter the judicial system." Vandiford stresses that building more prisons is not the solution to the problem; keeping at-risk youth out on the system is the solution. Sheriff Vandiford strongly believes that money presently being spent to educate inmates could be better used to educate our young people before they end up in the system. He is not against inmates trying to better themselves; just that an inmate seems to have more access to education than the average citizen.

Sheriff Vandiford confronts issues that may not seem to be a Sheriff's duty to do. But, he believes that if a person has the capacity and

the power to make positive change, then they should try their best to do so.

The Sheriff's Department went through a phase of change last year. Some officers changed positions, others moved on. Sheriff Vandiford believes in a strong work ethic. You are asked to perform your job and the requirements that go with it, to the best of your ability. And if you cannot fulfill that job position, you should move on or be re-assigned to another position better suited for you.

Sheriff Vandiford is preparing for the years ahead. His department has a mission to accomplish, and he is determined to see that the mission continues against any obstacle that appears to stand in the way.

VOTE ON MAY 5, 1998 TO RE-ELECT BILLY VADIFORD SHERIFF

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White House Seeks EEOC Replacement

Following the resignation announcement of former Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) Chairman Gilbert P. Casellas last year, the White House has been busy searching for a suitable replacement.

Selection of the next EEOC chairperson is viewed by both the minority community and women in America as being one of the most important appointments of this administration because of what many see as an EEOC public image problem, the current assault on affirmative action, and what was described by President Bill Clinton as a huge backlog of discrimination cases at EEOC.

His concern is reflected in a budget the White House has just completed. House Speaker Newt Gingrich recently urged consideration for support of a budget increase of 15 percent for the commission.

Civil rights advocates say EEOC was purposely underfunded by prior administrations in order to decrease its effectiveness.

The Ronald Reagan administration claimed EEOC played too much of an activist role in the service of regulating employers and providing redress for employees in public and private sectors of the American workplace.

They were expressly concerned that government overregulation and intrusion was too much a part of the lives of the American people. Some think EEOC served prior administrations by doing as little claims investigation as possible while executing a minimal enforcement policy.

President Clinton in his State of the Union speech mentioned a backlog of complaints at EEOC and declared this condition to be unacceptable.

Blacks In Government (BIG) has long advocated a revision of EEOC operations and policies; actually going before a Congressional subcommittee with recommendations on changes to the regulations. The "Federal Sector EEO Process Recommendations for Change" published by EEOC and released May 1997 contained some of the recommendations suggested by BIG.

The name of Oscar Eason, Jr., national president of BIG has surfaced as a possibility, especially in the African-American community. Certain members of the Congressional Black Caucus have already made recommendations to the White House to that effect.

Maryland Congressman Albert

R. Wynn stated, "It is vital that the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the nation's leading civil rights enforcement agency, function in a fair, efficient and professional manner. I am sure that under your [Eason's] leadership, and with necessary funding, the commission can accomplish their stated mission."

Others who have expressed support for Eason's appointment include Sen. Patty Murray, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), Rep. Jim McDermott (D-Wash.) and some members of the Black Leadership Forum, an organization comprised of the oldest and most influential and powerful civil rights institutions in America.



VISITS WITH STUDENTS—Congresswoman Eva Clayton is pictured here visiting with E.C.U. students at the Wright Cultural Center on the eastern N.C. campus. (Staff Photo)

American Minorities Media Names Carthan & Jones As Vice Presidents

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—American Minorities Media (AMM), the leading representative of minority publications in the United States, has announced the addition of two new vice presidents of national sales: Kent Carthan,

Publishing Co. and has held previous positions at Amalgamated Publishers, Inc., the Los Angeles Sentinel, and Black Resources, Inc.

"American Minorities Media is committed to substantially increasing the amount of business we

growth through various marketing initiatives and strategic hires, and are confident that Mr. Carthan and Mr. Jones will complement our efforts significantly."

American Minorities Media—a Market Place Media company—reaches all minority and ethnic groups in the United States through 800 minority publications and other targeted media. For more information, contact American Minorities Media at (805) 968-8007 Ext. 182.

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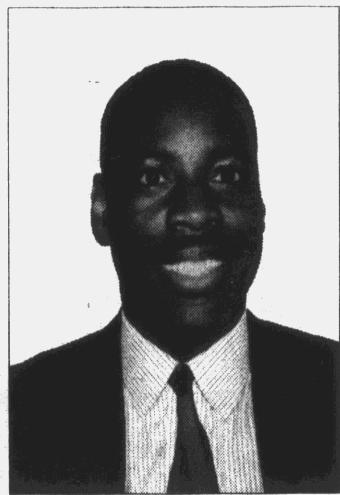


Kent Carthan, Vice President
American Minorities Media

who will work out of AMM's New York City offices; and Tony Jones, who will work out of AMM's corporate headquarters in Santa Barbara, CA.

Carthan has more than 20 years of experience in marketing and media sales. He holds an MBA from Bernard Baruch College in New York and a BA in Business from Howard University in Washington, D.C. Carthan has held previous positions with Amalgamated Publishers, Inc., Johnson Publishing Company, Johnson & Johnson, and J. Walter Thompson.

Jones is founder of Fisher/Jones, a firm representing minority-owned publications. His sales background includes 10 years' experience in print media advertising. Jones was formerly with Johnson



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- 3. Law & Order** - I support maintaining and improving the present programs now in use by the Sheriff's Department.
- 4. Employment** - We need to work in securing industry that employs people with different educational backgrounds.
- 5. Zoning** - I would support a simple zoning plan if the county would show good intentions to provide sewer and water for the citizens.
- 6. Open Meetings** - I believe in open meetings since it's the peoples' agenda. Any other way of conducting business has not worked well in the past.
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Community citizens attentive to lecture of Dr. Johnson



NAACP Banquet speaker Dr. James Johnson and local community leaders

BDI To Honor Rev. Leon H. Sullivan May 14

The Bethune-DuBois Institute (BDI) will honor Founder and Chairman of the Board of Opportunities Industrialization Centers of America, Inc. (OIC), Rev. Leon H. Sullivan at its 13th annual Awards Dinner on May 14.

Rev. Sullivan was the first to establish comprehensive employment

training and placement for disadvantaged, unemployed and unskilled Americans of all races. Also, OIC is currently the largest and most effective skills training program of its kind in Africa, operating in 70 centers in America, and 38 countries. He is also pastor emeritus of Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia, PA.

BDI'S 1998 Awards Dinner will be held on Thursday, May 14, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. There will be a VIP reception at 6 p.m., followed by the dinner at 7 p.m.

The Institute is headed by its chair, Jesse Hill, the past president of Atlanta Life Insurance Company, and its president, Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, who is also the chair of the National Political Congress of Black Women, Inc. It was named in memory of Dr. Mary McLeod Be-

thune and Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, to sustain and magnify their educational and philosophical legacies.

BDI is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, nonprofit organization which sponsors internships and training programs, monthly leadership and issue forums, summer camp projects and mentoring programs designed to provide guidance and motivation

to promising young leaders.

BDI also publishes *Vital Issues: The Journal of African American Speeches*, which is the first and only publication dedicated solely to the preservation and the dissemination of information on political and socioeconomic concerns of the African-American community.

Others to be honored at the dinner include Hon. Alexis M. Her-

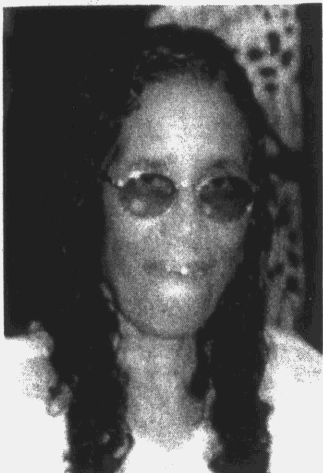
man, U.S. Secretary of Labor, former Mayor of Atlanta, Maynard Jackson, and noted chemist, Dr. Samuel Massie, who was recently named one of the world's top 75 chemists by Chemical & Engineering News. Melba Moore will sing.

The public is welcome to attend the dinner. For further information, call the BDI headquarters at (301) 562-8300.



REV. LEON H. SULLIVAN
CBC Gives President Clinton High Marks On Africa Trip

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus gave the President high marks this week, for his historic 12-day, six-country tour of sub-Saharan Africa. The tour took the President, accompanied by several members of the CBC, to Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa, Botswana and Senegal. CBC Chair Maxine Waters described the response to the President in each of the countries as, "exciting, exhilarating, and almost overwhelming."



ENTREPRENEUR ATTENDS NAACP BANQUET—Ms. Mamie Gorham, owner of Gorham's Dress Shop, was among the business people on hand at the recent NAACP Banquet.

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Kristina Pope Gives Award Winning Speech

DIVERSITY: THE NEED FOR DIFFERENCES
By Kristina J. Pope
Bethel Elementary

What is diversity? Diversity is the uniqueness in our character. It defines our personality, strength, weakness, features, heritage and genuine character.

Differences participate in our everyday life. For example, it takes an assortment of flowers to make a flower garden. It takes a variety of spices to make a spice cake and different athletic abilities from each player to make a winning team.

Nothing in this world is the same from the smallest atom to the larg-

est star. We are only special because of our differences. We can appreciate life a lot better when people see diversity as a pro instead of a con, a good instead of a bad, work together and get along.

In closing, I would like to say that people should be like puzzle pieces. One puzzle piece can have the part coming out. Another piece will have the indentation. These two pieces snap together as a whole.

If we can use our dissimilarities to "snap" together just like these puzzle pieces, we will enjoy worldwide peace, living together with a different world in harmony.



KRISTINA POPE

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SUBJECT: Membership Drive

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Thanks to the NAACP, discrimination in public houses, eating places and public transportation were outlawed. These privileges are taken for granted today, but they were not obtained without struggle and sacrifice.

Why then, do we need the NAACP today?

"We need the NAACP because every single day the NAACP is out there working to better the quality of life for all Black Americans. Everyday they go into some courtroom in some city to fight the battle for those who cannot fight their own."

The NCP's strength and effectiveness lies in its membership. If you believe in equal rights, join the NAACP today!

Sincerely,
Gaston Monk
President



NAACP speaker (left) with wife parents (center) and family after recent banquet



"M" Voice new editor Kitty J. Pope is seen here with Mother Evelyn Knight at the recent NAACP Banquet.

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