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## Pitt County Board of Commissioners nix proposal for racial issues advisory council

Greenville, NC---In a move that has sparked controversy in Pitt County, the Pitt County Board of Commissioners decided against forming an advisory council on race relations and racial problems.

Keith Cooper and Reginald Watson presented a proposal to the commissioners eight months ago, citing a need for the council. They contended that Pitt County was in dire need of such a forum to discuss issues involving race and its impact in the county.

Cooper, the organizer of the Summit To Improve Race Relations, acknowledges the setback, but notes that it is only temporary.

"This need for this council can be seen in the way Blacks and other minorities are looked at in Pitt County," he said. "Add to that the disastrously high academic dropout and expulsion rates among minority youth, the high drug abuse and crime rates involving minorities, and high teen pregnancy rates, and the need becomes even more apparent."

The proposed council, titled the Pitt County Advisory Council on

Race, would be composed of a multiracial board that would examine the problems facing minorities in Pitt County, and recommend solutions for dealing with them. Those recommendations would be passed to the Board of Commissioners.

"There's a viewpoint that if you're not involved in the government," Cooper says, "your opinion is of no relevance. By acknowledging the need for the council, the commissioners would be acknowledging that there are serious problems in Pitt County that need to be addressed."

The commissioners, on the recommendation of County Attorney JoAnne Burgdorff on April 5, voted 8 to 1 to seek a county representative on the City of Greenville's Human Relations Council, rather than form a separate council for Pitt County issues.

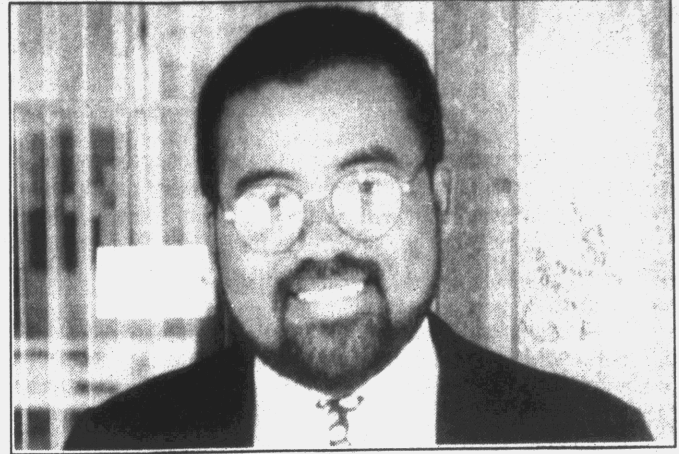
The Human Relations Council, which was formed in 1972, was established to organize and implement programs dealing with problems of human relations, and promote understanding, respect, good will, and equality of of

opportunity for all citizens, according to *A Citizens Handbook*, a resource guide provided by the City of Greenville.

Cooper admits that the Human Relations Council may be effective for Greenville, but warns that, realistically, the City of Greenville and Pitt County are two separate entities. "Pitt County is far larger than Greenville," he notes, pointing out that his propose council would touch on racial issues involving Pitt County Schools, Pitt County Mental Health, and other county organizations. "There are areas of Pitt County that the Greenville Human Relations Council have never dealt with, such as Farmville, Ayden, and Bethel."

In addition, Cooper suggests that groups such as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the Coalition Against Racism need a forum in which they can express their concerns and be treated fairly.

"Most of the time, if the NAACP or the SCLC expresses a concern, they're pretty much ig-



Advocate for racial equality activist Keith Cooper was disappointed in the Commissioners' decision to not create a race relations advisory council. "I'm not going to rest until this advisory council passes because it's long overdue."

nored," he asserts. Cooper credits President Bill Clinton as his inspiration for the council, citing the President's nationwide race relations forum.

He plans to go before the board of commissioners in the near fu-

ture in order to ask them to reconsider their decision.

"I'm not going to rest until this advisory council becomes reality," Cooper says. "It's long overdue

that action was taken to alleviate the racial problems in this area."

## Rouse Communications announces planned community events



The Business Expo, which has been held for the last six years, has had a lasting impact on the city of Greenville. Local businesses are able to introduce themselves to new customers, and the people gain a greater understanding of how the businesses support the community.

Greenville, NC---The name Jim Rouse sparks many reactions when it's heard.

"Broadcaster," say some. "Publisher," says others. While the subject of exactly what Jim Rouse does may be up for debate, one thing that is not disputed is his contributions to the minority communities in and around Pitt County.

Jim Rouse owns the Jim Rouse Communications Group, which is composed of two AM radio stations -- WTOW 1320 in Washington, and WOOW 1320 in Greenville-- and *The Minority Voice* newspaper. In addition, Rouse also hosts the *Minority Voices* television program that airs on Cable Channel 7 on Wednesday nights.

Still, he's just getting warmed up. The Jim Rouse Communi-

cations Group, along with First Citizens Bank, will be sponsoring the Minority Business Expo and Job Fair on May 15 at the Thomas Foreman Park on the corner of Mrtin Luther King, Jr., Drive and Memorial Drive. Held for the last six years, the Business Expo has been a venue for businesses to introduce themselves to the African-American community...and a chance for that community to demonstrate its buying power.

"I want my company to be a resource for the Black community," Rouse said. "The Black community faces a lot of problems. We're trying to help as much as possible."

In addition to the Business Expo/Job Fair, other events are being planned for later in the year. One such event, a leadership summit dealing with youth issues,

is tentatively scheduled for late summer.

"The youth summit's purpose is to provide the youthful minorities a chance to express themselves," says Rouse. "Far too often, our kids are ignored when they try to tell us what's wrong. They often have very good ideas, and those ideas need to be heard. Since they're our future leaders, we need to be more supportive of their points of view."

Other events currently on the drawing board include a Black leadership summit -- designed to pull together the disparate Black leadership and unify them into an organized structure -- and a gospel concert.

"As long as I can see that we've actually made a difference in the community," Rouse says of his company's goals, "I'll be content."

## Little Willie Center hosts workshop

Greenville, NC -- The Little Willie Center for Latchkey Children is hosting its 9th Annual Spring Festival Workshop on Friday evening, April 23, 1999. It is being held from 6:00 - 9:00 PM at the Ramada Inn in Greenville. The theme for the Festival is "Casting Your Pebble: One Person Makes A Difference."

There will be a youth step group competition, inspirational speakers, entertainment and informational exhibits. Light refreshments will be served. The Little Willie Center will present its first Rosa Arthur Memorial Community Service

Award. The recipient will be announced at the Festival.

The Little Willie Center is a non-profit organization designed to help working parents by providing after-school programs for their children, such as athletic and tutoring sessions. The Center also can transport children from school to the Center.

People wanting more information on the Spring Festival should contact Allen Brock at the Little Willie Center for Latchkey Children at 752-9083.

## League of Women Voters encouraging more minority participation

Greenville, NC-- The League of Women Voters is looking for a few good men.....and women.

The organization, which was originally founded to encourage women to participate in the political process, has evolved over the years. Nevertheless, many are still unfamiliar with the goals of the organization. Indeed, many still are under the impression that it's only composed of men....an illusion that area President Amina Shahid-El, is quick to dispel.

"The League of Women Voters is for all nationalities...its even for men," she states. "In fact, we could

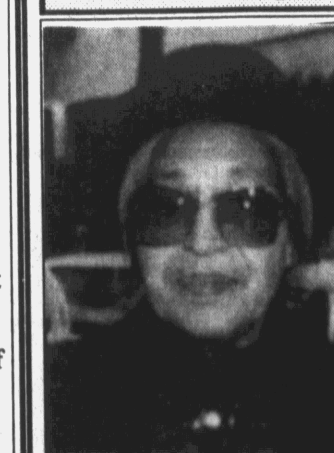
not accomplish half of our goals without the help of our male participation." In addition, the League of Women Voters strongly encourages minorities to join.

The League of Women Voters is a nationally recognized non-partisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Through participation and membership in local leagues across the state, individuals can learn about issues of concern at all levels of government.

The local chapter, the League of Women Voters of Pitt County, has worked with other local co-sponsoring organizations to offer educational forums on issues including the privatization of Pitt County Memorial Hospital, transportation needs in Pitt County, charter schools, immigration and pesticides.

The League of Women Voters is a strong established voice in the community that needs the participation of everybody for its continued success.

## House of Representatives moves to honor Rosa Parks



Ms. Rosa Parks, who has been called the "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement," may receive the Medal of Honor.

By Darlene Superville

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Rosa Parks, hailed as the mother of the civil rights movement, would be honored with a Congressional Gold Medal under legislation that has moved a step closer to its expected

approval by the full House. The bill must also pass the Senate and be signed by President Clinton.

Clinton invited Parks to his State of the Union address in January and the 86-year-old civil rights pioneer rose from her seat in the House gallery for a standing ovation.

Clinton said in his speech that for many the civil rights movement began "when a woman named Rosa Parks sat down on a bus and wouldn't get up."

The bill cleared a House Banking subcommittee Thursday by voice vote. It will go directly to the full House because it has the support of at least 319 members, more than the required two-thirds majority, or 290, co-sponsors.

A vote by the House is expected after Congress' two-week Easter recess.

Similar legislation is pending in the Senate.

"Rosa Parks is an American hero not because she held high office, but because she was an ordinary citizen with extraordinary courage," said the subcommittee chair-

man, Republican Rep. Spencer Bachus of Alabama, where Parks' single act of defiance nearly 44 years ago awakened the conscience of a nation.

She was arrested in December 1955 for refusing to surrender her seat to a white man on a segregated bus in Montgomery, where she was a seamstress. Her arrest set off a lengthy bus boycott by a then-local minister, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"Her quiet courage that day... launched a new American revolution that opened new doors of opportunity and brought equality for all Americans close to a reality," said Rep. Julia Carson, D-Ind., the prime sponsor of the bill.

Parks now lives in Detroit. The subcommittee meeting, scheduled March 25 at the last minute, came after "The Tom Iyner Morning Show," a nationally broadcast urban radio program, told listeners the bill was in danger of failing to garner the support needed for a full House vote.

The bill, which is currently under debate, is formally titled as House Resolution (H.R.) 573.

## There's always something to smile about



WOW! What a beautiful smile! Our wandering camera caught this beaming smile on the face of one of our beloved citizens, Mrs. Patsy Smith. She was just reflecting on all the blessings God bestows upon her daily. Now, that is something to smile about! (Photo by Jim Rouse)

# Telling It Like It Is



## PITT COUNTY NORTH-CAROLINA



# A Letter to the Citizens of Pitt County

by Pitt County Manager Tom Robinson

Recently, the citizens of Pitt County have become aware of the serious problems that exist at Pitt Mental Health. News reports have highlighted the loss of jobs and the elimination of programs at the agency, a sequence of events that disappoints us all. These unfortunate measures have been taken because Mental Health expects to exceed its budget for the fourth straight year. This year's shortfall will be at least \$1.8 million, a difficult figure to swallow in a county that is already in the top ten across the State for funding Mental Health programs.

As the County Manager of Pitt County, I am frequently asked, "Why hasn't the County taken a stronger hand in dealing with these problems?" or "Why doesn't the County just give Mental Health more money?" Before these questions can be answered, it is important to understand the history of the situation and to view the issue in the context that a County Commissioner must consider.

Pitt Mental Health has a number of deficiencies which affect their fiscal situation. Since discovering their fiscal problems three years ago, the Board of Commissioners has worked diligently with Mental Health to correct the agency's problems. Their biggest problem is they cannot operate within their budget because they have a severe shortage in their accounts receivable, the money that is owed the agency, but is yet to be collected. As Pitt County staff met with Mental Health to review their problems, they determined that the shortage in accounts receivable was caused, in part, by the agency's rapid growth over the last few years. During this period, money flowed freely from the State to Mental Health and the agency was encouraged by the State to aggressively pursue Medicaid dollars. Thus, Mental Health focused on maximizing services and was little interested in fiscal control or accountability. The result was that the amount of money owed to the agency grew from about \$1.5 million to over \$5 million.

Additionally, the County's internal finance auditor reviewed Mental Health's operations and found major problems with its billings and collections processes. The auditor discovered duplicate accounts for the same people, lost records, insufficient client billing, major delays in billing for services, and often a reluctance to send a bill. Client incomes were not verified nor eligibility for Medicaid checked. All of this resulted in a great deal of lost revenue and a large write-off of accounts receivable as bad debt.

The Mental Health Board discovered that information on program performance and pending State corrective action was not being forwarded to them. As a matter of practice, the State was sending all correspondence pertaining to Pitt Mental Health to the Mental Health Director. Neither the Mental Health Board nor the Board of Commissioners received a copy of concerns about the agency. Following the retirement of the Mental Health Director of 23 years, the current director was hired with the express charge of correcting the identified problems within the agency.

It is critical that citizens understand that the State charges the Mental Health Board and Mental Health Director with running Pitt Mental Health. **The Mental Health Board, not the County Commissioners, has the legal authority and responsibility to manage the agency's finances, to provide or cut services, to oversee the daily operations of the agency, and to hire/fire the Mental Health Director.** State laws limit the role a county can play in the oversight of such State agencies, making them difficult to control at the county level. The Board of Commissioners has the authority to appoint citizens to the Mental Health Board and to approve the amount of county dollars allocated to the agency. Beyond these appointments and the annual allocation of dollars, the Board of Commissioners has little control over Pitt Mental Health.

This year, the Board of Commissioners gave Mental Health an increase of five percent in County dollars and also instructed Mental Health to aggressively pursue money due to the agency and to correct its poor billings practices. It was later determined that projected revenues were too high and that adjustments were needed to bring expenditures in line with revised revenue projections. Restricted revenues were also being co-mingled with unrestricted revenues.

While corrections are being made, the situation has resulted in a deficit of almost \$2.8 million this year. New billing and collection procedures have been and are being implemented. Unfortunately, nothing can be done to wipe out the total deficit for this year. While the expected shortfall has been trimmed to about \$1.8 million, covering this expense would double the amount Commissioners initially gave the agency. The State is also being asked to help pay this cost, since it bears a lot of the responsibility.

To further complicate matters, the Mental Health Director has also determined that the productivity of the agency's workforce is very low. It has been estimated that clinicians spend only one third of their time with patients, a reasonable standard being at least sixty percent. Having clinicians out-posted in satellite clinics compounds this problem. Thus, Mental Health is looking at changing this practice, in an effort to improve productivity and balance expenses with revenue.

Deciding whether or not Commissioners should pay for Mental Health's budget shortfall, requires an understanding of Commissioners' responsibilities. Pitt County's budgeted dollars for Mental Health ranks seventh in the State. Commissioners must balance the fiscal requests of more than 25 departments and agencies and a number of affiliated organizations. They must consider the needs and desires of the 126,263 Pitt County citizens they represent. The Board of Commissioners faces a constant dilemma of not having sufficient money to cover all of the programs and services desired or needed by Pitt County residents. For instance, water and sewer, and education are very pressing needs in the County. In these areas we are not in the upper number of counties in funding and need to catch up. Thus, the County is requiring Mental Health to bring its expenses in line with its expected revenue. Knowing the seriousness of the situation, the Mental Health Board, which makes the decisions for Pitt Mental Health, has determined that a Reduction-in-Force (RIF) is necessary to balance its budget. As County Manager, I agree that this action is necessary, but am fully aware that nothing can totally compensate for a lost job. I regret that the situation has reached this point.

The County continues to recommend additional ways to make productivity and budgetary improvements at Pitt Mental Health, but these decisions must be made by the Pitt Mental Health Board. To date, they have made some very tough decisions and are trying to fix their own problems. I appreciate their efforts and feel confident that, together, we can return Pitt Mental Health to a sound, fiscal and clinical position.

## Letter to the Editor:

DEAR MINORITY VOICE:

There's been a lot in the news about the financial problems of Pitt County Mental Health, and the refusal of the Pitt County Board of Commissioners to help them in this crisis. I would like to ask the commissioners whether they truly explored all the options for alternative funding before making the decision not to bail out Mental Health.

For example:

- 1) Couldn't they use a part of the \$30 million that Pitt County received from the conversion of Pitt County Memorial Hospital into a privately-owned, nonprofit agency? That money was not part of the original budget, and could be used to help alleviate the problems that Mental Health is facing. At the very least, it would keep people in their jobs, and keep up the services that Pitt County needs.
- 2) Couldn't they apply for either a state or federal grant, stressing the urgent need of ALL the services Metal Health provides?
- 3) Couldn't they go through the budget with a fine tooth comb and eliminate all the wasteful spending that occurs? In this fiscal year, over \$5 million was earmarked for environmental protections such as water conservation and soil protection. Wouldn't it make more sense to use part of that money for a demonstrated more urgent need?
- 4) Shouldn't they re-prioritize what they're doing? Perhaps they need to re-evaluate what they (the commissioners) *want*, as opposed to what the community *needs*.

These are just a few suggestions I would like to make to the commissioners. I hope they'll read these comments and think about them.

Sincerely,

Keith Cooper

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# Racism and Responses: An In-Depth Look

## The reality of racism

By Dr. Brian L. Haynes

As we prepare to enter a new millennium one must wonder what the next century will mean for race relations in America. During the last 350 years America has had to deal with a number of vexing issues and has fared extremely well. During this time span there have been countless inventions and patents developed to improve the quality of life for millions of citizens throughout the world. Vaccinations have been developed and medical technology perfected to the point where the average life span of a human has increased innumerable. In spite of the tremendous gains in health and technology that this society has witnessed, we as a nation have yet to solve the issues associated with racism and prejudice.

Recently released data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) indicate that of the 8,049 hate crimes reported in 1997, racial prejudice accounted for 59 percent of the crimes, with the vast majority of the victims being

African-American. Eight people were murdered in 1997 in hate crimes, including five murders attributed to race. Included in the 1997 data was the burning and beheading death of Garnett Johnson of Virginia. The FBI data and the grisly murder of Garnett Johnson clearly indicate that racial prejudice is pervasive throughout American society.

Demographers predict that by the year 2025 persons of color, African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asian-Americans, will comprise the majority of the population of the United States. Only time will indicate this country's response to the changing demographics but, without a national strategy to address issues associated with race and with an erosion of affirmative action programs, it appears that we as a nation are positioning ourselves to regress in efforts to promote equality for all.

I believe that America's inability to effectively deal with issues of race can be attributed to the fact that the majority of Americans

have a truncated view of history. They are unwilling to accept that fact the institution of slavery and the years of segregation continue to negatively impact the fabric of American society. These individuals want no ties to the past when it comes to issues of race opting instead to propose solutions absent of America's troubled racial past. What is needed at this point in our history is an honest dialogue about issues of race in America. That dialogue cannot and will not occur if the majority of Americans remain in a state of denial about the negative impact that racism has had and continues to have on our society.

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## Black parents need to take more control

By M'Bulu K. Rouse

Each day as I drive through West Greenville, it bothers me that there are so many of our children that are walking the streets during the day when they should be in school or at least working to support themselves. Now, some of you are probably saying to yourself, They see the hustlers, and not my child. Mom, Dad, you would be surprised to see the number of kids that, between the hours of 9am and 5pm, are on the streets.....just hanging out.

The hustlers that get out there every day to make ends meet, I can't knock you. I can not knock the hustler that is out there everyday trying to support their families. I will say that I respect those because even though it is illegal, you are willing to take that chance to put food on the table for those that you care about. Now, those hustlers that are just out there being greedy and to lazy to go and find a job, then you should knock better and should want better.

You ask...Where is she going with this? Well, all of those kids you may see walking the streets are not hustlers. Majority of those kids are either homeless, no families, no

guardian, no one to help them see the right way. What are we to do. We have a right as tax payers and citizens to demand the city or government to do something about our youth.

Within these problems, that is how the media stereotypes the African American communities. The media sees how we sometimes neglect the issues that are going on with our youth. In our eyes, we are doing the right thing, but from outside it may look different. Instead of the media coming to the black communities to report on the good, they only come to report the bad.

It's time for us to wake up and see that our children are our future and we need to ask the lord for the strength to teach our children the right way and prepare them for the future. It's time that we start preparing our younger generation for the future. Show them the importance of an education, responsibility, self-determination, and most of faith in the man above. I am pleased to see that with so many temptations in the world, that alot of our younger generation and starting to take part in Sunday morning church services. With the help of contemporary music rising

the charts, its one of the venues that are helping with a new direction for our younger generation.

My Black sisters, there are so many before us that has paved the way for us and our kids. Let's start doing what's right. Lets become more involved in the PTA, the education of our kids, making sure the black members of our School Boards are atleast looking out for the future of kids, and not just agreeing for the white man. We need to start educating, disciplining, preparing, respecting our children, so that when they go out into the world, the media won't have nothing negative to report.

This article is not to knock the media, but a wake up call to my people and ask them to join me in the crusade to help educate our young people for the new millennium. Our children are our future and if city, state, or local officials don't care about our kids, then we need to matters into our own hands and educate our kids. The government officials seemed to be more concerned about the roads that are really causing traffic problems, than our children and we pay the taxes or shall I say, we pay their salaries.

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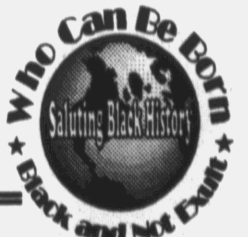
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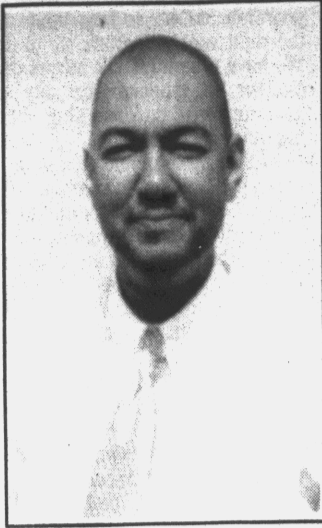
# Politics & Points of View

## The Perspectives

### of Stephen Johnson

#### Allen Iverson:

#### One of the changing faces of Black America



While reading a new publication called *Slam*, a magazine dedicated to highlighting up and coming basketball stars, as well as the legends who paved the way, I couldn't help but notice the changing face of Black America. On one page stood Allen Iverson: young, confident, draped in gold and diamonds, covered in tattoos and wearing an afro. On the opposite side stood Dr. J (Julius Erving), also wearing an afro, yet noticeably more low key. Tired of all the controversy surrounding his appearance, Allen made a statement: "I dress the way I want to dress, I look the way I want to look." While he knows that people tend to assume that he's trying to portray

some type of gangsta or thug image, he is quick to deny it. "It's not about that. I guess I am hip hop..... I'm 23 years old and maybe when I get to 24, I'll want to change."

In speaking with different people who have negative opinions on his appearance, most felt he was portraying a negative role model for Black youth. Personally, I believe he is a product of negative role models, although that does not mean that he can not become a positive role model for other young Americans. Many of today's youth aspire to obtain the level of wealth that he achieved, while maintaining their hip hop look. However, rather than selling drugs or committing crimes, he is showing young men and women that there are alternatives.

As I continued to flip through the magazine, I also couldn't help but notice an advertisement for

DMX, a young up and coming rapper who has one of the hottest CDs on the market, which is *Flesh of my Flesh, Blood of my Blood*. The ad included a picture of DMX soaking wet covered with blood. What bothers me is that I see more and more Black youth being misdirected by dark gothic images which seem to be quickly gaining intense popularity in the young Black community; at one time, it was an issue that only affected White communities.

With the success of rap music, as well as the instant stardom and cash rewards of becoming an athlete, Black Americans seem to be turning to these types of careers as a way of escaping their condi-

tions, as opposed to trying to compete for a college education. Have we, as parents, somehow led our kids to believe that this is a viable alternative to higher education, or has America proven it to be true?

Black America is comprised of several types of diverse individuals from businessmen to rappers. I would love to see the spotlight one day change, and be taken off rappers and athletes, and focus on our young leaders, and perhaps offer our children different alternatives.

But, as each generation has proven, time changes all things. Like the evolved hippies of the 70's who once preached words of peace and love and are now corporate lawyers negotiating hostile takeovers, young Black America must also grow and find their own identity as well.

## Black & Hispanic newspaper ad reps combine forces

By DANIEL GREBLER

NEW YORK, (Reuters) - Hoping to capture a bigger slice of the newspaper advertising market, two of the largest advertising-sales groups for Black and Hispanic newspapers on March 23 announced a partnership with a newspaper sales and marketing service with a national reach.

New York-based Amalgamated Publishers, Inc. (API), the largest advertising-sales representative for Black papers, and Latino Print Network, of Carlsbad, Calif., the biggest ad-sales rep for the Latino print market, signed an agreement with the Newspaper National Network, which represents about 1,700 papers nationwide.

NNN is funded by the 47 largest U.S. newspapers and operates under the auspices of the Newspaper Association of America.

Under the pact, which is effective immediately, NNN will be the exclusive partner for national newspaper ad sales targeting ethnic markets in seven advertising categories: Automotive, computers, cosmetics and toiletries, food, packaged household goods, drugs and remedies and liquor and beverages.

No funds were exchanged in establishing the partnership, but commissions will be shared, officials said. No financial details were released.

"Advertisers and their agencies have asked us if we had a way to

deliver certain targeted markets, notably African American and Latino markets," Nicholas Cannistraro, president and general manager of NNN, told a news conference.

"We think we now can offer a very complete menu of product for our advertisers with only one phone call and one contact, to take the pain and the mystery out of doing business with newspapers."

Jim Rouse, President of North Carolina-based Jim Rouse Communications and publisher of *The Minority Voice* newspaper, says it's about time a partnership such as this was formed.

"Too many companies have a long-standing habit of ignoring the minority communities," said Rouse. The non-urban dictates they use allows them to be selective about who they want using their products. I've said for years that the different minority groups can achieve more together than separately. With this partnership, we're effectively saying that we won't be ignored any longer."

Rouse's *Minority Voice* newspaper has been a member of the association of North Carolina Black Publishers for years. "We've worked very closely with Webb-Patterson, a Black advertising agency, in order prove to national advertisers that we can't be ignored," Rouse said. They've helped us land such clients as CP&L and First Citizens Bank." Non-urban dictates are unofficial

company policies restricting them from targeting minority markets.

Amalgamated Publishers represents about 210 of the nation's 350 daily and weekly Black newspapers for national advertising. Its services include order placement, material handling, sales, marketing and merchandising support, as well as media research, promotion of ad strategies and graphic design.

The Latino Print Network, established in 1996, is the official sales coordinator for the National Association of Hispanic Publications (NAHP). It represents more than 100 Hispanic newspapers and publications, with combined circulation of more than six million.

"We're going to see some huge areas of growth in corporations that are traditional newsprint buyers," said Robert Armband, NAHP vice president for marketing. "The fastest-growing industry inside of U.S. publishing is the Hispanic publishing industry. This is where the new readers are coming from, and I think all the brand managers will have to utilize print."

Kirk Whisler, general manager of LPN, said the growth of the Latino press has been rapid. The industry has grown from 232 publications with a total circulation of 955,000 in 1970 to 515 newspapers with a circulation of 12.5 million currently, he said.

"With that kind of growth, it's no mystery why all of a sudden the

main advertisers both national and local are starting to pay attention to the (Latino) marketplace," Whisler said.

He said that five years ago, the majority of the group's members could not print four-color ads. But 70 percent are now able to take such ads, with the number increasing weekly.

"In essence, the NNN can now further their position as a turnkey operation in newspapers," said Richard Splittorf, sales director for the American Association of Advertising Agencies' Agency magazine. "They can go out and say 'We are a one-stop shop' - You can buy the 1,700 dailies, and we also have access to and information on these multicultural papers as well."

Splittorf said an advertising agency media buyer seeking space in five select markets might prefer to deal with one of the individual firms representing newspapers in those markets. "But if it's the top 50 markets, it's easier to go to NNN."

Ernest Pitt, API chairman and CEO, said his organization started thinking about partnering with a larger group six to eight months ago.

"We think that through this partnership, we will be able to communicate to corporations in a way that they can understand that Black newspapers are viable and able to reach the customers," he said.

## African-American youth more active than previous generation

WASHINGTON, (PRNewswire) -- African-American college students today are as active or more active in their communities than their parents' generation, but see a lack of adequate education programs, sexual issues (AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and unwanted pregnancy) and still-pervasive racism as threats to improving life for African Americans, according to respondents to a survey given to students at nine Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) by the Center for Policy Alternatives (CPA).

"We're looking at the next generation of African-American leaders in this survey," said Darold Johnson, Director of CPA's Southeast Policy Leaders Forum.

"Contrary to popular perceptions, public service and working for the greater good are important to young African-Americans. Their voices have been overlooked even though we know their counterparts in previous generations changed the world. We've got to listen."

Nearly 60 percent of those polled at Bennett College, Clark Atlanta University, Florida A & M University, Fort Valley State University, Howard University, Morehouse College, Morris Brown College, Morgan State University, North Carolina A & T University, Southern University and Spelman College responded that they participated in volunteer activities not sponsored by a fraternity or sorority. This contrasts to perceptions of

young African-Americans as less active than their civil rights activist counterparts from a generation ago.

Among the other findings:

-- President Clinton is the national political leader most admired by respondents (23 percent), followed by Jesse Jackson (5 percent);

-- Improving public education (23 percent) and economic self-sufficiency (19 percent) are the two most important strategies for improving the lives of African-Americans;

-- The majority of students polled responded that they are registered to vote (79 percent).

The survey was conducted by CPA's Southeast Policy Leaders Forum on college campuses from October 1998 to February 1999. CPA's Youth Voices project has worked to increase the involvement of young people in their communities. The Southeast Forum brings together community activists and state legislators, and convenes African American students in the southeast to find solutions to the challenges facing African-American communities.

The Center for Policy Alternatives is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit progressive policy and leadership development organization working to move ideas to action across the 50 states.

## Mfume meets with Attorney General Reno on police brutality

WASHINGTON, DC --- NAACP President and CEO Kweisi Mfume and several other civil rights leaders asked Attorney General Janet Reno during a March 22nd meeting in Washington, D.C. to have the Justice Department take a pro-active stance in reviewing police brutality cases.

Mfume said: "Brutality such as that in the case of the police killing of Amadou Diallo, an unarmed West African immigrant, tarnishes the honor of the badge. We wanted the attorney general to understand that this kind of injustice is wrong."

Reno arranged for the meeting with Mfume after he called for more direct action and intervention last month by her office and President Clinton. Mfume said, "The President's radio address (on March 20) concerning police brutality was good, but we expect more advocacy on this issue from the

White House."

Mfume said the attorney general "promised to commit resources" within the Justice Department to review police cases. He called this "a good first step" while outlining several directives aimed at curbing the escalation of the police brutality crisis in communities of color. "I want the Justice Department to conduct federal fact finding hearings on alleged police brutality and misconduct when the charges first surface and to withhold federal dollars from police departments found guilty of police brutality."

Mfume said, "We also asked for White House for intervention in helping to establish uniform criteria for police stop and frisk procedures; profiling of suspects, and strip searches of suspects."

Additional NAACP initiatives call for:

1) The President and Attorney General to quickly develop a process, if necessary through executive order, whereby federal law enforcement dollars can be withheld from those police departments that have an unusually high number of brutality complaints or a significant number of unresolved or pending complaints of brutality or excessive force.

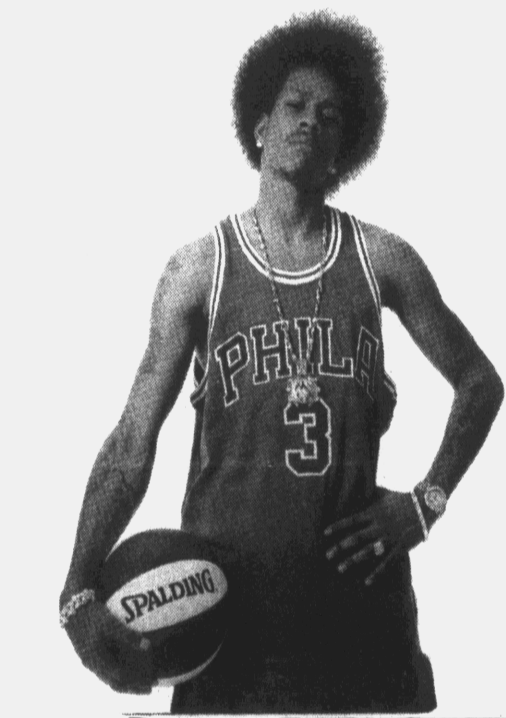
2) Congressional leaders of both parties to immediately follow through and fund the provision of the Crime Control Act of 1994 that provides funding to allow for the accurate collection of comprehensive national data on the use of excessive force by police. This would also include data on the number of people killed or injured by police shootings or other types of force. Although the provision has been mandated, it has yet to be funded.

3) States to work together -preferably through the Conference of Governors- to develop a uniform set of procedures and a process for the establishment of countywide or citywide

4) Police Civilian Review Boards that have both subpoena and investigatory powers.

Representatives from the National Urban League, National Leadership Forum, Anti-Defamation League, Human Rights Coalition, Rainbow Coalition, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, and the National Asian Pacific American Consortium also attended the meeting.

Founded in 1909, The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization.



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- Diabetes is the third largest cause of death. The two other killers are cardiovascular (heart) disease and cancer.
- Diabetes is the leading cause of blindness. Diabetes is diet-related. Reduce your intake of sugars; eat fewer sweets.
- Most doctors agree that high blood pressure is usually caused by one of the three S's: Salt, stress, and smoking.
- Don't use the salt shaker.
- High blood pressure can and should be controlled by good nutrition, exercise and stress reduction.
- Too many soft drinks and hamburgers are health robbers.
- Arthritis means inflammation of joints. Regardless of the kind, cod liver oil helps. Take a tablespoon just before going to bed.
- Your daily diet must also contribute nutritious elements.
- If you are arthritic, drink your coffee black. Heavy use of cream and sugar complicates rheumatoid arthritis because it causes more rapid deterioration of an already

- sensitive joint lining. A non-dairy product in your coffee is usually about 65% sugar. Avoid all substitutes.
- Drink herbal tea. It has the natural healing power of herbs, with no additives and no preservatives. Instead of sugar, try adding some honey.
- There is nothing "soft" about soda pop. These bottles and six-packs contain harsh, harmful ingredients. Look at all the contents. You have artificial coloring, artificial flavoring, preservatives and sugar. It has empty calories. Then you have the allergic reactions.
- 200 children in too many cases found something in soda pop as the cause of an allergic response. If you give up carbonated beverages, you can avoid allergies and many illnesses. Why trade your health for a few fizzy drinks?
- Water, preferably warm, can serve as a mild laxative and will help flush your kidneys. It also contains minerals and other helpful properties.
- Drink water on an empty stomach, early in the morning, or four hours after dinner, just before

- you retire at night.
- Milk has all "the perfect food" and it has fine qualities. Each glass of milk gives you calcium, vitamins A and D and it even contains a percentage of butter fat.
- Become a milk drinker, if you want to avoid a heart attack, or a stroke. Milk can improve the quality of your arteries. Whole milk, not skimmed milk, not chocolate milk, nor canned milk.
- Cod liver oil is your weapon. 2 tablespoons of whole milk—add one tablespoon of pure cod liver oil. Shake vigorously for 10 seconds. Drink the mixture immediately on an empty stomach. Use a baby food jar for the mixture. (For those with arthritis).
- To lose weight, eat unflavored yogurt —fewer calories.
- Frying is detrimental. Eating too many fried foods makes you more vulnerable to the growth of gallstones. Broil, bake, or steam instead.
- Throw away those pots and pans made of aluminum...they are a threat to your health.
- Cook with/in stainless steel,

- pyrex, enamel ware, earthenware, cast iron or Dutch ovens.
- A better way to control your weight is through proper diet.

(SOURCE: Dale Alexander, Arthritis and Common Sense #2)

Books and Black People. Is this adage true? "Black people don't read books and Black people don't buy books".  
Real Guts: Refuse to lower your standards to those of the crowd. What you put in your head can never be pulled out by the Ku Klux Klan, Congress or anybody.

### ASSORTED THOUGHTS:

Teaching manners is the job of parents, not child care providers.

Grandparents VS Grandchildren: Under what circumstances should grandparents rear their grandchildren?

"Cigarette smoking is responsible for 419,000 deaths per year in the United States. It causes cancer, heart disease, emphysema, bronchitis, poor circulation, fatigue, smoker's cough and smelly hair, breath and clothes. It produces wrinkles and stained yellow teeth and fingers, and reduces your sense of smell and taste. And you don't get all of this free. It actually costs you money; a pack-a-day habit is more than \$800 per year, two to three packs per day can run into thousands", —Robin Stoloff, a South Jersey health reporter.

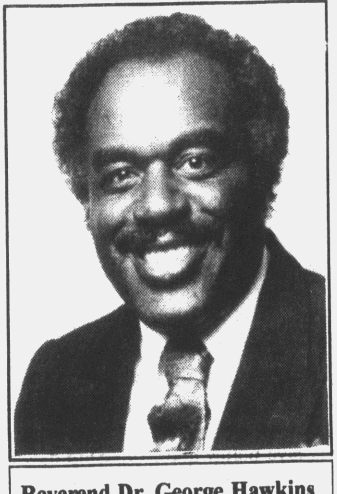
### NEVER ASK ADVICE FROM:

- People who don't really know you.
- People who know you, but aren't truly supportive.
- Colleagues at work, even if you sense your restlessness is not specifically about you.
- Relatives who have a preconceived notion of who you are and what you need.
- Friends who have a stake in keeping you right where you are.
- Anyone with an ax to grind.
- Anyone who will condone your attempts to procrastinate.

### HEALTH FACTS

- Garlic works to reduce hypertension (high blood pressure).
- To avoid salt, don't eat cold cuts and don't use salty condiments, like catsup.
- If you are fighting high blood pressure, do drink more water. Have a glass of water ten minutes before a meal, or drink it at least three to four hours after a meal.
- When you age, you become prone to a wide variety of health problems -- failing eyesight, loss of hearing, insomnia, constipation, etc.

## Spiritual Thoughts



Reverend Dr. George Hawkins

The Bible lists numerous spiritual gifts or commonly called "gifts of the Holy Spirit." Some interpreters list them as natural gifts (such as speaking, serving others and showing mercy) and the supernatural gifts (which include performing miracles and speaking in tongues). Still, other Bible interpreters insist that there are nine gifts of the Holy Spirit which can be put into three categories: the Power gifts, the Vocal gifts, and the Revelation gifts.  
The Power gifts do something, such as having a special faith, having a gift of healing, and the working of miracles. The ministry of Jesus Christ today recognizes all of these as evidenced by the scripture: "But you will receive

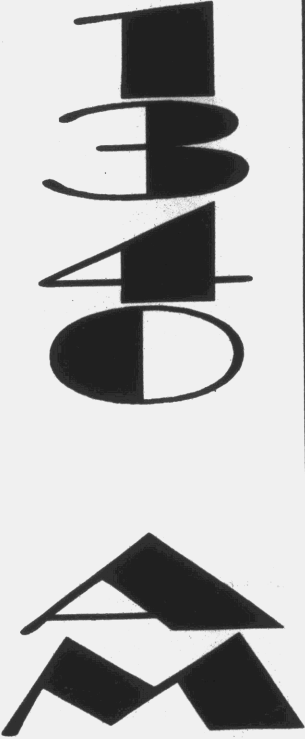
power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" (Acts 1:8).  
The Vocal gifts are gifts that say something such as the ability to prophesy, to speak in tongues, and to interpret tongues.  
The Revelation gifts reveal something. They are the message of wisdom, the message of knowledge, and the discerning of (or distinguishing between) spirits as they relate to past, present, and future happenings of the plan and purpose of God. The Apostle John possessed this gift as he wrote the Book of Revelation. "Write therefore, what you have seen, what is now, and what will take place later." (Revelations 1:19).  
No one person had all of the Spiritual gifts in biblical times and

no one can have all the gifts today. They operate as the Spirit wills, wherever and whenever He wills. God may choose to give certain gifts to certain people for the Lord's service today, just as He did in biblical times. "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He wills" (1 Corinthians 12:11). Some insist that the supernatural gifts were limited to the Age of the Apostles, but the Believers in Jesus Christ's ministry know that the gifts have been and will be present in the church throughout her history right up to the present day. "God is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). We can't work up the manifestations of the Holy

Spirit by our own doing. "Not by power nor might, but by My Spirit saith the Lord" (1 Corinthians 12:31).

The Bible says "You eagerly desire, you earnestly covet spiritual gifts" (1 Corinthians 14:1). As you make yourself available, be willing and obedient, and make yourself a yielded vessel, the Holy Spirit may choose to use you as an instrument of His supernatural ministry to cast out devils, heal the sick, and raise the dead. God can and will work through you to perform His works.

Dr. George A. Hawkins is the pastor of the Tabernacle Church of Deliverance in Greenville.



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He noted that first came her date of birth  
And spoke the following date with tears,  
But he said what mattered most of all  
Was the dash between those years. (1900-1970)

For that dash represents all the time  
That she spent alive on earth...  
And now only those who loved her  
Know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not, how much we own;  
The cars...the house...the cash,  
What matters is how we live and love  
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...  
Are there things you'd like to change?  
For you never know how much time is left,  
That can still be rearranged.  
If we could just slow down enough  
To consider what's true and real,  
And always try to understand  
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,  
And show appreciation more  
And love the people in our lives  
Like we've never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect,  
And more often wear a smile...  
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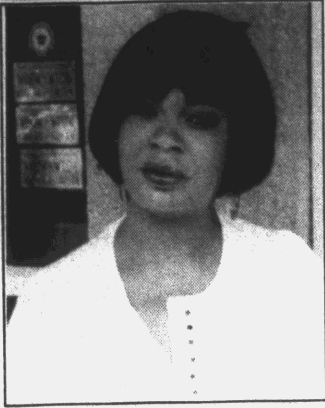
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# Faces and Places

## Culinary Delights



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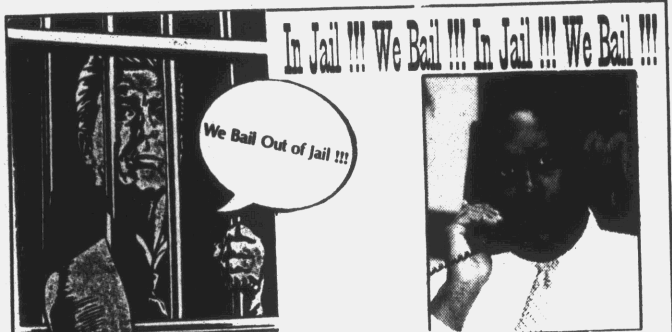
**About the Food Critic**  
As a veteran with 22 years of US military service, Ida "Marie" Andrews has probably tasted every cultural food around. Marie has traveled to countries such as Germany, Panama, Honduras, Korea, London and all over the USA. In each and every place she sampled foods, talked to the chefs and collected recipes. Now Marie resides back in Greenville, her birthplace and works at the Public Health Center. If you would like your restaurant to be critiqued and written about in the 'M' Voice, please contact the paper.

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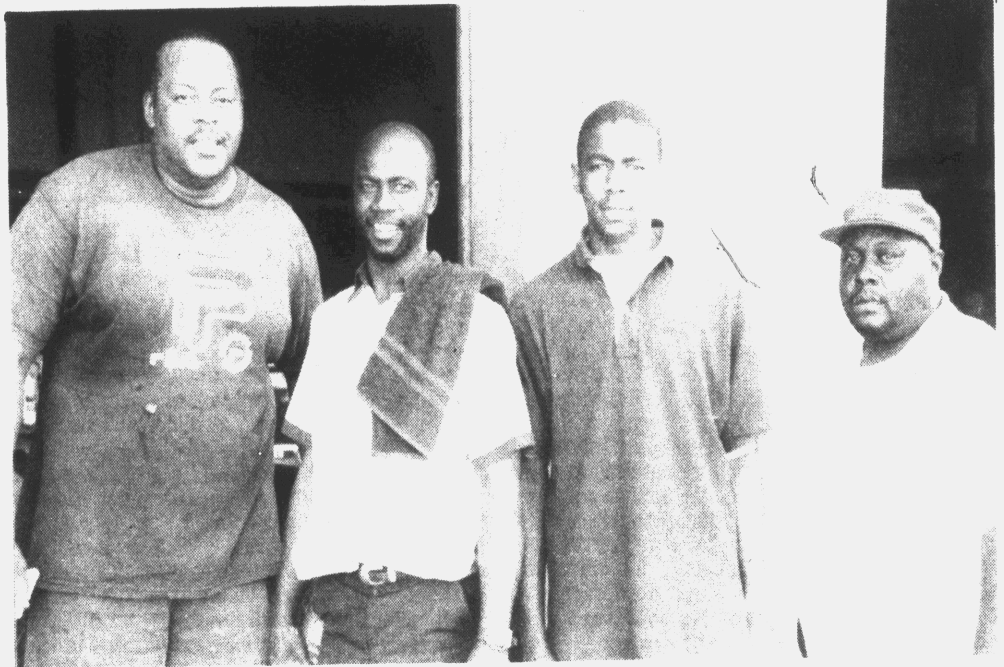
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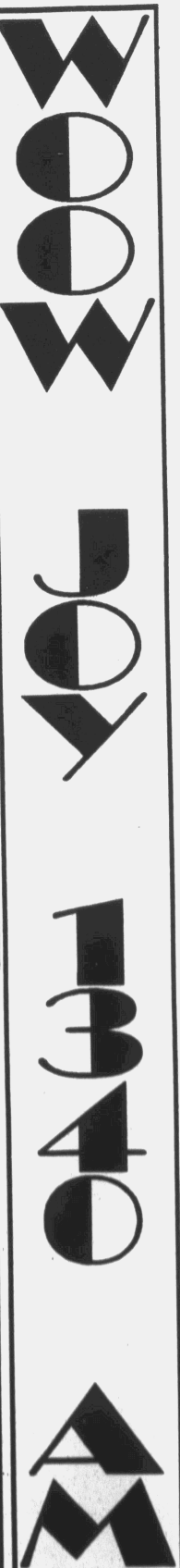
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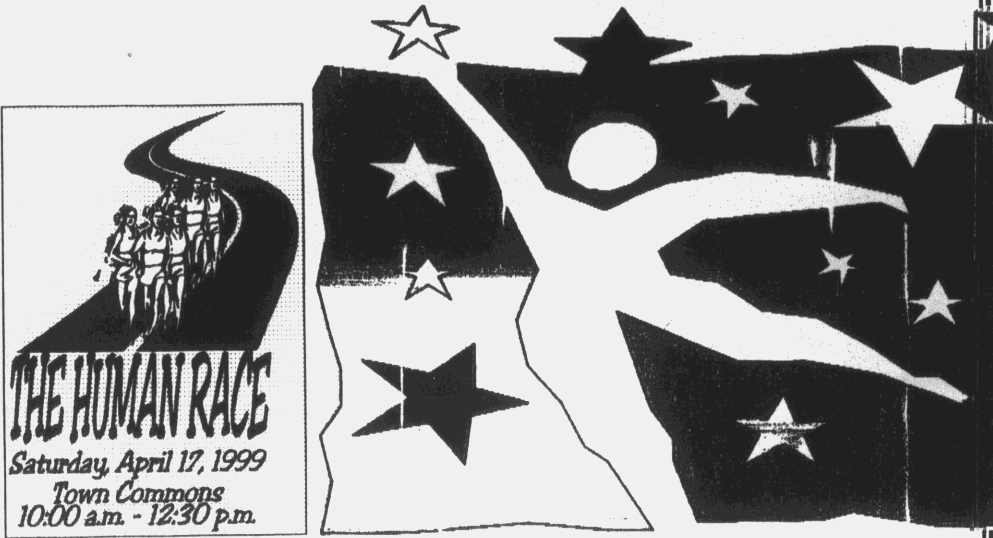


# Faces and Places



Shown above (left) are Attorney Derek Brown, Millennia Community Bank CEO Butch Congleton, along with members of the 20-th Century Club, as they purchase stock in Millennia Bank.

## UNITED WAY OF PITT COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT



**THE HUMAN RACE**  
Saturday, April 17, 1999  
Town Commons  
10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

The Human Race is a community fundraising event sponsored by the Pitt Volunteer Action Center - a division of the United Way of Pitt County. The event features a 5k walk/run, children's games and activities, entertainment, a picnic and great prizes for the top fundraisers. Walkers/runners sign-up participate, select the agency they would like to raise funds for, collect contributions and enjoy the experience of building a stronger community. If you like to sign-up to walk/run please contact Nancy Pierson, Volunteer Services Director at 830-6271



The members of the 20th-Century Club are: BARNES, CHESTER BARNHILL; DOUGLASS BARRETT; WILLIAM "BRUCE" COLBURN, JESSE CORBETT, NATHANIEL "BRO" DANIELS; CHARLIE JAMES DAVIS, ENNREST "LITTLE BOOT" DUPREE, ANDREW "HIKE" EBRON, WILLIAM "JIGGS" GORHAM, J.C. HAGANS, LAWRENCE HOLLY, ARTHUR HOPKINS, WILLIE JOYNER, HOWARD LEE "JOY" MUDD, ROLAND PAYTON, JAMES PAYTON, LEON PAYTON, RALPH PRIERCE, LARRY "POPE" PORTER, CLAUDE SHERROD, WILLIAM "BILL" SHIVER, ROBERT SHIVER, WD SIMPSON, WILLIAM WILSON, HILDRED "SKINNY"



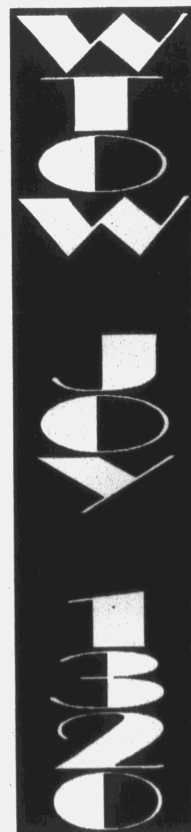
Councilwoman Mildred Council with SCLC President Phil Higgs.

**JOY 1340 AM WOOW**  
&  
**The Minority Voice Newspaper Present**  
**The 6th Annual**  
**Minority Business Expo & Job Fair**  
**DATE: May 15, 1999**  
**TIME: 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.**  
**PLACE: Thomas Foreman Park**  
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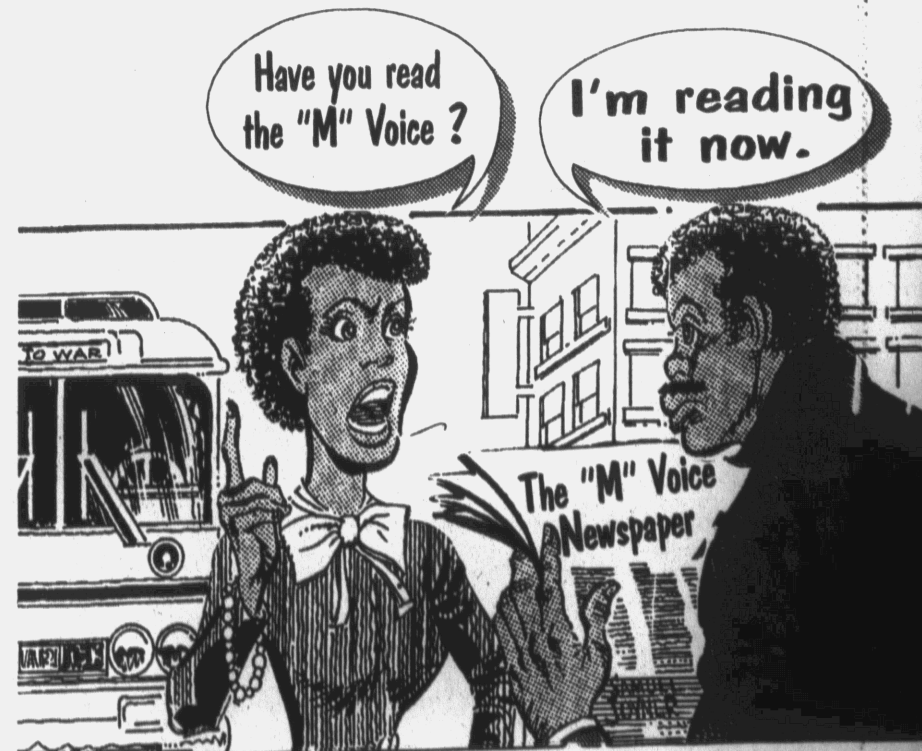
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## Attention Washington!

We're pleased to announce that Washington's own WTOW-AM (Joy 1320) will be returning to the air soon! We'd like to thank the community for the support you've offered in the past, and hope to again have that support to keep this resource a part of the Washington community!

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# Home & Community

## Photo Collage: Celebrating the life of Gratz P. Norcott, Jr.

Mr. Gratz P. Norcott, Jr., of 706 South Lee Street in Ayden died Sunday, March 7, at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville. Memorial Services were conducted Friday, March 12, at the Zion Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Ayden. Entombment followed the

ceremony. Mr. Norcott attended Fleming Street and C.M. Eppes High Schools, and graduated from South Ayden High School. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. In 1948, he graduated from the American Academy

School of Embalming and Mortuary Science in New York City. He served his apprenticeship with the Baker Funeral Home in Tarboro, N.C. Mr. Norcott was the owner of Norcott and Company Funeral Home. He was a member of Zion

Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, former chairman of its trustee board. He had served as First Vice-President of the Funeral Directors' and Morticians Association of North Carolina, and held memberships in the Queen of the South Masonic Lodge No. 77,

the Knights of Pythians Clearfield Lodge No. 32, the Wisdom Chapter No. 37 O.E.S., and the Bachelors Benedict Club. He was married to the late Mattie Macklin Norcott. Survivors include: his brother, Boston Norcott of Ayden, NC; his

foster parents, Charlie and Marina Darden of Ayden, NC; his foster son, Daniel Worthington of Greenville, NC; as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

