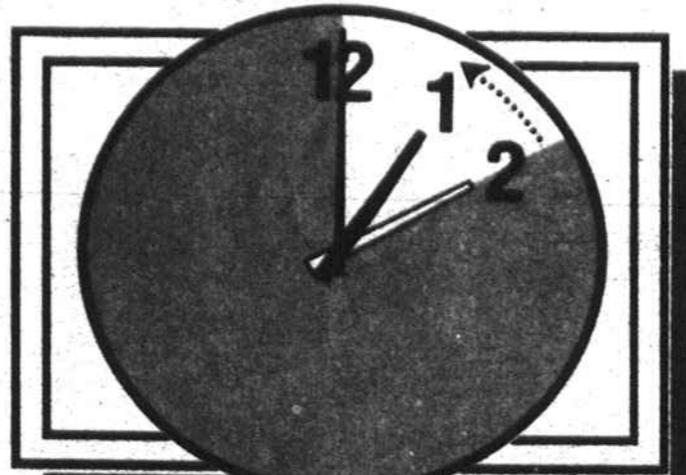




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'Color-Blind' theory stinks! Says Gray in seeking more HBCU funds

By LARRY STILL
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"The color-blind society argument stinks" retiring Rep. William H. Gray declared in one of his last official appearances as he urged the United Negro College Fund and all Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to develop

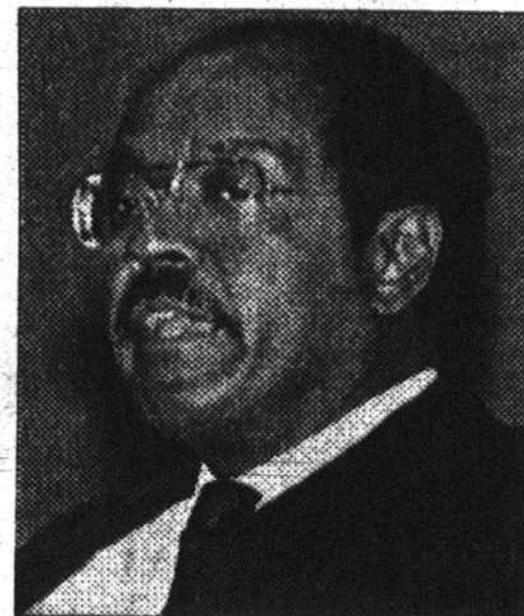
a "common agenda" to increase individual and institutional support for all college students under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Constitution.

The former House of Representatives Majority Whip, gave up the highest congressional political post ever held by an African-American to become UNCF president. He was honored recently by Democratic and Republican colleagues at

events sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus, the White House Initiative on HBCUs and at a reception for former White House aide Stanley Scott hosted by the UNCF with President and Mrs. Bush as special guests.

However, in outlining a three point program to save HBCUs, the top-ranking political leader-minister turned edu-

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William H. Gray

ON THE AVANT-GARDE

By TANG NIVRI

'For the Record'

It was his cousin Ora Lee Jones who introduced him to her. And as far as he was concerned that was all the introducing he would ever need. ... James would be the first girl he'd ever call himself cousin.



He had come to Winston-Salem from Lancaster S.C., the seventh child in a family of twenty-three. His cousin told him that he could make more money casing cigarettes at Reynolds than he could by picking that Lancaster cotton all the day long.

On their first date, Miss Henrietta wore a beautiful red blouse and a light blue skirt. Young Evroy had saved his money to buy him one of those sporty light blue suits he had seen in the Sears and Roebuck Catalog. "It drew up every time it got cloudy," he recalled.

They went to Sunday evening services on their first time out. Back in those days you had to be home and gone before nine o'clock. So young Evroy and Miss Henrietta stuck up a friendship that God must have smiled on. It lasted sixty-nine years, five months and nineteen days.

Evroy Cunningham always was good with numbers although he'd never really been to school to learn mathematics. Before coming to Winston, the only training he'd ever had was when he would stoop down to clear the ground off so that he could figure out how much cotton money he was due.

But even without formal education, somehow he and numbers just seemed to click. This is why it didn't take long for the white folks at Reynolds to notice that this boy Evroy Cunningham could really do some figuring. Pretty soon he was in charge of doing all of the inventory for the boss man. Yes sir, young Evroy was actually responsible for completing the inventory — although he wasn't in charge. The boss man was. Which was fine with Evroy except that it was the boss man who was always getting the yearly company bonus while he and his young wife would simply get the thank-yous. Evroy was so good with figures that he could literally walk through the warehouse, look up and down the aisle, walk over a few more steps, stop, think, then give the "man" the actual number of cigarettes they had on hand.

The white man, his boss, couldn't figure the inventory to save his life. He'd just give the forms to Evroy to fill out then sign them over. Over the years, there was many a Saturday when Evroy would have to bail somebody out of trouble because they couldn't figure their way out of a paper bag. Everybody knew that Evroy was the best. But despite being shortchanged, God continued to bless his family.

Over the years he and his young bride had

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Paddlings may be curtailed

By SHERIDAN HILL
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In a bold move, Superintendent Larry Coble has asked the school board to ban corporal punishment — by the end of this semester. On Tuesday, the board discussed the issue for 90 minutes in a policy meeting followed by a public meeting in which fifteen local citizens spoke.

Each speaker was asked to limit their comments to three minutes. The most graphic testimony came from George M. Bryan, Jr., executive director of SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now), who showed a television news clip of a Charlotte fourth grade student who received an abusive paddling from his principal. Nearly all of the boy's buttox was black and purple two days after the incident.

"This is no worse than injuries I have seen in this school system," said Bryan. "Despite what some people say, there are

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Van and Allena, girls are smilingly "Vampirish" themselves for the besting hour during a Halloween party held by the Triad Diamond Ski Club.

CDC, Task Force at odds over direction, purpose

Ambiguous alliance

By SHERIDAN HILL
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Board members of the East Winston Development Task Force say they are trying unsuccessfully to find ways to work with the East Winston CDC (Community Development Corporation). CDC board members say they are unsure about how the two groups should interact, and some even question the need for the task force.

To members of the task force, its purpose is quite clear: they were created by former mayor Corpening and charged with coordinating the implementation of the East Winston Area Plan and to assist and support the CDC in carrying out its functions. But they say they are unable to do their job because the CDC won't provide information on its projects.

Marie Roseboro, CDC vice president, said, "I just found out we're supposed to be communicating with the task force. I wasn't aware that the task force was supposed to do anything with the CDC. It seemed like another

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Blacks rejected for mortgages more often than whites

By DAVE SKIDMORE
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress said this week they would push for legislation this year improving the enforcement of the nation's anti-discrimination laws after a federal report showed mortgage lenders reject blacks far more often than whites.

Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy II, D-Mass., and five other legislators said they will offer anti-discrimination amendments to a banking overhaul bill expected to be enacted next month.

Their statements at a news conference came a day after regulators reported that lenders last year turned down 33.9 percent of applications for non-government-backed mortgages from blacks, but only 14.4 percent from whites.

Rejection rates were 21.4 percent for Hispanics, 22.4 percent for American Indians and 12.9 percent for Asian-Americans.

And the disparate pattern held up even when applicants were grouped by income level. The rejection rate for high-income blacks, 21.4 percent, was only slightly less than the rate for low-income whites, 23.1 percent.

Among the remedies proposed by Kennedy: (a) Force regulators to levy fines and issue legally binding orders against lenders who refuse to correct discrimination; (b) Require banks that want to open branches across state lines, as provided for in the banking overhaul bill, to prove in advance that they have a good record of lending to poor people; and (c) Establish a testing program in which white and minority government agents would pose as loan applicants to see if lenders treat them equally.

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Mable Stevenson, the new Host Homes director, is a recruiter's recruiter, not letting any opportunities to place kids slip by her.

Opening homes and hearts

New Host Homes director enthusiastic

By SHERIDAN HILL
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"Are you married? Do you like children? Mable H. Stevenson is smiling as she carefully surveys the reporter and photographer on the doorstep of her office at Catholic Social Services on Second Street. She has decided they are suitable candidates for Host Homes, an outreach program in which volunteer families provide temporary shelter for children faced with a family crisis. It is Stevenson's third day on the job.

The young photographer stammers. His mind races. Is this lady for real? Is she joking? She continues full force.

"Have you ever thought about opening your home to a Host Home child? They just need a little time away from their family situation."

Mable Stevenson, the new Host Homes director, is a born recruiter. Getting folks involved comes as naturally to her as the big smile that hits her face — and both occur with great frequency.

Minority families needed

"We need to increase our minority participation in host homes," she says, with just a little worry in her voice. "We have ten homes, and none of them are minority. Not one." In the past year, several families have dropped out of the program, which is just four years old. Twenty more families are needed, and a good number of them must be African-American to meet current demand.

Religious affiliation is not a factor in the Host Homes program or any of the other programs offered by Catholic Social Services.

Stevenson and her husband, Presbyterian minister Dr. Samuel Stevenson, moved to Winston-Salem last year. A graduate of North Carolina Central University, Stevenson earned her Master of Social Work at Atlanta University School of Social Work. For the past twenty years she has worked in social services as caseworker,

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