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NationsBank agrees to \$1.1 million deal with NAACP

NationsBank Corporation and the NAACP are teaming up to establish five Community Development Resource Centers in a first-of-its-kind pilot program to promote community development lending.

NationsBank Corp. is the company to be formed by the pending merger of NCNB Corp. and C&S/Sovran Corp. The merger is to be completed December 31.

NationsBank is committing \$1.1 million to fund the Resource Centers for three years. The facilities, located in five key NationsBank cities, will be staffed by the NAACP.

Bennett Brown, who will be chairman of NationsBank; Hugh McColl, who will be chief executive officer of NationsBank; and (Dr.) Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, made the announcement Wednesday at a news conference in Atlanta.

Also participating were (Dr.) W.F. Gibson, National Board chairman; Earl Shinhoster, regional director of the NAACP.

"Last summer we unveiled a \$10 billion, 10-year

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ON THE AVANT-GARDE

By TANG NIVRI

A Christmas message

There is something about this time of the year that brings the best out of most of us. Only the very harden can escape being touched by the specialness of the Christmas season. It's as if we all act like we are standing in an airport waving goodbye to our loved ones. You know the feeling.

It's the time of the year when most of us look at life perhaps in far greater terms than we do ordinarily. It's the time when even the groughest of folk might even try to be on their best behavior — to say a kind word or do a kind deed. Yes, even the hellions will try to be good for this one day.

People who have fought for eons — the Jews and Arabs, Catholics and Protestants, Hindu and Sikhs — will lay down their arms on this one day of the year. Even "Hagar the Horrible" refuses to knock down a door with a Christmas wreath on it!

Most of us will be hoping for the chance to spread just a little bit of love to somebody — to try to make the world good for at least one day in the year.

All of this makes you wonder doesn't it? Why is it that we have such a hard time being good to one another throughout the rest of the year? Why is it so damn hard to drive friendly the day after Christmas? Why do we insist on being first in line instead of yielding to our neighbors — throughout the rest of the year?

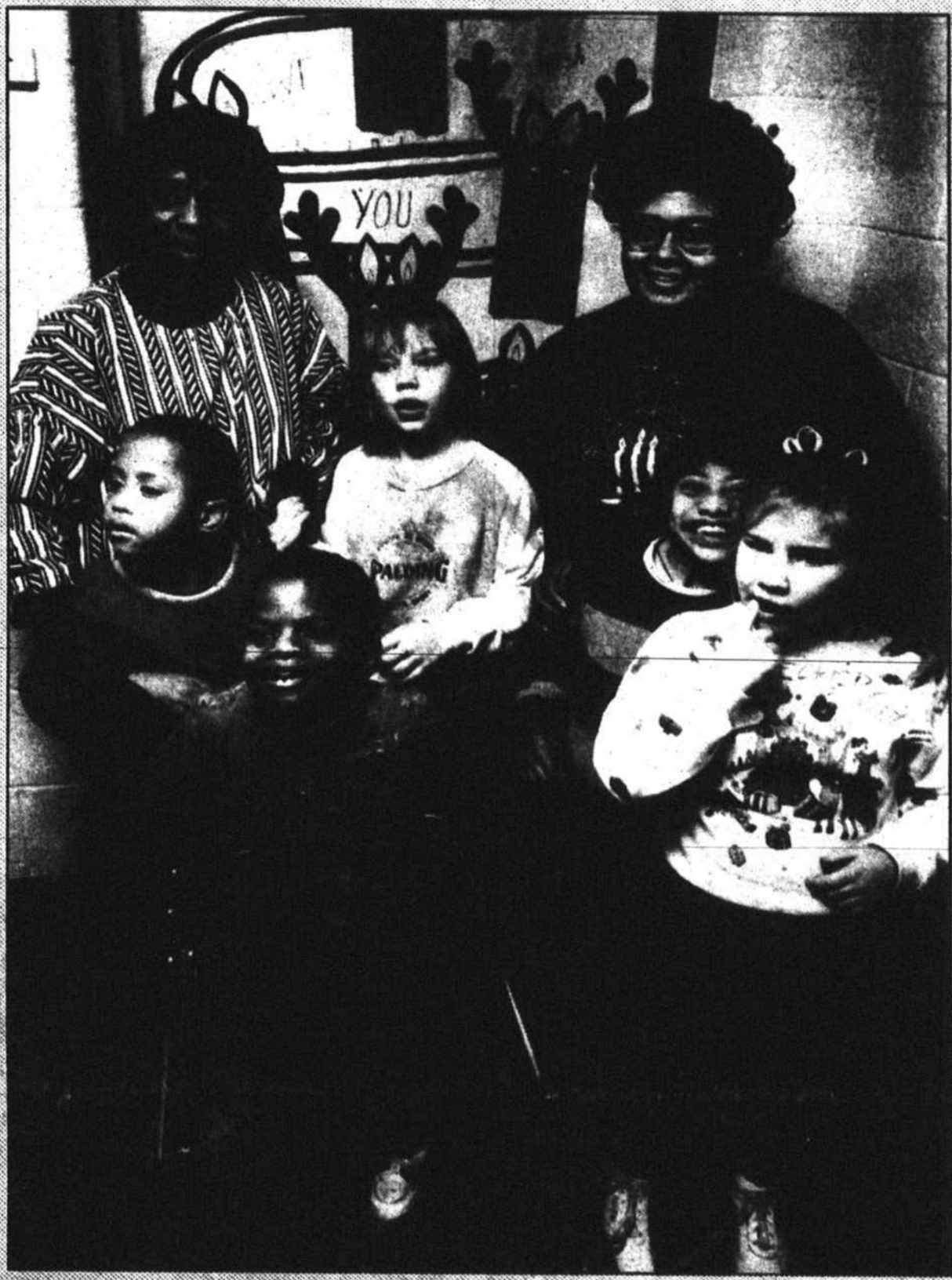
Why do so many of us find it so difficult to smile and say good morning, good evening or exchange a simple hello?

But come Christmas day, we look at each other as if to say through our eyes, "Thank God for this time of the year." This is special!

And why do we make the sacrifice of time, money, and effort for this one day during this special season? Sure, the cynic would say it's because we derive greater profits than at any other time of the year. And yes, I know that's true. But I don't think that's the real reason.

I think it's because there is something way down deep within ourselves, deep within our hearts, our souls and our minds that really believes there is more to life than that which

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Blue Ribbon Winners!

Lowrance Middle School recently held a competition in which the students decorated their classroom doors for Christmas. The classroom of teacher Carla Covington and instructional assistant Robble Allen won first place in the competition, and received a blue ribbon. The theme of the winning door was "Having a Deary Christmas." Pictured are: Robble Allen (back, left), Carla Covington (back, right), and students Denarie Hatchett, Thaddeus Williams, Ashlee Caudill, Bethany Cockerham and Erick Gonzales.

Race relations seminars continue Dr. King's mission goes on

By SHERIDAN HILL
Chronicle Staff Writer

For 27 years, Dr. Charles King devoted his life to consciousness-raising between blacks and whites and men and women. Those in Winston-Salem who were greatly saddened to hear of his passing in September will be glad to learn that he trained successors who are continuing his work.

He founded the Urban Crisis Center in Atlanta, and through seminars across the country, confronted racism and sexism head-on, with no excuses or apologies. He is credited with opening hearts and minds in the Central Intelligence Agency, the U.S. Navy, and national corporations.

Now, Dr. King's techniques are used in seminars conducted by Matthew Thornton, III, who trained under Dr. King for five years and was certified by him. Thornton says his company, Thornton & Associates, conducted seminars for Dr. King for several years before his death. Thornton's associates are Joyce Williamson, who assisted Dr. King for 25 years, and Bea Edwards who also worked with him. As managing director of operations for Federal Express, Thornton trained over 300 of its employees in the seminar.

Thornton says the spirit and essence of Dr. King's sensitivity training is still very much in tact, but he has made some changes to update the course, such as spending more time exploring sexism.

There are firm rules that participants must bind themselves to, but if they forget, Thornton uses a variety of techniques to keep them "on focus." (Those who have been in the course know what it means to stay on focus.)

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COMMENTARY By SHERIDAN HILL

Oppressor faces the oppressed

I've never seen so many white guys squirm so much. In fact, I've rarely seen white guys squirm at all. But then, they had good reason to feel uncomfortable. Fourteen white men, many of them vice presidents of a local corporation, squared off Monday morning in a room with five black men, six black women, and seven white women with the instructions to talk about black people and white people, men and women - and the number one rule was to be honest.

None of us were honest to begin with, but the facilitator, Matthew Thornton, quickly took care of that within the first sixty minutes. Thornton lanced our boils, pierced the festering pockets of prejudice and ignorance

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Hamlin receives local recognition Group honors NCBRC efforts

By YVETTE N. FREEMAN
Community News Editor

The Awakening Giants organization recently honored Larry Leon Hamlin and the North Carolina Black Repertory Company for their efforts to expand February's black history month theme into a year-round promotion of African-American history and culture.

Rasheed Bey, founder and director of The Awakening Giants, presented Hamlin, founder and artistic director of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company, with a certificate of appreciation and proclamation from Mayor Martha Wood Tuesday. The proclamation declared that black history be recognized 365 days of the year.

"What we're doing as a cultural organization," said

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Larry Leon Hamlin, founder and artistic director of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company, receives a certificate of appreciation and a proclamation from Mayor Martha Wood, from Rasheed Bey, founder/director of the Awakening Giants and Hajirahbennerson, an organization member.

NAFEO urges mass response to save 45,000 students

By LARRY A. STILL
Capital News Service

Washington, D.C. — Presidents of the nation's 107 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and key African-American educational leaders were urged this week to respond to the latest efforts by the Bush administration to limit affirmative action, financial aid and scholarship programs for black disadvantaged students.

Almost a year from the December, 1991 date when Assistant Secretary of

Education Michael L. Williams issued his controversial guidelines declaring "race-specific" educational programs ineligible for government support, new Department of Education Secretary Lamar Alexander released a new set of proposed principles for "non-discrimination in federally assisted programs." An estimated 45,000 minority scholarships may be affected.

The National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education called upon top HBCU officials to participate in a Minority Scholarship Task Force to

help mobilize support for minority based scholarships at the American Council on Education's (ACE) annual meeting, January 22-25, 1992 and the National Summit for Independent Higher Education, February 5 and 6 in the nation's capital. NAFEO will hold its annual conference March 18-22.

Dr. Samuel L. Myers, NAFEO president, also urged higher education officials to seek meetings with Cabinet Secretary Alexander, new Assistant Secretary Dr. Carolyn Reid-Wallace and Williams, who participated in the release

of the new rules. NAFEO leaders are also requesting meetings with Sen. Paul Simon (D-IL) and Rep. Craig Washington (D-TX) who have considered specific congressional legislation to strengthen race-specific programs.

The Department of Education is conducting its latest policy review because Congress has given the department two assignments which, when race-exclusive scholarships are involved, sometimes seem to compete,

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