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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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Charges Dropped Against Former Antioch Minister

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Antioch Christian Church has withdrawn its trespassing charges against former minister Rev. Charles Kennedy. Subsequently, those charges were dismissed by the court. Isaiah Chandler, deacon at Antioch Christian Church, said the church had to get a restraining order against its former minister to plainly "get rid of him."

According to a March 3, 1994 article that appeared in the Chronicle, Rev. Charles Kennedy was charged with trespassing in October and November of 1993 for

going on the grounds of Antioch after being dismissed as its minister by church members. Court documents show that Chandler withdrew the complaints and the court dismissed the case on April 19.

Chandler said the complaint was withdrawn because the district court judge handling the case said the complaint should have been filed in civil court.

Even after church members voted to terminate Kennedy as pastor he continued to come onto church grounds and attempt to conduct worship services and perform other duties Chandler said. "Involving the police was the only way to keep him off the grounds," he added.

"We didn't want to get him in trouble," Chandler said. "We just wanted him out. Hopefully he won't come back and give us any problems."

Kennedy's continual returns to the church grounds and the trespassing charges prompted members to file for a restraining order. It was ordered by the court on Dec. 10 for 10 days. The church's request for a permanent restraining order was denied Dec. 20, court documents show, and the temporary order was dissolved.

Chandler said the church has not had any problems with Kennedy coming back on church grounds. But there is still a problem between Kennedy and the church concerning a \$15,000 account in Kennedy's name that

Chandler said is made up of funds from several church departments, including Sunday School, Missionary, Building Fund and Christian Women fund.

Antioch attorneys are working on the church's case trying to get the funds turned back over to Antioch. Chandler said an authorized person was withdrawing money from church accounts turning them over to Kennedy. Chandler added that bank officials said the people's names that appear on the account must sign the funds back over to Antioch members.

Chandler said he does not even know if the \$15,000

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Black Groups Get Crumbs From Billion Dollar Pie

▲ NAACP, NNPA Want Fair Share from Denny's

By BARNETT WRIGHT AND SHERRY STONE
Philadelphia Tribune

As Flagstar Companies, Inc. sliced into its billion-dollar pie last week to settle a \$46 million discrimination lawsuit filed by thousands of black customers, officials of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) said they want the share promised to them.

While the billion-dollar conglomerate should be applauded for settling with customers, officials of both the NAACP and NNPA say that Flagstar - which owns Denny's and several other restaurants - has not lived up to agreements made with them.

Last year, Flagstar announced a deal with the NAACP in which the company would do nearly \$1 billion worth of business with blacks in a variety of fields including purchasing, professional services, and marketing and advertising.

"There are many areas that are not fulfilled," said Fred Rasheed, the NAACP's national economic director, who negotiated the agreement. "They said they have \$20 million in minority contracts. Minority can mean Asian, Hispanic, African-American. I want it broken down to dollars spent with each ethnic group. To my knowledge they are not doing a significant amount of business with African-American firms. Then there is the difference between dollars actually spent or dollars contracted to spend. Dollars contracted means money hasn't transferred hands," said Rasheed, during an interview last week.

Some publishers of the NNPA say they made an agreement with Flagstar Chairman and CEO Jerome J. Richardson in which he promised to do "\$1 million" worth of business with the Black print media.

"They're not doing business to the level they committed," said James Washington, chairman of the NNPA's marketing committee and publisher of the

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Graduates of the 4th Project Blueprint class (l to r) Beverly Staley, Marshall Jeffries, Anthony McAdoo, Paul Huntley, John Foxworth, Freda Springs, Sarah Mendez, Jaffee Ferree, Crista Douthitt, Chinita Dulin, Vera Stepp, Dr. Kimberly Dewindi-Robson, Rev. Zavior Pratt, Mary Williams, Toyin Oguntoyinbo, Amanda Bell, Patricia Minter, Ciesta Cato, Dr. Earl White, and Dr. Elva Jones.

Program Prepares Minorities to Serve on Boards, Graduates 22

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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Rev. Zavior Pratt was happy ministering to his congregation at Second New Bethel Baptist Church, but felt compelled to do more in the community.

Pratt, one of twenty-two African-Americans who graduated Tuesday from Project Blueprint, a program that trains minorities to serve on local boards and commissions, now plans to be more involved in policy-making.

"When I looked at the concept, their outreach mission was preparing minorities to be more active," he said. "It really attracted me because there are so few minorities in the decision-making process. I thought this was a viable way to take part in the community."

Project Blueprint is a program sponsored by the United Way of Forsyth County that helps the more than 300 non-profit agencies recruit minorities to serve on their boards and commissions. The program started in 1992 and has placed 42 African-Americans from the three previous classes on boards.

Candidates receive approximately 12 hours of training from volunteers representing businesses and non-profit organizations. After graduating from the program, the Volunteer Center, which oversees the program, helps place graduates on appropriate boards.

Brenda Diggs, a founder of the program and chair of the Volunteer Center, said boards are becoming more diversified since the program started.

"The community is better served as a result of the knowledge they have gained," Diggs said. "This program truly makes a difference in bringing about diversity in the community."

Pratt said he is interested in working with court volunteers to give guidance to youth.

"To be a complete servant of the people, we have to be in tune with the community we serve," he said. "To do that you have to be knowledgeable of how things work in the community." Diggs said that any minority who is committed to serving the community is eligible to apply. The next class is planned for October.

For additional information about Project Blueprint, contact the Volunteer Center at 721-9339.

Skyland School in Danger of Closing?

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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Rumors that Skyland School is in danger of closing are false, Forsyth County Human Services Director Sarah Austin said.

Talk surrounding the rumor began after a federal Head Start team visited the facility for three days to conduct an evaluation that's done every four years.

There were several areas where the school was found in non-compliance Austin said.

Head Start Regional Director Sue Ann Brooks confirmed that there are some areas the school was found in non-compliance but would not confirm nor deny that the school is in danger of closing. She said further discussion about the school would come through correspondence with the Head Start Board chairman. She added she could not discuss specifics of the evaluation until the chairman had been issued a letter concerning the evaluation.

Brooks did say that there were some "big and little" areas that were found in non-compliance.

Austin said many of the things found not to be in compliance were minor and school officials are already working to get those things corrected.

Head Start Director Margaret Adams said many of the things considered in non-compliance the school was already doing, but had not officially recorded them. The evaluation lasted for three days, Adams said, and the team is made up of current and former directors and other people associated or familiar with the Head Start program. Brooks said the team uses an on-site instrument that is very comprehensive and then debriefs the director and others on what was found.

Austin said one of the major areas found in non-compliance was the absence of an educational consultant. The last consultant the school had left five months ago, Austin said, and the search is on to fill that vacant position.

Some minor items team members pointed out were teachers eating in the classroom and reading during the children's nap time, she added.

Adams said once evaluations are complete, schools are given about a year to bring the program into compliance.

Brooks said that correspondence should be issued to the board chairman within six weeks.

Johnson Gets Good Review

▲ Residents like work Alderman has done

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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Many residents of the east ward gave Joycelyn Johnson high marks on her performance and were elated at the opportunity to voice their concerns to her.

Johnson, who just completed her first 6 months as an alderman, held a town meeting May 21 for east ward residents to express their concerns and needs in the community.

"I think it went well," she said. "There were 50 to 60 people there and we made a list of priorities the group

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This Week In Black History
June 8, 1951
U.S. Supreme Court banned segregation in Washington, D.C., restaurants.

Jackson to Speak at WSSU

The Rev. Jesse Jackson will speak at Winston-Salem State University at 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, as a part of a Southern bus tour to bring attention to voting rights and a recent U.S. Supreme Court that could jeopardize the majority-minority Congressional districts.

The public is invited to hear Jackson at no charge. He will speak in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium, and is also expected to



Jessie Jackson

address violent crime, especially as it affects black youths. A voting rights rally is also scheduled during his appearance.

The bus tour began May 27 in Dallas, Texas, where Jackson was to meet with community and religious leaders and youths, and will end June 5 in Newport News, Virginia.

The tour is being sponsored by Jackson's National Rainbow Coalition, the Congressional Black Caucus and the Citizenship Education Fund. It also is supported by the Democratic National Committee.

The African-American Summit Steering Committee, led by Virginia K. Newell, is coordinating the local visit.

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