

Black Press Honors Farrakhan

▲ NNPA Names Him Newsmaker of the Year

By WILLIAM REED
 NNPA Director of Communications

Washington, D.C. — Defiantly saying, "They can't tell us who to honor," National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President Dorothy Leavell presented an award to Nation of Islam (NOI) Minister Louis Farrakhan naming him the Black Press of America's "1995 Newsmaker of the Year." In a program at the National Press Club celebrating 169 years of the

Black Press's existence in America, Mrs. Leavell went against establishment pressure on her Black publishers' group and boldly said the award was presented because Farrakhan was "without question the person who had the most influence in the affairs of African Americans in 1995." She stated that during the NNPA's recent winter conference its Board of Directors "agreed that Minister Farrakhan's concept and realization of the Million Man March was without

doubt, the outstanding event among Black Americans during 1995," and should have been honored when the NNPA convened to celebrate the founding of Freedom's Journal, the nation's first Black newspaper.

Farrakhan, who has been under intense coercion from the U.S. government and media as a result of his recent 23-African-country "World Friendship Tour," praised

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Black Press President Dorothy Leavell Presents Minister Louis Farrakhan the National Newspaper Publishers Association's 1995 "Newsmaker of the Year" Award.

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Bessie Allen



Vivian Burke



Miriam McCarter



Denise Scott-Johnson

Four Nominated for N.C. Woman of the Year Award

By MAURICE CROCKER
 Chronicle Staff Writer

Four African American women from Winston-Salem were honored as nominees for the Distinguished Women of North Carolina Awards. The banquet was held on Tuesday at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley.

Bessie Allen, Vivian H. Burke, Miriam McCarter, and Denise Scott-Johnson were among more than 100 women nominated for the award. The awards recognize North Carolina women

who have obtained outstanding levels of personal achievement in the arts, business profession, education, government and volunteerism.

A new category was added this year to recognize women who have made contributions in the area of physical fitness/recreation.

Denise Scott-Johnson, assistant director with the Winston-Salem Recreation Department was nominated in the physical/recreation category.

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Watt Criticizes Cuts, Outlines Critical Areas

From Chronicle Staff Reports

U.S. Rep. Melvin Watt, D-N.C., has criticized an Appropriations Bill that would provide funding through Sept. 30 for departments and agencies whose annual budgets have not yet been approved.

"The eleventh funding bill proposed by the Republicans this fiscal year is even more irresponsible than the last," Watt said. "The bill's deep cuts to education, housing, job-training and environmental programs, which mirror those rejected last year, could have a devastating impact on the 12th District. Unfortunately, this bill fails to make the critical investments that are needed to help improve America's standard of living."

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill by a vote of 209-206. The current continuing resolution expired last week. The Senate considered the House Bill this week. President Clinton has indicated that he would veto the bill if it passes the Senate in its current form.

Watt highlighted the following budget cuts which he says will adversely affect public schools,

cities workers, and environmental protections:

* Cuts education programs by \$3.3 billion.

* Cuts Title I funding to local school districts in North Carolina by 17 percent, denying help with basic math and reading skills to 100,000 poor children in the state and forcing the layoff of 40,000 teachers nationwide.

* Cuts Safe and Drug Free Schools funding by \$266 million, denying \$2.3 million in funds to North Carolina.

* Slashes the Pell Grant program by \$756 million, denying 7,100 students in North Carolina the financial resources needed to further their education.

* Terminates the Perkins Loan Program, denying educational opportunities to 200,000 students.

* Slashes Vocational and Adult Education funding for non-college bound North Carolinians by \$49 million.

* Terminates the State Student Incentive

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Conference Highlights Neighborhood Blight

By MAURICE CROCKER and JOHN HINTON
 Chronicle Staff Writers

Representatives from historically black colleges and universities gathered in Winston-Salem last week to discuss efforts to revitalize economically distressed neighborhood near their institutions.

The conference was hosted by Winston-Salem State University, the East Winston Community Development Corp., and the Structured Employment Economic Development Corp. (Seedco), a New York-based non-profit organization that provides funding and technical assistance for community partnerships promoting neighborhood revitalization.

"Historically black colleges and universities have a rich heritage in providing service to the community," said Ernie Osborne, Seedco's executive vice president. "HBCUs have resources to use for community development, he added.

The participants attended four days of panel discussions about partnerships between black colleges and Community Development Corporations. Seedco is working with WSSU, Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, and Bennett College in Greensboro, said Thomas V. Seessel, president of Seedco. Nationwide, 35 HBCUs

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(L TO R) James R. Grace Jr. Executive Director East Winston Community Development Corp., Vivian L. Turner, RJR Tobacco Co, Hugh B. Price, President and CEO National Urban League, Inc. and Ernie Osborne Executive Vice President SEEDCO.

Family Has Water Blues

▲ Landlord supplied water, new well

By JOHN HINTON
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The Horne family of Winston-Salem has lived the proverb, "Water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink."

The ice storm in early February caused pipes to burst and a contaminated well left the home of Tyrone and Mildred Horne without running water for several days.

"We had no water or electricity," said Tyrone Horne, 41, a hotel employee. The couple lives in the house on Miller Road just outside the northern boundary of the city with their two children, Amber, 11 and Tyrone Jr., 9.

The water pipes are located in a utility room in the rear of the three-bedroom home. Cold tempera-

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Tyrone Horne kneels next to the well which was contaminated. His family lost its water and electricity due to burst pipes a condemned well.

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This Week in Black History

March 26, 1937

William H. Hastie confirmed as judge of Federal District Court in Virgin

Islands and became the first black federal judge

