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## Teachers, officers prepped on safety

*Each school now  
equipped with  
emergency kit*

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
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Local educators and law enforcement officials learned ways to make N.C. schools safer last week during a seminar titled "Threat Assessment in Schools." Members of the U.S. Secret Service were on hand to share techniques that they say will better prepare schools to handle or prevent acts of violence from occurring.

N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper was also on hand for the event, which was held Aug. 27 at the West Campus of Forsyth Technical Community College.

"Public education is so important to our future, and we can't have good public education unless we know that our schools are safe. We've seen the rash of school shootings across the country, and we want to do everything we can to prevent that type of tragedy from happening in North Carolina," Cooper said.

School safety is of importance to Cooper professionally and personally. As the parent of two school-aged children, Cooper said he too worries about his children's safety when he sends them off to school each day.

Holding a Critical Incident Response Kit at the podium, Cooper said we owe it to our teachers, students and parents to be prepared for the good and the bad. The kits, which were distributed to every school in the state, include evacuation routes, blueprints of school buildings, master keys to doors,

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Julian "Kitty" Williams stands inside the garage at Williams 76, which he has owned and operated since 1944.

## Life and Liberty

*CDC's new board,  
president promising  
noticeable change*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Williams 76 has been providing tune-ups and oil changes since '44.

Through all those decades, Julian "Kitty" Williams, the station's owner, has enjoyed a steady stream of clients, even when mega-chain repair shops started to pop up in the 1980s. While Williams 76 has thrived, the same cannot be said about the street it calls home.

Williams remembers opening his shop on a Liberty Street that many considered the jewel of the city. He was neighbors with family-owned restaurants, clothiers and beauty shops. Most of those businesses have long since vanished, and today Liberty is a skeleton of what it once was.

"It has just deteriorated quite a bit. It is still thriving in

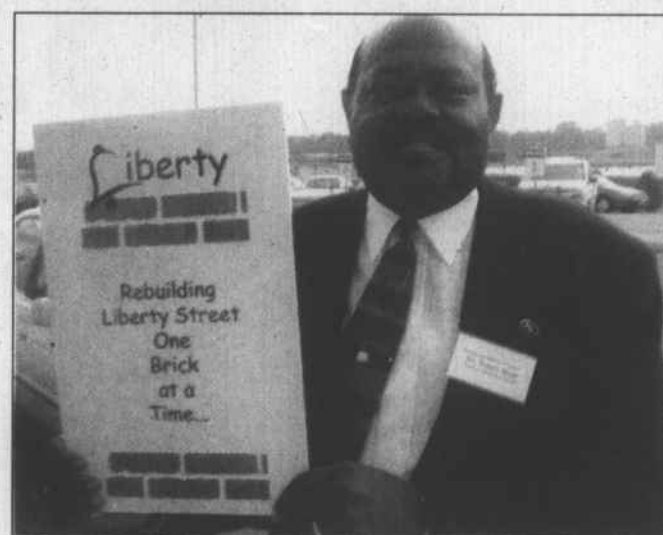


Photo by Kevin Walker  
**Jim Shaw holds street signs that will be placed along Liberty Street. The bricks on the sign recognize George Black, a famous local African-American brick maker who made the bricks that built many city buildings. The Liberty Street CDC hopes to use the late brick maker as a symbol of black entrepreneurial spirit.**

some ways, but it ain't like it used to be," Williams said.

A rejuvenated Liberty Community Development Corp. is vowing to breathe new life into Liberty. The CDC has a new board of directors and new board chairman. They were on

hand last week for a news conference to unveil a plan of attack to revitalize Liberty.

"I feel good about this," Jim Shaw, president and board chairman of CDC, said about the plans for Liberty. "We are going to move with this project."

The Liberty CDC was formed in 1999 by the city to come up with ways to give the area an economic boost. Since 2004, the CDC has been funded with dollars from the city.

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## Locals to resurrect King's speeches

*Four-month project  
aims to remind young  
people of King's vision*

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

To commemorate the 40th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s landmark "I Have a Dream" speech, local groups are organizing a series of events to spotlight issues that King



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stood for such as improved racial relations and social action.

"The Trumpet of Conscience" project will be presented over the next four months at local universities and religious facilities. The project — which is being coordinated by members of the Winston-Salem Ministers Conference, Community for



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Peace and several other organizations — will feature local leaders reading famous King speeches that deal with topics such as racism, poverty and war.

"We believe that both the content and the moral vision of these speeches are as relevant today as they were in 1967, and this motivated the organizers to bring these lectures to the public," Mischi Binkley of Community for Peace said in a statement.

The goal of the project, organizers said, is to build a bridge through time by keeping alive King's ideas for a new generation. Organizers also hope to inspire younger

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Odessa Carelock is surrounded by her three surviving children. Carelock turned 102 Tuesday.

## Family counts blessings as matriarch turns 102

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

They just don't make them like Odessa Hunter Carelock anymore.

That was the consensus of her family last weekend as they came together to celebrate Carelock's 102nd birthday by recalling good times and praying for even more.

Carelock actually turned 102 on Tuesday, but it has become a family tradition to celebrate Carelock's birthday during the Labor Day weekend so that family members from places such as Monroe will have more time to enjoy the festivities.

Carelock, who is recuperating from having a toe amputat-

ed recently, rested comfortably during much of the celebration. She let family members

*"She has four children who died while she was having them. She is living on somebody's time."*

— Mary McManus, daughter

know that she was aware of the stories being told by flashing a big smile and directing her bright eyes at certain people in the room.

"We are all blessed to have her here for this long," said Ada Starnes, who at 73 is Carelock's oldest surviving child. With the help of her children, Lisa, Curtis and Trudy, Ada Starnes has taken care of her mother for the past several years.

"She came to visit me for a week and that week never ended," Starnes said. In all, Carelock and her husband of more than 50 years, William Carelock, had 12 children. Four of them died during childbirth. She has outlived her husband, who died in the 1970s, and all but three of her children.

Mary McManus, one of Carelock's surviving children,

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