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Mary Ann Black Named Social Worker of the Year

Durham County Commissioner Mary Ann E. Black has been named "1994 Social Worker of the Year" by the N.C. Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). The award was made recently at the group's annual meeting in Raleigh. The NASW is a professional membership organization with about 3,000 members in North Carolina and more than 150,000 members nationally.

Mrs. Black is in private practice in Durham where she has been director of the Child Guidance Clinic Satellite Clinic and coordinator for Parent Involvement for the Follow Through Project. She has also served as a school social worker in Durham County Schools and social worker for the Bethlehem Community Center. In 1993, she was named a Child Fellow for the UNC School of Education Childhood Leadership Development Program.

During her career, she has worked extensively with the courts with regard to child abuse, advocating for young clients. She has facilitated workshops for church and social service agencies. Mrs. Black has also been instrumental in helping to shape social policy through her work as vice chair of the Human Services Committee of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners. She has advocated for welfare reform. She has been a Durham County Commissioner since 1990. She also chairs the Social Services Board.

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RITEs OF PASSAGE CANDIDATES TALK WITH JAWANZA KUNJUFU

Author Meets With Rites of Passage Candidates

Best selling author Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu spoke Friday, March 18, at the Rites of Passage training program at Hayti Heritage Center.

Dr. Kunjufu is an educational consultant with African American Images. His book, *Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys* has become the manual for addressing the problems facing black youth. Once Dr. Kunjufu identifies the conspiracy, his other books show ways to deal with and counter the conspiracy. Among them are *Motivating Black Youth to Work*, *Developing Positive Self-Images in Black Children*, *To Be Popular and Smart* and *Hip Hop or Meas*, his latest.

Before the public presentation, Dr. Kunjufu held a private talk with the candidates training for Rites of Passage in which he brought to the



DR. KUNJUFU

forefront problems of black youth and gave positive, workable solutions that youth must undergo for survival in this society.

Children To Perform 'A Celebration Of Blacks in the Arts'

The third annual fundraiser for the North Carolina Central University Home Economics Child Development Laboratory will be held Sunday, March 27, 3 p.m., in the Alfonso Eider Student Union on the campus of NCCU. The theme of this year's pageant is, "A Celebration of Blacks in the Arts."

The program will feature children of the Child Development Laboratory reciting poetry, dancing, singing and portraying various African American artists.

Funds raised by the event will be used to purchase a van to transport the children to educational and cultural events, and to support various

educational programs at the Child Development Laboratory. Fundraising efforts are essential to achieve the goals of the Child Development Laboratory, which is operated largely through tuition and fees charged to children enrolled in the school. It has provided quality education and care to pre-school children in the Durham Community

for over 50 years and continues to challenge young developing. Those interested in making contribution may participate at the following levels: Sponsor, \$50.00; Patron, \$55-\$99.99; and Benefactor, \$101-\$499. Sponsors' and Benefactors' names will be listed in the program. All contributions accepted and appreciated.

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NAACP: Blacks Passed Over For Military Promotions

By Eric Talmadge
 TOKYO (AP) — The NAACP accused the Air Force of discriminating against blacks and other minorities stationed in Japan.

The NAACP said it had received more than 50 complaints in the last year of discriminatory practices at the Kadena Air Base on Okinawa, where 8,000 U.S. troops are stationed.

Minorities complain of being passed over for promotion and hiring and of bias and racial insensitivity in defense schools.

At least 12 cases have been referred to the Department of Defense Inspector General and to a congressional task force led by lawmaker Ron Dellums, D-Calif., according to the statement released by the NAACP's chapter on the island.

Lt. Col. Paul Whetzel, the air base's chief spokesman, said he was unaware of specific complaints but added that base officials were planning to meet with the chapter next week.

The NAACP statement gave no further details, saying many of the people involved fear if they are named they could face reprisals.

NAACP officials contacted by The Associated Press refused further comment.

Kadena is home to the 18th Tactical Fighter Wing, the largest tactical fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force. It is located on Okinawa Island, about 1,000 miles south of Tokyo.

About 27,500 U.S. military personnel are stationed on Okinawa, including the 8,000 at Kadena.

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