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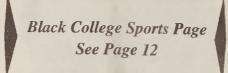
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Congress Deserves A Failing Grade on Education

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minion). Armed with this information, Congressman Mel Watt, the week before Easter, made a run through the North Carolina 12th District which he represents, talking to school board members and other education-

entered civic groups about the seriousness of this atter and the critical situation North Carolina school

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NCCU Chancellor Julius Chambers is pictured here in a television interview prior to the unveiling penony of the Motor Vessel Ocracoke - "The N.C. Central University Ferry Boat" Saturday, April 6. A bistitution's official emblem was covered at the time this picture was made. Its permanent placement here what appears in this photograph to be a black rectangle centered in a black line. (NCCU Photo Rebert Lawson)

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amona Africa Gets 'Day in Court'

Ramona Africa Gets 'Day in Court' Imona Africa's civil lawsmit against the city of Philadelphia is are in fideral court. Ms. Africa is the sole adult survivor of the 1985 incombing of the MOVE organization which resulted in 11 deaths the burning of 60 homes and the worst residential fire in Philadelphia intry. The lawsuit contends the city violated Africa's rights when the ensuing fire to burn. Africa says, 'I filed a civil lawsuit gates officials in 1987 when none of them were ever held legally results for their vicious crimes.'' Her attorney says, 'We are con-fiert that a fair and impartial jury will let the city, the nation and fire for tactical purposes.'' Both former Police Com-messere Gregore Sambor and former Fire Commissioner Willams Resmend will stand trial. The city has hired a private attorney at a set of \$250,000 to handle the suit.

Ford Increases Purchasing From Minority Vendors Ford Increases Purchasing From Minority Vendors On the hels of lengthy strike at General Motors over "outsourc-ary Fard Motor Company announced at a recent Michigan Minority senses Council lunch that it has established a target to source at ast five percent of its annual U.S. purchases from minority sup-plex, by the year 2000. Successful achievement of this goal would trasse Ford's sourcing to minority suppliers from \$1.8 billion in 95 to about 25.5 billion. The U.S. Big Three purchase approxi-nel Yeb Ullion in parts and service from minority suppliers annual-me Ford represents about 45 percent of these buys. "Although we not astisfied," said Ford Purchasing Vice President Carlos Maz-m. "We want to be a greater force in the future," Mazzorin said, as stallined some of the activities Ford will continue to pursue to suc that viable minority component manufacturers remain a part of scalined some of the activities Ford will continue to pursue to searchat viable minority component manufacturers remain a part of seaso company's supply base. "We are exploring how we can help copiers grow at a robust rate in order to support Ford," Mazzorin and: He also explained to the minority business group that future growth opportunities in the automotive industry will likely come memerging markets in Asia and South America and to compete in obbal market minority suppliers must respond quickly to customer mands with high quality, low cost innovative products and solu-ves

2nd Annual Parren J. Mitchell Awards Scheduled for Washington, D.C.

Scheduled for Washington, D.C. The Minority business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education wid. Inc. (MBELDEF) will hold its 2nd Annual Paren J. Mitchell ands Gala/Dinner April 18, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol III The Gala, "Capital Formation in the new Millennium," will with dividuals from business, in general, and the financial world, kerness of municipal finance, philanthropy, insurance, commercial blag and investment clubs. Retired Atlanta Life Insurance CEO se Hill, Ir. and U.S. Rep. Donald Payne (D-N.J.) are Co-Chairmen (the even, named in honor of the first black U.S. Representative the tsate of Maryland who also founded MBELDEF in 1980. Tong the bonorees are: Maynard Jackson of Jackson Securities, At-14, Ga., Maeco Sloan, Sloan Financial, Durtham; Patricia Garrison-rhn, National Association of Security Professionals, Philadelphia, -mJ John Price, Fairview Capital of Farmington, Con.

Diabetes Epidemic in Black Community The Toledo Journal is reporting that the American Diabetes Associ-on has launched an aggressive public education campaign to in-the awareness of the near epidemic rate of diabetes among African Marcians, a group nearly twice as likely to have the disease as the fitted population.

Osha Gray Davidson to Autograph

Book Friday at Hayti Heritage Center

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Osha Gray Davidson, author of the Best of Enemies: Race and tedemptionin the New South, will be in Durham Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. On Friday, April 12 ha will successful and April 12, he will autograph his book at Hayi Heritage Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. A formal program will begin at 7 o'clock.



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n Mel Watt (D-NC) and retired black school teachers at an April 4 meeting at Hillside High Congre School.



From left, School Board Chairman Kathryn Meyers and Congressman Mel Watt listen to McArthur Jackson, assistant school superintendent. (Photos by Ray Trent)