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families together. Commenting on reports that the black family is in crisis, Billingsley said he disagrees with that perception. "People use the word crisis too loosely," he said. "Crisis is not a single-parent family. Crisis is when people can't provide the basic needs of their fami-

In his talk to the students, Billingsley used "The Bill Cosby show's" Huxtable family as an example of the traditional family.

He said, however, that there are some people who say that the Huxtable family is not a black family. What they mean by this comment, he said, is that the family is not the stereotypical black family headed by a female. "Those who question (Bill's family) as an Afro-American family have not observed the complexities of the black family."

In speaking about the black family, Billingsley gave a chronology focusing on the struggles. "The history of Afro-Ameri-

can people has been one of unremitting struggle -- struggle that has left an impact on all aspects of Afro-American life today," Billingsley said.

The African civilizations rose, flourished and fell, but not without impacting the function as well as the structure of the African family.

But the greatest struggle of all, Billingsley said, was slavery. Slavery, he said, took its toll on the family, separating fathers from children, husbands from wives.

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Billingsley said that he would like to have his questions answered before the bond referendum Tues-

In the meantime he urged other citizens to ask questions and demand answers from the mayor, aldermen, county commissioners and council members of the committee supporting the bonds.

Another black leader who is skeptical about the bonds posed some questions to anyone in the community who may be undecided about bond election. "If somebody comes down in their heart of hearts and believes that black contractors are going to be involved with the good-looks, some of the projects from the bond, and that bond funding will build an elementary school in the black community, then they should support the bond referendum," said William L. Robinson, an assistant professor of business at Winston-Salem State University.

NAACP President Walter Marshall, who is supporting the whole bond package, said that he feels good about the bonds and the people promoting them. "And I feel pretty satisfied that it is within the interests of the community to support them."

Marshall urged city and county citizens to support the entire bond package by voting yes for all the items and said that he hopes people will not just focus on supporting projects that just affect them.

"I hope things pass," Marshall said. "I think it's needed. I can't tell you projects that's not needed. If you're at the issue of schools, we have some of the most run-down school buildings in the state of North Carolina. We can either pay for them or pay dearly later".

William O. Bailey, the lone black school board member, agrees. He

said not only do buildings need repair and in some instances replacing, but some existing buildings badly need air conditioning.

Former County Commissioner Mazie S. Woodruff said that she also supports the whole bond package.

"I think we should support all issues because all nine issues are for the good of this community," she said. "I don't see any way you can separate the items."

Southeast Ward Alderman Larry W. Womble feels the same way. "So many of the issues are so interrelated, it would be difficult to do one without the other."

"This is one of the first bond issues that I can remember that speaks directly to giving services to the citizens," he said. "Other bond issues affected people indirectly, like the coliseum, etc. But the streets and sidewalks proposed will go directly into the neighborhoods. The housing is going to be directly related to the people themselves."

The city bond package includes \$36 million for street and sidewalk building and improvements; \$4 million for improvements to the fairgrounds; \$3 million for capital costs, equipment, machinery and land acquisition for recreation facilities, \$9 million for new housing and housing rehabilitation and \$3 million for the developing a buffer around Salem Lake.

The county bond package includes \$30 million for new construction and improvements to schools; \$5 million for Forsyth Technical College; \$7 million for health facilities, which will include renovation and construction of new buildings, and \$1.7 million for Forsyth County Library for construction of a new branch.

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Winston-Salem church parking lot stored at Davis Garage. When she discovered the car at the garage, and learned that the Martins had requested the towing, Ms. Mascuilli demanded that the car be returned to her. Both the Martins and Davis refused her repeated requests.

After engaging an attorney she made a similar demand of the

Martins, Ms. Mascuilli's car disappeared from the parking lot at Davis Garage, and was later found abandoned and virtually demolished in southern Forsyth County.

The jury, sitting in Civil District Court presided over by Judge William B. Reingold, heard evidence from all three parties during a trial which lasted over two weeks.

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