



# Does Katie Dorsett Hold Spatula to Food Flip Flop Flap? ▲ North Carolina Secretary of Administration Under Fire

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## NEWS ANALYSIS

Katie Dorsett, the governor-appointed Secretary of Administration, oversees the way the State of North Carolina spends its money — through the State Purchasing Office — a \$3 billion budget, the largest slice ever dollars. That is no small task, rife with pressure for anybody. The food services at each Dorsett's office pays for, is big business. Companies that get state contracts to feed 10,000 agents three times a day get a big thing. When a black-owned company holds, works to hold onto, and

endeavors to secure extensions and additional agreements on such deals, it is a matter of much importance and significance.

Shaw Food Service of Fayetteville (a black-owned company) lost its longstanding contracts — to white-owned Marriott and Marcorp — to provide food services to predominantly black students, faculty, and staff at two of the state's largest and premier historically black colleges — North Carolina A&T State University and North Carolina Central University.

Marriott Corporation offered NCCU \$25,000 to Chancellor Chambers' discretionary fund, \$25,000 to Student Government, and \$100,000 to the School of Hospitality and Management.

How Shaw lost these food contracts and what companies replaced them are subjects of some business.

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## Motion years ago alleged tie between crack sales and CIA

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A court motion filed six years ago alleged that sheriff's deputies turned up a link between the CIA and drug dealers in Los Angeles, echoing new allegations that have spawned federal inquiries.

However, evidence of that link mysteriously disappeared from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, according to the lawyer who filed the motion.

And although the motion was publicly reported at the time, a judge ordered lawyers not to discuss the alleged CIA connection on grounds it was not related to the case in which the motion was submitted, a corruption trial involving sheriff's deputies.

Similar claims of a relationship between the CIA and drug dealers were made in a recent series of articles by the San Jose Mercury News, which alleged that the CIA funneled profits from domestic sales of crack cocaine to a group of Nicaraguan Contra rebels.

The Justice Department is investigating the claims, as are members of Congress.

Rep. Julian C. Dixon, a California Democrat and member of the House Intelligence Committee, said Friday that he had received a copy of the 1990 motion but had yet reviewed it.

The motion was filed by lawyer Harland W. Braun, who represented one of several deputies accused of skimming money from drug deals and

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Pamela and Albert Thombs from King Solomon's Children Enterprises display children's books from the list. Books in above picture were banned in the past.

## Banned!! Ban of some popular books may violate right to read

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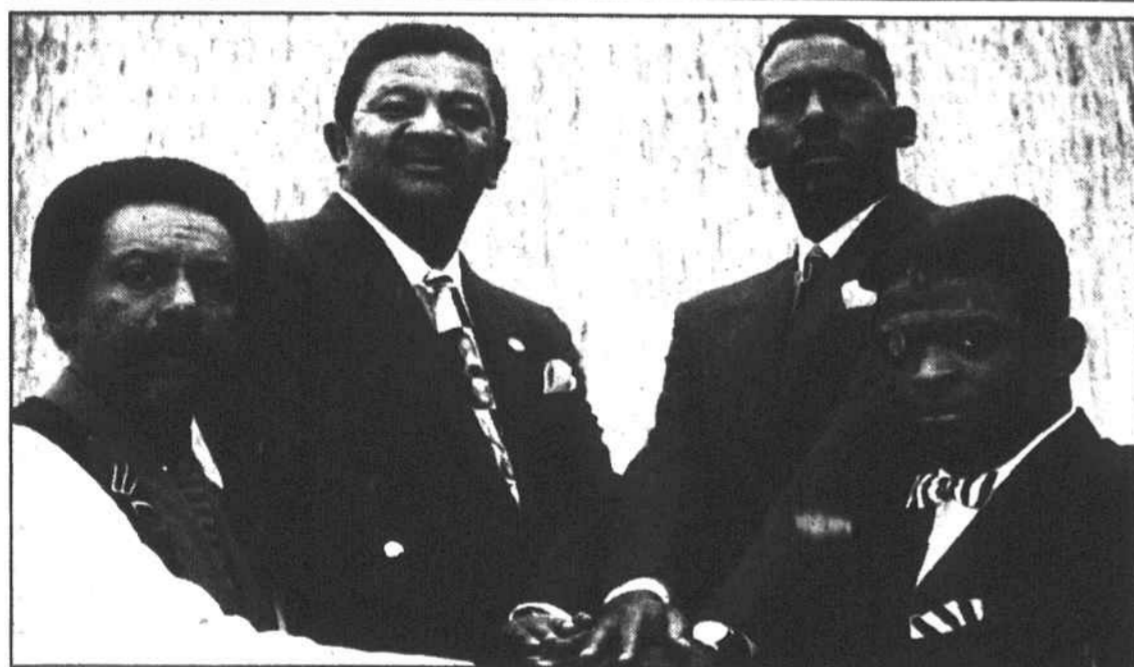
Reading is not just a privilege in America, it is a right. Every year the right to read is threatened as hundreds of books are challenged and banned in libraries and schools all over the world. In the United States, censorship incidents have been documented in every state. Banned Book Week 1996 is Sept. 28 through Oct. 4. This marks the 15th annual promotion celebrating the freedom to read. Local area book stores displayed lists and exhibits of the banned books to make readers in the area aware of its far-reaching effects on our First Amendment rights. Many African-American works have been challenged and banned over the years.

Several African-American books for children have been targeted and listed in the "1996 Banned Books Resource Guide" by Robert Doyle. "Jambo Means Hello," a Kiswahili counting book by Tom and Murriel Feelings was challenged because it "denigrates white American culture, promotes racial sepa-

ration and discourages assimilation." "Tar Beach" by Faith Ringgold won the Coretta Scott Honor and the Caldecott Honor. It is the story of an urban family who sit on the roof of their apartment house and have family gatherings because there are no beaches in the area. However it was banned because it "stereotyped African Americans as eating fried chicken and watermelon and drinking beer at family picnics." "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry was pulled from shelves in one state in response to criticism from an anti-pornography organization. "The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman" was pulled from a seventh-grade class in Conroe, Texas, in 1995 after complaints about racial slurs in the book, but it was later reinstated.

Albert Thombs, from King Solomon's Children Enterprises at the Marketplace Mall, has taught elementary children for over 15 years. He said he believes that book banning has no place.

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Leaders involved in planning the local march include, left to right, Larry Leon Hamlin, Larry Womble, Darryl Watson and Mickey Muhammad.

## Leaders plan Local March for Oct. 19

By MAURICE CROCKER  
Community News Reporter

On Oct. 19, more than 1,000 African-American men, women and children in Winston-Salem, are expected to participate in "The Million Man March, One Year Later," a local march to commemorate the efforts of those men who attended the Million Man March in Washington, D.C., last year.

One year after the Million Man March, which was the largest march in America's history, people all over the world are still talking about what a powerful display of unity and strength the

march projected.

Members of the Local Organizing Committee (LOC), the North Carolina Black Repertory Company (NCBRC) and Fathers and Friends have joined to keep the spirit of the Million Man March alive in our local communities.

"This Local Million Man March is to celebrate the success of last year's local and national marches," said Larry Leon Hamlin, founder of the NCBRC.

Last year, in an effort to heighten awareness about the national Million Man March, members of the LOC organized a local march, in which hundreds of men from Winston-Salem partici-

pated.

Hamlin said this year's march on Oct. 19 is also "indeed to keep and hold all the men who participated to the pledges they made during the national march in Washington, D.C."

As a result of the pledges that were made during the event, Hamlin says, there has been a great deal of positive improvements taken place in the community.

"I think it is important for us to show the progress that has taken place, espe-

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## American Legion assists neighbor in need

By FELECIA P. MCMILLAN  
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When County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff approached the membership of the American Legion Post No. 220 about a neighbor in need, they were quick to respond.

The house at 1439 Emerald St., where an elderly lady lived, needed restoration.

The Rev. Clarence Simington, chaplain of the chapter, initiated and organized the undertaking and served as chairman of the effort. "It was a very successful project, and one that we took very seriously," he said.

"Sis, Katherine Hairston was 90 years old, and she was blind. She was a member of the auxiliary group made up of wives and relatives of the veterans in the chapter. We wanted to be sure she was taken care of," he said.

The project was completed Sept. 14, and Hairston, affectionately known as "Kat," became ill and passed on Sept. 15. Although she could not see the work that was being done on her behalf, she could feel the love of her community.

Southern Prysock, past service officer, made sure that Hairston had a hot-breakfast each morning. "She wouldn't eat eggs," she

said they would make you sick," said Prysock. "So who was I to tell a 90-year-old woman what to do?"

As a boy, Prysock was Hairston's next-door neighbor when she lived at 307 Claremont, which is now Martin Luther King Drive. He often went to her house to play with her brother Henry "Hump," who is now also totally blind. Prysock kept in touch with Hump and Kat, and when Kat lost her eyesight, she asked Prysock to help her with her bills and other financial concerns.

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Carl Miller, Henry A. Wilson, Robert Kimber, the Rev. Clarence Simington, George Grady and Paul A. Frazier, as well as Robert Baskin (not pictured), helped restore the house on Emerald Street.