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Summit will focus on plight of black male

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African American men from across the state will meet together in unity and fellowship in the month of June. The mission is to discuss issues affecting the African American community and establish a plan to effectively address them. The African American Male Summit is the first of its kind and it is being coordinated by the Governor's Office, the Old North State Medical Society, the N.C. Black Lawyers Society. The summit will take place in Greensboro at the Baptist Church, 1301 Alamance Church. The summit will begin at 8 a.m. and will last for two days. Guest speakers will include civil rights leader Julian Bond, chairman of the National Black Leadership Initiative Project; Benjamin M. Mays, first African American chairman of the Board of Governors; and N.C. A&T President James Renick. Rev. George Brooks said it was a no-brainer to volunteer his church as the venue for the summit. "It is obvious to me that (the summit) should

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Members of LIFT's Class of 2000 march out of the Sawtooth Center last week.

LIFT graduates 34 seniors

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Heads held high, 30 or so LIFT Academy seniors marched proudly into a room at the Sawtooth Center late last week; their

gold caps and gowns made them instant standouts in a space packed to its limit with their family and friends. LIFT's second annual commencement

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Aldermen rescue pool, bus routes; ESR up in air

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Children at Happy Hill Gardens pool swam and dived with assurance Tuesday morning. Less than 24 hours earlier the Board of Aldermen voted to give the pool another chance to increase its revenue and appeal to local residents.

"The kids are happy about what happened last night," said Ben Piggot, director of the Sims Recreation Center, located across the street from the pool. "This pool is very important to these kids."

Piggot said he will help the pool plan more pool parties and other events that may help increase traffic at the pool this summer. Piggot said he will also join in the push to get community groups and nonprofits to provide scholarships for youths who cannot afford the pool's entrance fee.



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Under the city budget proposed for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, Happy Hill pool was to be closed beginning next summer because it has not been as suc-

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Camp caters to mind, soul

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Crowder, 9 years old, has been coming to Resurrection Camp since he was

...does he like about the camp which is sponsored by St. Benedict Catholic Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and St. Luke's Presbyterian Church?

...said, "We get to play on the computer."

...director Dolores Phillips said not just play, but you get to learn.

...agreed, and said he has learned multiplication skills on the computer.

...ing to explain why he came to camp, Travis said he has learned about the Bible - "how to love the world."

...also learned how to play ball. This is the second year that Travis, 7, has attended camp. "We practice singing and playing instruments."

...so likes "lunch." Some- times we have hot dogs, he said.

And he said he likes Bible stories.

April Dunovant, 11, said, "We learn a lot about God in the Bible studies. We do arts and crafts a lot. Last year we had a program, and we did a bunch of songs." This is her second year at the camp.

William Stevenson, who said he is nearly 7 years old, came to the camp a few times last year and is back again this summer. He especially enjoys singing on the stage, he said.

This is 7-year-old Jasmine Berry's first year at the camp. "I like the music," she said, like "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." "I like the teacher. I like the classmates. I like the church. I learned math...adding and subtracting. I learned to be nice. I learned to always be nice to God. I learned never throw the Bible down. I learned my ABCs."

This is Dolores Phillips' third year at the camp. "I love the children," she said. "I'm a retired teacher. I always worked with younger children."

The camp is for boys and girls 5 to 10 years old. The camp, which started last week, will run a total of six weeks from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Activities include singing,

physical exercises and games, character development Bible stories, field trips and a computer lab. "They are doing educational things like math and reading," Phillips said.

Phillips said she hopes to get various speakers, such as firefighters or police officers to talk about safety. She also hopes to participate in a tennis class through the city Recreation Department. Field trips may include swimming, going to the zoo and museums.

Timeka Couthen, a counselor at the camp, said she enjoys playing with the children and helping them with their academic skills "so when they go back to school they know what they are doing."

St. Benedict Catholic Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and Dellabrook Presbyterian Church joined together 28 years ago to offer summer activities to children of the community.

"They were doing it when nobody else was doing it," Phillips said.

The camp is held at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, 1625 E. 12th Street. For more information call Gloria King at 336-761-1943 or Paula S. Stevenson at 336-725-1564. The fee is \$50 per week.

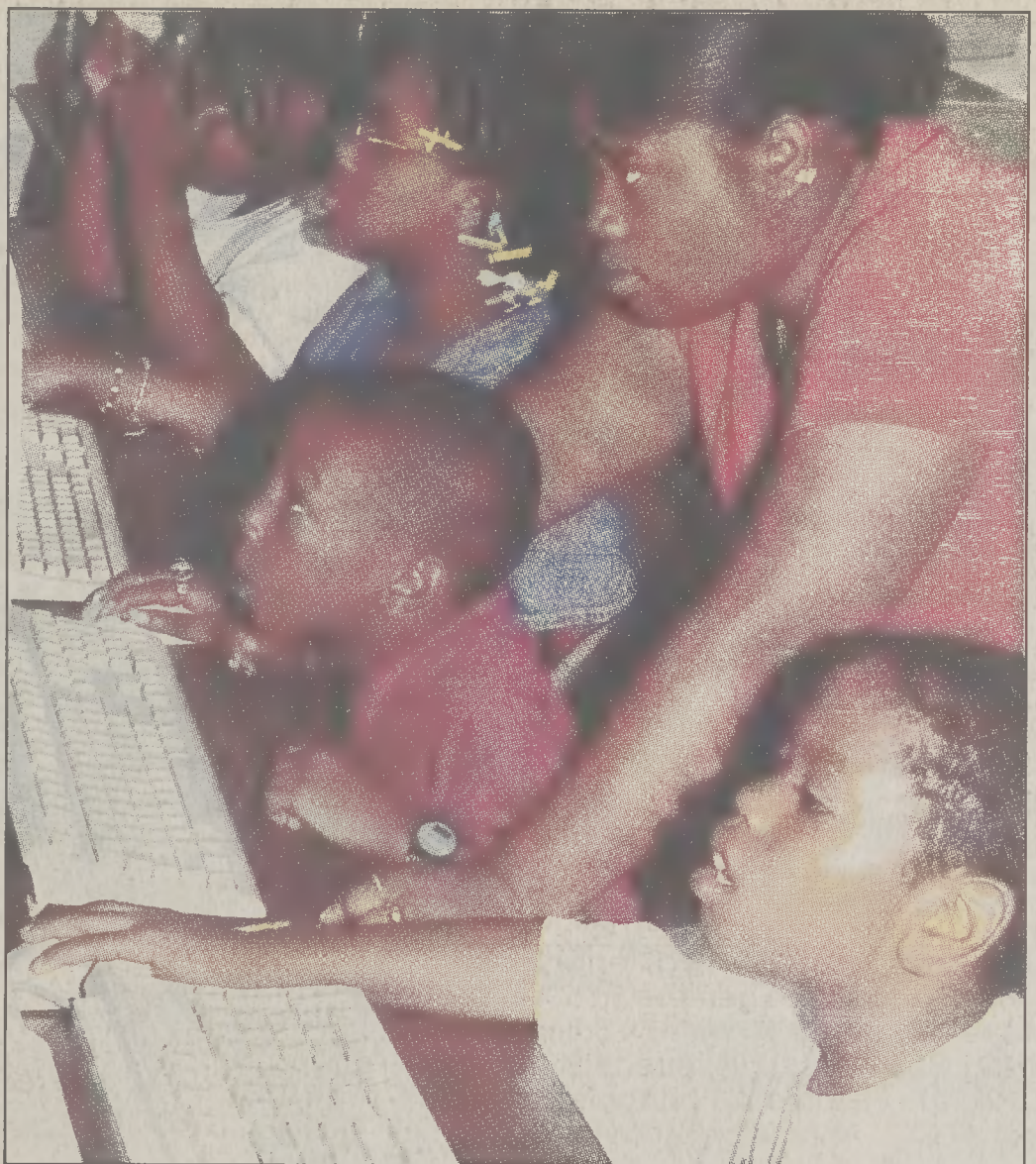


Photo by Paul Collins

Counselor Timeka Couthen works with, from front to back, Travis Crowder, Harvey Hughes, April Dunovant and Jasmine Berry.

African Americans throwing hats into outdoor concert ring



...erry, from right, Linda Cole and Myra Shore enjoy the music at the Ground in Winston Square.

Chef Don to bring life to downtown on Wednesdays

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Few good times are had in the city without Chef Don McMillan's presence.

Whether it's a wedding reception, dinner party or backyard shindig, chances are decent that McMillan's Simple Elegance company had some hand in bringing it to fruition.

"We are at the best parties in town," he said. "We are either

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Series will have spiritual overtones

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Last year, when Norwood King Jr. first began to consider staging a series of outdoor concerts, he did what any good business person would do - check out his prospective competition.

King gives high marks to Bellsouth Jazz and Blues and Alive After Five. He said both events have done an excellent job of roping in topnotch talent and bringing new faces downtown.

But the ultimate downtown

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Photo by Kevin Walker
Norwood King Jr. stands in front of one of the water fountains in Corpening Plaza. The site will be home for "V.I.P. in the Park," a new outdoor music concert series he will kick off soon.

