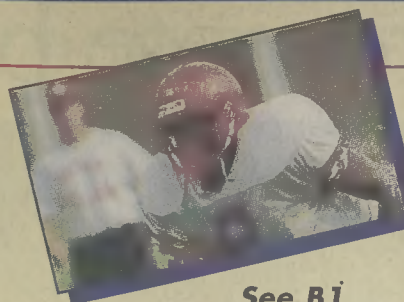


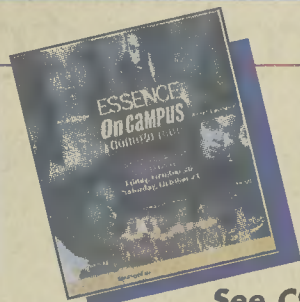
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## Many VIPs attend local health summit

BY KEVIN WALKER

Chairman of one of the most important Congress was in town last week for a conference at getting local elected officials from the state interested in closing the health divide between white and minority communities.

U.S. Rep. James Clyburn, a S.C. congressman who heads the Congressional Black Caucus, was the keynote speaker at a banquet last Friday which closed the first day of the two-day African American Health Summit.

Clyburn, though, only dealt briefly with the issue of health during his speech. Calling the Sixth District he represents in South Carolina "the stroke belt," he applauded N.C. elected officials for taking care disparities, but said the commitment beyond one or two states.

He also urged officials to keep the issue of mental health foremost in their minds.

Environment could very well have a greater health than biology," he said.

of Clyburn's remarks dealt with his work the CBC. Clyburn was introduced by District Congressman and CBC member, who called Clyburn one of best leaders

has had. He said the group is constantly working, glare of the news media, to make conditioner for African Americans everywhere.

CBC members toured the stock exchange and met with computer big wheel Steve America Online, to discuss closing the digital divide.

He said he was in Eastern North Carolina a month ago to discuss with officials from some Improvements ways to help Princeville residents affected by Hurricane Floyd. As a result of meeting, Clyburn said, Lowes will donate \$1 million building supplies toward the cause.

aid CBC members do not worry about getting page headlines for the deeds they do.

ot about having press conferences," he said.

It moving the agenda forward."

Health summit managed to draw an impression of state officials, including A. Dennis the state director of health and human ser-

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Photo by Paul Collins

Dr. D. Smith talks about male-female relationships and strengthening families.

## Relationships and the city

Workshop focuses on closing gaps between males and females

BY PAUL COLLINS  
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Dr. "D" Smith, president/chief executive officer of the Winston-Salem Urban League, really knows how to give a talk. And last Saturday, the topic of her talk - male/female relationships and strengthening families - seemed to be especially important to her.

At times, she seemed like a teacher as she wrote points on a huge notepad sitting on an easel.

Other times she seemed like a close friend, walking close to

members of the audience as she gave practical tips about life.

She was part historian, part street-smart family activist.

She raised and lowered her hands, and her voice, to make various points.

At one point, she moved her hips in a sensual dance to show how women give messages with their bodies.

She talked back and forth with members of the audience.

She shared experiences from her own life.

Bottom line, her message was that African Americans have strayed, in some ways, from the culture of the Moth-

erland, and male-female relationships and families have suffered as a result.

On the African continent "before our culture was interrupted," the wealth of the African male was judged by how many children he had and took care of," Smith said.

But in the United States today, when there is a divorce or separation, often the father is the last person anybody thinks about giving the children to. Why? Because there's a common perception that men can't take care of children,

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## Garrou, health center key topics at meeting

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

When Novant Health announced earlier this year that it would close its New Walkertown Road practice, it was a blessing in disguise for a local group that was looking for a home for a free clinic it hoped to establish.

Community Care Center will open late next month in the 14,000-square-foot building, offering free health care services to the city's poorest residents. The clinic will be manned mostly by retired physicians. Funding from foundations and other sources will be continually sought out by clinic officials to keep it operational.

The clinic will cater to those with incomes 200 percent or less than the poverty level. Screens will be done to determine who qualifies for the free services, but patients in need of assistance will not be turned away on their first visit if they do not

qualify.

Several of those affiliated with the new clinic addressed the Black Leadership Roundtable last week.

"We feel we can do a good service to the community," Dr. Ernesto de la Torre told those on hand for the meeting.

The clinic, which is being launched in cooperation with the local medical society, will start with abbreviated hours. So far, plans are to open the center three days a week for four hours each day.

But officials said they hope to increase the clinic's hours in the near future. Officials asked the Roundtable to help them recruit volunteers for the centers.

"We need volunteers," de la Torre said. "We need people to talk to the patients...people to be kind to the patients."

Dr. Tom Clark retired from medicine just a

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## Historic black town still on rebound

BY KEVIN WALKER  
PHOTO BY MEDIA GROUP

PRINCEVILLE - Over a year after Hurricane Floyd touched down in Princeville, destroying homes and businesses and scattering residents throughout the

area, as you ride through and see homes and businesses gradually being rebuilt, it is obvious the town is resurrecting from its state of being a ghost town.

"I think the progress has been slow," said Princeville Mayor Delia Perkins.

Over the weekend, the town raised \$1 million during its yearly fundraising drive that will go towards rebuilding and preserving the first-located town.

"I had a lot of people call me over the weekend, saying they can't

meet needs, meaning if residents have no appliances or whether to help them buy two by fours," public relations director Kim Burwell said. "Thirty percent will go towards our Heritage Trail and 20 percent will go to the African American museum that will be the restoration of the old town hall."

For some residents who have settled back in their homes, the experiences of the past year seem almost surreal.

"When I sit down and think about it, it seems like it was a dream," lifelong resident Thad Knight said. "Like it wasn't even natural."

However, not enough residents have been able to come back home and pick up the pieces.

"I had a lot of people call me over the weekend, saying they can't

believe 'it was a year ago and I'm still not back in my home,'" said Phyllis Waller, co-owner of Phillips Printing Supply Co. in Tarboro.

"We run a little behind on getting houses on the ground but all of that is in the making," Perkins added.

"We should have some other houses on the ground in the near future. But we do have individual citizens that are rebuilding from the ground up as well as have citizens that are rehabbing (their homes)."

Of the 2,100 residents that resided in the first-black chartered town before the flood, more than 500 have decided to move back to Princeville.

Only 125 families have moved back either in their homes or in trailers.

"Hopefully by the end of the year, we'll see a greater number of people," Perkins said. "We should have another 40 families coming over here pretty soon."

"The biggest thing we wait for is infrastructure improvements," Princeville recovery manager Bobby Hopkins said. "Water improvements alone is going to cost \$6.8 million. We anticipate extending water lines, annexing areas, providing new water service."

Although it may take years for homes to be rebuilt and adjusted, Hopkins added the work will be worth it in the long run.

"Actually, some people are going to benefit greatly from this disaster," Hopkins said. "We've had a few residents whose living



Princeville Mayor Delia Perkins talks with state Rep. Larry Womble last year shortly after the flood.

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