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## end local alth summit

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



Clyburn

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, dealt briefly with the issue health during his speech. Calling the Sixth District he represents in South Carolina

"the stroke belt," ipplauded N.C. elected officials for taking care disparities, but said the commitment

h beyond one or two states. nderstand that we are all in this together,"

n also urged officials to keep the issue of ental 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 rn said the group is constantly working, e glare of the news media, to make condi-

ter for African Americans everywhere. BY T. KEVIN WALKER CBC members toured the stock exchange THE CHRONICLE ork and met with computer big wheel Steve America Online, to discuss closing the digi-

a month ago to discuss with officials from me Improvements ways to help Princeville s affected by Hurricane Floyd. As a result beting, Clyburn said, Lowes will donate \$1 n building supplies toward the cause. aid CBC members do not worry about getpage headlines for the deeds they do. ot about having press conferences," he said.

it moving the agenda forward."

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

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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 THE CHRONICLE

"D" Smith, president/chief executive offi-cer 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 impor-At times, she seemed like a

teacher as she wrote points on a huge notepad sitting on an

Other times she seemed like

members of the audience as she erland, and male-female relagave 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.

with members of the audience. her own life.

was that African Americans can't take care of children, have strayed, in some ways, a close friend, walking close to from the culture of the Moth-

tionships and families have suffered as a result.

On the African continent "before our culture was inter-rupted," 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 She talked back and forth or separation, often the father is the last person anybody She shared experiences from thinks about giving the children to. Why? Because there's a Bottom line, her message common perception that men

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#### Garrou, health center key topics at meeting

When Novant Health announced earlier this vear that it would close its New Walkertown Road rn said he was in Eastern North Carolina 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

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

"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

"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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#### violence awareness THE CHRONICLE As a part of the effort to assist victims of domestic violence in Winston-Salem, the Wake

Hospital plans to

increase domestic

Forest University Baptist Medical Center Women's Health Center of Excellence has planned several events to increase community awareness about domestic violence.
Oct. 6 is the WFUBMC domestic violence

sticker campaign. Medical center employees will place domestic violence information in all public restrooms at the center.
On Oct. 18, community members will march

against domestic violence. Participants in the march will carry T-shirts representing victims. The march ends with personal pledges to stop the violence. The march was organized by Family Services, a group the Women's Health Center sup-

According to Shellie Ellis of the Women's Health Center, the center has been giving money to Family Services Women's Shelter for the last

In August, the center hosted a triathlon at Wake Forest University that raised \$20,000. This is the most money that has been raised by this event. Ellis said the participation increased this year as well as the number of sponsors in the community. She said it is a very difficult issue to deal with in the community. But there needs to be a communitywide effort around the issue of domes-

Last year, the medical center paid for 80 nights. of care at the Family Services Women's Shelter.

"Domestic violence is always hard to nail down how prevalent it is," Ellis said. "Most women don't report it. They're still afraid or they have issues in their relationship where they can't

Ellis added that a woman's race also plays a role in how domestic violence is reported

"For Latino women sometimes they have issues with police and they don't feel so comfortable reporting it. African-American women have some culture issues with violence in their community and they don't feel comfortable reporting it," she said. "We never know how prevalent it is. However, in North Carolina, the number of victims of domestic violence was estimated at 31,200. (The statistics are from 1996). So that gives North Carolina an F in our efforts to protect women.

The events planned by the Women's Health Center are part of an effort to increase protection of women from domestic violence and offer them safe haven.

"The medical center doesn't necessarily provide direct service (to domestic violence victims). A lot of those services that are offered for women in the community are offered by Family Services," Ellis said. However, the medical center works closely with Family Services.

'We have training programs for the medical students here so that when they are out practicing medicine they will be able to recognize domestic violence," she said. "We have worked with the medical school curriculum so that they can respond (to abused patients)."

The Women's Center provides the medical center staff with phone numbers to Family Services and law enforcement agencies that can assist them further after they have received medical treat-

### black town still on rebou

ATED MEDIA GROUP

CEVILLE - Over a year arricane Floyd touched Princeville, destroying nd businesses and scatterresidents throughout the

s you ride through and see nd businesses gradually intact, it is obvious the resurrecting from its

of being a ghost town. nk the progress has been 1," said Princeville Mayor

weekend, the town raised million during its yearly that will go towards g and preserving the first-

irtered town. percent will go towards 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

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

unmet needs, meaning if residents 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 get-

ting houses on the ground but all of that is in the making," Perkins "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

over the weekend, saying they can't 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 Hopskins said. "Water improvements alone is going to cost \$6.8 million. We anticipate extending water lines, annexing areas, providing new water ser-

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

"Actually, some people are going to benefit greatly from this Only 125 families have moved disaster," Hopskins said. "We've

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"I had a lot of people call me back either in their homes or in had a few residents whose living Princeville Mayor Delia Perkins talks with state Rep. Larry Womble last year shortly after the flood.