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## For Kids' Sake



Photo by Paul Collins

Benjamin Muhammad is a health educator with the Fathers and Friends program of the Forsyth County Department of Public Health.

### Absent dads leave 'negative legacy'

BY PAUL COLLINS  
THE CHRONICLE

"We need to understand that fathers play a significant role in reducing infant mortality," said Benjamin Muhammad during an interview before he gave a talk at a parenting workshop sponsored by the Winston-Salem Urban League. He is a health educator with the Fathers and Friends program of the Forsyth County Department of Public Health. "In ... the community of Winston-Salem there is a scourge; that scourge is (uninvolved) fathers - we have too many children growing up without nurturing, without

the involvement of an effective father," Muhammad said. Those men, he added, "need to take their rightful place in the family." "Nationwide nearly 30 million children are growing up in a home without a father. And of that 30 million, in a typical year 10 million of them won't see their father at all. And of that 10 million, 5 million of them will never set foot inside their father's home..." "Girls are affected by not having a father just as much as boys. I know most of our attention is on little boys, but girls are devastated by not having a father around too." Muhammad said dads who

are not involved with their children's leave dads "a negative legacy." "When these young people grow up, and not having a father around, they don't have that male in which they can take subconscious notes about how a man interacts with a woman, how a male interacts with children. So in essence, many of these young children grow up to be adults not understanding what fatherhood is about, not understanding what the role of male is about. So there has to be a retraining and re-education on both parts, male and female, because the issue is much too great

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## Frye will be missed on the N.C. Supreme Court

BY ANGELA BURRUS  
THE TRIANGLE TRIBUNE

It was a new day in North Carolina's judicial system when Henry E. Frye became the first African American appointed chief justice of the Supreme Court.

But the man who is known for breaking barriers most of his life faces the toughest in his long-standing career when he becomes the first chief justice to lose his seat to a colleague in January.

Frye, appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt last year, lost his seat to Associate Justice I. Beverly Lake by a two-point margin during the election.

Lake, former Senate and two-time gubernatorial candidate, is the first Republican elected to head the state's judicial branch in 100 years.

Despite his defeat, Frye remains in good spirits, confident he ran a solid campaign.

"We did what we thought we should do to win," he said. "But the people have spoken and I'm ready to move on."

Frye has received several offers following the election, including resuming Lake's seat as associate chief justice.

However, Frye said he will retire from the state judiciary system.

"My (hopes) are high and I'm looking forward to change," he said. "But I'm not going to be in any rush to decide what I'm going to do."

"It's been a great opportunity. I met a lot of people and I enjoyed working with them. And I think I have a great future."

Frye, a Richmond County native, started his law career as a professor at N.C. University. A practicing lawyer in Greensboro for 21 years, he became the first African American in the 20th century to be elected to the N.C. House of Representatives.

In 1983, he made history again by becoming the first African American on the N.C. Supreme Court, serving as associate chief justice.

Although he developed a reputation as a trailblazer, Frye humbled himself in hard work and determination.

"Symbols are great, but we need to put ourselves to the wheel to get the job done," he expressed to Hunt during his appointment as chief justice.

During Frye's brief stint as chief justice, he emphasized making courts more accessible to citizens while maintaining their integrity.

"As a judge, I do everything to ensure there is judicial integrity on the Supreme Court and throughout the judicial system of North Carolina," he said. "I ensure all cases are heard and decided on merit."

"When citizens don't have confidence that their cases will be decided on their merit or when they don't believe that there is judicial integrity, they find other ways of settling their dispute."

Court of Appeals Judge James Wynn said North Carolina will face the bigger loss next year when Frye steps down.

"Chief Justice Frye had 18 years of judicial experience on the Supreme Court," he said. "And I think what he brought to that court was a tremendous amount of institutional knowledge as well as a great sense of understanding of how individual rights have evolved over time, because he was



Frye

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## Workers to get cross-cultural lesson

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

A Wake Forest University professor will again offer cultural competency training to local child-care workers through a program funded by a grant from Forsyth Early Childhood Partnership.

"Growing Wings" is a year-long program. Steven Folmar, the visiting anthropology professor who founded the program, believes "Growing Wings" is the first long-term program to offer cultural competency training to child-care workers.

"I thought it was a natural extension of what I do as an anthropologist. That's what we

talk to our students about every day, although we don't use the term cultural competency. That's what it's all about - understanding one another's culture," Folmar said.

Folmar's first training program began in February with about 40 participants from several local agencies associated with Forsyth Early Childhood Partnership, the local branch of the Smart Start program.



Folmar

Folmar said the program is designed to help child-care workers better relate to not only the children they care for but also their parents. While cultural sensitivity training is offered by many businesses and universities, it's infrequently available to child-care workers.

Folmar believes that it is especially important that child-care workers have some type of cross-cultural training.

"This group of people work with children. They have to be very cognizant of what we do because what we do impacts (children)," he said.

Learning cultural competency, which Folmar said is one step beyond being simply culturally

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## Some blacks and whites do not trust Jeb Bush

BY YANELA GORDON  
SPECIAL TO NNPA

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Many voters are questioning if there is any connection between the election confusion in Florida and its governor, Jeb Bush, younger brother of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush.

"I believe he did have something to do with it," said Demetris Kelly, a Democrat and Vice President Al Gore supporter. "(Jeb Bush) assured his brother he would deliver him Florida and I found that kind of

odd, especially since it looked like Florida was going to Gore."

While there is no evidence of any inappropriate involvement in the election or electoral process by Jeb Bush, skeptics say things are just too strange.

Nic Gellepers, also a Democrat, said, "There is not just one thing; there are a lot of things going wrong. For this many things to go wrong in the state where the presidential candidate's brother is the governor has me skeptical."

During election night,

See Jeb on A3

## Kickoff Bazaar



Radio personality Shirley Mosley and the Rev. Carlton Eversley dance at one of last year's Kwanzaa celebrations.

### Kwanzaa Committee announces plans

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

representing the holiday's seven principals

Kwanzaa is an American holiday inspired by African traditions. It is not intended as a religious, political or heroic holiday, nor is it a substitute for Christmas. During the seven days of Kwanzaa festivals, observed from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1, people of African descent rejoice in their ancestral values. A Swahili word, Kwanzaa means "first." An extra "a" was added to the word, thus Kwanzaa, to give it seven letters,

The Winston-Salem Citywide Kwanzaa Planning Committee will sponsor its third annual citywide Kwanzaa Kick-Off Bazaar. The bazaar will be held Saturday, Dec. 2, at the Winston Lake Family YMCA, 901 Waterworks Road, Winston-Salem. It will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment including "Otesha Dance Ensemble" and others.

Photo by Wesley Bocxe  
Jeb Bush (left) attends a news conference with his brother, George W. Bush (right), at a governors convention in November 1998.