

## Control turns 30

Agency has helped people with rent, medications, other services BY COURTNEY GAILLARD THE CHRONICLE

Crisis Control Ministry celebrated 30 years of service recently by honoring its volunteers in a luncheon at Ardmore Baptist Church. Three former staff members of the ministry - includ-ing Judy Owen, daughter of Ronald E. Rice, founder of Crisis Control Ministry - recalled "Thirty Years of Sharing.



gency needs of people in serious financial crises by providing assistance with rent/mortgage, clothing, food, utilities and prescription medications. Samaritan Ministries and the Bethesda Center for the Homeless

are also outreaches of CCM, which is run by more than 500 volunteers

from around the community. Owen, who rejoined the CCM volunteer ranks in 2001, spoke about the ministry's early



beginnings under her father's leadership during the 1970s. "Long before the

Area churches found-

Samaritan Ministries, an African-American gentleman named Andrew came every day to make coffee and to serve food when a hungry person came to the door," Owen said. Owen recalled the Patter-son Avenue facility that originally was home to

CCM and now houses Samaritan Ministries. "The ministry was there when the surrounding community was a bustling, residential, white neighborhood," Owen said. "As many white churches were leaving downtown and moving to

the suburbs, the ministry stood strong with a commitment to the people living around it." Owen shared words spoken by her father,

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N.C. Rep. Cass Ballenger adds fuel to t

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ber after alleging that the Whit

Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi, at a birthday celebration for one-time segregation champion Sen. Strom Thurmond, seemingly causes the racist views Thurmond sponted when he ran for president in the a segregationist ticket. Not even d save Lott's position as Senate in apology on Black Entertainment Telev

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Foundation, Rep. Sue Myc. Speaking before the Heritage also-a N.C. representi and aperate cons tive, points out that a insinuated that Ara

# backward-thinking

12th District representative recently criticized colleague for making racist statements on floor of the House

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

After Jesse Helms and Strom Thurmond - men whose racial attitudes have been the source of great controversy over the decades - left the Senate last year, many saw it as a chance for the Republican Party to wash its slate clean and write a new chapter for itself -achapter of racial inclusion and sensitivi-

Instead congressional Republicans will be remembered this year for making statements that border on outright racism and then refusing to back down

Trent Lott was the first to put his foot in his mouth last December, condemning the rest of the nation for not voting for Thurmond for president back in the 1940s, when Thurmond ran as a segregationist. Most recently, Sen. Rick

Santorum, (R-Penn.) came under fire after he declared his dislike for homo-

sexual acts. A week before Santorum made



headlines, Rep. Barbara Cubin (R-Wyo.) caught heat for a statement that seemed to sug-gest that all African-Americans have drug problems. Her words came on the House floor during a debate over whether to limit the kinds of law-

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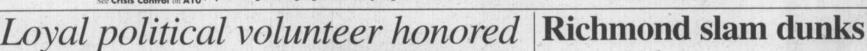
suits that can be filed against the gun industry. During her remarks she criticized a failed Democratic bill that would

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## In the Spirit



A community outreach event held Saturday on Patterson Avenue drew a large crowd. Many of the people were moved by the music and preaching that highlighted the daylong celebration. To read more about the event, see the Community section, C1.



ty from their words.

### BY FELECIA MCMILLAN THE CHRONICLE

More than 100 members and supporters of Mazie Woodruff Center Precinct 304 sponsored a reception Tuesday in honor of Lonnie M. Nesmith, 90, a longtime, loyal member of the Democratic Party. The gathering was held at the Mazie Woodruff

Center.

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members and other wellwishers came to thank Nesmith for his loyal service. Rudolph V. Boone Sr. was master of ceremonies. Soprano soloist Carmen T. Robinson sang special music. Calvin Strange is the president of the precinct.

In the spirit of the communal proverb "I am because we Nesmith thanked workers in the community for helping to make him who he

is. His words charmed the crowd to laughter followed by a standing ovation.

'The contributions you make made me the person J am. I started out under great leaders. I have always learned to listen to people who needed to be listened to. The good things you have said about me, I am happy because instead of standing here, I could have been in some church stretched out before the altar," Nesmith said. "People would have said, "There is a good man.' Any-body can be good when he's dead. I have learned that it is itime for us to turn this old time for us to turn this old world not upside down, but downside up, and you are the

chaps to do it." Mayor Allen Joines praised Nesmith as a role model.

"Someone like Mr. Nesmith has given somuch to the community, working toward a strong democratic process. What an example for our young people. In fact, we need to honor him more publicly." Joines said. "If it were not for people like him, we would not be in our offices."

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Vivian Burke honored Nesmith for



See Nesmith on A9 Judge Ron Spivey presents Lonnie Nesmith with gifts.

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### **MEAC** tourney again

### Winston-Salem had hoped to nab the tournament

### CHRONICLE STAFF REPORTS

Richmond, Va., has once again secured the hosting rights to the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC). beating out Norfolk and Winston-Salem, said Richmond city officials last week. Richmond has been home to the tournament for the last six years and will remain its base for the next two years.

The city's three-year contract with the conference expired in March and the city of Winston-Salem quickly submitted a proposal to host the 2004-2006 MEAC tournament. Richmond city leaders expect that the tournament will generate \$4 million for their local economy

The MEAC is a 30-yearold conference consisting of 11 historically black colleges and universities, including N.C. A&T State University, spanning from Florida to Delaware.

Winston-Salem Conven-tion and Visitors Bureau president Bob McCoy, predicted that the MEAC tournament could have added around \$2.5 million to the local economy for each year it took place in

Winston-Salem. Winston-Salem's bid included funds for scholarships and a guarantee of \$10,000 for each of the 11 conference schools. Winston-Salem hoped to use its experience hosting the CIAA basketball tournament to help

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About 10,000 basketball fans came to Richmond for the last tournament.

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