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Trooper R.J. Clark of the Greater N.C. Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers talks to students at Forest Park Elementary School last week about the history and contributions of the Buffalo Soldiers, two illustrious regiments of black soldiers who served in the Western Frontier. The Greater N.C. Chapter of the Buffalo Soldiers is devoted to educating the public about the regiments. See full story on C1.



Nelson Malloy

## Homeless plan seeks ideas, cash

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
 THE CHRONICLE

The city and county will be working with the business and nonprofit communities and other partners to not only fight homelessness but beat it. Mayor Allen Joines announced last week that a Blue Ribbon Task Force will soon be formed to develop and implement a 10-year program that will find permanent housing for the city's hardest-to-serve homeless population, a group called the chronic homeless.

Pete Brunstetter, chairman of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, will also work with Joines in the formation of the task force.

The city's Community Development, Housing and General Development Committee will oversee the creation of the task force and work with it to implement its goals. City Council member Nelson Malloy, who heads the committee, said it is too early to say what

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## NASA's second in charge tells students to reach for the stars

Space agency making push to get more youngsters interested

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
 THE CHRONICLE

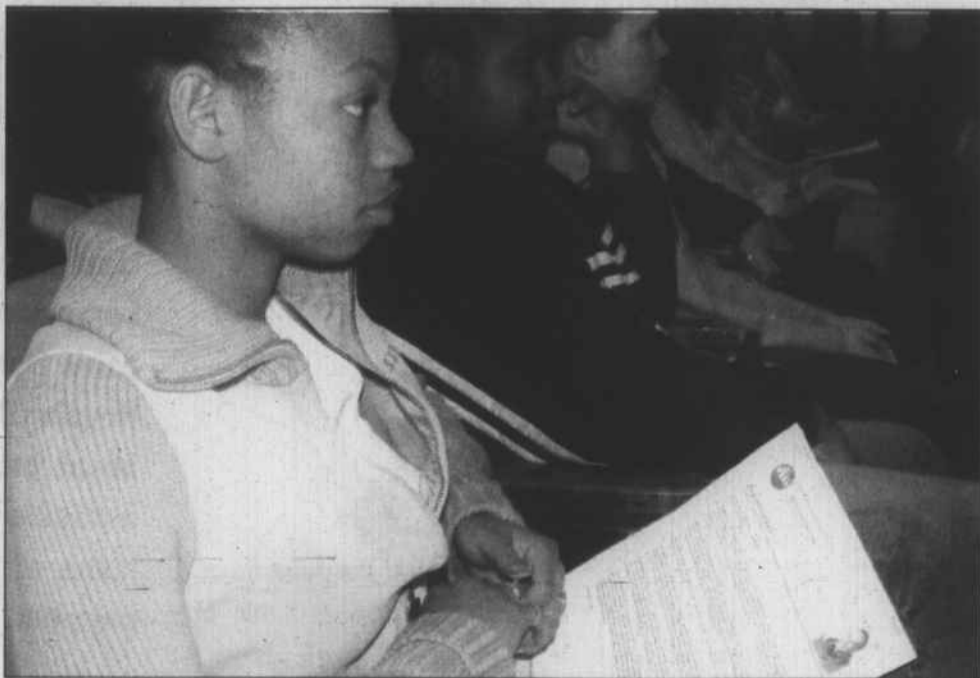
Frederick D. Gregory was born with his head in the stars. As a child, his father took him to Andrews Air Force Base to watch planes take off and land. As a teenager, he took his very first date to an air show. As an adult, he became the first African-American commander of a NASA space shuttle mission.



Gregory

"I guess I just wanted to be up there and look down at things," Gregory said last week to more than 100 local students who traveled from three schools to hear him speak at the city-county school system central office.

Today, Gregory is still immersed in his love for things that soar. As deputy administrator, he is NASA's number two man. Gregory's



Philo Middle School student Danyel George listens to Frederick Gregory speak last week.

Gregory's duties include managing the mammoth agency's day-to-day operations.

Gregory's visit was more than a hyped-up show-and-tell session. It was more along the lines of a recruitment effort. Gregory is a

strong believer that the next generation of young people will be the ones to take NASA to plateaus never seen by mankind. Kids, who today are not even old enough to drive, will be the ones to answer the unanswered questions, Gregory

said.

"You all are the key to it," Gregory told the students after telling them about NASA's grandiose plans to return to the moon and send humans to Mars. NASA is not

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## Man says giving sister kidney was no big deal

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
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Donating a kidney two years ago was no big deal for Adrian Body, especially since the transplant recipient was his 14-year-old sister, Andrena, who was born with abnormal kidneys. Doctors were forced to take one of her kidneys when she was only 5 years old. Since that time, she has spent much of her young life in and out of the hospital.

"It was a pretty tough time (before the kidney transplant). She was in and out of the hospital and probably had four or five hospital stays a year," said Boyd, who works for Forsyth Home Care.

Had he not proven to be a match, Boyd believes his sister's condition could have worsened while she waited on a donor. The transplant took place in 2002 and Boyd's kidney was removed by laparoscopic surgery, a procedure that eliminates a large incision and has a shorter recovery time.

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