



DAYCARE CHILDREN ENJOYING PLAY  
...With Co-owner Mrs. Brenda Bilal

## Center Encourages Toddlers To Become "Self-Confident"

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer  
"Children are tomorrow's leaders," declared Brenda Bilal, co-owner of Brenda's Child Development Center.

Since opening the doors of the child development center on August 30, the staff has encouraged toddlers to become self-confident and early decision makers. According to the co-owner, the center is

designed to promote social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth within every child. Each child is special; each has his or her own individual qualities. Therefore, regardless of age, it is important that each receives the care, patience, love and concern necessary for total development, stated Bilal.

Located near Greenville Community Health Center,

in the new Greenville center at 1201 Fontana Street, the staff instructs children, ages one to five, and also provides child care services in the afternoon for school-aged children up to 12 years old. On weekends and nights the child development center is open—with the staff unfatigued and still providing opportunities for young children to develop into community leaders.

Bilal explained the child development center offers valuable educational experiences through carefully planned activities like music, field trips, art, drama, indoor and outdoor play.

One special feature of the child development center is its tutorial services. If difficulties in reading, mathematics or other subjects is detected in a child, 30-minute or one hour tutorial sessions on any evening are available.

A member of the Child Care Resource Agency, Inc., Brenda's Child Development Center is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. Children whose families receive aid from Social Services are eligible for enrollment.

The center is licensed by North Carolina. People interested in the educational uniqueness of Brenda's Child Development Center should visit the center or call the staff at 376-7305 or 535-5779.

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James Aikens  
...ALC President

ness information processed within their company.

For those who do, ALC can set up in-house computers at the site and train the company's personnel in system and program operation.

"It used to be good business practice to search for and reduce unnecessary costs within a company. Now it's a matter of survival, due to recessionary times," Aikens professed. He believes computerizing business information is less timely and costly. "Computers can reduce office overhead and still fulfill the demands of maximizing dollar investment," Aikens continued.

Certified by the Minority Business Council, Aikens is especially proud that he will be able to assist black businesses, many of which have not had the opportunity to improve their business management with the assistance of a data processing firm because of the high costs.

ALC, almost a year old, can be of assistance in most business affairs, whether the concern is business accounting, payroll, sales analysis, inventory and cost control, government-municipality, real estate, engineering or word processing. The economic climate causes people to remain cost conscious, according to Aikens. He emphasized seeking financial and accounting guidance is a big plus.

## Colony Rd. Median

The Charlotte City Council will reconsider the Colony Road median at its Monday, November 22, meeting to be held at 3 p.m. in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 600 East Trade Street.

# Weaver Assails HUD's Proposals For Housing

## Where's The "Transit" In Charlotte's Transit Mall

By Terri Byrum  
Special To The Post

There seems to be no end to confusion over the transit mall. Changes in the plans occur almost daily and at any given point, no one seems to be sure exactly what the transit mall will entail.

In April of 1982 when voters were asked to approve the bonds for the transit mall, the official ballot made no reference whatsoever to a "transit mall," and the \$1.2 million bonds in question were titled "Parks and Recreational Facilities Bonds."

Though media stories made clear reference to the fact that the money would be going towards a transit mall consisting of an open plaza area, bus shelters, widened sidewalks, etc., some people are still unclear as to what they approved at the polls. What IS clear, however, is that the bond issue passed by a scant 22 votes.

Bill Cunningham, of Hatchett and Cunningham Associates, comments, "Although I don't believe the issue has been intentionally confused, I feel that the average person has no idea of what they voted for in April 1981."

Lately, there's been a lot of speculation over changes in the bus stops and transfer points. A call to the city manager's office informed me that final decisions had been made on the placement of bus stops surrounding the proposed

## Fall Attic Sale

Goodwill industries is having its annual fall attic sale Saturday, November 20 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at 2122 Freedom Drive.

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## First in a series

mall. Upon being referred to Meade Telfair, information officer for the Transit System, it was learned that indeed no decision had been made at all, and Ms. Telfair suggested that the city manager's office itself was confused!

City Councilman Ron Leeper confirmed that although specifications for transfer points had been set, exact locations were yet to be determined. Mr. Leeper did say that persons transferring would "have to walk a couple of blocks."

Bus ridership has declined primarily due to increased fares, but what of the "captive" patrons? Those people who are forced to rely on city bus service for transportation to work or school? Ella Talley, who is a long-time community activist and who currently works with the Youth Council, says, "I hear a lot of people complaining about the bus system." Ms. Talley said she feels that bus riders aren't being given full consideration in the planning, adding, "Two blocks is too far to have to walk to transfer."

What of these shelters we hear about so often? The lighted, heated bus shelters? These are planned, and "will be a great asset to our bus riders who now congregate without the benefit of a shelter," Mr. Leeper said. So, it looks like there will be a dry, warm place to wait for the bus after walking for two blocks braving the elements. ...This in the name of progress.

Mr. Cunningham feels very strongly that the current plan for riders will be "a great imposition to the people."

This leads one to wonder if the transit mall is a "cosmetic" for the bus riders.

Next Week? Making Way For The Transit Mall



ANGELA CONWAY  
...CPCC's live wire

## Angela Conway Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor

As a student at Central Piedmont Community College our beauty, Angela Conway, has touched a live wire...a current of knowledge that she definitely doesn't want to give up.

Presently our beauty is studying to become a Physical Therapist Assistant. "I like to help people. I enjoy seeing others recuperate and get well," she explained about her chosen profession.

Ms. Conway is also a cheerleader at CPCC. She graduated in 1982 from West Charlotte High School. There she was involved in the Spanish Club, FHA, NAACP, DECA and the Red Cross.

A member of East Stone-wall AME Zion Church where Rev. Bernard Sullivan pastors, Ms. Conway has learned many aspects about religion. "I also enjoy learning various things in life. I think it is im-

portant to learn how to live in this world."

Our beauty has learned a great deal from her mother, Marian Conway. "I admire my mother because of the many things she has taught me and for what she's done for me. What I am today my mother helped to form it," Ms. Conway is the daughter of Horace Conway. She has two sisters Lori Ray and Michelle Conway.

Richard Pryor ranks among Ms. Conways favorite entertainers. She also enjoys watching "That's Incredible," "Family Feud" and "Diff'rent Strokes" on television. Dancing and listening to music are also favorite pastimes of our beauty. "I'd say Luther Vandross is my favorite musician," she informed.

What does our beauty see happening in the future? "I wish that crime would stop and that more people could obtain jobs." Personally Ms. Conway would like to move her residence to Washington, D.C. following the completion of her degree.

At times our Capricorn beauty is shy, but then there is also a side that allows Ms. Conway to meet others in an amiable fashion.

Helping others is a part of our beauty's nature. As time passes those extensions of the heart will return to Ms. Conway tenfold and she will become even more radiant than she is today.

## Public Hearing

## Considered For

## Transit System

Each year the City of Charlotte applies for transit operating assistance from the Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

This year the City is providing an opportunity for interested persons to request a public hearing if they wish to comment on the social, environmental and planning aspects of the fiscal 1983 application.

## Greater Mobility For Poor Urged

Special To The Post

WASHINGTON, DC - The Department of Housing and Urban Development's proposal to virtually eliminate new construction of subsidized housing and rely almost solely on a housing voucher system is a "head-in-the-sand" approach to solving the housing crisis of the poor, according to Dr. Robert C. Weaver, President of the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing (NCDH). The housing voucher system is part of a proposal submitted to the President's Office of Management and Budget by HUD Secretary Samuel Pierce.

Weaver says the housing voucher system will rely on the existing housing stock, an approach which incorrectly assumes there is an adequate supply of housing available to meet the needs of very low income families receiving a modest subsidy from the government. "As a matter of fact, vacancy rates are alarmingly low in many metropolitan areas, and cities, and housing units designed to accommodate larger families often are virtually nonexistent. What this means is that in these areas there will be in-place assistance, with no opportunity for mobility," Weaver explained. Moreover, rents for existing standard housing still would be out of reach for most low income families, even with that government assistance proposed he said.

The former HUD Secretary said NCDH takes the position that strategic use of new construction, rather than sole reliance on existing housing, for the poor in areas where the vacancy rate is low, and (2) facilitating greater mobility for poor and minority families if such housing is outside areas of low income concentration. Weaver said even in areas where vacancies exist and housing costs are manageable, the housing voucher proposal fails to take into account another reality of the housing market, namely, racial discrimination. Low income families, especially those who are racial minorities, will continue to be steered and channeled to housing in areas of existing poverty and minority concentration and still will be unable to exercise free housing choice under the housing voucher system unless certain safeguards are in place. "It is necessary for us to provide

adequate counseling, referral and a variety of support services so as to ensure that low income families will have full information on housing availability and are able to adjust successfully to new living environments. Moreover, they must have assurances that all government agencies, including HUD and the Department of Justice, will undertake firm fair housing enforcement actions."



VOICES OF SINAI

The Voice of Sinai of Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church will present their 12th annual concert Sunday, November 21 at 4 p.m. The concert will consist of a variety of music and the latest in contemporary Gospel. Hard work and long hours of preparation have been put into making this event outstanding. Mrs. N. E. Kerry, pianist and minister of music, is the directress and Michael Cooper is the organist. Guest soloist will be Ms. Anita Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Kirkpatrick, who is originally from Pennsylvania, graduated from Johnson C. Smith University and is

presently making her home in Charlotte. She is a member of Mt. Sinai and sings on the Young Adult Choir. Other featured soloists will include Gussie Floyd, Mary Kee, Calverta Patton, Linda McGill, Anna Ford, Clarine Brady, Julia Garvin, Clara Williams, John Cato, John Terry and John Morrow. The concert will be held at the church, located at 1243 West Blvd. Pastor Kerry along with president Coleman Stewart and the Voices of Sinai extend a cordial invitation to the public to come early for a good seat and share in praising the Lord in song.

## TURTLE-TALK



The trouble with life is you're half way through before you realize it's one of those DO IT YOURSELF DEALS.