

## Minority Participation Stepped Up

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Washington, D.C. - The participation of Blacks, Hispanics and other minorities in the housing programs of the Housing and Urban Development will be stepped up to 17 percent, said Samuel R. Pierce Jr., Secretary of the federal agency.

In setting minimum goals for minority business participation in Section 202 housing programs for the elderly and the handicapped, he said this will be seven percent more than last year.

The only black member of the Reagan Administration, Pierce explained that the effort would be channeled through the Department's ten regional administrators. Each will be provided with specific numerical targets.

This is the first time the Department has assigned specific region-by-region Minority Business Enterprise goals of this kind, the Secretary said.

The Secretary noted that this effort implements President Reagan's announced objective of increasing minority business participation in government procurement.

In New York City Rev. O. B. J. Burson, pastor of Holy Trinity Baptist Church, said he welcomed the idea of involving more nonprofit groups into becoming 202 housing sponsors. "If every black church in the city built senior citizen houses we would reduce the need by 50 percent," he added.

## NAACP Extends Membership Drive

The NAACP membership drive has been extended until May 29, according to Anna Hood, membership chairperson. A membership goal of 2,000 total members has been set.

"Breaking through the apathy that is prevalent among the middle-class is taking more time than was anticipated," Mrs. Hood said.

Several churches, organizations and individuals are working with the NAACP in an effort to secure members. Churches, groups and individuals who secure a substantial number of memberships will be recognized at the close of the drive.

Captains for the membership campaign are: Kelly M. Alexander Sr., Lillie B. Beckham, Christopher Bennett, Mary Britton, Mary Clarke, George Dunlap, Cora J. Drayton, Richard Ellis, Homer W. Fennell, Kathryn Garnett, Bruce Harris, Jesse Johnson, Virginia Owens and Donald White.

Persons wishing to subscribe to a membership with the NAACP can contact any of the above-named persons or send \$10 payable to the NAACP to: Anna Hood, 1327 Orvis St., Charlotte, N.C. 28216, 333-4685 after 5:30 p.m. or Kelly Alexander Jr., President, Charlotte Branch, NAACP, 112 N. Irwin Ave., Charlotte, N.C. 28202, 333-1167.

## TURTLE-TALK



Politicians, like show people, give the public some truth and some hokum.



COLLEENE DAVIS  
...Treats others generously

## Colleene Davis Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor  
Upon various visits and stays in the hospital Yvette Colleene Davis has decided that her profession will, like the many who work in the hospital environment, entail aiding others.

"I'd like to be a doctor," Ms. Davis stated. "I've been to the hospital a lot myself when I was sick and I started to like the atmosphere."

The atmosphere of one person helping another is what appeals to Ms. Davis and even at the precious age of 13 she realizes that this goal will be an important one in her life.

So far Ms. Davis has been greatly and positively influenced by her cousin, Jennifer Elaine Burton. "I spend a lot of time around her and I have a lot of fun with her." From her cousin and her parents, Laura and James Davis, our beauty has surmised, too, the importance of treating others generously. "I've always felt that we should treat people as we would like to be treated and try not to mistreat anyone."

Born under the Zodiac sign of Aries, Ms. Davis describes herself as honest and soft-hearted. She cer-

## Bible School Workshop Scheduled

The Church Growth and Development Workshop will present a one-day Vacation Bible School Workshop April 16 at the Radisson Plaza from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Church Growth and Development Workshop, a division of Education and Planning of the National Baptist Publishing Board based in Nashville, Tenn., is designed to maintain and improve the professional skills of Church School teachers and administrators.

The organization has scheduled an intensive tour of one-day workshops across the country beginning in Austin, Texas. A complete new package of Vacation Bible School materials has been developed.

The package includes a resource book for students of all ages; directors' manual; record books; attendance charts; and enrollment cards and certificates. There is also included in the package promotional posters; flyers; post-cards; buttons; arts and crafts; and audio visual aids.

The Workshop is sponsored by the National Baptist Publishing Board. The public is cordially invited. For more information call or write: Church Growth and Development Workshop, P. O. Box 680,

tainly has thoughts about the many starving individuals in the world and wishes that she could "...send food to every hungry child in the world."

Bike riding, shopping for clothes and in general going places are all hobbies of Ms. Davis. She also enjoys spending time with her family: her parents and two brothers, Vernon and James Jr., her grandparents, Dorothy and Alexander Weather and Ivory W. Davis. She also has fond memories of her grandmother, Mae Davis.

Ms. Davis is the youngest in her immediate family. An eighth grade student at Eastway Junior High School she also finds time to worship at O'Zion AME Zion Church.

Entertainment is another facet of life in which Ms. Davis has decisions of good taste in. Her favorite singer is Diana Ross. "I remember her from the Supremes but I like her music much better now. I also enjoyed her movies, 'Mahogany' and 'Lady Sings The Blues,'" she concluded.

Ms. Davis is a young lady of rare essence, and one who adds to the beauty of caring for others.

## Are Children Eggcited?

Nashville, TN 37202.

## How Are Easter Egg Hunts Fairing?

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Staff Writer  
Easter may be over but you probably still have some of that Easter egg basket grass stuck in your carpet or even worse a forgotten egg from a hunt left...and you still can't find it.

How are Easter egg hunts fairing recently? Are the children as eggcited about the egg hunts today as they were 15 years ago?

The Post performed an eggtravagant survey of several children Easter Monday and found out that most still enjoy the sport of searching for that special surprise.

Adults, however, who have viewed many egg hunts-feel that the excitement has decreased and fewer younger people are participating.

Tameka Butts, 10 year old, didn't get to go Easter egg hunting this year but she wished that she had been able to. "We were going to the Easter egg hunt at the church Saturday but the weather was

## Ford Visits Piedmont Courts

On the eve of his eight-night Charlotte Crusade, evangelist Leighton Ford will extend his outreach into the community with a visit to the Piedmont Courts area of the city, April 9, at 3 p.m. The Crusade will be held April 10-17 at the Charlotte Coliseum.

He'll be emphasizing to Piedmont Courts residents and their neighbors that "There Is Hope" for everyone in today's world, the Crusade's central message.

In addition to meeting and talking with Ford, Piedmont Courts youths will hear "The New Directions," 20 high school and college students from across the nation who sing and share their Christian faith with people throughout the world.

Ford and "The New Directions" will be at Piedmont Courts until about 4:30 p.m., and Woody Lamm, field coordinator and video promotions manager for the Burlington-based New Directions Evangelistic Association.

Leighton Ford is an associate evangelist and vice president of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and was ordained as an evangelist in the Presbyterian Church in the United States. He and his family reside in Charlotte, although his work with the Billy Graham Association has taken him around the world speaking to thousands on every continent.

The Crusade will feature such well-known guests as Charles Colson who became a "born again" Christian after his conviction in connection with the Watergate scandal, quadriplegic Joni Eareckson Tado whose story has inspired millions worldwide, Charlotte native Bobby Jones who plays professional basketball for the Philadelphia 76ers, and Tom Landry, head coach of the Dallas Cowboys professional football team.



Twanna Tarry  
...Prepared for egg hunt

too bad," Tameka commented. "I would want to go if I knew where an Easter egg hunt was going on."



## MAYORAL CANDIDATE ED PEACOCK Faces Tremendous Challenge

## Economic Development Is Biggest Challenge City Faces

By Andrew McCorkle  
Post Staff Writer  
Republican candidate for Mayor of Charlotte Ed Peacock said last week that the biggest "challenge" facing the city was creating business and economic development.

Peacock, 40, explained that the planned \$8.5 million uptown redevelopment package to beautify eight blocks of Tryon Street, the refurbishing of First and Third Wards, and the creation of University Park are projects that attract new businesses and industries to the area, providing opportunities to its residents.

"If we provide jobs and economic opportunity, then lots and lots of other problems will kinda fade into the sunset," he stated in an interview.

Peacock, considered to be a Party favorite, was one of the first major contenders to announce his candidacy. A former county commissioner, he served on the board from

1974-80, and was chairman from 1978-80.

He is currently serving as an at-large member of the city council.

Although the city's mass transportation system has traditionally operated in the red, Peacock favors continued funneling of monies into the bus system to attract new ridership.

"We have a problem attracting new ridership," he explained, "but if people are made aware that we have 19 new buses and that they offer safe transportation that operate on time, then maybe we can improve the ridership."

He added that a bus system was "imperative" to getting people to and from uptown.

Peacock was instrumental about one year ago in establishing a plan to aid minority- and women-operated businesses to gain access to obtaining city and private contracts.

A bill has recently passed in the General Assembly that allows the

County, City of Charlotte and the Chamber of Commerce fund a program to help minority businesses to compete with other businesses without a quota, set-aside or goal system.

"So many times the problem is access," stated Peacock. "The struggling black businessman or woman or white women, don't have access to the people who will buy the product or service."

The program, which will go into effect immediately, will allow minority businesses to go to the Chamber of Commerce and get their help in obtaining contracts.

Peacock said he was against set-asides and quotas because too often minorities are hurt rather than helped by the system.

"They created a false sense of security for minorities," he stated. Many times if a set-aside program calls for minorities to get 15 percent of the business, then that's all they get, explained Peacock.

"If black business provides the better service or product, he should get 100 percent of that business," he said.

"I want black businesses to say that we don't want 15 percent of the business. I want all of it because we provide the better service."

Peacock said that when minority business prosper, the city prospers as a whole.

## Youth Council To Sponsor Seminar

Are you unemployed... still looking for work? Maybe the upcoming four-hour seminar on April 9, sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, can help you.

This seminar, free and open to the public, begins at 9:30 a.m. and lasts until 1:30 p.m. The event will be held at the United Community Services Auditorium, 301 Brevard street. You can find out whether you should refrain for jobs, what Charlotte industries will die out or gear up in the next few years, and how to know if you've picked the right company for you.

If you have any questions, call the Youth Council at 334-3034.

## Rallies Planned For April 15

By Eileen Hanson  
Special To The Post

Are you out of work and facing legal and financial problems? How are you personally coping with unemployment? How can the unemployed help themselves and each other?

These questions will be discussed Thursday, April 14, at a Forum on "The Rights of the Unemployed," to be held at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1510 E. 7th Street.

The program begins with a supper at 6 p.m. followed by the Forum at 7 p.m.

The Unemployment Forum is part of a local commemoration of "Jobs with Peace Week," April 10-16. Jobs with Peace is a national campaign working to reduce the military budget and put more tax dollars into jobs and human services. Forums, demonstrations and actions on Tax Day (April 15) are planned across the country.

Other activities in Charlotte will include statements at the City Council meeting, April 11, when Jobs with Peace petitions will be presented. On April 15 members of the campaign will petition at local post offices as taxpayers file their 1982 tax returns.

"Fifty cents of every dollar that you pay in income taxes is going for military related spending," according to Frank Clemente of the National Jobs with Peace Campaign in Boston. "That's money that could be used to create jobs and fund programs in housing, health care, environmental protection, education, infrastructure repair and mass transit."

"In Charlotte, each family of four contributes \$2,800 to military related expenditures," explained Carrie Graves, N.C. Jobs with Peace coordinator.

"That's an average amount, based on a total of \$592.3 million paid into the Pentagon from our Charlotte tax dollars," she said. "Many people don't even make that amount of money."

The Unemployment Forum will feature several resource persons speaking about legal and consumer rights of the unemployed, and how unemployed workers can benefit from available social programs.

Speakers include Marshall Swan of Legal Services of Southern Piedmont; Carol Jordan, a teacher at Central Piedmont Community College; Bill Pickens of United Family Services, and Cleveland Ardry of the Employment Security Commission.

Also speaking will be Eileen Hanson of the Jobs with Peace Campaign, and Dr. Herman Thomas, president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information about the forum, or about the Jobs with Peace Campaign, contact 377-9328 (evenings) or 527-1398 (mornings) or 372-0780 (afternoons).

The Charlotte Jobs with Peace Campaign is a coalition of labor, civil rights and community groups, including the Equal Rights Congress, Client Council of Southern Piedmont, and Central Labor Council.