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## Black Leaders Deplore Knox's Decisions

When Frances Knox and Charlie Knox, wife and brother, respectively, of Eddie Knox, announced Monday their endorsement of Jesse Helms for United States Senate, it created a tidal wave effect that hasn't settled yet.

Tuesday morning about 70 black elected and appointed officials, as well as concerned citizens showed up at the Black Elected and Appointed Officials' Tuesday Morning Breakfast Group. "The representatives deplore this type of endorsement," Dr. Mildred Baxter Davis commented. "We are frustrated because of it and the frustration has overflowed across the membership."

To say that the Black Elected and Appointed Officials' membership of 100 has clout is an understatement. Usually 35-50 members show up each Tuesday. But when the message about the Helms' endorsement spread, concerns were peaked. A committee was organized Tuesday and a statement about the endorsement by the Knoxes confronted:

"We, the members of the Tuesday morning Breakfast Club are deeply concerned about the recent endorsement of Jesse Helms by Frances and Charlie Knox. Many of our members wholeheartedly supported Eddie with Frances by his side with our money, time, talents and with deep commitment because we believed him to represent the issues and concerns for which we stand. We are hurt, frustrated and disillusioned at this rejection at Democratic ideals. We feel betrayed, not only as black citizens but as citizens of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

A house divided cannot stand in the Democratic Party. We will continue to strive to work and uphold the principles of the Party for the people and by the people of the State of North Carolina and of our nation. We do not feel that individual perogative is more important than the unity of the Party. We worked hard for Eddie and Frances even though we were given information of his past record of support for George Wallace in the 60's, and the Anti-busing of the 70's.

He came to us in the 80's with a new direction in support of the elderly, public education, youth employment and improved quality of life for everyone. His tenure as Mayor was productive and effective to most of us. The endorsement, which took place this Monday is in direct contradiction to the Eddie and Frances we believed them to be.

We affirm our support for James B. Hunt and not Jesse Helms."

The Political Action Committee of the Black Elected and Appointed Officials include: Dr. Mildred Baxter Davis, Clara Williams, Melvin Whitley, Jo Anne Morehead, Attorney Adkins and Sarah Stevenson.



Miss Kim Foster  
.....A conscientious youth

## Miss Foster Is Bright, Articulate Young Lady

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

In today's young blacks the characteristics of ambition, determination, activism and compassion are being found in abundance. This week's beauty, Kim Foster, is a prime example of this generation's conscientious youth.

Fourteen year old Foster is a bright articulate young lady who is pursuing a career in law with as much ardour as any college graduate. With honors in oratorical skill and law, Foster is well on her way to the prestigious career.

Out of 40 contestants Foster placed third in the 1984 South Mecklenburg Optimist Oratorical Contest. The competition was held at her former school, Smith Junior High. It culminated with ten finalists presenting their speeches at Western Sizzlin Steak house. "I was so nervous I could not eat," Foster laughs. For third place, Foster proudly relates, she won a trophy and a dinner for her parents.

Another proud moment for her was the presentation of a certificate for the completion of a course entitled, "Youth and the Law." "I learned a great deal about the law in this course," assures Foster. "And when I become a lawyer," she projects (adding that she never says, "if I become a lawyer"), "my primary objective will be to teach people about the law. Because it is essentially the lack of understanding that leads people into trouble."

Foster is a 1984 graduate of Smith Junior High School and she is looking forward to beginning high school at Olympic this fall. She now participates in the Upward Bound program held on Johnson C. Smith campus. "I think it's great," she states about the program that prepares students for college. "I will be involved in the program all through high school and after completing the last two courses I will enter college as an advanced freshman."

All of Foster's activities seem to be geared to her aspiration to be an attorney. Even to the extent of her favorite pastime. "I love to read. I read mysteries, adventure stories and love books," claims Foster. "The love books, my mother scolds me about," she smiles. "She's also

warned me about reading under the covers with a flashlight."

But mom heads the list of Foster's favorite people. Simply put, Foster emphasizes that her parents, Robert and Carrie, are just "great." "I look up to my parents. They're understanding, nice to talk to and always there for me." With amusement Foster adds, "I think 1,000 people saw the trophy I won. My parents took it everywhere."

The travel bug has bitten the Foster family. "We're on the go all the time. We've been to Baltimore, Maryland, Myrtle Beach, almost everywhere up and down the east coast."

With two younger siblings, sister, Lisa and brother, Robert, Foster says being the oldest carries its responsibility. "They look to me often. And sometimes I'm envious that I don't have an older brother or sister to look up to."

Maybe so, but Foster is making positive strides without the older sibling mentor. And through it all she carries a compassionate view on the national situation. "If I could I'd make all people realize they are equal and they should love one another," she points out.

Foster attends Silver Mt. Baptist and sings on the church choir.

Rev. Danna K. Martin and his congregation at New Life Baptist Church will observe their annual revival services July 8-13. The theme is "Pressing Toward The Mark."

The speaker for the week will be Rev. Berlin Jenkins, the minister at Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church (Gary, IN). According to Martin, the guest speaker is a nationally known gospel preacher, well-known recording artist and an evangelistic lecturer.

Jenkins and his wife, Jerline, manage a mail order ministry. They've sold over 700,000 tapes in the past 10 years. The couple also conducts a food service for people who qualify for government sub-

## Fine Puts "Bite" In Restraint Law

Special To The Post

Chapel Hill - North Carolina's mandatory child restraint law for automobiles gained teeth July 1, and new research indicates the measure may already have saved a number of young lives.

Passed in 1981 and effective since July 1, 1982, the N.C. Child Passenger Protection Law requires that all children under age two who are traveling with their own parents in a family purpose vehicle be restrained in a safety seat (required for those under age one) or a seat belt.

But until this year, the penalty for violations was only a warning citation.

That changed July 1, when the law called for a fine of up to \$10. That plus court costs can raise the total cost for violators to nearly \$50, the cost of many safety seats.

Despite the lack of punitive bite during the law's first two years, an increasing number of North Carolinians have been heeding it, according to accident data analysis performed at the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center in Chapel Hill.

More and more children who have been in accidents were restrained at the time, said Bill Hall, a research associate at the center who was involved in the research.

"The number of restrained children under age two increased from 16 percent in 1979 to 57 percent during the first three months of 1984," Hall said. "Even among children ages two to five, who are not covered by the law but who have been the target of education and publicity efforts, the rate increased from five percent to 26 percent."

During that period, statistical projections indicate that 48 children should have died or suffered serious injuries among those under ages two who were restrained when involved in accidents.

But the actual number was only 17, with two deaths and 15 injuries.

Those statistics indicate that since 1982 the use of child restraints has been responsible for preventing between nine and 13 deaths and between 15 and 20 serious injuries among those children in the age group covered by the law," Hal said.

The reduction has been especially significant in terms of preventing deaths, he said.

"The projections suggest that the number of injuries was reduced by about half," he said, "but the number of fatalities could have been as

high as 15.

"In overall terms of fatality prevention, restraints perform impressively. Of the 101 deaths among children under age six since 1979--where restraint use was able to be determined--only five were in safety seats or belts.

"And in three of those cases, investigators found the restraint systems were not used properly. The other two were described as unsurvivable accidents."

Hall said that other research at the center has showed that improper use of restraints was robbing many families of their benefits.

One recent study, he said, found 75 percent of all safety seats installed improperly, and other problems have been caused by incorrect use of the harness and shield.

"The use of restraint systems has produced an overall 80 percent reduction in fatal and serious injuries," he said. "That means that, for every 100 children killed or injured, at least 80 would have been spared if they had been restrained."

"But improper use severely reduces the effectiveness of safety seats."

Still, any restraint helps. Additional research at the center ex-

amined severe and fatal injuries to children under age four and found safety belts alone were 59 percent effective, improperly used safety seats 48 percent effective and properly used safety seats 81 percent effective in reducing those injuries.

Col. Edwin C. Guy, director of the Governor's Highway Safety Program, which funds the center's child restraint promotion efforts, said the findings would spur more action.

"I have been very excited about the progress of the child restraint program," Guy said, "and much encouraged by the effort across the state by volunteers to run loaner programs and promote the use of safety seats."

"I hope to obtain legislation to raise to age five the children covered by the law."

A toll-free information service-called the "Tot Line"--provides information about the law, child safety seats and loaner programs (which provide for rental of seats in many localities) and assistance on starting such services. Persons interested can call 1-800-672-4527 in North Carolina between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.



Allen Crenshaw and Kimberly Barringer were recently crowned Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Heights Church of God. Kimberly is the daughter of Willie and Mary Barringer. Asim is the son of Rosetta Crenshaw. The first and second runners-ups for Miss Wilson Heights were Yaashica Belton and Courtney Tyson, respectively. Prizes were given to the winners. They were stock in America U.S. Savings Bonds. (Photo By Divine Reflections)

## Rev. Berlin Jenkins Will Lead New Life Baptist Church Revival Services



Rev. Danna Martin  
.....Minister, New Life



Rev. Berlin Jenkins  
.....Revival leader

Jenkins is a board member of the State and National Baptist Conventions. He initially pastored First

Greater Christian Unity Baptist Church in Robbins, IL. The pastor, who serves on the National Baptist Sunday School Con-

gress, will preach on radio station WQQC, Sunday, 3-4 p.m. His message will be "You Can Be An Overcomer."

At the revival services, people will be able to purchase tapes and albums featuring Jenkins, according to Martin. He feels everyone should hear the inspiring messages which Jenkins brings forth through singing and preaching.

Recalling when he first met Jenkins, Martin said it was in Detroit. "It was at the National Baptist Convention in 1981," he commented. "I had heard a tape just released called 'Losing But Not Losing Out,' featuring Dr. Jenkins."

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### TURTLE-TALK



A good salesman is a man who convinces his wife she looks fat in a fur coat.