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Jobless Rate For Blacks Decreases

Washington, D.C. - The unemployment rate for black workers was 14.0 percent in June, registering an unusually large decline from the 15.6 percent rate in May, the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

In testimony before the Congressional Joint Economic Committee, Dr. Janet L. Norwood, commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, cautioned, however, that "the jobless rate for blacks tends to be quite volatile, and we cannot determine if this decline represents a real improvement with only a single month of data."

The unemployment rate for black adult men and women each fell 1.4 percentage points during the month, BLS said.

The rate of jobless black adult males was 12.2 percent, down from the previous month's rate of 13.6 percent. The rate for black adult women in June was 12.3 percent, down from 13.7 percent in May.

The rate of unemployed black youth, at 38.1 percent, showed little change from the 40.4 percent rate in May.

Nationwide, nonfarm payroll employment was about unchanged in June, and unemployment remained at the level that has prevailed since February, the Labor Department reported.

The overall unemployment rate was 7.2 percent and the civilian worker rate was 7.3 percent.

The number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs - as measured by the survey of establishments - totaled 97.5 million after seasonal adjustment, about the same as in the previous month. Civilian employment - as measured by the household survey - rose by less than seasonally expected and, after seasonal adjustment, declined by 590,000 to 105.4 million.

Senator Mel Watt Is JCSU Commencement Speaker

Senator Melvin L. Watt, State Senator for Mecklenburg County's 3rd district, will address the 118th Summer Commencement class of Johnson C. Smith University on Saturday, August 3.

The annual Summer Commencement will begin at 10 a.m. in the University Church on the JCSU campus.

Senator Watt, received his B.S. in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1967 and his Juris Doctorate from the Yale University School of Law in 1970. He is a partner with the law firm of Ferguson, Watt, Wallis and Adkins, P.A. of Charlotte.

Very active in civic and professional organizations, Senator Watt is a member of: the University of North Carolina Alumni Board, N.C. Association of Black Lawyers, North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Black Political Caucus, General Statutes Commission of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Bar Association.

Senator Watt and his wife, the former Eulada Paysour, have two sons: Brian and Jason.



Carmen Benson
..... UNCC graduate

Carmen Benson To Embark On Professional Career

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

At 21 years of age, Carmen Benson has just graduated from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, is about to embark on her professional life, and is looking forward to all that comes with it.

Already she is a nurse applicant working at University Memorial Hospital. After her state board exam test scores are in, she'll become a full-fledged registered nurse. Then, says Carmen, she'd like to get a new apartment and a new car.

Originally from New York City, Carmen is glad she's decided to begin her career and independent life here in Charlotte. "I came to Charlotte four years ago to attend UNCC," she relates. "I like it here. The people are friendly; if you speak to them, they speak back. Also, I have family here."

Carmen's roots are in Charlotte. Her parents and grandparents are from this city. Carmen lives with her mother's parents, Anthony and Lois Alexander, here in Charlotte since her mother, Catherine Alexander Erkins, presently resides in New York. Carmen's father, Jack Benson, lives in Charlotte and so do his parents, Cordell and Emma Ballard.

When Carmen was young she would visit Charlotte. Now, in contrast, she enjoys visiting New York. "I've gotten used to Charlotte," she reveals.

While in college, Carmen says she found the nursing program at UNCC to be "very hard" but a good program. "I'd recommend it to others interested in nursing," she assures. And the excellent instruction received at UNCC helped Carmen get the job she thoroughly enjoys at the new University Hospital.

"I'm glad I was able to come here," she says about the hospital. "With myself being new to nursing and the hospital being new, we are sort of starting off together."

Carmen appreciates the fact that the hospital at this point is still open to innovation. "I've been asked my opinion and have been able to contribute my ideas," Carmen states proudly. "That's a good feeling since I'm a new graduate," she smiles.

About herself personally, Carmen says she tends to be a mixture of "outgoing and shy." "I'm more outgoing and assertive at work," she explains.

Another quality of her personality is that she is "very concerned for people's feelings." "I like to treat people as I'd want them to treat me," Carmen reflects.

That's an attitude she uses in nursing, Carmen maintains. "It's helpful to the patients to be treated nicely. I know that if I was in their situation I would want similar treatment."

For fun, Carmen, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, enjoys swimming, and volleyball. She has also traveled extensively to such points as California, Mexico, Africa, Spain, and Puerto Rico. About travel, Carmen relates, "It's nice meeting new people and seeing different cultures. The experience makes a person grow."

"I look forward to additional traveling in the near future," Carmen admits. And, in the distant future this week's beauty projects, "I'd like to progress in my profession specifically into nursing administration. I also see myself as having the opportunity of living in

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Here Friday Night

Post Banquet To Reveal Grand Prize Winner

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

After a decision has been made by the panel of judges headed by Maggie Braun, based upon the letters written by the ministers of the churchworker finalists explaining why his contestant should be selected Churchworker of the Year, either Brenda Prince of Greater Bethel AME Church, Mattie Caldwell of Ebenezer Baptist Church, or Mary Hollins of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church will be crowned the "Churchworker of the Year," 1985-86.

This exciting moment will be only one of the highlights of the Post's Churchworker of the Year banquet. The banquet, which will be held Friday, July 26, 7 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, Tyvola Rd., will also spotlight the Post's 1985 selection for "Man of the Year" as well as the two recipients for the Bill Johnson award. A decorum award which will be presented to the individual who sold the highest amount of tickets in the contest will be presented by State Alexander, news director for WPEG-FM.

In addition to the guest speaker, Lawrence Toliver, other dignitaries who will be present are Lt. Governor Bob Jordan, Mayor Harvey Gantt, D. G. Martin and syndicated columnist, Sherman Miller.

Bob Davis will serve as master of ceremony.

The Post's banquet culminates

Erving: "Touching" Can Both Guide And Motivate The Child

By Jonathan Fritz
Post Staff Writer

To illustrate why parents should reward youngsters for their accomplishments, Julius "Dr. J." Erving of the Philadelphia 76ers said here Saturday night that when he was in the eighth grade, his mother gave him three pounds of grapes after he showed her his final report card.

The NBA star was the keynote speaker at the two-hour banquet honoring 12 outstanding students from public schools around Charlotte's Hidden Valley subdivision. He told state, county, and local officials and approximately 500 citizens from Hidden Valley and nearby neighborhoods that he had received "numerous awards" during his years in school.

The banquet, held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, was presented by the 65-member Hidden Valley Optimist Club and the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of Charlotte. Michael Jordan, a star player for the NBA Chicago Bulls, made a special appearance.

According to Erving, parents are the people who will affect their children the most. He suggested "touching" can both guide and motivate the child. "Parents should emphasize how to make their youngster succeed, he said.

"Don't waste time by presenting the negative things or forgotten issues. We must not build confidence far shy of the total potential of what our Lord wants our children to be. Our kids have been slapped in the face enough," he continued.

"One's behavior, not money or possessions, will have the greatest affect on a youngster's life," he added. Erving warned parents to monitor the child's study habits during his years in school.

He said he was glad his parents made him study.

"I was in eighth grade. I came home with my last report card with all A's and B's. My mother knew I liked grapes, so she went out and bought three pounds of these green, seedless grapes...it (the reward) has



Julius "Dr. J." Erving of the Philadelphia 76ers urges the youth in the audience to sign up for the one-on-one basketball tournament sponsored by the Coca-Cola Company to begin August 3. Michael Jordan (l), also a professional basketball player, awaits his turn to address the many youth who came out to see the stars. (Photo by Bryon Cooper)

stuck with me every since. And every year I would do my best because I knew that I'd be getting something afterwards."

When parents fail to supervise their children, the youngsters will do poorly on tests or homework, or fail the entire grade. "If the child has the attitude that 'I'm on my own. I can do whatever,' then you shouldn't wonder why the child isn't doing things the right way. We must give our children confidence by being close enough to touch them," he emphasized. However, communications within black families has improved, and black youth are smarter than ever, Erving noted.

Erving and Robert Massey, the

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Lawrence Toliver
..... Guest speaker

after a six-week contest between 18 contestants of varying churches in the city. Divided into categories of small, medium, and large (according to the congregational size of the church), each contestant vied for the top position of her category. Although each contestant worked diligently for the top spot, there could only be three finalists. And they are Brenda Prince, Mattie Caldwell, and Mary Hollins.

The youngest contestant, Brenda Prince, a member of Greater Bethel AME Church, is a rising senior at Garinger High School. She is active



Lt. Governor Bob Jordan
..... Special guest

at her church as the recording secretary for the Young People's Department of the Western Conference, the president of the Archonettes. Her goal throughout the contest has been to win and that's exactly what she did by selling the most subscriptions in her category, a total of 72.

If anyone had an upper hand in the contest it was Mattie Caldwell. She is participating in the Churchworker of the Year contest for the fourth time. Three of those four times resulted in her being a finalist in her category and being the re-



D. G. Martin
..... Special guest

ipient of a fur coat, a \$500 food certificate from Winn-Dixie, as well as several other prizes throughout the contest. At Ebenezer, where she is a member, Mrs. Caldwell is a trustee, director of the Young Adult Missionary, program director for the Floral Club, a member of the Pastor's Aide, and co-leader of the Senior Missionary Group No. 3.

Mary Hollins' efforts in the Churchworker of the Year contest has resulted in her church being placed in the finals, after many years of participation. A member of See POST BANQUET On Page 4A.

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