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Caucus Retreat In Raleigh

The N.C. Black Leadership Caucus is having a retreat this weekend.

The organization will meet Feb. 12-13 at the Brownstone Inn in Raleigh. All officers and members are asked to attend Friday's 6 p.m. session.

On the agenda are a review of the mission statement and bylaws; adoption of new goals and objectives and to discuss ideas for the future.

Rooms have been reserved for the caucus. To reserve one, call the Brownstone Inn at (919) 828-8011. For information about the retreat, call (704) 782-5845.

Focus On Vision Statement

The Focus 2010 task force is ready to share Mecklenburg's vision of the future with you.

The group will hold a celebration Feb. 16 in the meeting chamber at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center.

Focus 2010 held a series of community forums last year to gauge residents' interest in topics such as crime, transportation and education. The results of those forums are the basis of the vision statement.

For more information, call 547-2307.

Peace Caravan In Charlotte

Part of a caravan taking humanitarian aid to El Salvador will stop in Charlotte next month.

Pastors For Peace will load trucks with food and supplies later this month for the trip to the South American nation. Three of the vehicles will stop in Charlotte March 2, part of a 100-city U.S. tour. Volunteers will talk about El Salvador at St. Peter's Catholic Church at 507 S. Tryon St. at 7:30 p.m. A covered dish dinner will precede the talk at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call Kathy Sparrow at 399-2480 or Jan Valder-Offerman at 375-5398.

Exhibits Explore Wonders

Discovery Place is inviting teachers, club sponsors and scout masters to preview its traveling exhibits.

Group leaders are invited to preview "It's All In Your Head" "Bug's Eye View" and "Lub Dub, A Happy Heart" Feb. 15 at 3 p.m.

"It's All In Your Head" explores the most complex machine in the universe: the human brain. "Bug's Eye View" takes a look at the world from an insect's perspective and "Lub Dub, A Happy Heart" introduces children to the benefits of having a healthy heart and body.

The preview is free and includes light refreshments and handouts for teachers. Free parking is available in the Discovery Place lot.

For reservations, call Discovery Place at 337-2620 by Feb. 12.



Photo/CALVIN FERGUSON

Riding Charlotte buses will be more expensive after city council voted this week to raise fares from 80 cents to \$1. The increase will take effect July 1.

Never Profitable To Begin With, Charlotte's Transit System Faces An Uncertain Future. Will Inner City Passengers Pay The Price?

By Cassandra Wynn
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Come July 1, Johnnie Mae Boderick will have to fork over 20 cents more per ride on Charlotte buses.

She has no choice. Boderick depends on public transportation. City Council voted this week to increase bus fares from 80 cents to \$1. Although 20 cents doesn't seem like a lot, for Boderick it could be crucial. She has to use the bus to look for a job.

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END OF THE ROAD

FUNDING CHARLOTTE TRANSIT IN 1993-94
(IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS)



U.S. Stance On Haiti Brings Uneasiness

NATIONAL NEWSPAPER
PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON -- President Clinton has inspired both hope and anger in the African American and Haitian communities over his newly-unveiled policy on Haiti.

While agreeing to work more forcefully for the return of ousted President Jan Bertrand Aristide, Clinton



also reversed his promise to change former President Bush's policy on returning

fleeing Haitians to the island.

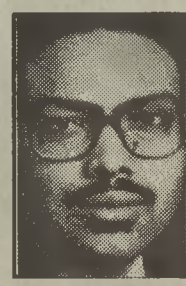
Clinton's decision to ring Haiti with ships that routinely return escaping Haitians has engendered a firestorm of criticism from such noted black leaders as Coretta Scott King, SCLC president Rev. Joseph Lowery, Rev. Jesse Jackson, TransAfrica director Randall Robinson and Commission for Racial

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He's Not Interested In This Job

Gantt Denies NAACP Candidacy;
Kelly Alexander Among Prospects

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST



Alexander

Two Charlotte men rumored to be in the running for the NAACP executive director's job have different opinions about their chances.

Kelly Alexander would love to have it. Harvey Gantt says there's no way in the world he'd want it.

Published reports placed

Alexander, president of the N.C. NAACP and Gantt, a former Charlotte mayor and U.S. Senate candidate, among the candidates to succeed Benjamin Hooks, who will step down April 1.

Gantt

he's never interviewed for the job, nor would he accept it. Generally considered to be a contender for another run at the Senate, he supports Alexander.

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Ashe Had Heart Of Champion, Charlotte Contemporary Says

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Arthur Ashe wasn't the most gifted black tennis player Dr. Melvin Pinn saw during the days of segregation.

But he had the heart to win most battles.

Pinn, medical director at the Neighborhood Health Center in Charlotte, followed Ashe on the Junior Development circuit for black players in the late 1950s and early '60s when southern tennis facilities were off-

limits to African Americans.

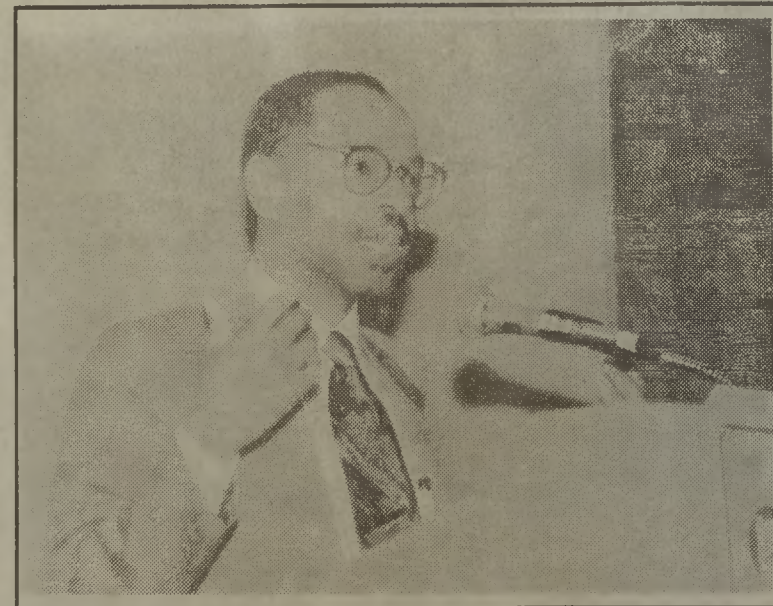
"There were a bunch of players who had more talent, but Arthur had more stick-to-it-tiveness," he said. "He had the best and most level head of any athlete I'd

Ashe

ever seen." Ashe, who was buried Wednesday after losing a battle

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Good Public Relations



Photo/CALVIN FERGUSON

Charlotte Post Publisher Gerald Johnson spoke to Charlotte's public relations professionals on the role of black media Tuesday at the Radisson Hotel Uptown. See story on Page 2A.

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