

# Women outpace men in elected office

Continued from page 1A

Delores Tucker, founder and chair of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc., a Silver Spring, Md.-based group that encourages women to engage in political activism.

"We are the caretakers of the family, even the men. We raise presidents and we raise governors," says Tucker, who served seven years as Pennsylvania's first black female secretary of state. "We work at it. Women work at things and the men, unfortunately, they have been so deprived by the culture and by the system here that they have not been able to move as fast as women."

According to David Bositis, the Joint Center researcher who authored the study, most of the recent progress for Black women has taken place at the county levels, where black women are being elected to city councils and school boards. At that level, there was an increase of 22 positions, a 2.3 percent rise between 2000 and 2001.

"It's more a question of why black women are doing well as opposed to why the number of black men are declining," Bositis says. He speculates that women not only tend to vote in greater numbers, but in the Democratic Party - which receives an overwhelming majority of the black vote - women are more politically active than men.

As for the men, Bositis says, several social variables have apparently caused the rate of black male elections to slow.

"Black women are attending college at higher rates than black men," Bositis says. "And, you've got criminal justice issues."

At the end of 2000, more black men were behind bars (791,600) than were enrolled in colleges or universities

(603,032), according to the Justice Policy Institute, a think tank that advocates alternatives to prison.

There are demographic reasons for the gap as well.

Tucker cites U. S. Census reports that show that women are more likely to vote than men. Further, the voting-age population of women exceeded men by nearly 9 million in 2000.

"We have the vote. We do vote, we have the greater number and we can win every seat if we realize what Abigail Adams told her husband John, if you don't remember the ladies while you're drafting that Constitution of the United States, we have the power to free ourselves."

Tucker was paraphrasing a note that Abigail Adams wrote to her husband, President John Adams, on May 7, 1776 that stated:

"I cannot say that I think you are very generous to the ladies; for, whilst you are proclaiming peace and goodwill to men, emancipating all nations, you insist upon retaining an absolute power over wives. But you must remember that arbitrary power is like most other things which are very hard, very liable to be broken; and, notwithstanding all your wise laws and maxims, we have it in our power, not only to free ourselves, but to subdue our masters, and without violence, throw both your natural and legal authority

at our feet."

Overall, black elected officials have grown from 1,469 in 1970 to 9,101, a 519.5 percent increase.

Of the 513,236 local, state and national officials, African Americans represent 1.8 of those officials and 12 percent of the U.S. population.

Other highlights of the report:

- The 10 states with the largest number of black elected officials in 2001 were

Mississippi (892), Alabama (756), Louisiana (705), Illinois (624), Georgia (611), South Carolina (534), Arkansas (502), North Carolina (491), Texas (460) and Michigan (346);

- In 2001, the South had the largest number of black elected officials, with 6,179. That's 68.2 percent of all black elected officials;

- In 2002, there were 11 black women mayors in cities with populations of more than 50,000.

**Faith, Tradition, & Academic Excellence**

**MACS**  
Member of the Ann Catholic Schools  
www.charlottediocese.org/  
catholicchools.html  
or call the Admissions Office  
**704.370.3273**

**Now Enrolling for the 2004-2005 School Year!**

MACS proudly offers Catholic Christian values to a diverse community of boys and girls in grades K-12

<b>Charlotte Catholic High School (9-12)</b> 7702 Pineville-Mallheys Road Charlotte, NC 28226	<b>Holy Trinity Catholic Middle School (6-8)</b> 3100 Park Road Charlotte, NC 28209
<b>Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic School (K-5)</b> 4225 Shamrock Drive Charlotte, NC 28215	<b>St. Ann Catholic School (K-5)</b> 600 Hillside Avenue Charlotte, NC 28209
<b>St. Gabriel Catholic School (K-5)</b> 3028 Providence Road Charlotte, NC 28211	<b>St. Mark Catholic School (K-5) &amp; (6-7)</b> 14750 Stumpdown Road Huntersville, NC 28078
<b>St. Matthew Catholic School (K-5)</b> 11525 Elm Lane Charlotte, NC 28277	<b>St. Patrick Catholic School (K-5)</b> 1125 Buchanan Street Charlotte, NC 28203

## The Charlotte Post

*Gee, mom says she may...*

### Need Cash 'Til Pay Day!

*So, that's easy... She can go to...*

## CURRENCY EXCHANGE

**They have "6" convenient locations:**

And, she only needs to take: a valid driver's license, social security card, recent utility bill, checking account statement, paycheck stub, and leave her personal check.

**Hours: Monday-Friday, 8-5**

**In Just Minutes, She'll Have The CASH!**

<b>Charlotte Transit Freedom Mall</b> 310 E. Trade St., Ste A-110 3205 Freedom Drive, Ste. 13 2020 N. Graham St., Ste A	<b>Lancaster, S.C. Salisbury Hickory</b> 679 Lancaster Bypass East 123 North Main St., Ste B 1836-2 Startown Road
--	--

## University Child Development Center

8303 University Executive Park  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28213

*Now Enrolling*

### Featuring 4-Star Child Care Centers

- Highland Creek • 6025 Clarke Creek Pkwy, Charlotte, NC • 704-875-3338
- Lake Norman • 16701 North Cross Drive, Huntersville • 704-896-8942
- University City • 8303 University Executive Pk, Charlotte • 704-549-4029

**Features Include:**

- Before & After School Care • Clean Exquisite Facilities
- Uniquely Designed Playground • Hot Lunches/Snacks
- Locally Owned • Experienced, Certified Teachers
- State Licensed • Summer Camp Program • Drop-in Care
- Conveniently located

**☆☆ Call or E-Mail Today! ☆☆**

universitychilddevelopment.com

Designed to adapt to the life conditions of working adults...

## SHAW UNIVERSITY, C.A.P.E. Kannapolis

**You May Earn A Bachelor's Degree for only \$4,400 (per semester) in:**

- Business Administration • Public Administration • Criminal Justice
- Behavioral Sciences • Religion and Philosophy, or Liberal Studies

70 semester hrs. of college credit may be transferred from an accredited junior or technical college, and 90 semester hours may be transferred from a 4 year accredited college/ - 27 semester hrs of college credit may be earned for life experiences - Financial Aid is available

"Strides to Excellence: Only the Best" • For information call, 704-932-4614 • FAX: 704-932-1193  
Shaw University, CAPE Center of Kannapolis • 113 South Main Street • Kannapolis, NC 28081

# HOLIDAY SALE

DON'T MISS EARLY BIRDS 7 AM-1 PM SATURDAY!

PLUS!

## EXTRA 20% OFF STOREWIDE BONUS COUPONS

10% HOME STORE

<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">STOREWIDE BONUS COUPON</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">EXTRA 20% OFF<sup>†</sup></h3> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">ANY ONE SALE OR CLEARANCE ITEM 10% DISCOUNT IN OUR HOME STORE, SHOES, COATS &amp; MEN'S TAILORED CLOTHING</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">VALID FRIDAY-MONDAY, DECEMBER 5-8, 2003</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">No discount on Fall Superior Values, Fine Jewelry, Cosmetics, Fragrances, Easy Spirit®, Timberland® Shoes, Levi's®, Lee, Dockers®, Slaters®, Columbia®, Ideology®, Men's, Young Men's, Guys' 8-20, Juniors' &amp; Children's Designer Brands, Juniors' Denim/Pants, Hanes® Ultimate Underwear, All Bed &amp; Bath Designer Brands, All-Clad, Henckels, Small Electronics, Electronics, Personal Care, Vacuums, Trim-a-Tree Shop, Yankee Candle, Interactive Health Recliners &amp; our Collectible Bears. Limit one item per coupon. Extra savings % applied to reduced prices.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">HECHT'S</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">FINE JEWELRY BONUS COUPON</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">EXTRA 20% OFF</h3> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">ANY ONE SALE OR CLEARANCE ITEM IN FINE JEWELRY</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">VALID FRIDAY-MONDAY, DECEMBER 5-8, 2003</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">No discount on Best Values, Special Event Collections and Watches in Fine Jewelry. Limit one item per coupon. Extra savings % applied to reduced prices.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">HECHT'S</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">STOREWIDE BONUS COUPON</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">EXTRA 20% OFF<sup>†</sup></h3> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">ANY ONE SALE OR CLEARANCE ITEM 10% DISCOUNT IN OUR HOME STORE, SHOES, COATS &amp; MEN'S TAILORED CLOTHING</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">VALID FRIDAY-MONDAY, DECEMBER 5-8, 2003</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">No discount on Fall Superior Values, Fine Jewelry, Cosmetics, Fragrances, Easy Spirit®, Timberland® Shoes, Levi's®, Lee, Dockers®, Slaters®, Columbia®, Ideology®, Men's, Young Men's, Guys' 8-20, Juniors' &amp; Children's Designer Brands, Juniors' Denim/Pants, Hanes® Ultimate Underwear, All Bed &amp; Bath Designer Brands, All-Clad, Henckels, Small Electronics, Electronics, Personal Care, Vacuums, Trim-a-Tree Shop, Yankee Candle, Interactive Health Recliners &amp; our Collectible Bears. Limit one item per coupon. Extra savings % applied to reduced prices.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">HECHT'S</p>
<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">STOREWIDE BONUS COUPON</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">EXTRA 20% OFF<sup>†</sup></h3> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">ANY ONE SALE OR CLEARANCE ITEM 10% DISCOUNT IN OUR HOME STORE, SHOES, COATS &amp; MEN'S TAILORED CLOTHING</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">VALID FRIDAY-MONDAY, DECEMBER 5-8, 2003</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">No discount on Fall Superior Values, Fine Jewelry, Cosmetics, Fragrances, Easy Spirit®, Timberland® Shoes, Levi's®, Lee, Dockers®, Slaters®, Columbia®, Ideology®, Men's, Young Men's, Guys' 8-20, Juniors' &amp; Children's Designer Brands, Juniors' Denim/Pants, Hanes® Ultimate Underwear, All Bed &amp; Bath Designer Brands, All-Clad, Henckels, Small Electronics, Electronics, Personal Care, Vacuums, Trim-a-Tree Shop, Yankee Candle, Interactive Health Recliners &amp; our Collectible Bears. Limit one item per coupon. Extra savings % applied to reduced prices.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">HECHT'S</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">STOREWIDE BONUS COUPON</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">EXTRA 20% OFF<sup>†</sup></h3> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">ANY ONE SALE OR CLEARANCE ITEM 10% DISCOUNT IN OUR HOME STORE, SHOES, COATS &amp; MEN'S TAILORED CLOTHING</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">VALID FRIDAY-MONDAY, DECEMBER 5-8, 2003</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">No discount on Fall Superior Values, Fine Jewelry, Cosmetics, Fragrances, Easy Spirit®, Timberland® Shoes, Levi's®, Lee, Dockers®, Slaters®, Columbia®, Ideology®, Men's, Young Men's, Guys' 8-20, Juniors' &amp; Children's Designer Brands, Juniors' Denim/Pants, Hanes® Ultimate Underwear, All Bed &amp; Bath Designer Brands, All-Clad, Henckels, Small Electronics, Electronics, Personal Care, Vacuums, Trim-a-Tree Shop, Yankee Candle, Interactive Health Recliners &amp; our Collectible Bears. Limit one item per coupon. Extra savings % applied to reduced prices.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">HECHT'S</p>	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">STOREWIDE BONUS COUPON</p> <h3 style="text-align: center;">EXTRA 20% OFF<sup>†</sup></h3> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">ANY ONE SALE OR CLEARANCE ITEM 10% DISCOUNT IN OUR HOME STORE, SHOES, COATS &amp; MEN'S TAILORED CLOTHING</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">VALID FRIDAY-MONDAY, DECEMBER 5-8, 2003</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">No discount on Fall Superior Values, Fine Jewelry, Cosmetics, Fragrances, Easy Spirit®, Timberland® Shoes, Levi's®, Lee, Dockers®, Slaters®, Columbia®, Ideology®, Men's, Young Men's, Guys' 8-20, Juniors' &amp; Children's Designer Brands, Juniors' Denim/Pants, Hanes® Ultimate Underwear, All Bed &amp; Bath Designer Brands, All-Clad, Henckels, Small Electronics, Electronics, Personal Care, Vacuums, Trim-a-Tree Shop, Yankee Candle, Interactive Health Recliners &amp; our Collectible Bears. Limit one item per coupon. Extra savings % applied to reduced prices.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">HECHT'S</p>

Coupons valid on Custom Gift Wrap. Coupons not valid on previously purchased merchandise. Coupons cannot be used on Internet, mail & phone or special orders, Gift Cards, Beauty Salon, Ticketmaster or our Collectible Bears. Not valid with any other offer. Coupons may not be combined or used in conjunction with new account holder first day discount on Furniture, Area Rugs, Mattresses & Tech Center Merchandise.

OUR EXCLUSIVE SET OF 3 BEARS JUST 19.99 WITH ANY \$25 PURCHASE

# HECHT'S

Great Gifts • Great Prices

HECHT'S GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE IN ALL STORES. ORDER ANYTIME 1-800-424-9205 OR HECHTS.com