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Heavyweight Calvin Brock (right) tops May NBC telecast/1C

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"Portraits of Black Women" to benefit Mint Museum art/1D

Playwright Nettie Reeves founded the gala, which includes a fashion show.



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Charlotte pulls up the rear, according to a national study/4B



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A study that concluded Charlotte-Mecklenburg police don't arbitrarily use racial profiling is missing details.

Profiling study limited by data

Citizens panel didn't get to see final document before police

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A report that concludes Charlotte-Mecklenburg police don't engage in arbitrary racial profiling could be more com-

plete, according to a member of a panel charged with giving input on the survey.

The research conducted by researchers at N.C. State University and released earlier this month, found police dispro-

portionately stop black motorists and pedestrians due to residents' demands in higher-crime areas.

But the final report doesn't go far enough to give statistics that can further explain the circum-

stances of stops, such as time of day and causes, said Leonard "Deacon" Jones, a member of the citizens advisory board who retired as Charlotte-Mecklenburg's deputy chief in

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America's getting browner and older

People of color will be half of population by '50

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WASHINGTON — For as long as there has been an America, whites have made up a clear majority. But that will change by 2050 when minority groups will be 49.9 percent of the population, the Census Bureau says.

Asians and Hispanics will see the most dramatic increases between now and midcentury, when the U.S. population will have grown by almost 50 percent to reach 420 million, according to bureau projections being released Thursday.

America will get older, too. Nearly 21 percent of its residents will be age 65 or older, compared with 12 percent now.

The data highlight trends long predicted. But racial and ethnic changes are taking shape faster than expected, due in large part to higher-than-forecast immigration rates for Asians and Hispanics, said Greg Spencer, a bureau demographer.

Whites now represent 69 percent of the population, but their growth is slowing because of low rates of birth and immigration. Their total will grow 7 percent to 210 million, or 50.1 percent of the population, in 2050.

Those figures do not include Hispanics. The Census Bureau counts "Hispanic" or "Latino" as an

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Frozen in time



PHOTO/ANGELO FRANCESCHINA

TRUE TO THEIR SCHOOL: A seminar next week at Johnson C. Smith University will help document the history of all-black schools and community assets. Top: Margaret Alexander, Second Ward High School May Day queen in 1941. Above: Rosenwald school in Sanford, N.C., provided educational opportunities for blacks when states didn't provide funding

Preservation and protection of history is JCSU seminar's goal

By Cheris F. Hodges
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

Imagine having pieces of history sitting in an old hope chest or having stories of family members who attended a famed Rosenwald School stored inside family folklore.

Johnson C. Smith University archivist Monika Rhue is hoping Charlotteans with those memories and possessions will come out to learn how to preserve them

for future generations.

On March 27, JCSU is hosting a seminar on preserving black schools.

Rhue said this is an important effort to keep a part of Charlotte's black history alive.

"This is the first seminar JCSU is hosting," she said. While the original focus was on the Rosenwald schools, Rhue said the university decided to broaden the seminar to include community assets such as publicly-fund-

ed schools and businesses as well as family heirlooms.

"We want to show people what to do with family photographs, papers and manuscripts," she said. We want to show people how to preserve them."

According to the N.C. State Historic Preservation Office, Rosenwald schools were the brainchild of Chicago philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck and Co.

Rosenwald became aware
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Brown plaintiffs to tell story at UNCC

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The Topeka, Kansas children behind the historic Brown v. Board of Education decision will be in Charlotte this month.

Cheryl Brown Henderson and Linda Brown Thompson, who were named plaintiffs against the Topeka school board in the 1954 Supreme Court ruling will give a lecture at UNC

Charlotte's McKnight Hall March 31 at 7 p.m.

On May 17, 1954 the Supreme Court rendered its decision on Brown v. Board of Education, a landmark case that ended the "separate but equal" laws and determined blacks could attend the same schools as whites.

The Brown case was combined with others that challenged school segregation including that of a country preacher, Rev.

J.A. Delaine, from Clarendon, S.C. as well as cases from Virginia and Delaware.

UNCC and several community partners will commemorate the decision with a series of events through April. The series also will include book discussions, poetry readings and documentary screenings relating to Brown.

More than 50 years ago in
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Cheryl Brown Henderson and Linda Brown Thompson will speak March 31 at UNC Charlotte.

3 strikes law leaves families out, too

Relatives pushed to provide extra support

By Kevin Herrera
WAVE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Most parents find it rather easy and enjoyable to talk about their children. But not Freddie Lawson.

When she mentions her 43-year-old son Derik, the elderly mother breaks down in tears, her warm and inviting face quickly turns cold and weary. It's not that she isn't proud of her son. Quite the contrary. She loves Derik and spends most of her waking hours fighting for him. She cries because she's afraid: Afraid that she will never again be able to share with her oldest son the simple things in life.

That is because Derik, a former Washington Preparatory High School student, is serving 25-years-to-life in state prison for burglary, his third felony conviction under California's controversial Three Strikes Law, which sentences repeat felony offenders to prison for at least 25 years if they are convicted of a third offense. Derik, like the majority of those sentenced under the 1994 law, is serving time for a non-violent crime, burglarizing an

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Haiti withdraws from relations with Jamaica

Peter Prengaman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration's complicity in the overthrow of Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide implies that other democratic nations, including those in Africa, might also be vulnerable for coup d'états or pre-emptive strikes, says the president of TransAfrica Forum, a leading research institution in the nation's capital.

"It's particularly nations in the global South, such as Africa, the Caribbean, Latin America and Asia. The U. S. has a history of undermining governments so that what we're seeing from Bush is not new on one level. What's new is how blatant it is," says Bill Fletcher, head of the 27-year-old organization.

"The implications can be seen in what happened in Iraq and what happened in Haiti. That is that the Bush administration is repudiating international law. That's what they're doing. And they're basically saying that there's no law that they're bound to respect because they've got the guns. It could happen anywhere."

Human rights activists and politicians have long protested the U. S. treatment of Haiti.

"I think it's largely racism," says former
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