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## Historic site seeks input on slavery interpretation

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Slavery has a different interpretation at Historic Brattonsville.

After complaints of a lack of authenticity of slavery's horrors on the former plantation in McConnells, S.C., Brattonsville has changed its approach. It's first public viewing is Saturday the living history program: "By the Sweat of Our Brows: The African American Experience." The

program is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the 775-acre site just south of Rock Hill.

"That was the best thing to happen to it," said Kitty Wilson-Evans, a historical interpreter who plays Kessie, an elderly slave.

The Post first reported in March that former Brattonsville interpreters quit over how scripts portrayed slave life. They said the scripts called for happy slaves while glossing over the brutality

they suffered. Historic Brattonsville officials denied those accusations.

This year's production of "Sweat" is programmed by Bertha Maxwell Roddey, a professor at USC Lancaster and co-founder of Charlotte's Afro-American Cultural Center. More than 70 costumed interpreters, singers, dancers and musicians will help tell the story of African peoples from kings and

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PHOTO/HISTORIC BRATTONSVILLE

Re-enactors interpret a scene at Historic Brattonsville, S.C. A chronicle of the black experience, "By the Sweat of Our Brows" includes a more expansive look at slavery.

## Caucus opposes justice nominee

Roberts' civil liberties background cited by black lawmakers

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African American members of Congress are opposing the confirmation of Supreme Court Chief Justice nominee John Roberts.

U.S. Rep. Mel Watt, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, and Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton, chair of the CBC's Judicial Task Force, issued a statement outlining CBC opposition of Roberts' confirmation. The caucus said Roberts' refusal to meet with caucus members and the lack of documents that would detail his stance on social issues, especially civil rights, led to its decision.

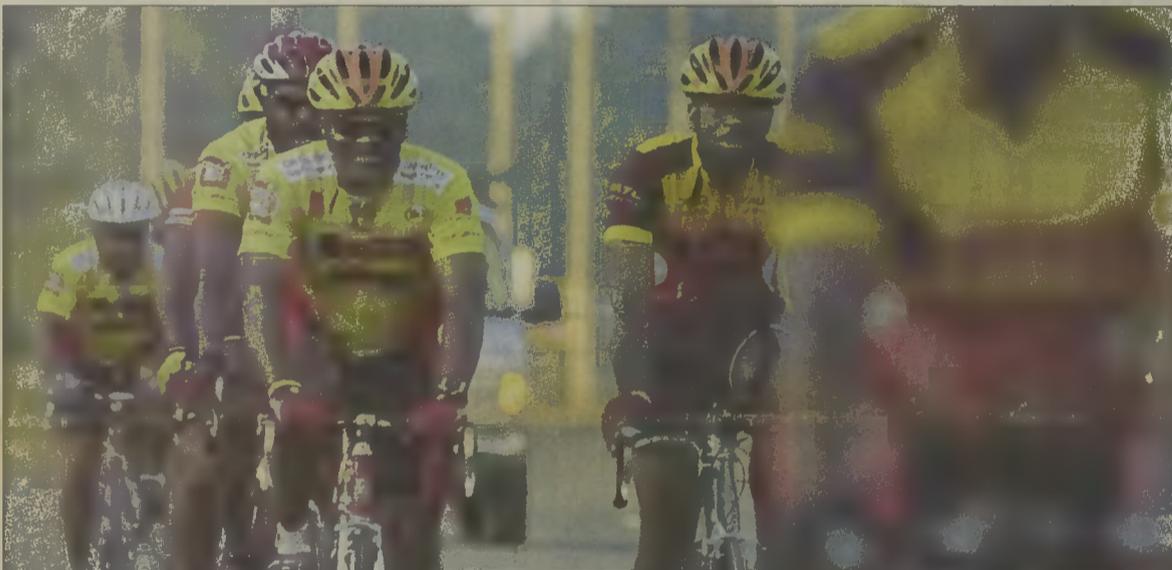
"Our review of his papers before the Senate hearing showed that the most controversial part of Judge Roberts' record was his civil rights record and views," they said in a statement.

The caucus invited Roberts to meet with its members last month, but the White House turned it down. Congressional Democrats concede Roberts will likely be confirmed, but his vague answers on states' rights, civil rights and affirmative action raises concerns, Watt said.

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Watt



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Members of the Cannonballs Cycling Team train in Charlotte as part of their preparation for this weekend's MS 150 Ride to the Beach. Below, the Cannonballs discuss riding strategy for the fund raiser that promotes awareness of multiple sclerosis.

## Ride of their lives

Charlotte cyclists pedal to find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis

By David D. Dawson  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Getting to Myrtle Beach won't be easy for Dempsey Miller and Walter Richardson of Charlotte.

They will fight scorching heat, fatigue and exhaustion this weekend when they ride their bicycles in the National

Multiple Sclerosis Society's 20th annual MS 150 Ride to the Beach.

Miller, who formed the Cannonballs Cycling Team to ride in the MS 150 12 years ago, says people heard about the team and wanted to join. The team was formally named

when a member shouted Look at that cannonball go,' in reference to Miller's Cannondale bike.

The MS 150 is an annual event that raises money and promotes awareness to end multiple sclerosis, a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms may be mild such as numbness in the limbs or severe—paralysis or loss of vision. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50 but the unpredictable effects can be life-long.

Miller, Richardson and their more than 50 teammates won't quit, make excuses and go home. However, they know that

they must overcome their fatigue so that the thousands of Americans who suffer from MS can overcome their condition.

"I know two people directly that were healthy. Then I saw them a year or two later and they had MS," Richardson said. "It completely took away all of their mobility. It totally changed their lives. I just feel that I can do something or contribute in some kind of way that can change that or get them back to some kind of normalcy. It makes me feel good."

The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in an individual cannot yet be predicted. A person with MS does

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## Anti-rape condom introduced in South Africa

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KLEINMOND, South Africa — The first female condom designed to prevent rape was introduced last week by a South African woman and is already stirring up controversy in a country that has one of the highest rates of sexual assault in the world.

Sonet Elhers, a former medical

technician, says she was inspired by a rape victim who said, "if only I had teeth down there." Her invention, called "Rapex", gives women those teeth.

The latex device which is inserted into the vagina like a tampon, can be worn for up to 24 hours. It contains plastic barbs that attach to the shaft of a man's penis and

can only be removed surgically.

"Rapex" is safe for a woman to use and does not permanently harm the man's penis. However he will be debilitated immediately and forced to seek medical attention, which Elhers believes will help law enforcement find and easily prosecute rapists.

Police statistics show that more

than 50,000 rapes occur in South Africa annually but experts believe the actual number could be four times higher, as many rapes go unreported. More than 40 percent of sexual assaults involve young women under the age of 18.

Some South African rape crisis

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