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 progressives of this state," White said. "And all strong-thinking people that believe in inclusiveness for all people regardless of color, we invite them to attend."
 Organizers are hoping there's enough support of their 14-point People's Agenda in the General Assembly and Governor's Mansion to bring some of their demands to reality. Health care, working wage

and housing are among the issues to be addressed at the rally.

"We hope there is but if not, we'll make that change," White said.

To reserve a seat for the bus trip to Raleigh, call the Charlotte-Mecklenburg NAACP at (704) 531-8838. Buses will leave Weeping Willow AME Church, 2220 Milton Road at 7:30 a.m. Saturday.

Defense cuts urged

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 defense spending that is greater than military outlays of the other 192 countries in the world combined."

According to the bill, defense spending continues while:
 • Federal spending on elementary and secondary education has fallen to less than 10 percent of the proposed 2007 outlay for the Department of Defense;

- Schools throughout the nation are eliminating programs in music, foreign language, and physical education;
- Sixty-one million individuals in the United States lack health insurance during some period of any given year, and half that number of individuals (more than 10 million of whom are children) lack such insurance for the entire year;
- and, the Government Accountability Office estimates that [a third] of the nation's public schools, serving 14 million children, need extensive repair or need to have their entire physical plants replaced. Eighty-five percent of the nation's public schools, 73,000 facilities serving 40 million children, need some repair work, costing more than \$120 billion, repairs that could have been paid for nearly five times with the money America has spent on the war.

In addition, the Washington-D.C.-based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities reports that the U.S. has a budget of \$5.1 billion dollars for the Children's Health Insurance Program that covers less than half of the eligible children.

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Herbert Randall, Horn and Bass, United Nations Building, New York City, 1971

the rhythm of life

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The word "kamoinge" comes from the Kikuyu/Swahili language of East Africa; its literal translation is "a group of people acting together." It seemed like an apt name for a group of black photographers in Harlem who, in May 1963, banded together to share ideas and experiences, and to alleviate their sense of artistic isolation. Today, though Kamoinge has no formal meeting schedule or rigid requirements, when there is again a reason to act together, they respond.

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