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BABY CONTEST-YWCA-Hargett Street Branch Annual Denise and Richard Balley; Third prize, Sara Dove Hinton, Baby Contest Winners are: First prize, Marquez Steven Forte, Patricia Hinton and Ken Dove. Also pictured Brenda High Audrey and Steven Forte; Second prize, Kelly Denise Bailey. Sanders, Program Chairperson.



mother Mrs. Paula Jones; Third prize winner, not shown, Eric president. Dr. B. C. Young, Sr. is pastor.

### **PORTIA BRANDON**

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among the first 200 graduates of the NAACPs membership university held this spring at national headquarters. They are Veronica Alexander, Charlotte; Portia Brandon, Raleigh;

BABY CONTEST-Shown in the picture above are the Johnson, whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. Leander Johnson; parents and winners in a baby contest held recently at Rush Fourth prize winner, Cameron Hawkins being held by his Metropolitan AME Zion Church by the J. C. Price Club. father Mr. Clifford Hawkins. Each of the contestants played Reading from left to right: First prize winner, Richard Thomas an important part in both action and finance. Mrs. Paula Carter III being held by his mother Mrs. Gretchel Newkirk Jones presented trophy to the winner. Tokens were also Carter: Second prize winner, Robert Jones being held by his presented to the other contestants. Mrs. Mary F. Graham is

> the Warren Committee, a group of minority political, business, and community leaders who meet regularly to advise Governor Dukakis on issues related to Blacks

and the minority community. to Keith Boykin, a top Dukakis that Black planned the robbery

Before leaving the store the man in the green jacket told the other to pick up the shells on the floor

Collins is alleged to have been a drug dealer and according to police worked as an informant against other Other key staff advisors, according dealers. The prosecution contends

## **Mercy Killing Leads Spouse To Legal Problems**

EDITOR'S NOTE: She had Alzheimer's disease and, to her husband seemed to be suffering so much that he shot her to death at her nursing home. It was a tragedy that some saw as a mercy killing, others as murder. The case points up some of the ambiguities in the concept of euthanasia.

EVANSVILLE, Minn. (AP) Oscar Carlson loaded the old revolver that he had used to shoot hogs and headed from his farm home to the Crestview Manor Nursing Home. As he drove the two miles into town, he recalled, "I prayed the Lord to help me, that whatever was laid upon me to do, I would be able to accomplish." What was propelling Carlson to the nursing home this February day was the news that his wife of 47 years, Agnes, her mind already fogged by Alzheimer's disease, had broken her hip and would need surgery to replace it. Feeling guilty for having put her in the nursing home, he had taken her out often for rides in the country. On the day before, Feb. 28, a Sunday, while they were at the farm home, she had fallen on the porch.

"I could take no more, so I think my mind cracked," Carlson says. The next thing he remembered, he was in Room 103 standing beside his wife's bed.

"Do you want to go to the hospital?" he asked her. "No," she said. Then using a term he said she understood because he had used it in his job of butchering hogs, he asked her, "Do you want me to give you a shot so you don't have to ....?" She looked at him as he stood there with the gun in his hand. "Yes," she replied, according to his court testimony.

Just then, Judy Berg, a nurse, walked into the room with a gurney to take her to the hospital. "He had the gun to her chest," she said. "As I looked at him I said, 'My God! He's going to shoot her!' Oscar looked up at me at the same time and pulled the trigger.'

"I fired twice in her chest and then I sat down and watched her die so nice and peaceful," Carlson said. "....Afterward, when she opened her mouth a little bit...." he fired twice more. "I didn't want the doctors to get hold of her and start pumping out blood and putting on respiration and all that stuff and tubes and I could see no sense to that.'

reverberated Those shots throughout this farming community of 571 people, where the Crop Feed Service Center and the railroad tracks running through the center of town give it an identity of Midwestern security and serenity, where no one could ever imagine that Oscar Carlson, who, in all of his 78 years had never had so much as a parking ticket, would do such a thing.

Not the Oscar Carlson who had grown up in Douglas County, who had to trudge through the snowdrifts for miles to get to school and missed so many classes because of the weather that he finished only 8th grade, who at age 16 began hiring out to farmers, milking cows, cleaning barns and



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT—John Winters, Sr., an honorary board member with the Southeast Raleigh Community Development program, shares his expertise in community development while Winnie Lacewell looks on.

# **Rep. Gray Predicting Democratic Victory**

Michael Dukakis' selection of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen to be his running mate and predicted a victory for the spot, but: Democratic ticket this November. The Pennsylvania Democrat and Chairman of the House Budget no guarantee that the person who Committee made his remarks as he emerged from a meeting between Congressional Black Caucus The fact, he wasn't even invited to members and Dukakis. Gray said:

'Sen. Bentsen is a public servant of outstanding reputation. He is wellrespected in the area of revenue policy. He won my admiration for his work on the budget summit late last year. He was one of only seven southern House members to vote in 1949 to repeal the poll tax. He has more years of Reagan and Bush, four consistently voted in support of more years of civil rights economic sanctions against South Africa.

'Sen. Bentsen comes from Texas, where he defeated George Bush to win his first Senate term. He brings strength to the ticket in terms of Texas and the Southwest area of the country. I look forward to victory in November for the Dukakis-Bentsen

# **Raising Superkid Can Cause Super Problems**

cause super problems, says Dr. Cynthia Johnson, extension human development specialist at North Carolina State University.

'There is nothing wrong with wanting your child to do his or her best, but problems can arise if parents put excessive pressure on their children," Dr. Johnson says.

Since parents today are having fewer children, and since it costs

WASHINGTON, D. C. – U. S. Rep. Gray, a Jesse Jackson supporter William H. Gray, III (D-Pa.) praised and advisor, also said he would have preferred that his long-time friend had been tapped for the number two

> 'The choice is made by the person who wins the nomination and there is comes in second will get the nod.

> "Gary Hart did not get it in 1984. walk up the driveway when Mondale was conducting interviews for his running mate."

> Gray urged Democrats of every stripe and persuasion, including Jackson supporters like himself, to keep their eyes on the prize.

"We must now focus on the substantive issues. Do we want four retrenchment and budget cuts, four more years of spend, spend, borrow, borrow? Do we want four more years of a President who supports the racist apartheid practices of South Africa?

"I believe most black Americans understand the choice is between Dukakis and Bush, that they are far more sophisticated than some people give them credit for.

Trying to raise "SuperKid" can These pressured children are often dependent and have poor interpersonal relationships. They may develop personality problems.

"Recent research has connected increase in stress symptoms over the last decade with the pressure put on today's kids to be 'superkids.' These children's afternoons are filled with out-of-school activities and tutoring," Dr. Johnson notes.

Inez Calloway, Charlotte; Dennis Schatzman, state executive director and Rodney Sumler of Winston-Salem.

-On behalf of the State Conference, President Kelly M. Alexander, Jr. presented replicas of Motorola radios, the symbol of the Radiothon to NAACP Chairman William Gibson, Dr. Benjamin Hooks, executive director, Jondell Johnson, Radiothon coordinator and Tammy Johnson, chairman, NAACP Youth Work Committee.

Among the North Carolinians who attended the convention were Kelly M. Alexander, Jr., state conference president; Carolyn Coleman, director, Southern Voter Education and former state field secretary; Joyce Gray, Martin Co.; Bernard Cooper, Kinston; Ruth Paige, Greene Co.; Gertrude Stanford, Pender Co.; Melvin "Skep" Alston, Hurley Derrickson and Councilman Earl Jones, all of Greensboro; Doris Edwards, Grene Co.; Robert Reeves, Moore Co.; Lonnie Brower, Moore Co.; Lewis Wood, Catawba Co.; Allen Newborn, Lenoir Co.; Jimmy Summerville, Greene Co.; Elizabeth C. Williams, Goldsboro; Mary L. Moore, Duplin Co.; Linda Kellam, Reidsville; Rev. John London, Hertford, Clifton Stone, Carrboro; Kathleen Mitchell, Greensboro and Ernestine Lewis of Burlington.

### JESSE JACKSON

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executive director of the National Black Women's Political Caucus in Washington and Detroit Mayor Coleman Young.

Prior to joining the Dukakis campaign last year, Brazile was director of operations and special projects with the Jackson 1984 campaign and national field director for the 1988 presidential campaign of Rep. Richard Gephardt (D-Mo).

As secretary of the Dukakis committee, Warren was one of the three original officer's of the Dukakis committee. Recently named general election campaign coordinator. Warren is responsible for longterm budgets and scheduling. communications. He is doorman of -

spokesperson, are John Byhnoe, a pioneer member of the Warren Committee, and lifetime member of the first NAACP chapter in Boston. and retired civil servant.

## TEENAGERS

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But Knudsen said the men entered the arcade "with guns blazing "and were careful not to leave physical evidence.

He also pointed out that all the evidence was circumstantial He reminded the jury of the testimony of Nichols' cousin, Alvin A. Banks, who said Nichols had talked about killing Collins to get the briefcase full of money

And another man testified in court that he had seen Nichols with a shotgun under his coat on the way to Collins' store the night of the shooting and robbery, Knudsen said.

In Superior Court this week, Collins nephew, J. J. McLaurin who was 13 at the time of the shooting, said "two guys burst through the door, and they shouted 'hold it' and 'freeze' and they they just started shooting."

McLaurin and Sheldon Spruill who was also 13 and was in the front of the store during the robbery, said two men burst into the store shooting. One of the men was wearing a green Army field jacket and another wore a tan overcoat. Neither teenager was able to identify the gunmen.

A Wake jury in September, 1985 determined that Nichols was the gunman in the green Army jacket. But witnesses during the trial this week gave slightly different discriptions of the man in the tan coat accompanying Nichols.

McLaurin said they "was shooting backward and forward, and they told him (Collins) to throw the gun down." McLaurin said Collins shouted that he had dropped the gun and the man in the green Army jacket went up to Collins and shot him again. Spruill said he was leaning on a video near the front of the store when the shooting occurred. He said one of the gummer a toe out of the office and shot Green M. Cour d. . . . . . .

because they knew Collins kept about \$30,000 in a briefcase in his possession. A witness said one of the men took the briefcase after shooting Collins

### ENCOURAGES

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the process of a coming. A beloved south. And we have an opportunity here more than any other region of the country to make our region something different, something better.

"With help and support of you b y getting out and working for David Price, we will be that much further down that road to building an interracial democracy, a beloved unity."

The affair was hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Prezell Robinson of St. Augustine's College and was cosponsored by more than 50 black community leaders.

Live entertainment was provided by Walter Chavis on the piano and the Rev. Arthur Calloway on the clarinet. Hor d'hourves consisted of chicken drumettes, assorted cold cuts, diced cheeses, relish tray, a fruit boat, crackers and fruit punch.

Local elected officials present were Wake County Commissioner Vernon Malone, Raleigh City Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr., Wake County School Board member Charles Holland, former-Mayor of Raleigh and State Sen. Clarence Lightner and former-Raleigh City Council member Arthur Calloway.

### **CHAVIS HEIGHTS**

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also for the entire Raleigh Housing Authority, its employees and approximately 10,000 citizens of Raleigh and Wake County.

The Chavis Heights Community Festival will be held on Saturday. July 23 from 4-6 p.m. in front of the Management Office between **Edgecombe and Franklin Terraces**.

**Drive Safely** 

shucking grain.

The killing unleashed a flood of emotions: anger and anxiety, fear and frustration, guilt and grief.

In a broader sense, Carlson's deed raised once more that tangled question of anyone's right to end another's life in a mercy killing especially under slightly ambigious circumstances which, in some people's minds, clouded the issue here.

Not Oscar Carlson, nor anyone else, the town said. He pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in a plea bargain and was sentenced May 26 to 43 months in prison. With good behavior, he will be eligible for parole in 28 months.

At the nursing home, and in the town, Carlson brewed anger and fear. Among his three daughters, he spawned guilt, grief and frustration.

A study done in Israel suggests it may be easier to quit smoking if the smoker switches to a vegetarian diet.

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more to rear a child, parents want a successful child. But pushing a child too hard robs that child of the opportunity for initiative, and the responsibility for his or her own mistakes and credit for achievements.

Parents run the risk of producing children with poor self-esteem.



Healthy child rearing is not too permissive or too pushy. "A middle ground or democratic approach tailored to your child seems to be the best approach. Every child can be a super kid if his or her unique qualities and abilities are considered, and if the child is given challenges he or she can handle.'

### **NEWS BRIEFS**

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beings July 25.

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION**

Wilbur Johnson and Orlando Curry, Sr. are forming a neighborhood action committee to examine and help eliminate crime and poverty through economics and land reform based on principles of "Poverty and Progress" by Henry George. Concerned Neighborhood Action Committee is located at 2533 Sanderford Road.



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