

**Voodoo Priest Sought**

# Beliefs Impede Outreach For AIDS

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Someday soon, Dr. Mireille Tribie, a family practitioner, hopes to enlist the help of a voodoo priest.

She thinks he may help convince Haitian women infected with AIDS that the virus might ultimately kill any children they bear.

"They don't believe what I tell them," said Tribie, director of the minority AIDS program for the Haitian-American Community Association of Dade County.

"They think the disease is mystical, something evil, that someone put a voodoo hex on them. [They think] it's impossible for them to be sick because they don't feel sick."

In Miami's Little Haiti, where some of the city's 80,000 Haitians seek out

voodoo priests for spiritual advice, mysticism and medicine clash with deadly results.

And in minority communities across the nation, religious and cultural practices from disapproval of condoms to bisexuality frustrate health officials desperately trying to change risky behavior.

"There are some tremendous cultural barriers I don't think we'll ever be able to surpass," said Jeanne Easton, director of the Dade County AIDS Program Office in Miami.

"What's more entrenched in a culture than sexuality?"

Tribie has contacted an anthropologist to seek a meeting with the

area's chief voodoo priest, hoping he can preach to AIDS-infected women on the dangers of getting pregnant. Childbirth is so important in the Haitian and other cultures that the 50-50 chance of delivering a healthy child is considered worth the risk.

Haitians were originally identified as a high-risk group for AIDS until it

was shown that their behavior, not their nationality, made them susceptible. In Florida, which has the third-highest number of AIDS cases behind New York and California, 33 percent of blacks with AIDS were born in Haiti.

Many minorities have yet to learn that what they do, rather than race,

puts them at risk for the disease. Much of the complacency and denial stems from the fact that AIDS was first identified in white homosexuals.

Hispanic men who have anal sex with males, however, don't regard themselves as homosexuals and therefore may not recognize the risk

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## Wilson Group Offers Ambitious Economic Plan For Developing

When Ms. Mable Parks went before the Wilson City Council recently to address the economic development needs of the city's black community, she made the kind of history that many other communities across the state and nation may want to copy.

Ms. Parks is one of six directors of the Eastern North Carolina Center for Minority Economic Development (ENCCMED), which is acclaimed by many as the first black group to step forward in Wilson with a sound economic plan.

The ENCCMED proposal states that the organization would seek to encourage revitalization and growth, assist in the creation of a business climate conducive to the formation of new economically sound business

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ENCCMED, with directors Parks, Ted Hooker, retired radio personality; Charles Hines, a retired federal government employee; Ellis Brown, a retired teacher; Lee Bynum, businessman; and Velma McNeil, is seeking \$100,000 from the City of Wilson for seed money to operate an economic development agency designed to assist minority businesses.

According to Bill Brewster, business development specialist for the U.S. Department of Commerce, there is no federal business development center serving the eastern part of North Carolina. The federal government does fund approximately 100 minority business centers in the 100 largest metropolitan areas in the country, but none in the smaller cities and rural areas.

Brewster said he was aware of the state of Tennessee funding two minority business centers in small cities, but had no information regarding municipalities that fund minority business centers.

Parks sees ENCCMED as the mechanism by which Wilson's black community will be able to become "partners" in the local economy.

According to Parks, "There are two things blacks must get involved in, the political structure and the economic structure."

"Our people are politically active... Now we must get them involved in the economic structure."

Just as black political involvement was a long time coming, she foresees the same for economic participation. "We want to help save Wilson," said Hines. "Some things are done in our neighborhoods we don't like."

"They (City Council) have been determining our destiny," Hooker said. "If we don't do something, it'll

## Julian Bond Says Enough, Seeks Divorce

About a week before his 27th wedding anniversary, former Georgia state Sen. Julian Bond filed for a divorce from his wife, Alice, who last year accused him of abusing cocaine, but later recanted the allegation.

Bond, 48, said in the divorce complaint filed in Fulton County Superior Court that his marriage is "irretrievably broken." The couple was married July 28, 1961, and separated in September 1986. They have five adult children.

In the divorce papers, Bond listed his 1987 income at \$99,000 and said he had approximately \$900 in savings and \$1,000 in a checking account. He asked the court to divide their property between him and Ms. Bond. Bond also asked for possession of "various books and art works" in their home. His complaint also described furs, jewelry and clothing and other items held by Ms. Bond.

The couple's marital problems became public last year when Ms. Bond filed a complaint against a woman identified as Carmen Lopez, who she charged assaulted her. Ms. Bond told police the woman was Bond's girlfriend and drug supplier.

Bond, a lecturer and authority on the civil rights movement, denied using cocaine, and no charges were filed against him.

Ms. Bond later recanted her story, which was given national attention, but the investigations continued until the charges were dropped against Bond and others.

Ms. Bond refused to comment on the divorce action.

## Police Action Rejected

# Unarmed Man Murdered

## Citizens Question Slaying

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP)—A predominantly black citizens' commission has concluded that Calvin Green was "murdered" by police and said it would begin a petition drive to remove Monroe County District Attorney Howard R. Rehn from office.

The commission, which has no official power, also asked for a special prosecutor to reconvene the grand jury that investigated Green's killing.

Commission members refused to describe how they conducted their review. The three-page report repeated many of the charges commission members have been making and offered no new information about the shooting of Green by former Rochester police officer Gary M. Smith.

The report demands that an elected citizens' commission be created to oversee the police department and that internal police investigations be made public. It also holds Mayor Thomas P. Ryan, Jr. and the city council responsible for Green's killing.

Green, 30, who is black, was shot five times and killed as he hit in an attic cave at his East Main Street home. He was unarmed.

Smith, 32, who is white, was cleared by the grand jury. He has since resigned from the force.

"The commission believes, after discussion with witnesses at the scene, and because of the many unanswered questions... that Mr. Calvin Green was murdered by Of-

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ADDRESSING SORORITY MEMBERS—Mrs. Annette I. Welford, National President of Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Inc. addressed members of the women's professional sorority. Seated next to her is Omega Parker, Southern Regional Director. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

## Habitat For Humanity To Dedicate New Homes

Wake County is an important stop-over Aug. 11-14 for about 100 walkers participating in the national Habitat for Humanity House-Raising Week walk. They began June 26 in Portland, Maine, and will end on Sept. 15 in Atlanta where Habitat International will convene.

On Thursday, Aug. 11, in Wake Forest, a recently completed home will be dedicated and ground broken for four additional homes to be built during "House-Raising Week." The dedication is scheduled from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner for local Habitaters and the walkers at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh.

The following day, Friday, there will be a two-mile walk in Wake Forest starting at 8 a.m. Then in Raleigh at noon, there will be a ground-breaking ceremony at the new Habitat subdivision on Centennial Drive (off Poole Road) where 21 homes are scheduled to be built by Habitat contributors and volunteer workers.

At 8 a.m. on the third day, Saturday, a walk of approximately four miles will start in Raleigh by Habitat members and supporters. It will begin at the First Baptist Church and end at 10 a.m. at 710 E. Davie St., location of a new home just completed by local volunteers. It is being purchased by Dorothy Gordon for herself and her 11-year-old son, Gregory.

House-Raising Week activities in the Triangle area will conclude on

Sunday, Aug. 14, with a picnic. The joint meeting of Wake, Orange, Franklin and Durham County Habitat affiliates will start at 5:30 p.m. in Eno River Park, Durham. Featured speaker will be the national organization's founder, Millard Fuller of Americus, Ga. For more information about the picnic, call 872-6756.

In Wake County, eight homes will be completed in 1988 with nine more on the drawing boards.

## Leaders Issue Massive Call For Rally To Reaffirm Civil Rights

On Saturday, Aug. 27, more than 500,000 supporters of civil rights are expected to assemble at the Lincoln Memorial to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the great 1963 March on Washington when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his historic "I Have a Dream" message.

Ms. Coretta Scott King and Dr. Joseph Lowery, co-convenors of the Aug. 27 march, said, "An urgent call has been issued to all people of good will to reaffirm their support for civil and human rights by participating in the massive mobilization."

Ms. King, the widow of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is president of the MLK, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, and Dr. Lowery is president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which was founded by Dr. King.

A major goal of the rally is to focus national attention on three issues: poverty and joblessness, world peace, and responding to the worsening conditions in South Africa.

The New Coalition of Conscience, representing more than 700 national organizations, has joined Ms. King, Dr. Lowery, Dr. Benjamin Hooks of the NAACP, Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy, Congressman John Conyers, Dr. Dorothy Height of the National Council of Negro Women, Dick Gregory, Mayor Marion Barry, Mayor Andrew Young, the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Hospital and Health Care Employees National Union, Union Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Ms. Rosa Parks and many other civil rights organizations in sponsoring the march.

Ms. King and Dr. Lowery said, "We urge all American citizens to join us on Saturday, Aug. 27, on the eve of what could be one of this country's most important presidential elections and at a time when we can have some impact upon the future direction of our country at home and abroad."

A national mobilization office has been established in Washington, D.C., headed by Stoney Cooks, for years a close advisor to Atlanta Mayor and

former Rep. Andrew Young. The office is located at 610 Fourth Place, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. The telephone number is (202) 484-2660.

Cooks said all organizations interested in joining the coalition of

sponsoring organizations should call the mobilization office. He said local groups were organizing chartered bus trips to Washington in numerous cities.



NAACP LEADER RETURNS TO SCHOOL—Portia Brandon of Raleigh, North Carolina, attended the NAACP National Membership Leadership University held in Baltimore at the National Headquarters in June. Ms. Brandon was one of close to 70 volunteers who received training on how to organize a radiothon on the local level in preparation for the Association's nationwide Radiothon set for September 24, 1988.



MRS. THJEALETA MONROE

## Family Unity Instills Hope In The Future

During the second year of his administration, Gov. James G. Martin proclaimed 1986 as the "Year of the Family." Gov. Martin wrote in his proclamation that the family is the foundation of society. "It is the mortar of family love and security that bonds together the bricks of strength and builds the walls of family unity," the governor said. In keeping with this spirit, state government has conducted several programs on family life.

Thealeta Monroe, a consultant to Martin on building the strengths of the family, has assisted in 40 family-oriented seminars throughout the state. These seminars, held mostly in churches in rural and urban areas and funded privately, have inspired people to seek training to strengthen their own families.

Top date, 775 North Carolinians have been certified through the

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## Jesse Jackson Vowing To Press For Changes

CHARLOTTE (AP)—The Rev. Jesse Jackson promised a receptive audience at the AME Zion Church Conference that he will continue to press for the changes in society that caused him to enter the 1988 presidential race.

"Atlanta was not Armageddon. It was one round in the fight," Jackson told nearly 6,000 people who jammed into Charlotte Convention Center to hear him speak. Several hundred others were turned away at the doors by fire marshals.

Jackson said even though he was not included on the Democratic presidential ticket, he did not leave Atlanta as a loser.

"Your support made it a good round. But it's not over," he said. "The question is asked, 'What did you win?' What is victory? Victory is inclusion in every level of the cam-

paign—state and national."

Jackson noted in his 40-minute speech that much progress had been made in political conventions since 1932, when no black delegates attended the Democratic convention that nominated Franklin D. Roosevelt. In 1988, Jackson said, some 1,000 minority delegates attended the Democratic convention.

In his talk, Jackson said his campaign had "raised the reasonable expectations of our leaders." Recent proposals by probable Republican nominee George Bush in such areas as childcare, ethics in government, and the war against drugs were a response to his own proposals, Jackson said.

"There are no more impossible dreams. I'm taking the ceiling off dreams every day," he said. "I may

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RAIL TASK FORCE—Governor Jim Martin greets members of Rail Passenger Service Task Force first meeting in Raleigh. From left: Howard Clement III, Chairman; Governor Jim Martin; C. Morgan Edwards, Assistant Secretary North Carolina Department of Transportation. Clement has been named to head the recently appointed task force to study rail passenger service needs in North Carolina.