

## BLACK UNITY

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housewife. She also attends First Church of God, teaches Sunday School, serves as a Girl Scout troop leader and as president of the Married Couples Club in her church.

The Whites have six children. They are a young family and a busy one, but they find time to participate in their church and community, and the parents provide proper leadership and role modeling for their children.

The second traditional family to be honored is the Willie and Ella Leach family of Raleigh. The Leaches are characterized as a family that "prays together, and stays together." This family of seven enjoys being with not only each other, but friends and co-workers, a key factor in their outstanding community involvement and the fact that all five children are married and doing well for themselves (Willie and Ella Leach are retired) makes the Leach family even more special.

Willie and Ella Leach attend Wake Baptist Church in Garner where they have been active church members for years. Leach is a member of the choir, the Deacon Board and former superintendent of the Sunday School. Ms. Leach is a deaconess, a member of the First Aid Auxiliary and the Usher Board, plus she taught Sunday School for 20 years. All five children have also attended and participated at Wake Baptist.

### SINGLE FAMILIES

For 13 years, Mamie McKoy Richardson of Fuquay-Varina had to raise two children alone, but in that time, she's never lost sight of her duty to her God, her community, or herself. The strength and character of this woman is why she and her two children are being honored as an outstanding single black family.

Ms. Richardson, 39, works with the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service as an expanded food and nutrition program aide. She visits families daily to teach them good basic nutrition. For someone who enjoys and loves people the way Ms. Richardson does, her job was made to order.

Ms. Richardson attends St. Augusta Freewill Baptist Church in Fuquay-Varina, where she is a member of the ushers' staff, program chair of the ushers, church reporter, member of the Church Planning Committee, kitchen staff member and volunteer on the Youth Committee.

A graduate of Fuquay Consolidated High School in 1965, Ms. Richardson attended Shaw University. She is publicity chairman for the Fuquay Consolidated High School Alumni Association, a local PTA member and serves at the Pine Acres Community Center. Now that her two children are 19 and 13, she has more time to volunteer. She will be working with the Habitat Association in Fuquay-Varina this summer.

Like the first outstanding single black family honoree, the Garris family of Apex, headed by Ms. Margie B. Garris, is a testament to the axiom of striving to succeed, no matter what the odds. Ms. Garris, 50, is a correctional officer at the Correctional Center for Women but was a high-school dropout. It was when two of her three sons graduated that she decided to go back and finish school. But she didn't stop there. Ms. Garris then attended Wake Technical Institute, and took courses in police science and psychology. She now prides herself in encouraging other adult dropouts to go back and get their diplomas.

Ms. Garris is a dedicated community volunteer, taking those in need to doctor's appointments and doing grocery shopping for them. She is an active member of St. Paul CME Methodist Church in Apex where she serves in the church choir, the usher board, the missionary board and as a deaconess.

A former welfare recipient, Ms. Garris now takes great pride in raising her own vegetables in her garden.

### EXTENDED FAMILY

In today's society, extended families are no longer considered unique, and yet the very fact that not all the members are blood related makes them special nonetheless. But for the Mr. and Mrs. A.I. Goodson family of Wendell, the word "special" doesn't go far enough. The inspiration this family of eight exemplifies is why they were chosen as outstanding extending black family of the year.

The Goodsons are the youngest black farming operation in Wake County, with more than 150 acres. While farmers, especially black farmers, are struggling to survive, and many are losing, the Goodsons are holding their own.

## CHILD CARE

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Southerland, United Way's assistant vice president for community resources. "The other concerns of the committees were affordability, accessibility and supply of day care."

Tackling those concerns, the day care study made nearly 50 recommendations in four areas; employer involvement, government involvement, affordability for low and middle income families and availability of sick care.

"A comprehensive report like this can build momentum and awareness as well as mobilize people," noted Ron Bradford, United Way vice president of community resources. "A lot

of companies here, for example, want to help employees with the day-care issue, but they don't know what to do. This report gives them ideas and can mobilize them in terms of exact strategies."

Among the committee's recommendations are having employers assist in the supply of child care by starting community-based programs or giving money to a community fund for that purpose; increasing funding for day care through several avenues such as Wake County purchasing more day care as a supplement to federal and state funds and businesses and others providing child care scholarships for employees; creating higher state standards for day care; and establishing regulations for sick child care.

In addition to the recommendations, the Child Care Steering Committee generated several themes related to day care issues and specific "next steps" for United Way.

"The committee felt that affordability is extremely important," said Southerland. "Some families are priced out of day care, and as a result, out of the workforce because they can't afford \$3,000 per year per child for care."

In that regard, the report recommends that the community make child care more affordable by increasing public and private funding for child care.

A second theme, information issues, relies on a central coordination of information essential to helping a large community with child care needs, the report says.

In the third theme, the report notes that standards for child care in North Carolina are among the lowest in the nation. It suggests a reduction of group size in child care centers which would improve the quality of care, decrease exposure to illness and create a less stressful work environment for child care teachers.

To meet the child care committee's recommendations, the United Way has planned a focus group on April 19, one of its next steps. Individuals representing all sectors of the community will discuss the report "and help us determine the role United Way will play," said Southerland.

"We will get a clear directive on who does what. This is a critical evaluative tool that must be completed before anyone can do anything."

The United Way's Bradford noted, "All 50 recommendations for the child care committee are important. The report represents many, many hours of work. For the sake of our children and our community, we need to start addressing the recommendations now. That is what we intend to do, particularly with the coming focus group."

## KEEP WIC

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The program also saves U.S. taxpayers millions of dollars a year. A study by the Harvard School of Public Health determined that every \$1 spent on pregnant women in the WIC program saves \$3 in hospital costs for newborns.

"As we approach the fight to get [WIC] fully funded, I hope we do not approach it apologetically, but with great indignation," said Congressman Owens of New York, who testified at a recent hearing on WIC. The congressman pointed out that the cost to fully fund the WIC program is significantly less than the cost of a single nuclear aircraft carrier or the recent savings and loan bailout. "Whenever the power structure really wants to get anything done around here," Owens stated, "we are able to somehow find the money. This nation can afford to fully fund WIC."

Bread for the World, a grassroots advocacy organization which seeks justice for hungry people, invites all concerned citizens to send birthday candles and letters to their senators and representatives from now through August with the message, "Keep WIC Lit. Fully fund the WIC program so that more babies will celebrate their first birthday."

## ASSASSIN

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could have talked about a plea offer. But the fact of the matter is there is no connection between what his father was and what he did." Blair, she told the judge, is white and all his victims black (one victim, Matthew Pringley, testified that Blair had said, "Live or die, nigger," after shooting him in the leg. He suffered permanent nerve damage).

Blair's shooting rampage in the black neighborhood had "been vicious and racially motivated," Long-Doyle said. "He should never come out."

The three victims present in the courtroom agreed. Said Michael Webb, a Blair victim, "This is justice. This is a joke."

## NEWS BRIEFS

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meeting to be held on Monday, April 24, as part of the Neuse River Corridor Study.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Commons Building of the Wake County Office Park on Foothill Road. The meeting is being held by the Wake County and City of Raleigh parks and recreation departments as part of the Neuse

River Corridor Study. The development study is authorized by the Raleigh City Council and Wake County Board of Commissioners with assistance from the towns of Garner, Knightdale, Rolesville and Wake Forest, the Triangle Greenways Council and Triangle Land Conservancy.

## JUDGES' BENCH

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Love was being held in the Wake jail Friday night in lieu of \$30,000 bond.

**MAN CHARGED AFTER CHASE**  
Authorities charged a Raleigh man with trying to force a state Highway Patrol trooper off the road during a 12-mile chase early Friday morning.

Anthony Garland Edwards, 24, of 4315 Leesville Road, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon on a law enforcement officer, driving while impaired, speeding, failing to stop for lights and siren and violating a limited driving privilege, according to arrest warrants and citations.

**LEGISLATOR CHARGES SETUP**  
State Rep. Sidney A. Locks has said in an affidavit that he thinks a Robeson County sheriff's deputy pressured a former jail inmate to fabricate evidence implicating him in drug trafficking.

The Robeson County Democrat, pastor of Sandy Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Lumberton, said Friday that he had contacted the lawyer after receiving a letter from the inmate.

Deputy Wilkins, narcotics supervisor for the Robeson County Sheriff's Department, refused Friday to discuss Lock's affidavit, adding that he could not confirm or deny pressuring the inmate.

### DRUG TRAFFICKING

WILSON—A Wilson man faces drug trafficking charges after police stopped his car and found him to be carrying several pounds of what appeared to be marijuana and cocaine.

Gary Merle Cullum, 30, was arrested Wednesday and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, and trafficking cocaine. He was also charged with possession of marijuana, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana and trafficking marijuana. He was also charged with maintaining a vehicle for use in drug activity.

### DISCRIMINATION LAWSUIT

A lawsuit alleging race discrimination in hiring brought by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in the U.S. District Court in Greensboro against Sunshine Apparel, Inc. has been settled.

The lawsuit was filed in court by EEOC on Sept. 21, 1988. The commission alleged that Sunshine Apparel had failed on at least two occasions to hire Ms. Vondra Moore on account of her race (black).

In a consent decree approved by Judge Eugene Gordon, Sunshine Apparel has agreed to reimburse Ms. Moore for the wages she lost due to the failure to hire her. The consent decree involves no finding by the court on the merits of the lawsuit, and no admission by Sunshine Apparel that it violated the law.

## DRUG PREVENTION

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RHA is working very closely with the police, and household leases are terminated if residents are found to possess or distribute illegal drugs.

The Housing Authority and Resident Council are making it clear that illegal drugs will not be tolerated in RHA's public housing communities.

## MESSAGE

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have come to realize the importance of time...Time is life.

"To be educated means to be in accord with the demands and the requirements of time. The time requires us to be unified as one strength. Create, build, do something for yourself and your people. Do not be a people divided on the basis of fraternity, economy, church, school, or lodge," he said.

"Lead your mind to the Mother Land. Know yourself, your qualities, characteristics, and your mind. Love yourself. Familiarize yourself with the past and determine your future. For every purpose under heaven there is a time and it is essential. How can you plan if you are out of time? Time is the factor that brings us into new fields of knowledge. We are beings of evolution and so is knowledge," Farrakhan said.

In a message to educators Farrakhan said "Believe and do good in accordance to time. As I awakened to the sunrise of a new beginning my thoughts were clear. My mind has been washed by the rains of my Creator. Too long have we been asleep my brother. Too long...A new day is here. Do not condemn your brother. Build, aim, motivate him to do good in accordance with the time. Pride goes before destruction. Allow oneself to evolve by standing on the past while looking forward towards the future," he said.

"No more affliction, agony or suffering of a people destined to the calling of the Lord. The emergence of our strength must sprout and bring forth a new seed. Know that



**HERITAGE AWARD**—On Saturday, April 15, the Oty Sisters were recognized for their contributions to Raleigh and outside the state with the Black Heritage Award presented by Alpha Theta-Omega to four outstanding fashion designers. Seated, from left: Ms. Chloé Oty Laws, Ms. Willie Oty Kay, Ms. Mildred Oty Taylor,

award recipients. Standing, Barbara Flood, president, Alpha Theta Omega; Ms. Laura Kay, Ms. June Kay Campbell, accepting the award for Elizabeth Oty Constant; Ms. Eise Perry, presenter; and Ms. Mary Aldrich, chairman, Black Heritage Committee.

## Wake Co. Lawyer Gets ABA "Pro Bono Award"

Celia Mansaray was presented the Pro Bono Coordinator of the Year Award at the 1989 American Bar Association Pro Bono Conference in Miami, Florida on April 13, 1989. Ms. Mansaray is the first recipient of this national award designed by the American Bar Association to recognize the efforts of those individuals involved with private attorneys who provide representation without charge to low-income clients.

Ms. Mansaray is the Pro Bono Coordinator for the Wake County Volunteer Lawyers Program, a joint project of the Wake County Bar Association and East Central Community Legal Services in Raleigh, NC. She has worked for East Central Community Legal Services since 1985 when she became the Pro Bono Coordinator on a part-time basis. In 1986, Mansaray was promoted to the Co-ordinator position full-time.

Between 1985 and 1989, Mansaray recruited over 200 volunteer attorneys to participate in the Wake County Volunteer Program. Now nearly 400 attorneys participate in

the program. For the past four years, these attorneys have donated a total of 5,871 hours of volunteer service on behalf of over 700 low-income clients. The value of these donated services equals \$440,325.

Also, Mansaray has worked closely with members of the Wake County VLP who were selected for the NC Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award for the past two years. In addition, she continues to assist the statewide law firm of Poyner & Sprull, which became the first NC Law firm to establish a division devoted solely to public service.

## Reed Takes 1st For Her Oratory

BY SARAH GLOVER

Special To THE CAROLINIAN  
Andrea Reed, former WLEA AM personality and 1988 graduate of Shaw University now pursuing graduate studies at Ohio State University, recently won first-place honors in the third



In ancient Russia, it was believed that a skin of red wool wound about the arms and legs would ward off fevers.



**AKA OFFICERS**—Pictured from left are the 1989 officers of Alpha Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Seated: Gale Isaacs, secretary; Joan Silvey, first vice president; Barbara Flood, president; Loraine Hinton, second vice president; Decenia Hammond, treasurer. Standing, Darlene Coleman, graduate advisor, St. Augustine's College; Joan Spencer,

graduate advisor, N.C. State University; Thelma Watkins, graduate advisor, Shaw University; Elizabeth Chano, assistant secretary; Pamela Bright, corresponding secretary; and Linda Gill, reporter. Not pictured are Delores Wilder, historian; Elizabeth Jiles, parliamentarian; and Margaret Hargrove, hostess.

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