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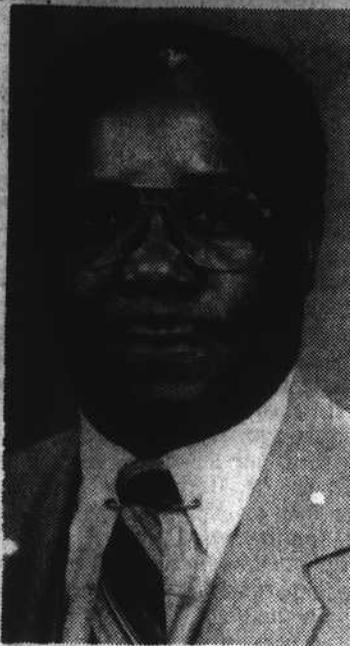
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## NEWS BRIEFS



DR. PAUL VANDERGRIFT

### VANDERGRIFT CITED

Dr. Paul Vandergrift, director of educative services for the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television, was awarded a certificate of appreciation for his contributions to the goals and objectives of the National Medical Association recently. The "Black Issues Forum" episode titled "Health Challenges: Preventive Strategies" examines health issues affecting the black community from birth to old age.

### METHANE GAS PROJECT

The City of Raleigh held a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday at Wilders Grove Landfill, U.S. 64 East, for the new methane gas extraction project by Natural Power, Inc. The company will mine methane from the landfill and transport it by pipeline to Ajinomoto USA, Inc., where it will be converted to steam in a boiler. The steam will be sold to Ajinomoto for use in manufacturing amino acid products.

### VEHICLE DECAL FEE

This year, for the first time, the Wake County Revenue Collector's Office will collect vehicle decal and tag fees along with property taxes for all county municipalities except Knightdale.

Tax bills now being mailed include the fees. The change has caused confusion among residents who have flooded the tax offices with calls. Municipal residents are charged for each vehicle they list for property taxes, said Jimmy A. Stephenson, Wake County revenue collector. The charges replace the old system of buying a town license tag or decal.

The new tax forms have a rate schedule showing the amount charged for the vehicle fee and tax rates for the county and the municipality.

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## Businessman Says Key To Success Involves Diligence And Hard Work

BY YVONNE CALDWELL  
Staff Writer

One of the most distinguished businessmen in Raleigh, whose economic savvy and political astuteness offer a shining example of success and ingenuity, says the way



JOHN WINTERS, SR.

## NAACP Dons Battle Gear To Fight Court Rulings

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.  
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DETROIT, Mich.—Thirty-five years after winning the U.S. Supreme Court *Brown vs. Topeka, Kan.* Board of Education decision ending legal segregation in much of American life, the NAACP is gearing up to battle once more for racial equality it had every reason to believe was a part of completed history. Recent Supreme Court decisions all but reversing *Brown* have alarmed this venerable

old organization and at its recent convention in Detroit, fighting talk was heard throughout the assembly.

The five conservative members of the U.S. Supreme Court were labeled "turkeys," their actions were characterized as "berserk" as principal NAACP officials stepped to the rostrum to express dismay over the recent court decisions. They vowed to take the court to the mat on their rulings by seeking congressional help in fashioning new laws overturning

these decisions and going to the streets in massive direct action to show Congress they want quick action.

The 80th annual convention of the NAACP's theme this year, "80 Years Later—The Struggle Continues," was dramatically appropriate given the rapid-fire anti-civil rights decisions handed down by a Reagan-dominated court. It was a sober, often grim gathering.

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### Prosecutor Says Buchanon

## "Cold & Conscienceless Killer"

### Asks Jury For Ultimate Sentence

A prosecutor called Lenwood E. Buchannon a "cold and conscienceless killer" who deserved the "ultimate sentence." But a defense lawyer said the death penalty was "state-sanctioned murder," no better than any other killing.

A Wake Superior Court jury heard those arguments earlier this week and began considering whether Buchannon, 22, should be sentenced to die or to life in prison.

The jury found him guilty of the first-degree murder of a newspaper carrier. But to sentence him to die, they must be convinced that robbery was the aim of the killing.

Jerry E. Coombs, the carrier, was shot June 10, 1988 outside the Crabtree Boulevard Fast Fare. Buchannon thought the victim was a courier carrying thousands of dollars in his wallet. He had been delivering papers for his wife, an independent carrier for the News and Observer, and had hoped to earn extra money to buy his family a home.

In her closing arguments, Deborah Shandles, assistant district attorney, said Buchannon was a dangerous man whose murder of Coombs was an atrocity deserving of the death penalty.

"He said, 'You die. You die, Jerry Coombs, because I'm going to explode two hot pieces of lead into your body,'" Ms. Shandles said. "The motive was money and because the

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FELLOWSHIP AWARD—Professor Gale Isaacs accepting a BELLSOUTH Foundation Faculty Development Fellowship award from Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, President of Shaw University, and Dr. McLouis Clayton, Vice-President for

Academic Affairs. BELLSOUTH Foundation, Inc., recently announced the funding for the multi-year fellowships for Shaw faculty in the sciences, technologies and communications.

## Shaw Receives Development Grant For Research Capacity, Planning

Shaw University is one of the 12 Historically Black College and Universities (HBCUs) selected as a Lilly Endowment, Inc., grant recipient in the second of a three-year, \$3.8 million effort to strengthen the institutions and their facilities.

Shaw University will use the grant to improve its institutional research

capacity in the office of institutional advancement and planning. The Indianapolis-based charitable foundation awarded this year's recipients a total of \$1.26 million. Selected institutions include 10 private and 2 public schools concentrated in the southern United States. In announcing the grant

program, Dr. William C. Bonifield, Endowment Vice-President for Education, said, "The Endowment is pleased with the results achieved by last year's grantees. We anticipate equally significant progress from these current recipients."

Bonifield said the endowment supports a number of programs at mainstream colleges and universities, but national research demonstrates that a significant proportion of minority students prefer to attend historically Black institutions. Bonifield said, "These schools have proven successful in graduating large proportions of minority students. Further, more HBCU graduates pursue and attain graduate and professional degrees."

We want to provide support for these institutions as they help to prepare the future leaders of this nation." The endowment annually invites a group of HBCUs to submit proposals aimed at strengthening either the institutions or their faculties. The endowment pledged to

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## BWIC Increasing Area Awareness In Growing World Of Investments

BY JOANNE BOYETTE AND  
E.H. HINTON

Each month the Black Women's Investment Corporation plays host to an open seminar to increase the public's awareness and knowledge of investing. Expert information is passed along to the participants in these seminars, in order for them to make informed decisions not only on why they should invest, but more im-

portantly how to invest wisely.

As the BWIC continues to explore the many opportunities that are available in the world of financial investing, the number of ideas and options to achieve financial independence, flexibility and security continue to grow, according to spokespersons in the organization.

At its most recent seminar, BWIC invited LeVell Exum and Darryl

Jackson of LeStep Financial Services, located in Durham. Collectively, Exum and Jackson have approximately 26 years of experience in the area of financial investing.

In his presentation, Jackson focused on how money can be obtained by individuals for investment ventures in real estate, mortgages and business. His expertise lies in his ability to research workable methods to assist clients in securing the collateral needed to start up a business, purchase a home, refinance a current home or making some improvements in order to increase the value of a current residence.

Jackson said there is no secret or magic to securing the finances needed for investing. He added that the majority of money that is invested today comes from real estate, savings, insurance or loans from family and friends. However, the equity that has been built up in a home over the years is usually the most sound and profitable means of securing the type of resources needed for further investment opportunities.

Jackson also added that in working with real estate brokers, the broker's job is to find you the ideal investment property that is most equitable for you. Conversely, a financial services consultant's job such as LeStep's is to be creative and realistic enough in their research to help you find the solution to make that dream investment a reality. Therefore, prior to investing, some concrete planning should be in place by the potential investor.

Exum stated that "Attitude is the single most important factor in achieving success through investing. Since most of us do not possess liquid assets required for investing, we

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## Wilkins Named Chairman UNCF Annual Fundraiser

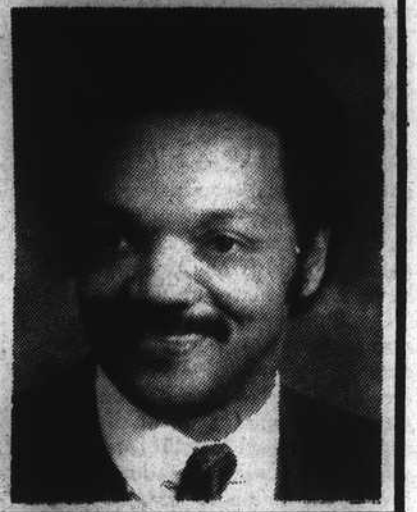
Kenneth C. Wilkins, Wake County Register of Deeds, has been named the new chairman of the Raleigh-Wake United Negro College Fund annual fund-raising campaign.

Wilkins, a graduate of Shaw University, succeeds William R. Windley, who served as chairman of the local UNCF drive for the past three years.

Wilkins' appointment has prompted much praise by presidents of Shaw University and Saint Augustine's College, the local UNCF member institutions.

"We feel that Wilkins' prestige, devotion and expert leadership as our 1989 chairman will be of great benefit," said Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, president of Saint Augustine's College. "His knowledge of the needs of our students will serve as a major motivational factor in this position."

"Mr. Wilkins has been supportive of historically black institutions for a good number of years," said Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, president of Shaw



## Jackson Speaks To Caucus

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, president of the National Rainbow Coalition and former Democratic presidential candidate, will deliver a major speech to the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus on Saturday, July 29, at 7 p.m. in Charlotte.

The 13th annual conference of the statewide leadership group (See JESSE JACKSON P. 2)

## Project Phoenix Aims At Drugs In Public Housing

The reduction of drug sales and usage at special problem locations in Raleigh will be addressed through an interagency project called the Phoenix Project. Efforts will be concentrated in selected inner city public housing communities as well as other identified areas in the city. The action groups assisting with the project include the North Carolina State Drug Cabinet, the City of Raleigh Police Department, the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department, the Raleigh Housing Authority, Drug Action of Wake County, Citizens and Neighborhood Groups, and the City of Raleigh Human Resource Department.

A twelve month program in access  
A twelve month program in excess  
(See DRUGS, P. 2)

## Households In Shiloh Annex With Morrisville

The discovery of pentachlorophenol, a suspected cancer-causing agent for humans, has caused households and businesses in the Shiloh community to seek annexation to Morrisville for fresh water.

According to reports the chemical was used from 1968 to 1975 at a wood-treating operation in Shiloh. However, further reports have stated that traces of the chemical have been found as far away as one mile.

The new owners of the facility, Beazer Materials and Services, Inc., of Pittsburgh, have been supplying bottled water for drinking and cooking to households and businesses with polluted wells for more than a year.

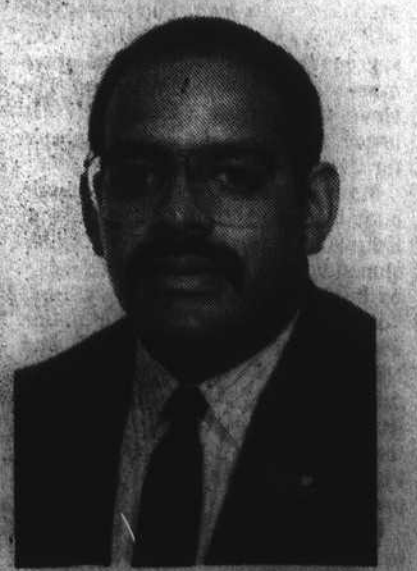
Annexation is being handled by J.F. Wilkerson Contracting Co. and their expected date of completion is July 31. Although Beazer is picking up the tab for this annexation project, a number of Shiloh residents are still very upset, because although they will get fresh water, police protection, garbage pickup, street lights and fire hydrants, their property taxes will also increase.

Some of the more irate Shiloh residents have filed suit against Beazer for negligence and against the town of Morrisville for pushing the annexation requirement.

The newly acquired property annexation for Morrisville will add almost 40 acres and 50 families to existing boundaries. In addition, residents are asking for annexation although their current water supply

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University. "We were especially fortunate to be able to get his leadership for the 1989 campaign." (See UNCF CHAIRMAN, P. 2)



KENNETH C. WILKINS