

TOM JARRETT

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said. Knight said his campaign would seek to strike a balance between the strains of growth and needs of the city's neighborhoods. "We need to look for good development that will enhance the quality of life," he said.

Knight is a Durham native and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the owner of Electronics Unlimited, a retail electronics business with branches in Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill.

Lewis said he wanted, if elected, to further re-development of the city's downtown, work to create more jobs, try to reduce drug use and work to protect the Falls Lake water supply. He is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta.

Mary C. Cates announced she will seek a fifth term and will face lawyer Ronald Campbell.

FRANK ROBERTS

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campaign forum presentations on "the negative record, or the lack of any positive record, of the District 4 school board incumbent, as well as the absence of any kind of advocacy record on the part of other announced candidates in District 4."

Roberts also said he has 22 years of avid and eventual advocacy within the Wake County Public School arena. No one can be a greater degree of effective change for responsible and responsive representation to school board District 4.

"Most community and political activists are familiar with the continuing commitment I have demonstrated through the various initiatives put forth to address the many crucial concerns of the Raleigh-Wake County composite Black/African-American community, whether in the educational, political or civic arenas," Roberts said.

Supporters of Roberts said he has been a persistent and consistent visible presence before the various county and city governmental agencies as an advocate for the rights of citizens, especially black citizens who have become disenfranchised by our governmental structures.

NEWS BRIEFS

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SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The AIDS Service Agency for Wake County is seeking volunteers for a variety of positions including Buddy, residential support, activity companies and transportation volunteer. For information call 834-2452.

UNUSUAL DAY CARE

National, state, and local dignitaries are expected to be on hand for the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Mattie Daniels Day Care Center. The groundbreaking held August 7, at the site of the new facility at 1900 Lipscomb Road, in Wilson. Part of the funding for the center includes \$75,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to be administered by the City of Wilson.

ROBERTS PARK

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with grills. Another shelter is adjacent to the Tot Lot, a fun and safe play area for youth. The other is adjacent to the outdoor basketball court, youth baseball field and tennis courts. The center consists of a small meeting room, a spacious game room, a medium sized gymnasium, a kitchen, an exercise room and locker rooms. The center offers a variety of programs and classes for adults and children.

During the dedication ceremony, Ida Hamer, assistant director at Roberts Park said "the new additions will be a great asset to the community to offer constructional program for youth as well as for senior adults."

W. A. Rainbow, retired Wake County public school teacher, a community resident and one of the

chief innovators of the project said "the building is better than we had hoped for, and the children are beginning to enjoy all the new additions. It's been a long struggle to get the gym addition. My community group was told several years ago by Jack Duncan, supt., a gym would never be built because Roberts was in close proximity to the Chavis Park. "Being one just coming to the Raleigh community, the new addition to Roberts Park is a significant symbol to the black community. It shows that the community cares for its young people and senior citizens. Also the new additions represent unity in the community by working with city administrators to achieve a goal," said the Rev. Wesley G. Rainey, newly appointed pastor at Laodicea United Church of Christ.

INCUBATOR

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process," said facility manager, George Ansp. "We're really excited by the opportunities for business growth." In addition to a great deal more rentable space for start-up companies, the newly located incubator will house such small business assistance agencies as the Guilford Technical College Small Business Center, the Small Business and Technology Development Center and the local chapter of Service Corps of Retired Executives (S.C.O.R.E.), making it a "center for entrepreneurship."

The Ben Craig Center in Charlotte, which doubled rentable space in November of 1980 by moving into a newly constructed facility in the University Industrial Park, is "ahead of projections in terms of lease-up." Ann Giles, who works closely with the entrepreneurs housed in the incubator, thinks that the recession, because of layoffs and closings at larger companies, may have "boosted people to start businesses. They know they need help," she said. "For us, those layoffs meant more inquiries."

It is a well-established fact that companies started in small business incubators have a much higher survival rate than those started outside such a nurturing environment. The past several months indicate that incubators also offer shelter from the storms of a fluctuating economy. While innumerable small companies and a great many larger ones were unable to survive the recessionary economy of the past year, failures among companies housed in the ten state-supported small business incubators were nearly non-existent.

In spite of the recession, the actual number of jobs created by the one hundred plus companies served by the ten state-sponsored incubator facilities grew thirty-five percent over the past year. "The Incubator Facilities Program gives our new small businesses a tremendous boost," said Secretary Estell Lee of the Department of Economic and Community Development. "These incubators help companies get off to a good start and ultimately create hundreds of new jobs across the state."

Small business incubators serve start-up companies by creating a networking atmosphere in which companies may share office equipment, services and common facilities while gaining access to areas of business expertise such as marketing, capitalization, cost control and accounting. The incubated companies emerge from the first years of operation as strong, independent enterprises that typically outgrow the incubator space and "graduate" into the surrounding business community.

The state of North Carolina, through the North Carolina Technological Development Authority's Incubator Facilities Program, has co-sponsored ten small business incubators, located in Boone, Waynesville, Marion, Charlotte, Greensboro, Dunn, Goldsboro, Littleton, Ahoskie, and Brunswick and has extended an offer for funding a facility in Carteret County. The Incubator Facilities Program provides grants that are matched with local funds to assist non-profit organizations establishing small business incubators in their communities.

DROPOUTS

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represented 44 percent of the students in the CIS program last year.

North Carolina public schools have been working since 1985 on ways to keep students in school. Efforts have been targeted to provide a variety of programs and services that will encourage students to remain in school and help them overcome obstacles that may make completing school difficult.

A 1986 study by Duke University's Institute for Policy Sciences and Public Affairs showed that students forfeit about \$179,000 in earnings over their lifetime by dropping out. Today, high school dropouts stand to lose even more.

By the year 2000, workforce analysts predict that 85 percent of all jobs will require some education beyond high school, particularly technical education. For students who did not complete high school, we this will make the economy a difficult jungle in which to survive.

Toys and child choking deaths

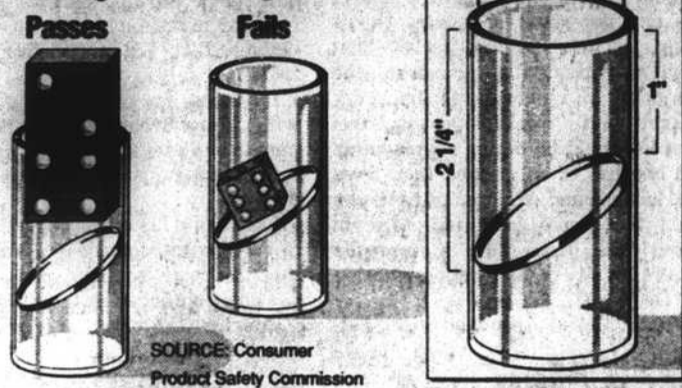
Since 1980, 146 children under age 10 have choked to death on small toys in the United States. Here are the toys that caused the deaths.

Balloons	63
Balls	32
Marbles	8
Others	43

How to tell if a toy is safe

The Consumer Product Safety Commission had designed this simple device to test the safety of toys or other articles for children under age 3. It is available in some toy stores.

Any object that fits entirely within the cylinder is small enough to be a choking hazard.



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BY MRS. LUCILLE ALSTON

Church School opened at 9:30 a.m. with all classes reporting. The subject of the lesson was Claiming Our Heritage from Nehemiah 8:1-3 and 6-9. The classes had a 45 minute study period. The supt., Albertine Sanders, presided. The report was from the secretary, Stephanie Moore.

At 11 o'clock Rev. A. D. Terrell spoke from St. John 10:11. He used for his subject I am the good shepherd: Who is your shepherd. Music was furnished by the senior choir with Emanuel McNeil at the piano and organ. Morning prayer was led by Kenneth White. Announcements were by Sadie Chavis. Rev. Terrell made the altar call. We all should cherish our heritage for my shepherd is Jesus. He walks with me, he talks with me. These false idols will confuse you. You need to have a good personal relationship with Jesus. Do you know who your shepherd is?

The invitation to Christian discipleship and communion followed. The Apostles' Creed and closing followed.

Bible study is held every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

On August 18 Homecoming and family day services will be held.

On August 19-23 annual revival week is set with the guest speaker for the week Rev. Daniel Sanders of Springfield Baptist Church.

The youth department is planning an outing August 10 to Bush Gardens or Virginia Beach.

Our sick and shut-ins are Kathleen Hemby, Bro. John Singletary, Mary Utley, Louvenia Coleman, James Hank, Walter Rogers, Jr., Lola McClean, Houie Johnson, Lovie Jones, Ella Fletcher, Margaret Kearney, Juanita Johnson. Let us visit with the sick and keep praying for them.

God still sits on the throne and He does take care of His own.

District No. 9 Eastern Stars Hold Meeting

On Saturday, July 27 the administrative council Order of Eastern Star (PHA) of District No. 9 met at the Masonic Building in Raleigh at 10 o'clock with our grand district deputy absent.

The devotional was led by Sis. Maggie Jones, Sis. Roberna Smith, Bro. Jesse Fowler and Bro. Jesse Wiggins and Sis. Lanis Fowler. The devotional was short and spiritual with songs and testimonials.

The meeting was opened in the usual way with Sis. Elgie Whitley, Worthy Matron and Bro. Jesse Wiggins, Worthy Patron.

The meeting was carried out in order with roll call by the secretary and the committee giving their reports. Scholarship report was given by Sis. Vivian Williams.

Miss OES was by Sis. Mary Perry; historian, past grand lecturer, Bro. Bernice Williams; souvenir, Sis. Lanis Fowler.

TOP POP SINGLES

1. Unbelievable, EMF, EMI
2. Rush Rush, Paula Abdul, Virgin
3. Power of Love/Love Power, Luther Vandross, Epic
4. Right Here, Right Now, Jesus Jones, SBK
5. Place in this World, Michael W. Smith, Reunion
6. I Wanna Sex You Up, Color Me Badd, Giant
7. Gypsy Woman, Crystal Waters, Mercury
8. F.A.S.T.I.O.N., Rythm Syndicate, Impact

Ewing's State Of Mind Remains A Question Mark

BY BILL BARNARD

NEW YORK (AP) — NBA arbitrator Daniel Collins has settled the immediate future for Patrick Ewing. It is yet to be determined what the effect will be on Ewing's mental outlook.

Collins ruled in favor of the New York Knicks in their arbitration case against Ewing, a decision that means the All-Star center is bound to the Knicks for the remaining four years of his original 10-year, \$14.2 million contract.

Agent David Falk filed the arbitration case in a bid to gain free agency for Ewing, although Knicks president Dave Checketts said Ewing "has never told me that he absolutely doesn't want to play in New York. I was told this was about freedom of choice."

Checketts was pleased with Collins' ruling but expressed concern about Ewing's state of mind about playing in New York.

"The mind and spirit of Patrick Ewing is in a place I don't know," Checketts said. "Until I know how he will respond to losing this case, we don't know what will happen."

Through Falk, Ewing issued a statement in which he said, "I filed this case to exercise my rights which were granted by the Knicks in 1985. I am very disappointed by the ruling of the arbitrator. I feel he made the wrong decision. But I know in my heart that I made the right decision to fight for what I believe in."

Ewing's contract says he could become a restricted free agent this year if he was not among the NBA's four highest-paid players on June 1.

Falk claimed that Ewing was not among the top four. The NBA and the Knicks maintained he was fourth, behind Cleveland's John Williams, Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon and Chicago's Michael Jordan.

Ewing is slated to make \$3.18 million in the 1991-92 season. Williams will be paid \$4 million, Olajuwon \$3.5 million and Jordan \$3.25 million.

Larry Bird of Boston will make some \$7 million next season, but about \$4.5 million of that is bonus money and isn't counted under the provisions of Ewing's contract. Falk contended that Bird should have been listed ahead of Ewing in salary, but Collins didn't agree.

"We didn't see it as a battle we had to win," Checketts said. "It became a business issue and a legal issue and I never like it when player contracts and relationships get in that kind of mode. Hopefully we can build a relationship in which Patrick feels he can flourish."

The Knicks offered Ewing an extension after last season that would have paid him more than \$6 million this season, but he turned it down, saying he wanted to pursue the chance to become a free agent.

Another View Of Socially Acceptable Drugs In The U.S.

BY REV. G. WESLEY RANEY
LAODICEA UCC, PASTOR

Text: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:16-12

We live in a feel good society. Aches, pains, and discomfort are unacceptable. Countless commercials on television graphically and dramatically tell us how easy it is to make our pains go away. Researchers inform us that between kindergarten and the 12th grade, children spend approximately 11,000 hours in school. But, for that same period, they spend about 16,000 hours watching television. One out of every 6 commercials on television promotes the use of a drug. However, these drugs are legal and socially acceptable, and hardly anyone makes any fuss over them. After all, "plopp, plopp, fizz, fizz, oh what a relief it is!" "For the pain and suffering of hemorrhoidal itch, trust Preparation H." And don't forget: "X-lax, your overnight friend." And, of course, everybody wants to know if it "tastes better, or is it less filling?" Drugs are as American as apple pie.

African-Americans comprise between 10 and 12 percent of the United States population, but consume 50 percent of the malt liquor sold in this country. Alcohol and tobacco kill more Americans than all the illegal drugs combined. The point is that one doesn't have to be a "crack monster" to be a drug abuser.

Just because a drug is socially acceptable does not mean that it is morally acceptable for one who gives lip service to the notion that his body is the "temple of the Holy Spirit." Most of us are hypocrites when it comes down to what we "say" about drug abuse and how we make allowances for socially acceptable substance abuse in our own lives. We come down hard on the street junkie who robs and steals to support his habit, but somehow it is more understandable to sit in the privacy of our own home and down a few Johnnie Walker Reds and Bardardi's and Smirnoff's. If, indeed, the Christian affirmation is that "the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit," what difference does it make whether it is "crack" or "scotch." It is simply that society smiles on one and frowns on the other.

I know that some of you might want to debate me on this, and you might argue that I'm exaggerating the point. But before you get too mad at me, let us be mindful of the fact that our attitudes in general about things have a lot to do with the logical extension of those attitudes within the general framework of society. In other words, if our youth see their parents indulging in alcohol consumption to relieve stress, it is just a logical extension of that same attitude that says it is alright to do drugs to relieve stress and to eliminate pain. It is the point of moving from one chemically-induced, mind altering substance to another. If our youth hear us lying, then the message that we are sending to them is that it is alright to lie. If they see us stealing, then they will think that it is alright to steal. Now, there are many ways to steal. Remember, the Bible says that any time we give God less than the tithe, less than 10 percent of our income, we are robbing him. Many of us wouldn't dare steal from another human being, but we think nothing of robbing God. And, we are sending a clear and loud message to our children: that it is okay to steal as long as you think you are getting away with it. If our youth see us go through a 6 pack a night, trying to unwind from the pressures of the day, why is it so hard for us to understand that we have been conditioned and programmed them to seek the "substance" of their choice to unwind and relax. Even if you have not personally conditioned your child by this kind of behavior, society has done it for you.

How has society done it? The many years that we allowed the television to "babysit" for us have paid off in frightening results. In many cases, the television has taught our children more than we could ever begin to teach them. It wouldn't be so bad if parents would take the time to talk to their children about the values promoted on the television, and help them to separate in their minds acceptable and non-acceptable behavior patterns. But many times, parents are so busy doing their own thing, that the children don't have any choice but to learn from television or the streets. The lessons they learn are not always positive.

As we look around our community, and see the devastation and ruinous affects of substance abuse, we must be willing to accept our share of responsibility for the mess we are in. The Black Church must realize that while we have been busy preparing souls for heaven, people have been living in hell around us. Too much of our energy has been spent in counter-

productive theological arguments, while the hungry go unfed, the homeless go unhoused, the jobless go unemployed, and the down-trodden uncared for. And we are fuming about "speaking in tongues," the right way to be baptized, or whether to call the Pastor Reverend or Elder.

Whether you know it or not, the decision was made a long time ago to dump drugs in the African-American community. We don't own the airplanes and the boats that bring that stuff into the country. During the mid 1940's organized crime recognized the potential gold mine in the mass distribution of drugs in America. They also recognized the terrible danger of its use. Faced on the one hand with an enormous potential for profit, while on the other hand, considering the appeal to young people and the addictive qualities of dope, the conscious decision was made to sell dope almost exclusively in the darker minority neighborhoods.

The drug problem has been creeping up on us for a long time now. We've seen the drug market change from heroin to cocaine to weed to crack to crank. Historically, when a new drug is pushed into a community there is a coinciding shortage of other available drugs. If "crack" becomes the most easily available drug, then it becomes the drug of choice as opposed to some other drug.

Today, we are reaping the harvest of a long period of "burying our heads in the sand," and the promulgation of our own fast and loose ways with socially acceptable drugs of choice. As we prepare to wage a war on drugs, we must acknowledge our own complicity in letting things get out of hand.

The Black church has "spiritualized" the message of the Bible so much that the average person can't see any relationship to the present condition of a drug-infested community with the admonition of the Apostle Paul in the Book of Ephesians where Paul says: "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of the dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." We must understand that we are in a war. We are engaged in battle with powerful evil forces. We are fighting the demon of materialism that makes selling drugs so attractive. We are fighting the demon of peer pressure that makes following the crowd so very easy, and standing alone hard. We are fighting the demon of low self-esteem that tells people that they need to do drugs to feel important and worthwhile.

In this war, in this fight, in this great battle, Satan is trying to "take us out." He is convinced that he can win. The Black Church must go to the highways and hedges of our community, and especially to our youth, and let them know that they need not be victimized by Satan's evil power. They need not allow Satan and his forces of evil to control their minds. We must let them know that real happiness is not about smoking a little piece of rock, but real happiness and joy comes from putting your faith in the Rock of Ages. Getting a piece of the rock doesn't mean getting "doped up," but getting "hoped up" in Jesus.

The Church must get the word out to "be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power." To be strong in the Lord recognizes that God has power and strength that we don't have. When it comes to battling drugs, you may not have the strength nor the will; but God has the power. Human effort falls short, but the power of God is invincible.

As we fight this war on drugs, we find great strength in the Lord. We don't need machine guns. We don't need nukes. Our strength is in the Lord. Let us not be afraid to be courageous in this war. For we have One on our side who is more victorious. In the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," Martin Luther declares: "Did we in our own strength, Our striving would be losing, Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's choosing."

Drive Safely

Residents Receive GEDs At Ceremonies

A round of applause should be given to Jeremiah Kearney and James T. Woodson. Although they are residents of Triangle Correctional Institute, limited conditions did not deter them from completing the requirements for their GED. They recently participated in commencement exercises held at Wake Technical College. Both were ecstatic to have finally reached their goals.

Kearney and Woodson are a testimony and serve as role models for others to follow.

Congratulations, gentlemen, for keeping your eyes on the prize.

Sam McLean, reporter.

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