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OUTSTANDING TEACHER

Wanda Goins Brockington Was Recently Named First Runner-Up For Outstanding NSU Teacher Of The Year.
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In July 1897, more than 130,000 blacks were registered to vote in Louisiana, against 164,000 whites. But by early 1900, after the new Louisiana constitution had instituted a "poll tax," only 5,300 blacks in the entire state had the right to vote. The same poll tax was quickly instituted in other Southern states.

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Residents Want Ministers In Crime Fight

BY CASH MICHAELS
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"I'm mad and I'm scared."
The words were coming from a woman who had all four of her tires cut the morning after she called police about four gunshots in the hallway of her apartment building. The drug dealers "own"

her building, the woman said, vividly describing how they boldly block the entrance, forcing residents to squeeze by, or literally step over them.

Whether this beleaguered woman knew it or not, she was speaking for the whole group. For the second time in a month, resi-

dents of Downtown East neighborhoods came to the Wake County Youth Services Building (formerly the old Crosby-Garfield Elementary School) Thursday night to discuss how to save their community from rising crime.

At the first meeting in May, officers with the Raleigh Police

Department's Project COPE (Citizen Oriented Police Enforcement) offered concentrated services, gave out officers' beeper numbers, and gave residents tips on how to help them do their jobs better.

But residents said that wasn't enough. They wanted the City Council to take stronger measures

and pass stiffer penalties for drug dealers, prostitutes and muggers, and they wanted city leaders to come to them to hear their cry.

Thursday night, Mayor Avery Upchurch, along with City Manager Dempsey Benton, Police Chief Frederick Heineman and five City Council members were there, and

they got an earful.

"We need to send a strong message that crime does not build neighborhoods," said Melvin Whitley, chair and convenor for the meeting. Whitley is the author and proponent of three proposals

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Clinton Clashes With Blacks, Loses Support

BY CASH MICHAELS
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As an African-American supporter of Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, attorney Abe Jones is finding out that it may not be the most popular position to be in these days. In the aftermath of the Clinton-Jesse Jackson-Sister Souljah flap, many in the African-American community across the country have decided that Clinton will do anything to win the presidency... even insult black folks just to attract pivotal support from white Reagan-Bush Democrats.

So when Jones, a Wake County commissioner, reiterated his support for the Arkansas governor on WLLC's "Let's Talk" program with Frank Roberts last Wednesday night, it was like waving the proverbial red flag in front of a beyond-irritated bull.

"There are two states in the country that do not have any state civil rights laws, and Arkansas is one of them. He insults black folks. You want us to support him... for what?" demanded one irate caller, identified ominously as "Mr. X."

The caller noted the poverty in Arkansas among poor blacks, and the execution by electric chair of

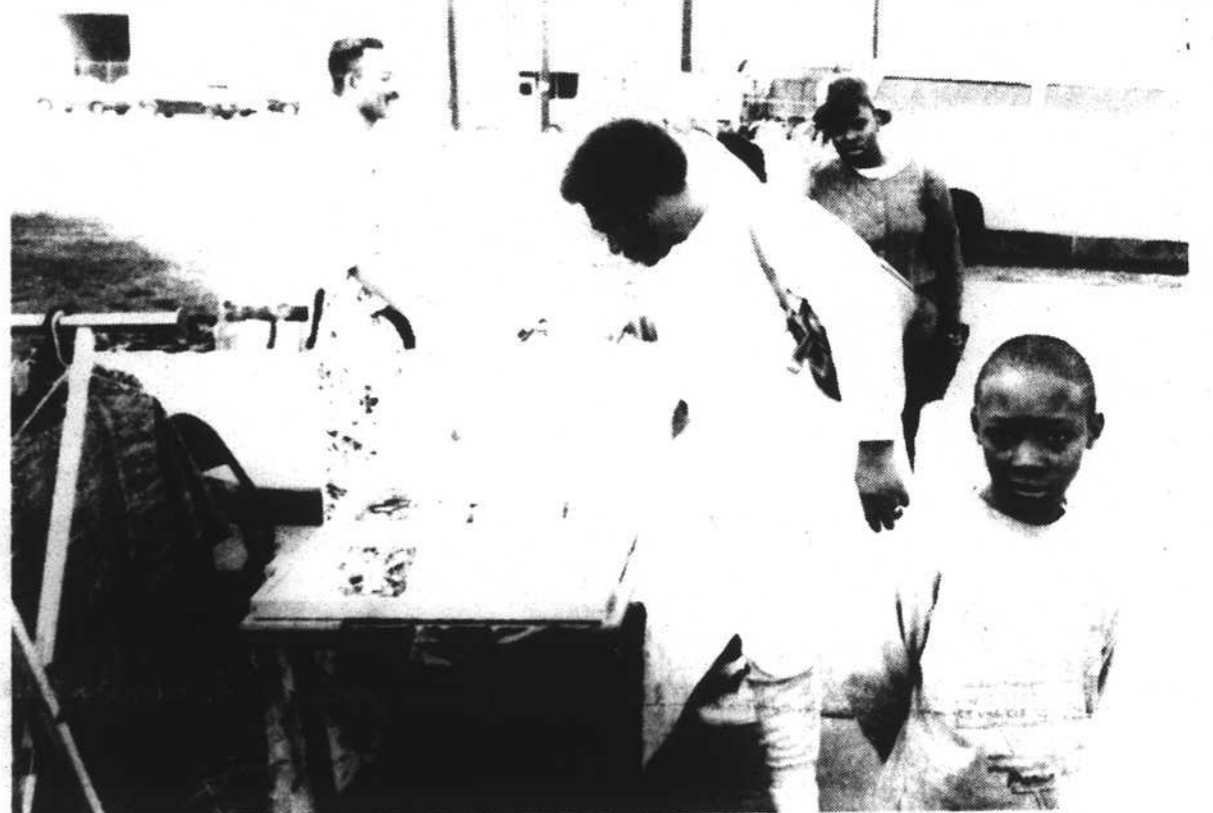
mentally disabled African-American prisoner several months ago, not to mention how Rev. Jackson was embarrassed at the Rainbow Coalition convention in Washington when Clinton attacked alleged comments made by rap star Sister Souljah about "killing white folks."

"I still support Bill Clinton because he supported the Civil Rights Act of 1991, and has done more for black people in 12 years than has been done in a long time," responded Jones. He defended Clinton's record as governor of Arkansas, but was not able to buttress his position with statistics on improved employment opportunities for Arkansas blacks.

"There you go misleading black people again about his record. You want folks to vote for a man that's mistreating black Arkansas folks right now," charged Mr. X. He said that Clinton had been very successful at getting the legislation he wanted passed, so he certainly could have done something to help poor Arkansas blacks.

Jones, now clearly upset with the caller, pledged to come back with more facts, and supported Clinton's criticism of Sister Souljah. He agreed that Clinton

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BLACK JULY FOURTH — African Americans are asked to make a "Black Declaration of Economic Independence" on July 4th weekend. The Business Building Society is sponsoring a black business incubator radiothon to raise seed money on Saturday, July 4 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon

on WLLC AM 570. Across the street from WLLC, on E. Martin Street, the greenway park will hold a Black July 4th celebration featuring the Black Business Business Expo II, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., where the public can purchase items from black merchants.



BOOKER RICE, JR.

Prudential To Attract Minorities

BY SHEHETTIZI WOODLEY
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To attract more women and minorities as sales representatives, a leading insurance company has developed an aggressive marketing and training program called "Managing Diversity."

According to Booker Rice Jr., vice president and career marketing development officer for the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, 85 percent of the new entrants

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Shaw Professors Returning From Productive Computer "Boot Camp"

Professors Nadeem Iqbal, Lillian Cummings, K.P. Satagopan and Robert Hastings are returning to Shaw University after an experience that some participants have called a "computational boot camp." There is no doubt their work during the Summer Institute at the N.C. Supercomputing Center at MCNC was challenging, the professors say, but it was also very productive.

The Summer Institute was designed to teach computational science to undergraduate faculty participants from Shaw and five other

colleges across the Carolinas. Computational science is an interdisciplinary approach that focuses the power of high-speed, high-performance supercomputers on math and science problems that cannot be solved any other way.

Shaw's Iqbal, Cummings, Satagopan, Hastings and the other faculty at the Summer Institute learned some of the computational skills that supercomputing requires. The three-week session included lectures, labs and long hours as well as hands' on experience in turning computations into

vividly colored, real-life visualization images on a computer screen.
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Newcomer Blends Old & New

'A touch of Donny Hathaway, Teddy Pendergrass and Marvin Gaye with a '90s twist' is how R&B newcomer Larry Springfield describes his style. But listen closely and you're sure to hear the full spectrum of R&B genius from the Isleys to Parliament-Funk-A-Delic. He seems to have incorporated it all into what he does while forging his own distinctive flair.

The wide scope of his full-bodied vocals incite a range of emotions from the stone-cold funk of "PPS," to the gritty earthiness of "Don't Say No." His love for spontaneity

shows in his style. So does his versatility, though he has a particular fondness for ballads.

Ironically, he tackles his first single, "All the Way Love," an up-tempo soul track, with the same lustful and robust enthusiasm as his ballads, capitalizing on his raw sex appeal while transforming it into a high-energy rhythmic explosion. Still, for the most part, Springfield says, "I just want to sing and croon and be mellow... you know, the red light thing."

That "red light thing" is what he believes will ignite today's audi-

ences; fans that are into Johnny Gill, Keith Sweat and Keith Washington will also propel him to the top of the R&B charts. Already, his dynamic vocal ability has earned him the 1990-91 male vocalist semifinalist title on "Star Search."

"I want to make love to women with my songs," Springfield says. "That 'I want to do you' theme that is prevalent today, I understand, but it's not me. My songs say I love the reason you are you and not just 'I just want to do you every night.' I try to sing about what I think ladies need," says Springfield, who admits to being somewhat of a ladies' man. "Sometimes a man's sensitivity is out of whack. Men can be a little insensitive. They need to go back and re-evaluate. That's what I try to do. Sometimes, women need to know that men are listening. That's what my songs are all about. I hear what women today are saying, and I'm singing to their needs."

In an inquiry whose trend is slowly getting back to "real singing," Springfield is viewed as a rarity. "The gimmick now," he says, "is really being able to sing." Springfield hopes to contribute greatly to that trend while also scoring as songwriter/producer/co-producer on his debut project titled *I'm Just a Man*.

"And one of my favorites is 'Stand By My Woman,'" he graciously admits. Singing always came easy for Springfield, who hails from a family with a long appreciation for it. He was one of four children born to a sewing machine operator and office supervisor in Memphis, Tenn., just five days after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



LARRY SPRINGFIELD

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ARMS PROTEST

The monthly vigil to protest the arms race will be held on Wednesday, July 1, from noon until 1 p.m. on the Fayetteville Street Mall in front of the Post Office.

BABY PHOTO CONTEST

A baby photo contest will be sponsored by the Muscular Dystrophy Association at Service Merchandise on 3117 Shannon Road in Durham and Crossroads Plaza in Cary. Voting will be held July 4-25, but your child must be registered before July 4.

Bring any 3x5-inch photo of your baby to the Customer Service desk at your local Service Merchandise store. Include a \$10 entry fee. Only the first 50 entrants will be accepted. Pictures will be numbered and displayed on a special contest voting board at Service Merchandise. Anyone may vote by making a donation to MDA and specifying the number assigned to the child. The child who receives the most donations before July 25 will win a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond. Second place receives a \$50 Savings Bond, as does third place. The grand prize winner from 360 stores nationwide will be pictured in the Service Merchandise 1993 spring catalog.

SPIRIT OF RALEIGH CELEBRATION

Join the festivities on Saturday, July 4, as WTVD-TV 11 anchors Monica Shuman and John Clark bring Raleigh's 200th birthday bash into living rooms across the Heart of Carolina.

The parade—which will be televised from 10 a.m. to noon on WTVD—will showcase a potpourri of local talent. High-school marching bands, local military units and clowns will be among the participants. The celebration will also feature an array of antique cars and memorable military re-enactments from Tar Heel history.

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R.E. JONES

Jones To Be Honored By State

R.E. Jones, the late state agent of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service and former chairman of the 4-H foundation, will be permanently enshrined in a portrait unveiling ceremony on July 17 at 10 a.m. in the old state Capitol building in Raleigh. Jones will be the first black person so honored by the State of North Carolina.

Jim Graham, commissioner of agriculture, will host the event. The featured speaker will be Dr. George Hyatt, Jr., former director of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, and the invocation and benediction

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