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## Third Annual Family Reunion Day To Chavis

BY CASH MICHAELS

Staff Writer

For the third time in as many years, the people of Chavis Heights and Raleigh's African-American community are invited to come together as "family" and have fun, but also combat the

growing specter of drugs.

This Saturday, July 25, the Friends Committee Against the Spread of Drugs and AIDS, Inc. presents the third annual African-American Family Reunion, a day of events for the whole African-American family, and a celebra-

tion of the positive aspects of the black community.

"We want to fight negativity by inviting the community to come out and spend the day with us," said James Goode, one of the event's coordinators.

The day begins with a march

and parade from Moore Square downtown to Chavis Park, in Chavis Heights, at 10 a.m. Once there, the celebration and activities begin, with programs, exhibits, prizes and much, much more.

"At 11 a.m. we'll have our athletic events, with the 100-yard

dash and the 60-yard dash, as well as other events that children can enter," Goode said. Throughout the day, there will also be R&B, gospel and rap music, along with free refreshments.

This day of family fun most certainly has a point to it, and that

point will be crystallized when Ms. Jessie Copeland, head of the Tenants Association in Chavis Heights, is honored by the Friends Committee at 1 p.m. with a plaque for her leadership in trying to rid

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### Traffic Tkt. Aftermath May Prompt Challenger

BY CASH MICHAELS

Staff Writer

In the aftermath of his traffic-ticket controversy, state Sen. Joseph Johnson may now not only face serious Republican opposition to re-election, but the possibility of a write-in Democratic challenger, and observers say that challenger could come from the African-American community.

Only now has the heat and controversy subsided from Sen. Johnson's attempt earlier this month to have a traffic ticket for an alleged seatbelt violation dismissed on the grounds that he was a member of the Legislature. Johnson also tried unsuccessfully to have the two Raleigh police officers responsible for the ticket fired.

Public outrage over the incident was so intense that Johnson was forced to apologize on the floor of the state Senate last week, after he went to the Wake County Courthouse and paid the ticket.

With Johnson running for re-election in November, Republicans right away saw him vulnerable, and floated the prospect of Wake County Commissioner Merrie Hedrick, a Republican, running against Johnson as a write-in candidate. Hedrick has not confirmed whether she will indeed run.

But while Hedrick is considering the idea, some of Sen. Johnson's fellow Democrats who haven't been too fond of him for quite some time are also pondering the possibilities of a Democratic write-in challenger, and this one could be African-American.

Though no names have been mentioned yet, a former challenger to Sen. Johnson, Harold Webb, told THE CAROLINIAN that because of Johnson's poor record on important issues to the African-American community, now is the time to challenge his seat.

"It is in fact possible to identify a number of pieces of legislation of unique interest to the black community that he did not support," said Webb, formerly the director of the state personnel office and a

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**EAGER PARTICIPANTS** — For five weeks Gloria Whitehurst, top photo, a sophomore at St. Augustine's College, majoring in elementary education was a safe bus driver and substitute parent for the school's National Youth Sports Program (NYSP). "The kids are always ready and on time to attend the variety of recreational and educational activities," said Whitehurst, a native of Greenville, while making one of her stops in southeast Raleigh at Foxridge Manor. Pictured approaching the bus are Sophia Douglas, Schquinta Patterson, Angela Taylor and Brian Davis. Approximately 300 kids participated in the NYSP. (Photo by James Giles)

## African Americans Play Major Role In Democratic Confab

BY VINCENT THOMPSON

NNPA News Service

The Democratic National Convention in New York City's Madison Square Garden was the place where the party for a while put far out of sight all its squabbles from

the primaries and made it look—at least on the surface—that everyone loves party presidential nominee, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, and his vice-residential running mate, Tennessee Sen. Al Gore.

It took months of work and planning behind the scenes to make everything go smoothly and to make things look just right for the 40,000 visitors who descended on the "Big Apple."

Included in that 40,000 figure were 15,000 members of the media from around the world; almost 5,000 delegates and alternates; 500 foreign dignitaries, and numbers of specially invited guests, including South African leader Nelson Mandela. African-Americans played key roles in this year's Democratic Convention and dominated the movers and shakers positions at the convention.

Democratic National Committee and Democratic National Convention Committee chairman Ron Brown, the first-ever black to lead the party, had African-Americans Alexis Herman as convention chief executive officer, Mario Cooper as convention manager, and Frank William, Jr. as the convention chief financial officer.

Brown, 50, was elected party chairman in February 1989. He leads the charge nationwide to elect Democratic candidates to various state and local offices, plus raise the millions of dollars needed to help the party win elections.

He also has gotten involved in trying to settle squabbles between the party's past presidential candi-

dates to minimize damage to the Clinton-Gore ticket during and after the convention.

The convention was a homecoming of sorts for Brown since he grew up about 100 blocks from Madison Square Garden, in Harlem, where his father managed the Theresa Hotel.

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### Martin Street Baptist Observes 123rd Year

BY ALLIE M. PEEBLES

Contributing Writer

The members of Martin Street Baptist Church celebrated the church's 123rd anniversary and 15th homecoming recently. The celebration was held on three different dates: July 8, 11 and 12.

On Wednesday, July 8, at 7 p.m., the church held expanded Bible study and prayer meeting. Music was furnished by the Gospel Choir.

On Saturday, July 11, the observance began at 1 p.m. and ended at 5 p.m. It included a celebration of yesteryear, entertainment, recreation and a family picnic.

The "yesteryear" emphasis was centered around videos, slides, and pictures that portrayed the growth of Martin Street Church. Artifacts of the years 1869 and up were shown. It was in 1869 that a small group of citizens from Southeast Raleigh gathered in private homes and in the shoe shop of Mr. and

Mrs. Virgil Anderson, and formed the Baptist Interest Group.

The following were the founders of Martin Street Church: Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Ms. Betsy Anderson, Edmund Hill, Leonard Morgan, Weldon Redric, Edward Smith, and Eaton Williams, Sr.

"Talents on Display" was the theme of the second component of the Saturday celebration. The theme for the entire celebration was "Continuing the Dream: Fresh Endeavors—Greater Accomplishments—New Victories." Mildred Love gave a reading titled "Thanks for Our Children," after which Juanda Holley performed an African dance.

Following the "dream" theme, a participant recited quotes from Harriet Tubman portraying efforts toward freedom. Next was the recitation of Langston Hughes' poem, "A Dream Deferred." A piano se-

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### Tightening Of Child Support Enforcement Makes Unmarried Spouses Pay Up

BY ERIK ECKHOLM

Special to THE CAROLINIAN

The goal is worthy: When a child is born out of wedlock, establish paternity and make sure the father helps support his offspring. The record is sorry: as of 1989, only one in four unwed mothers had a child-support order in place compared to three in four divorced mothers, and even fewer actually received payments.

Now, enforcement is tightening up. If mothers apply for welfare they are pressured to name the father. Increasingly, for divorced and never-married fathers alike, support payments are deducted from paychecks right along with taxes.

But the child support system, well suited for collecting from middle-class divorced parents, runs into special problems when poor, unmarried parents and welfare are involved.

The way the welfare system handles support payments can reduce the incentive for some mothers to name fathers, or for fathers to pay. By federal law, when the mother is on welfare, support money goes to the state and federal governments. Only an extra \$50 a month is added to her welfare payment. Therefore, many parents prefer that the father contribute money on the side so the family will get it all.

The inflexibility of child-support laws also causes problems for fathers who work only sporadically. With a support order in place, a father must pay whether he is working or not. Some fall far behind, end up owing the state tens of thousands of dollars and face jail for nonpayment.

In experiments around the country, fathers have had support obligations suspended while they train for better-paying jobs, and the mother receives her welfare grant in any case.

Even better, some experts say, would be a new approach to the setting of obligations. Courts usually set support levels at a fixed amount per week, reflecting the father's present income. When the father is poor the amount may be as low as \$10, and adjusting it often requires cumbersome legal procedures.

It would make more sense to set

obligations as a percentage of the father's income that would automatically change with his earnings over time, says Dr. Irwin Garfinkel of Columbia University, an authority on child support.

This, he said, could reap more money in the future, as the father's income rises, as it usually does even in welfare cases. On the other side, when the father's income drops, large, uncollectable arrears would not pile up.

For true "deadbeat dads" this might eliminate some of the pressure to find a job and pay support. But Dr. Garfinkel contends that any losses would be more than offset by more frequent declarations of paternity, the crucial basis of all future collections.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### OPTIMIST FUNDRAISER

The Optimist Club of Southeast Raleigh will hold its annual Great Raleigh Fish Fry fundraiser dinner on the corner of Tarboro Road and Martin Street on Aug. 8 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Andre L. Tiller, public relations director, said the club has received great support from the community and now "invites the whole family to come and dine under the shade of our new tent, with available seating."

#### PENNEY WINS SUIT DISMISSAL

Wake Superior Court Judge Donald Stephens threw out a lawsuit against J.C. Penney's jewelry advertising Monday, ruling that the state's unusual prosecution singled out one store for a practice that is common throughout the state.

Prosecutors, who had studied Penney's jewelry pricing for more than a year at North Hills Mall, complained that the retail giant inflated its regular prices with markups as high as five to six times cost, then advertised discounts of up to 60 percent off regular prices.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT

Pryce Baldwin, Jr., a teacher at Carnegie GT Middle School, has been appointed manager of the Helping Hands Project, effective Aug. 1.

#### FRAUD UNIT

#### RECOVERS \$600,000

Ann Q. Duncan, chairman of the Employment Security Commission, announced that \$594,936 was recovered during the second quarter when 407 people were tried and 406 convicted of filing false unemployment insurance claims.

More than 2,600 cases were examined during the second quarter by 20 fraud investigators who are stationed across North Carolina.

## CRIME BEAT

**Editor's Note:** This column, a fixture of THE CAROLINIAN in years past, has returned to our pages in hopes of deterring crime in our community. The information contained herein is taken from public arrest records and does not necessarily mean those mentioned are guilty of crimes.

#### MAKES OFF WITH MOPED

Seventeen-year-old Frankie Williams of 514 Ashford street was charged with larceny. Police say Williams allegedly stole a moped belonging to Larry McCoy, Jr. of 2718 Milburnie Road. The location of the crime was Williams' address.

#### KNIFE ASSAULT

René Michelle Davis, 25, of 6708-A Glendover, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to do bodily harm. Police say Davis allegedly stabbed and cut 27-year-old Vincent Herbert Davis (believed to be her husband) with a knife. Davis was taken to Wake Medical Center for treatment of his wounds.

#### ATTEMPTED RAPE

Jesse Kornegay, 38, of "Anywhere Raleigh" was charged with attempted rape and assault with intent to do bodily injury. Police say Kornegay allegedly attempted forcible rape on an unknown victim, who reported the crime. The victim was taken to Wake Medical Center for treatment.

#### ASSAULT ON A FEMALE

Thirty-year-old James Arthur Duncan of 1508 Poole Road was charged with assault on a female. Police say Duncan allegedly struck 31-year-old Evonne Dunn of the same address with his fist.

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