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# Knowledge

#### What's Goin' On?

Zeta Week continues today with Skin Care Basics," co-sponsored with Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. and Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. The pre seters will be McKay Cosmetics The time is 7:30pm in the Multipurpose Room of Witherspoon Stu dent Center.

#### **Duke Lecture Series**

Duke University will host William G. Bowen, author of "The Shape of the River: Long-Term Consequences of Considering Race in College and University Admissions" on Feberuary 17, 1999 at 7:30 pm. The acclaimed author will speak in a lecture series aimed ing insight into diversity is-

#### National Town Meeting

The NCSU Office for Equal Opportunity announces broadcast of "Racial Legacies and Learning: How to Talk about Race," a live na tional town meeting, on Wednesday, January 27 from 12:45pm to 3pm. Following the broadcast, there will also be a facilitated dissussion with campus and business members from 3pm to 4pm, both to be held at the McKimmon Cen-

#### **Fashion Show Auditions**

The Afrikan Amercian Textile Society (AATS) wil host model auditions for the "Fashion Expose," on Thursday, January 21. Auditions will be held in room 356 of the Witherspoon Student Center from 6pm to 8pm. For more information, contact Daphne at 512-6164.

The Afrikan American Voice of North Carolina State University

## University Hosting 14th MLK Festival

Staff Report

Eddie Wayne Lawrence, executive director of the N.C. Human Relations Commission, will be the guest speaker at the 14th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Festival at NC State on Saturday. January 23.

The festival, which commemorates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., provides an array of educational and entertaining activities of interest to the community. Most festival activities are free and open to the public, noon-5 p.m., at the Jane S. McKimmon Center.

The festival traditionally draws more than 1,000 participants and is sponsored by NC State's African American Cultural Center in collaboration with St. Augustine's College and Shaw University. Activities include various age-appropriate workshops and creative activities for adults, teens, preteens and elementary school children. Speakers will include African-American leaders from the university and surrounding community. Oratorical contests also will be held for high school and college students. This year's Festival Cultural Hour begins at 4 p.m. and will include guest performances by local music, dance and theater en-

In his speech during the optional 5:30 p.m. dinner at the McKimmon Center, Lawrence will focus on the festival theme, "Manning the Post: Forever Vigilant for Freedom." Lawrence is an NC State alumnus who earned his master's degree in counseling education.

He is known for his dedication to human rights, youth issues, community economic development and the empowerment of African-Americans. As head of the Human Relations Commission, Lawrence oversees the work of the 21-member board and the 15-member Martin Luther King Jr. Commission. He also pastors Greenwood Baptist Church in Warrenton.

Dinner tickets are \$11.50 for ages 13 and up and \$5.75 for children. An after-dinner performance in Stewart Theatre will feature the National Black Touring Circuit's,



"I Have a Dream," a theatrical and musical performance based on the words of Dr. King. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for students with an ID, and \$5 for senior citizens and

Due to space limitations, registration is required for all daytime festival activities. Check-in will begin at noon, with an opening assembly set for 12:30 p.m. Concurrent workshops will run from 1 to

Workshop topics for adults include a discussion of leadership led by Dr. Lawrence M. Clark, and a panel discussion on education with Yvonne Simons. Teens from 14 to 17 may choose from topics such as opportunities for young people. The 10-13 age group will learn techniques for organizing for change, while children 5-9 may choose to learn more about Dr. King.

#### Delegates Attend National Black Student Leadership Development Conference

#### **By Harold Pettigrew**

Staff Reporter

"Do you want a Revolution?" This question was one of many enlightening topics and ideas that ere introduced recently at one of the largest student leadership development conferences over the last few years. Held in Richmond, Virginia, the conference, known as the Carroll F.S. Hardy National Black Student Leadership Development Conference, is held annually and is named after the cultural visionary who started the conference almost 15 years ago.

Over 1200 students were in attendance at this year's conference, with the theme "A New Vision: Leadership, Academic Excellence, Ethical Responsibility and Spiritual

Growth," an idea that issued a challenge to student leaders from around the nation.

This challenge encompassed change for the new millennium, giving student leaders insight and direction to impress upon the various dimensions of campus life at their respective universities.

Universities from as far north as Alaska and as far south as Florida sent leaders from their Afrikan American student population to explore a range of topics from spirituality and leadership to career mapping from the classroom to the board room.

NC State had several campus faculty members and student representatives who participated in the conference, with three college coordinators, and approximately 16 student leaders in attendance. The conference had an overall attendance of approximately 1200 stu-

Nationally acclaimed speakers and lecturers gave inspiring and motivating remarks mostly in regard to the issue of leadership development and our future leaders in today's society.

The list of speakers included Dr. John Hope Franklin, Profess Emeritus of History at Duke University; Winnie Madikizela Mandela, president of the African National Congress' Women's League; Dr. Frank Hale, Professor Emeritus Ohio State University; Patricia Russell-McCloud, orator and motivational speaker: and Bev Smith, public speaker, among others.

conducted The seminars throughout the conference addressed the issue of spirituality, cultural understanding, business etiquette, an analysis of Greek lettered Organizations and building your financial security in your 20's

Dr. Hardy stated "this conference serves as a catalyst to help you to dream big dreams, to give back to your communities, to become ethically responsible and spiritually connected leaders."

Since the establishment of this conference, student leaders have established lines of networking across the country.

The conference is expected to have an attendance 2,000 in the near future.



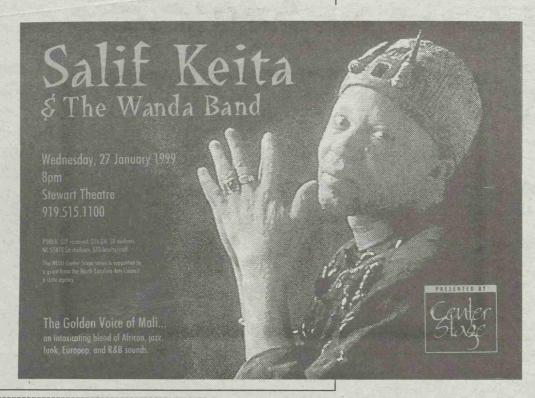
Farewell to a Legend and hello to the Tarheels, this week in Sports.

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What is EB? What is St. John's Wort? Renee Johnson answers these questions in Health.

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With only the permission of our ancestors and our elders do we proudly print this and all editions of The Nubian Message. Always keeping in mind and spirit: Dr. Yosef ben-Yochannan, Dr. John Henrik Clarke, Dr. Leonard Jefferies, The Black Panther Party, Mumia A. Jamal, Geronimo Pratt, Dr. Lawrence Clark, Dr. Augustus McIver Witherspoon, Dr. Wandra

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# SPORTS

# Flight 23 Has Finally Landed

**By Trey Webster** 

Sports Editor

"Air", "His Airness", "MJ", "The Greatest Ever", "God in Basketball Shoes", whatever you choose to call him, the name describes just one person. Michael Jeffrey Jordan!!!!! Jordan, whose spectacular career has captivated fans and players alike with his almost God-like talent, has decided to finally put the game he loves so dearly behind him.

In a historic press conference held yesterday at 12:00 p.m., Jordan who always said "he would leave on his own terms," retired from the game of basketball.

Always wanting to leave out on top, he got his chance by scoring the last bucket of the 1997-1998 season, in dramatic Jordan fashion by "breaking" Byron Russell's ankles, and buckling his knees like seat belts, in what would come to be the last two points of a stellar NBA career.

Over the years, we mere mortals have gotten a glance of what is the greatest ever to put on basketball shoes.

After being drafted #3 in 1984 by the Chicago Bulls, out of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the NBA gained a preview of the future, and it looked



Michael Jordan announcing retirement at Wednesday's

great.

press conference.

Terrorizing the league with his patented tongue hanging and ballerina like moves, everyone knew that this country boy from Wilmington, NC was going to take this game to a level never seen before, surpassing the likes of Wilt Chamberlain, Larry Bird, and Magic Johnson.

As a rookie, Jordan was named as a starter to the All-Star team, an accomplisment only a handful of rookies have attained. Demolishing defense around the league, Jordan was soon receiving respect from his elders and taking it from those who refused to yield to his greatness, and he was just getting started!

Winning back-to-back slam dunk titles showed why he was the best to ever play in the "Air." What sports fan will ever forget the dunk contest between Jordan and Dominique Wilkins in the old Chicago stadium, were Jordan, who needed a 50 to win, looked to Dr. J for support, backed up, and took off from the free throw line, in what would come to be the longest 3 seconds of many of our lives.

After completing the dunk, we all saw the crowd go wild, and Nique shielding his face, because he knew, he has just "took 'L'" on national television.

Though these accomplishment where nice, Jordan was still to be labeled by critics (who had know idea what they were talking about) as a player who didn't know how to help his team win. In true Jordanique fashion, he took these words as a challenge and pushed himself to be a better player.

Defeating the Detroit Pistons in 1991, the Bulls finished off the L.A. Lakers in winning the first Bulls championship. As we all watched as if our eyes were glued to the TV, we saw Jordan weeping like a baby, while cuddling the championship



Jordan weeps after winning one of his world championsip with the Chicago Bulls.

trophy in his arms like it was a helpless child.

This turned out to be the first of three championships by the Bulls, before the dreaded retirement of #23. After a brief baseball stint with the Birmingham Barons, following the death of his father James, Jordan decided to hang up his cleats and return to the league that so desperately needed him.

On February 2nd two words sent the NBA and the rest of the world into a frenzy: "I'M BACK!!!!" After his first full season upon returning to the NBA, the Bulls were back on top defeating the Seattle Supersonics, snatching the glove off Sonics star Gary Payton's hand, and placing a muzzle on his mouth.

The next challenge for the Bulls came from the Utah Jazz two years straight. After Steve Kerr took a Jordan pass and dropped a bomb on the Utah's season, Jordan decided to take the matter into his own hand during the final seconds of last year's championship.

After hitting a driving lay-up to pull within one point, the all-defense team player, came from behind the Mailman Karl Malone, to take his candy as if he was a crying baby.

Refusing to call a time-out and having all the assurance he needed from the bench, MJ let the clock run down, and played Byron Russell like a nintendo, with a jumper as soft and sweet as church music.

This is the last Jordan moment that we will ever experience, and most aassuredly will all remember. Finishing his career with 3rd all-time in scoring, and steals, MJ was quick to leave a little hope behind for his fans by saying that there is a 99.9% chance that he will not be coming back.

For many fans that .1% is enough to keep them watching, hoping, and praying that our eyes will grace that



MICHAEL JORDAN'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

•A member of six Chicago Bulls NBA championship teams (1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1995-96, 1996-97 and 1997-98) and was named NBA Finals MVP each year

Named NBA Most Valuable Player five times (1987-88, 1990-91, 1991-92, 1995-96, 1997-98) and to the All-NBA First Team ten times (1986-87 to 1992-93, 1995-96 to 1997-98)

\*Selected in 1996 as one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA History

•Ranks 3rd in NBA history in points (29,277) and steals (2,306), 4th in field-goals made (10,962), 5th in field-goals attempted (21,686) and 7th in free-throws made (6,798)

 Closed the 1997-98 season as the Bulls' all-time franchise leader in points, assists (5,012), steals, games (930), field-goals made and attempted and free-throws made and attempted (8,115)

•Holds the NBA record for highest career scoring average (31.5 ppg)

•Holds the NBA record for most seasons leading the league in scoring (10)

For more MJ highlights, check out www.nba.com

#### Tarheel and Wolfpack Showdown This Weekend

**By Trey Webster** 

Sports Editor

For those of you this past weekend who happened to walk through central campus and past the bookstore, you may have caught a familaiar glimpse of students living in tents with generators lined up and down the street. If you have any inkling of an idea about sports whatsoever, you know this could only mean one thing: The Carolina game is on the horizon.

Every year, students get together for "campout" in efforts to get the best tickets for a big ACC matchup. One of the biggest rivalries in the ACC historically, has been the contest of the NC State Wolfpack and the Tarheels of UNC. Few games excite college basketball fans than these two teams. Being only 20 minutes away, there has always been a deep dislike between the two school, each respective school telling the other two to go to HE\*\*!! in there respective fight songs. At the same time there is also a sense of respect between the two teams, one where no matter what happens on the playing field, or court, it is understood that it was a good, hard fought battle

The upcoming game between

these two teams will be no different

Last year, the Wolfpack knocked off the #1 ranked Tarheels, who were picked by many to win the NCAA tournament, in possibly one of the biggest upsets in college basketball history. This year, though ranked in the top 10 on AP Polls, the Tarheels are a very vulnerable team after losing two superstar players to the NBA, Vince Carter and Antwan Jamison.

NC State, who has struggled as of late, is growing up fast, and starting to learn one another and are quickly becoming of the best up and coming teams in the nation. With a backup court of Justin Gainey, and newcomer Anthony Grundy, along with the frontcourt of soon to be ACC All-American Kenny Inge and Damon Thorton, the Pack is a team to be reckoned with.

UNC Chapel-Hill has what many believe as the best point guard the nation in Ed Cota. Cota is taken over the team in after the departure of Carter and Jamison, and has showed that he can put this team on his shoulders. Leading the ACC in assists with an average of 7.6 a game, and at the same time averaging 10.8 points and an improved outside jump shot, Cota is a premier athlete who should be hard for the

Wolfpack backcourt to contain

Along with Cota is his Aussie teammate Ademola Okulaja, who leads his teams in scoring with 14 points a game, and is the heart and soul of this team. If one could measure hussle point and heart, Okulaja would easily be number one in that category.

N.C. State on the other hand, who is 11-5 to start off the season is beginning to make strides in it's offense and improve on their already good defense. Kenny Inge is tied for 11 in the ACC in rebounding with Terence Morris of Maryland, and is second on the team in scoring (12.0pts) has been one of the bright spots in this short season. The super sophomore from Virginia Beach, VA is having a great season, and has been the backbone of the Wolfpack all season long.

Also, junior Justin Gainey, has begun to set up and play with the style reminiscent of his first year at State.

Both of the teams have games before their heated matchup on the 16th of this month, but fans from both schools will be packed into Reynolds Coliseum and in front of their TV sets to watch what many hope will be best game of the ACC season. Go Pack!!

#### SPORTS WRITERS WANTED!!

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January 14, 1999

# CULTURE

## Afrikan Country Spotlight: Sierra Leone

Official name: Republic of Sierra Leone Independence: April 27, 1961

Capital: Freetown Currency: Leone

Income: (per capita US\$) 160 (1990)

Area: 27,925 sq. mi.

Population: (1991 estimate) 4.2 million

Illiteracy: 79% (1991)

Ethnic divisions: Temne 30%, Mende 29%, Creole 2% Religious groups: Muslim 60%, Animist 30%, Christian 10%

Languages spoken: English (official), Krio (lingua franca), Temne, Mende, Other tribal languages

International relations: Commonwealth, EC, OAU, UN

Exports: Bauxite, cocoa, coffee, diamonds, rutile

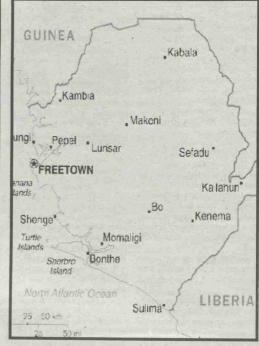
Sierra Leone was one of the first West African British colonies. Foreign settlement did not occur for another two centuries, when the British laid plans for a refuge within the British Empire for freed slaves. In 1787, the site of Freetown received the first four hundred freedmen from Great Britain. Disease and hostility from the indigenous people almost eliminated this first group. Five years later, however, another group of settlers, 1,000 freed slaves who had fled from the United States to Nova Scotia during the American Revolution, arrived under the auspices of the newly formed British Sierra Leone

Company. In 1800, about 550 blacks arrived from Jamaica via Nova Scotia; these were the Maroons, escaped slaves who maintained their independence in the mountains of Jamaica.

The 1951 constitution provided the framework for decolonization. Independence came in April 1961, and Sierra Leone became a parliamentary system within British Commoonwealth. In April 1971, it adopted a republican constitution, cutting the link to the

British monarchy but remaining with the Commonwealth, Siaka Steven who fought for government control of the country's major resources, namely — iron and diamonds — eventually held the power. In 1984 countrywide disturbances spread and several attempted coups have took place

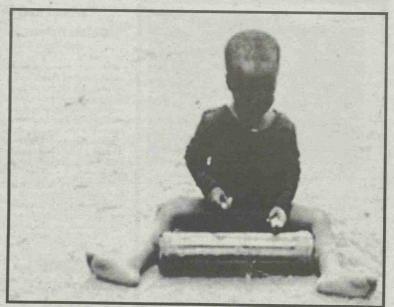
Eighteen ethnic groups make up the indigenous population of Sierra Leone. The Temne in the north and the Mende in the south are the largest. About 60,000 are Creoles, descendants of black settlers from Great Britain or North America.



Sierra Leone



Workers in a Sierra Leone rice field



Young boy playing kele drums.

courtesy photo

Interested in culture? Care to write about it?

If so, contact Myshalae Jamerson, Culture Editor, at 515-1468 or come by Room 372 of the Witherspoon Student Center for an application.



# HEALTH

### St. John's Wort: Nature's Prozac

By Renee Johnson Health Editor

There is a growing trend in our nation where many Americans look to alternative methods of treating various illnesses. Of these methods includes natural herbs that can be found at any health food store. One of these herbs of increasing interest and use is known as St. John's Wort.

Over the past year, St. John's Wort has become increasingly popular within the United States as an alternative natural anti-depressant. Many are using this anti-depressant as a "pick-me-up."

The name St. John's Wort refers to the plants Hypericum perforatum and Hypericum augustifolia. H. augustifolia is rarely used in commercial preparations. The medicine is derived from the flowering tops are the best source for extracts, but the entire above ground portion of the plant is also used.

The H.perforatum plant is native to Europe, western Asia, North Africa, Madeira and the Azores. It has been transported and now grows wild in parts of Australia and North America, notably Oregon and the Pacific Northwest, where it is known as Klamath Weed.

As an antidepressant, St. John's Wort can help improve such matters as psychogenic disturbances, depressive states, sleep disorders, anxiety and/or nervous excitement, particularly those associated with the onset of menopause. Oily Hypericum preparations are approved for stomach and gastrointestinal complaints and have anti-diarrheal activity. It is also used externally to heal wounds and bruising mainly in European countries.

External uses include treatment and after-treatment of incised and contused wounds, muscle aches and first degree burns.

Many people perceive St. John's wort as an alternative to the common antidepressants such as Prozac, Effexor, and Wellbutrin. Up to 70% of the people using these other antidepressants experienced sexual dysfunction. St. John's Wort, however, rarely, if ever has been found to cause sexual dysfunction. Many of the people who used these later antidepressants have now chose to switch to St. John's wort.

Human studies consistently report

that St. John's wort has far fewer side effects than conventional pre scription anti-depressants and is tolerated better by patients. However, all studies reviewed were fairly short (4-8 weeks). Most anti-depressants become effective after a few weeks; but it may take longer than 8 weeks for antidepressants to build up to maximum effectiveness in certain individuals. The doses of antidepressants used in the control groups of these studies were relatively low. Thus, the effectiveness of St. John's wort is unknown when compared to a high dose of these

St. John's wort has never been compared to SSRIs (Prozac or Zoloft), to MAOIs or to any of the newer antidepressants like Effexor. It has only been compared in humans to tricyclic antidepressants (specifically amitriptyline, imipramine, and maprotiline) and in rats and mice to the above antidepressants plus a non-tricyclic called bupropion. It has been found similarly effective to the above antidepressants but there are a large number of people for whom tricyclic antidepressants don't work and animal studies don't necessarily carry



Hypericum perforatum, the flower used in the preparation of St. John's Wort.

over into human effects.

St. John's wort has also never been tested in severe depression. Anecdotal reports I've received suggest that its action is not as effective in severe depression.

The herb appears safe enough to help with common mild depressive moods. As with any new product or medicine, one should consult with their physician before using a new product. Researching the product also helps in determining the correct medicine to take.

### Attention Health Majors:

Learn more about your field. Write about health for the Nubian Message. Anyone interested should contact Renee Johnson, Health Editor, at 515-1468 or stop Room 372 of the Witherspoon Student Center.

## What is EB?

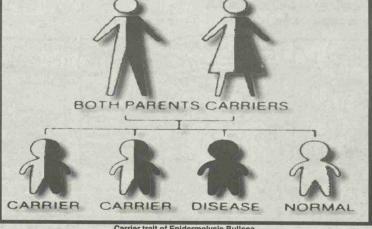
### By Renee Johnson Health Editor

Several conditions exist where the skin is severely affected. One such condition is known as Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), which is a group of inherited disorders in which the skin and mucous membranes are so fragile that the slightest touch may cause painful blistering. EB, a lifelong disease often present at birth, causes severe physical, emotional and financial hardships for the affected persons and their families.

There are two types of EB. The non-scarring forms vary in severity from seasonal blistering of the hands and feet to widespread blistering during much of the year. In some cases, blisters appear over 75 percent of the body, outside and inside. Even the mildest forms can transform simple tasks such as walking and typing into impossible ordeals.

The most severe forms are characterized by open sores and blisters that heal slowly, if at all. Continuous blistering leads to scarring that causes disfigurement and immobilization of fingers and toes and arms or legs.

Blisters and scar tissue in the mouth, esophagus, throat and stomach are often serious complications leading to secondary infection, anemia and malnutrition. General debilitation, cancer and premature death can also result.



Carrier trait of Epidermolysis Bullosa

More than 50,000 Americans, mostly children, suffer from EB. It is estimated that one out of every 50,000 infants is born with EB. Of these children born with the illness, their is fairly large fatality rate.

The different forms of EB are inherited through several abnormal genes which are either dominant or recessive. In the dominant forms of EB, only one copy of the abnormal EB gene is required to produce the disease. Thus, the disorder can be passed from an affected parent to child.

With each pregnancy, a parent

who has dominant EB has a 50 percent chance of producing a child with the disorder, and a 50 percent chance of producing a child without EB. The chance is the same whether the child is a boy or a girl, and birth order does not make a difference.

In the recessive forms of EB, two copies of the same abnormal gene are required to produce the disease. A child must inherit two recessive EB genes - one from each parent - in order to have the disease. A person who inherits only one recessive gene is known as a "carrier".

A carrier usually appears to be

normal. Each time two carriers produce a child there is a 25 percent risk that their child will have EB; there is another 25 percent chance that the child will be totally free of EB; and there is a 50 percent risk that each child will be a carrier, like the parents.

Again, the sex of the child and the birth order do not matter. Each of the forms of EB is different, and the type of EB in the family determines the medical problems that EB will cause and the risk to future generations.

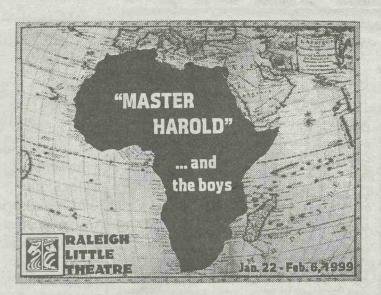
Presently, EB cannot be diag-

nosed by amniocentesis; researchers, however, are studying this important area. Fetoscopy has been used successfully to determine if an unborn baby is afflicted. In fetoscopy, a special instrument is inserted directly into the uterus to observe the fetus and take blood samples and skin biopsies.

Although there are many new ideas that may someday lead to a cure, there is currently no drug or therapy that will correct the disease or completely control the blistering. In all forms of EB, treatment is directed toward protecting the skin against trauma, preventing infection, attending to nutritional deficiencies, and physical therapy to minimize deformities. When blisters form they should be opened to reduce pain and prevent additional swelling.

An antibiotic cream can be applied to the open area, and covered with a non-adhering dressing. The pharmaceutical industry is attempting to develop more effective dressings that will not only speed up healing, but also reduce pain and discomfort.

Research is the only hope for ending the suffering of EB victims. In medical centers throughout the country, scientists are studying EB and working on ways to improve the diagnosis of EB and treat its effects. Some researchers are trying to locate the EB gene and develop a test for screening carriers.



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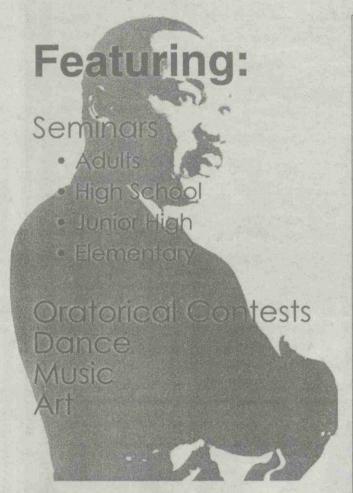
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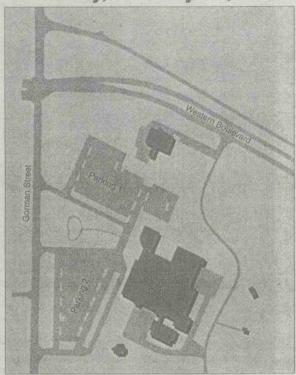


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