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Ms. Margaret Williams
Office of the First Lady
The White House
Old Executive Office Building—Room 100
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Maggie:

Since it's likely that you received a letter inviting* you to Richmond that may have used my name as leverage (ha!) I decided that the least I could do is communicate my joy directly to you about the new (wonderful!) Clinton Administration, and about your position with the First Lady. And I hear through the Wilkins connection that Ms. Lieberman is by your side. An awesome team for sure. My best to Evelyn.

Maybe you've heard, maybe not, but after years of pondering the move back to Richmond, here I am, once again. This time, in a very different way.

The Richmond Free Press began as an idea on the third floor in our home in Baltimore and with Ray as the lead in this "drama," we returned to Richmond more than a year ago to establish the Free Press, several samples of which are enclosed.

It is a weekly newspaper which hits the streets every Thursday and has grown to become Richmond's hottest paper. There is a market here for a quality publication that serves the majority community. In Richmond, at 56 percent of the total, that's the African-American community. I handle the advertising side and Ray is the editor/publisher. Look us over; I'd love your scholarly (and political) reaction.

Regina is in Osaka, Japan where she is teaching English, learning Japanese and on a personal crusade to help dispel myths that abound among the Japanese about Americans, especially black Americans. Raymond graduates from high school in June and is anxiously awaiting the right response from the right college of his choice.

Take care. I am enormously proud of your accomplishments and the hard work, long hours and major difference that you are making every day.

Sincerely,

Jean

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*P. S. Needless to say, I definitely would love to see you come to Richmond to receive the Coalition's award. I hope you can.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 7, 1993

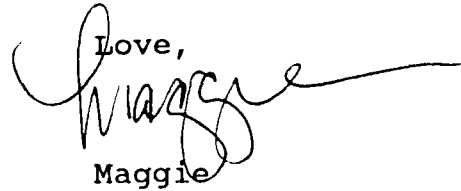
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Love,

Maggie

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Panthers shooting for another crown in N. C.

By Freddie Williams

Virginia Union University has won two straight CIAA basketball titles. Now the Panthers are primed to win a second straight NCAA crown.

Riding the momentum of a 21-game winning streak, the Panthers travel to Fayetteville, N.C., this weekend to defend their title in the NCAA Division South Atlantic Regional.

VUU's first-round foe Friday night will be the host Fayetteville State Broncos, a team that Union whipped 94-47 on Jan. 7 at the

Arthur Ashe Center.

The other regional semifinal sends North Carolina Central against Alabama A & M. The Friday night winners will collide Saturday night for the regional title and a berth in the NCAA Elite Eight March 25-27 in Springfield, Mass.

All four schools represented in the regional are historically black colleges. Union, Fayetteville and Central represent the CIAA; Alabama A & M is champion of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC).

Winning the CIAA title was our first step, the regional is the

second step; the nationals are the third and final step, said Union Coach Dave Robbins.

"To win a national title you need to be lucky and good. It's hard to be lucky and good two years in a row."

Union, ranked No. 3 nationally, is 26-2 and has not lost since an early January setback at Bridgeport University. The only other defeat came in the season opener in Alaska to Oklahoma City.

Fayetteville is 20-7. The Broncos were defeated by St.

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VBC meets
in Norfolk,
takes action

By Hazel Trice Edney

A Norfolk meeting of the fledgling Virginia Black Caucus attracted few new participants, but produced action that will likely stir heated debate within its ranks, said Richard D. Taylor Jr. who announced at the meeting that he was stepping down as VBC interim president to accept a Richmond judgeship.

The political organization, which met at Norfolk State University March 6, informally adopted a set of draft bylaws that would allow elected officials to serve as board members and officers of the VBC whose leadership, mostly Democrats closely linked to Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, says it intends to build a statewide, non-partisan organization to voice black concerns in the political arena.

"I expect there will be a lot

Eggleston fires Marsh

Removal of attorney
to quiet controversy?

By Jeremy M. Lazarus

State Sen. Henry L. Marsh III has been fired as the attorney for Eggleston Development Corp. as the company battles to keep a role in developing offices and clinics for the City Health Department at 2nd and Jackson streets.

Neverett A. Eggleston Jr., a principal property owner at the site and president of the development firm, publicly confirmed Tuesday that the politically influential attorney and public official no longer speaks for the development company.

After firing Sen. Marsh, Mr. Eggleston and his partner in the development firm, Wichita, Kan., architect Charles F. McAfee, met with City Manager Robert C. Bobb.

The two men sought assurances from Mr. Bobb that the company would have at least 30 days to try to secure financing for their building. City Council has indicated it might lease space if the company erects a structure on its



Neverett A. Eggleston Jr.



Up and
away

Raynard Harris and his wife, Rosalynd, use a breezy day to launch a kite at Byrd Park, one of the signals that spring is almost here. The high flier drew a lot of attention as Mr. Harris worked the line to send it aloft this week.



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**A special section
in honor of Dr. King**

Section B



**Spotlight on composer
of the inaugural anthem**

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January 14-16, 1993

State of the Commonwealth Address

'Put common sense over Batman'

**West doesn't speak
for Richmond: Mayor**

Does Councilman Roy A. West speak for the city?

No way, Mayor Walter T. Kenney said this week. "Councilman West represents one

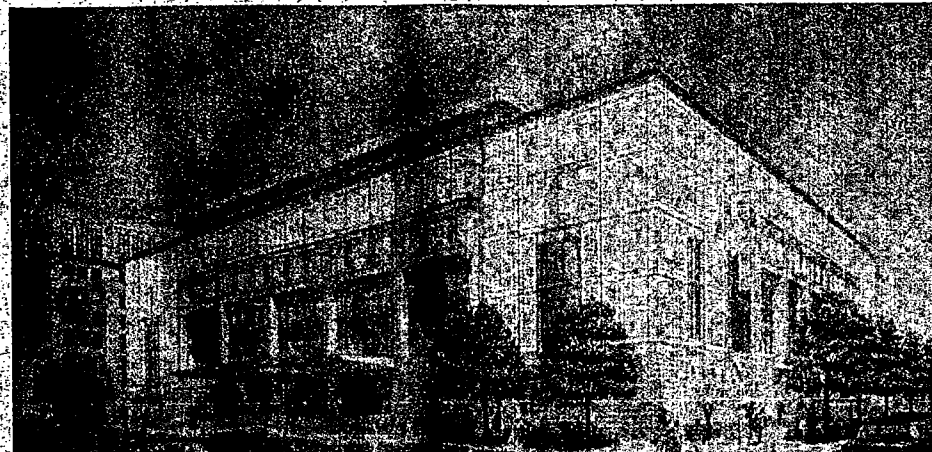
**Scott gets
House posts**

Congressman Robert C. Scott has quietly garnered significant committee assignments in

district and speaks only for himself. He does not speak for the City of Richmond. "If any one could be said to have that kind of voice, it would be the mayor," he said.

The public statement represented an effort by the mayor to quickly put a stop to the latest potential rupture in regional relations.

The new uproar resulted from a letter from Councilman Roy West that the Free Press



**Governor
attacks
gun sales**

By Jeremy M. Lazarus

Gov. L. Douglas Wilder appealed to the General Assembly to approve curbs on handgun sales and violence in schools Wednesday night in his State of the Commonwealth message.

"Virginia has become the

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Black Caucus scrambling at General Assembly

By Hazel Trice Edney

The 12-member Legislative Black Caucus is apparently scrambling to prepare for this session of the General Assembly, which is now in its second week of a 45-day session.

As of Monday, caucus chairman, Del. William P. Robinson of Norfolk, said his group of black legislators still had not formulated a package of legislative issues. He said he expected a list of issues to be ready this week.

Del. Robinson rejects the notion that the caucus is unprepared. "We are as prepared as everybody else or as unprepared as everybody else," he said in an interview in his fifth-floor office in the General Assembly Building. "It's very difficult to get everybody together on the off-season," he said.

Del. Robinson's comments came as reports circulated around the Capitol that Gov. L. Douglas Wilder was disturbed about the caucus's lack of preparation. The governor was in Washington participating in the presidential inauguration and was not avail-

able to comment on the report.

According to the report, the governor became peeved in a meeting last week with the caucus members after he asked about the caucus' legislative agenda for this session.

The black legislators told the governor that their agenda was incomplete, the source told the Free Press, adding that it was at this point that the governor expressed discontent about the

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January 21-23, 1993

'Reinvent America'



Zone, biotech advance

By Jeremy M. Lazarus

Last Friday was a red-letter day for business development in Richmond for both sides of the James River.

The city's South Side enter-



Bill Clinton takes oath

By Samuel F. Yette

WASHINGTON — Imbued with passion and bathed in sunlight, William Jefferson Clinton, 46, became the 42nd president of the United States at high noon on Capitol Hill.

In a 15-minute address, President Clinton, reminiscent of John F. Kennedy 32 years ago, urged and challenged the nation to have the vision and courage to help him "reinvent America."

His focus was almost entirely on the need for change and the

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Terry resignation to ease rub with Wilder?

By Jeremy M. Lazarus

Attorney General Mary Sue Terry, poised and articulate, announced Wednesday that as of noon Thursday, Jan. 28, she was resigning to start her campaign for governor.

Her decision to step down is seen as helping to heal the public breach in the Democratic Party, which has developed from an open dispute between herself and Gov. L. Douglas Wilder over the management of the state retirement system.

The dispute had begun to create serious friction between

African-American state senators and delegates who support Ms. Terry and the governor, who previously suggested he might not.

She met Monday with Gov. Wilder, Senate Majority Leader Hunter Andrews and House Speaker Thomas Moss to clear the way for the General Assembly to appoint her chief deputy, Stephen Rosenthal, as her successor Thursday afternoon.

Ms. Terry said that she made her decision, not because of pressure from Gov. Wilder, but to enable her to get a firm start on campaigning and on raising the \$7 million she says she'll need for her campaign. She now has about \$1.3 million in the

bank.

At the same time as she stepped down, she announced that a key ally of Gov. Wilder, Secretary of the Commonwealth Pamela Womack, would resign Wednesday, Feb. 3, and be her campaign manager. Earlier this week, another Wilder ally, Secretary of Education James Dyke, said he would drop his potential challenge to Ms. Terry.

In a prepared statement, the governor called Ms. Terry's

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A tribute to Thurgood Marshall

'A giant for justice'

Gun groups rally at Capitol

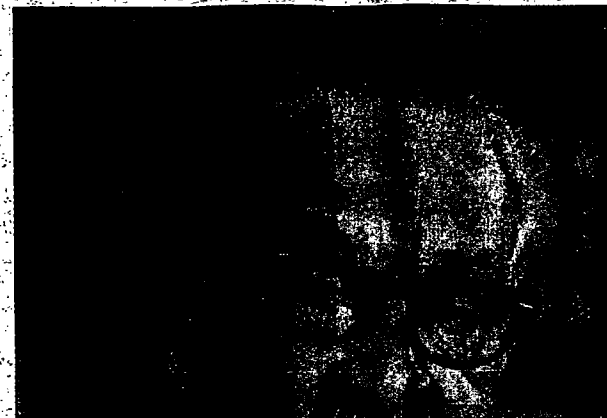
By Hazel Trice Edney

The viewpoints of supporters and opponents of Gov. L. Douglas Wilder's one-hand-gun-a-month restriction bill clashed sharply on the State Capitol grounds this week.

The battle cries rang clearly

lized opposing positions in separate rallies Monday and Tuesday. The rallies brought to the grassy State Capitol grounds distinctly different viewpoints on the gun-control legislation being pushed by Gov. Wilder as part of an anti-crime package.

That bill is being debated by



Friend salutes rights champ

By Oliver W. Hill

By being fortunate enough to be reasonably healthy and to live to a ripe old age, I have enjoyed many blessings.

One of the finest of which has been to personally observe the development and transformation of Thurgood Marshall from a garrulous, untrained law student into a genuine, living legend in the fields of law and human rights advocacy.