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THE BEST IS LEAVING THE SYSTEM . . . Our children will miss one of Pitt County's best educators. Ms. Cookie Williams has retired from the school system after years of teaching and counseling. Shown above is a dedicated and serving sister of education. Shown with Mr. and Mrs. Williams is their lovely daughter.

(Voice photo by Jim Rouse)

It's time for Black Americans to act!

BY: WALTER E. WILLIAMS

In the heady days of the '60s and '70s there weren't enough black conservatives to get a game of pinocle going. Black conservatives are still nothing to write home about, but their numbers are on the upswing. Conservatism may not be the ultimate philosophical home for blacks, but it's a fairly safe bet it won't be liberalism. Liberalism has done more harm to blacks than one-time Georgia Gov. Lester Maddox, Mississippi's Theodore Bilbo, who wanted to deport all black Americans, and all the Klansmen could have ever done.

Let's look at it. The liberal philosophy that criticized chaste sex mores had its most devastating impact on blacks, having given up traditional values, where black teen illegitimacy was once lower than whites (1918), and total black illegitimacy was 13 percent (1939), today's black illegitimacy is 55 percent. Kids living in two-parent families are down to less than 50 percent where it once stood at 85 percent.

Criminal coddling is another component of liberal philosophy; it has made life a nightmare for many blacks. Murder is the chief cause of death for young black males. In some black neighborhoods, people don't dare go near their windows, or they sleep on the floor for fear of being hit by stray bullets. In some neighborhoods, delivery men and telephone repairmen refuse to service customers or demand escorts for fear of robbery and assault. There's the mass destruction of public telephones, parks, swimming pools, and other amenities important to poor people who may not be able to afford private phones, or visit national parks, or swim at country clubs.

The same liberals blessed the nation with widespread drug usage. Those who argued against LSD, marijuana, and cocaine were portrayed as cranks and pariahs interfering with good clean fun. Laughter and ridicule greeted the person who suggested these drugs might lead to addiction. Now drugs are in. They've had their worst effect on blacks, turning youths into rap-talking zombies and pushers, and black neighborhoods into Beiruts.

Liberals virtually destroyed any chances for black academic excellence. Their early battle was against standard curriculum, that is, "courses irrelevant to the black experience." Emboldened by that success, they virtually eliminated all traditional academic standards which they portrayed as irrelevant or possibly racist. Substituted were student rights to: use foul language, absent themselves, disrupt classes, assault

teachers and fellow students, and have a contentless curriculum. Today, large numbers of black students cannot begin to meet academic qualifications for admittance to colleges. But not to worry, liberals attacked college tests and academic standards as racist.

It's high time that blacks realize that many politicians, judges, police, and school authorities hold contempt for their right to live normal, peaceful, productive lives. Black politicians, "leaders," and civil rights organizations have sold us a bill of goods rotten goods, double-talk, and unconscionable deceit. For example, they fight tooth and nail against proposals for tuition tax credits or school

vouchers to give parents an educational choice for their children. They say, let's save public schools and not give up hope. Yet the good Rev. Jesse Jackson, Del. Walter Fauntroy (D-D.C.), and D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, and others, send their children to private

schools. Blacks cannot depend on politicians. They must protect their own neighborhoods, even if that means using violence to clean up drug corners and crackhouses. They must show up on school premises to mete out instant justice to miscreants. "Williams," you say, "that sounds like vigilantism." Well, I say: What do you do when established legal authorities refuse to do their job just sit and take it? And for how long?

Making Your Dream A Reality

BY ARCHIE A. HARDING

Black Americans have long been short on patience. This is particularly true when it comes to owning a business. Corporate mergers, stock market fraud, the instability of the Savings and Loans Industry have brought this nation to the brink of financial bankruptcy. It is small wonder that the vast majority feel that a weekly or monthly paycheck is far more appealing than the uncertainty of self-employment.

The Small Business Administration estimates that eighty percent

of all beginning businesses fail. A high percentage of these failures, they conclude, is due to undercapitalization - that is, insufficient funds to conduct business effectively. This, I agree may well be true on the national level, but the death of most Black-Owned businesses can be attributed to the absence of enthusiasm and persistence.

I have had the opportunity to study the deeds of men both great and small. I have discovered that the main ingredient that separates

City razes safety hazards

City crews today demolished a five-room wooden house on Fleming Street under a City Council order which found the structure "dangerous and prejudicial to the public health and public safety".

The demolition was the second following a May 11 decision by the Council to remove dilapidated structures no longer fit for habitation. The owners, the John Langley heirs, had been ordered to repair or raze the building at 1002 Fleming Street. When the owners failed to act, the city manager ordered Greenville's Public Works Department to bulldoze the house. The heirs will be billed for demolition and, failing to pay, will have a lien placed against the property so City taxpayers are repaid.

According to an April 21 report by Chief Building Inspector Jim Kaufman, the house posed a safety hazard because it was structurally unsound. Kaufman reported siding from the house was missing, that its roof was in weak condition, almost all of its windows were broken or missing and that its front porch has rotten out.

Kaufman also found that the house had been burned and sustained severe damage. A chimney had been supported by a section of the building which had burned, creating the possibility that the chimney could collapse. Beer cans and wine bottles inside the shell of the house also showed that people were gathering inside the abandoned building, which has remained vacant for the past eight years.

"Several fires have occurred (in the house) in the past several years originated by vagrants tak-

ing refuge in the house during winter months," Kaufman reported.

"Vagrants and other persons have been utilizing this structure for a gathering place for several years now, exposing themselves and adjacent neighbors to serious injury due to structural collapse or fire."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

A major problem confronting every American is what to do with our garbage. In Pitt Co./Greenville, we have a successful effort underway to preserve our landfill for as long as possible. However, every citizen, young and old, must join in the daily efforts to recycle and, to avoid buying products and

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greatness from mediocrity is enthusiasm and persistence. Currently, there are more than one hundred Black-owned businesses in Beaufort County. Some are less than one year old; (The Christian Gift Shop on Main Street), others have existed for more than a half a century; (Randolph Funeral Home). Enthusiasm and persistence has Played or will play a key role in their success or failure rate.

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Garrett named divisional nurse of the year



GEORGIA GARRETT (RIGHT) ACCEPTS AN ENGRAVED PLAQUE FROM SHARON BRADLEY, NURSING ADMINISTRATOR IN THE SURGERY DIVISION AT PITT COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Georgia Garrett, a registered nurse at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, was recently named Surgery Division Nurse of the Year.

Garrett received an engraved plaque, long-stem rose and a \$100 voucher for professional use. She was among ten recipients, each chosen from one of the hospitals ten nursing divisions. The nurses were selected by secret ballot voting among their peers within their own divisions.

Garrett has worked on 2 North B since 1986 and currently is assistant head nurse. She received her bachelor of science degree in nursing in 1983. Colleagues say she is flexible, knowledgeable, has a caring attitude and is consistently outstanding in all areas of nursing practice. "She cries, laughs and rejoices with patients. She exemplifies care and (demonstrates her) love of nursing," one colleague said.

"She is a problem solver, has excellent clinical judgment skills, maintains a positive attitude and always puts forth a 100% effort," another colleague added.



ONE OF A KIND . . . Shown above is Mrs. Hattie Gibbs of the Terria Cela Community displaying one of her two hobbies. Mrs. Gibbs other hobby is putting together 1,000 piece puzzles.

(Voice photo by Bill Booth)

EIGHT TRAITS OF A HEALTHY HOME

1. Communication. A healthy family is a communicative family. It talks, it listens, it understands.
2. Conviction. It has a clear-cut set of values that it transmits to the next generation.
3. Affirmation. It provides a lot of personal support. It's expressive. It conveys its love and confidence and hope.
4. Trust. Parents not only feed responsibility to children, but they also prove themselves trustworthy to their children.
5. Respect. Family members have respect for themselves and for each other. Not just parents to children, but children to parents, and children to children.
6. Care. Family members know how to play: they have a sense of humor. They use their leisure time to build relationships. They

share what they have with others in their community, in their church, and in their world.

7. Responsibility. A healthy family assumes responsibility not only for its own existence but also for other people.
8. Initiative. A healthy family is not turned in on itself. It seeks to minister outside of itself and to become involved with society.

A CHECKLIST FOR THE JOB INTERVIEW

1. Do your homework. Research the company.
2. Dress as if it were the first day on the job.
3. Be on time and allow extra time even if it means waiting outside.
4. Go by yourself.
5. Nervous? Visit the company in advance. This gives you confidence.
6. When you walk in always introduce yourself with a pleas-

ant greeting or handshake. Plan to talk about your background or things th/ ou have in common.

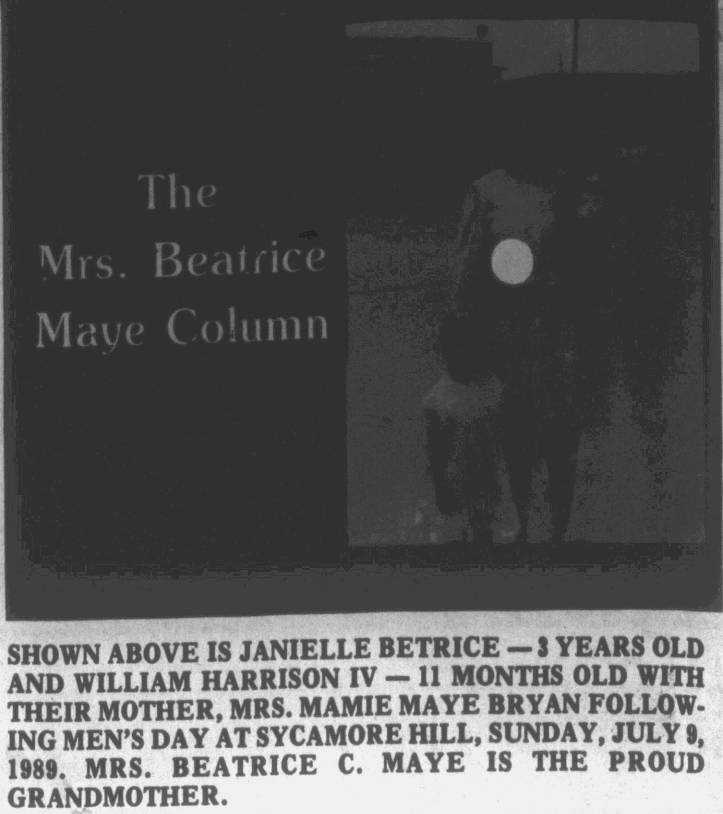
7. Be a... to present your resume orally. Are your remarks direct and clear?
8. How is your grammar and enunciation?
9. As you sit down, think about your posture and hand movements. Avoid distracting movements.
10. Beware - negative remarks or criticisms of a former employer is almost sure to knock you out of the running.
11. Avoid too much makeup, perfume or cologne.
12. LOOK the interviewer in the eye, not out the window or around the room.

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR PARENTS

1. We have the right to make rules.
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3. We have the right to disagree with our children.
4. We have the right to show our feelings.
5. We have the right to make parental mistakes.
6. We have the right to privacy.
7. We have the right to have friends.
8. We have the right to seek help.
9. We have the right to lead our

DEALING WITH ANGER. Cool Down:

1. Count to 10 - or 100 if necessary.
2. Calm your infuriating thoughts by distracting yourself for a moment.
3. Leave the room for a while.
4. Work off some immediate tensions by taking a brisk walk or engaging in a vigorous activity or talking to a friend.
5. When it comes time to address the cause of your anger, don't underestimate the value of courtesy.
6. Wise observers of the human condition once advised that when you're feeling a strong and sudden anger: Describe what you feel. Describe what needs to be done. Do not attack the person.
7. Expressing anger can serve a purpose - but it ought to be helpful, not hurtful.
8. If we know that our immediate impulse is to hurt the other person, it would be better to ventilate these 'hot' feelings with a trusted third party as a way of taking some of the destructive edge off.
9. A special caution for parents with young children: be sure when



Shown above is Janielle Betrice — 3 years old and William Harrison IV — 11 months old with their mother, Mrs. Mamie Maye Bryan following Men's Day at Sycamore Hill, Sunday, July 9, 1989. Mrs. Beatrice C. Maye is the proud grandmother.

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you tell them you're angry that you make it clear that it's the child's behavior - not the child - that you dislike. A child may misunderstand parental anger and take it to mean he or she is a bad person.

10. Is "getting it off my chest" a good idea? Not always. Ventilating anger is like ventilating a fire. The environment will only become more heated and smoky.

11. "A person of quick temper acts foolishly, but a person of discretion is patient." (Prov. 14:7).

12. When You're Provoked . . . Be courteous, put your anger aside, be understanding, don't let pride get in the way, look behind the anger, listen to the complaint, don't take it personally, and look for help.

13. Anger is a complex emotion. We get angry at ourselves for the things we do - or fail to do. We get angry at others for perceived slights, whether they're real or even intended. We get angry at misfortunes or rail at God like Job did.

14. Anger is as a part of our lives. But bitterness, resentment, hatred - these things are not from God. Bitter people have usually been hurt. Hurt may grip the spirit for a time, but by God's grace it won't turn to bitterness.

15. Keep in mind that even if

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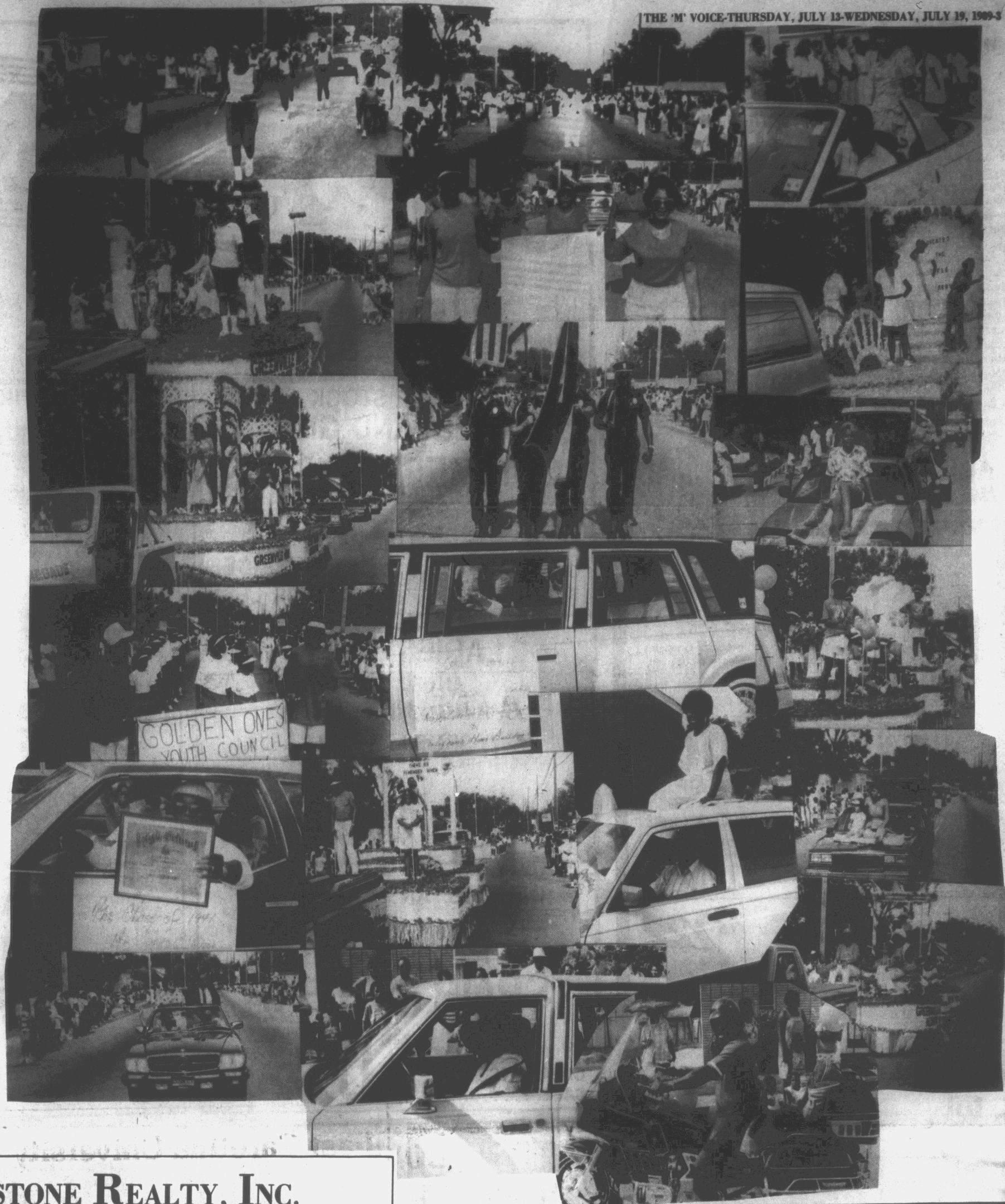
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Mr. Jim House, General Manager, WOOW Radio Station and President of Minority Voice was presented a pen set by the N.C. Chapter.

The family saluted: Mrs. Della Laughinghouse, who was the oldest Laughinghouse and Mrs. Esther Sneed Laughinghouse, who was the oldest Sneed and the founder of the family reunion. She was crowned with a crown of money. Recognitions were cited in the areas of education, government, sports and induction into honor societies.

Keynote Speakers: Mr. Sarah Nichols, a teacher at New York City Schools spoke on "Education - The Basis Of Your Success" and Dr. James Nichols, a chemist - air products, Allentown, Penn. spoke on "Drugs - The Downfall Of Your Success."

The Tidewater State - Virginia - will host the next family reunion which will be the week before the 2nd Sunday, July 1995.

GRIG BRILEY
GRIG IS THE SON OF MRS. ELLA LAUGHINGHOUSE BRILEY

Make Your Dream A Reality

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Is it really worth the effort? As I approach the tenth year as owner of a small business (A. Harding's Shop'n Bag) I have encountered periods of despair, scorn, estrangement, emptiness and near bankruptcy. Much to my delight however, it was enthusiasm and persistence that brought me to the border of success. In addition, I have experienced joy, vigor, realization, excitement, renewal and knowledge. Allow me to answer in this manner: if you think you have an idea that is sound and moral, if you think you have the resources from within to generate enthusiasm and persistence, you are in my opinion, ready to make your dream a reality. Success is at your finger tips.

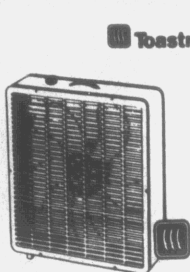
Dove-Stevens named Pitt County NAACP Mother Of The Year

Gail Dove-Stevens was surprised when she learned she had been named 1989 Mother of the Year by the Pitt County NAACP. But her children didn't think it was such a big deal. "That's what moms do," quipped one child. Dove-Stevens, a special projects coordinator at Pitt County Memorial Hospital, is a single mother with three children: 16-year-old C.J., 13-year-old Keisha, and 11-year-old Colwin. She was nominated for the award by the Greenville/Kinston/Washington Chapter of the Bennett College Alumni Association of which she is president. She received a certificate (Continued on page 5)

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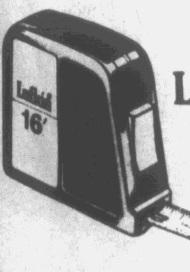
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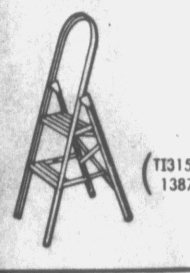
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Supreme Court Orders Hospital to Admit Abdul-Hakeem: Hearing To Be Held Friday

After attorneys for Adam Abdul-Hakeem (formerly known as Larry Davis) fought successfully today to have their client present in the courtroom while proceedings regarding him took place, New York State Supreme Court Justice Richard Lowe III ordered Bellvue Hospital to admit the badly battered 23 year old man for treatment and to keep him in the hospital until Friday. The grave appearance of Mr. Abdul-Hakeem - unable to sit upright in his wheelchair or move his head, and moaning in pain - clearly shocked the crowded courtroom. Mr. Abdul-Hakeem's physical

condition has been steadily deteriorating as a result of a series of brutal beatings he has received at the hands of prison guards and the failure of prison authorities to ensure that he has proper medical treatment.

Judge Lowe also ordered that Mr. Abdul-Hakeem's personal physician, Dr. Susan Massad, be allowed to consult with the physicians at Bellvue who examine her patient and to have access to all test results. The results are to be delivered to Judge Lowe on Friday morning, when all parties to the dispute over the gravity of Mr. Abdul-Hakeem's situation - the Health and Hospitals Cor-

poration which administers Bellvue, the New York City Department of Correction, Mr. Abdul-Hakeem and his attorneys - are scheduled to appear again before him. The Supreme Court Justice ruled that Ms. Abdul-Hakeem cannot be returned to Rikers Island, where he is currently imprisoned, until after the hearing.

"We are still deeply concerned that when Adam goes to Bellvue he won't get proper treatment," said Abdul-Hakeem attorney Alvaader Frazier. "He's been to Bellvue twice already and been put out without being adequately examined or tested, let alone

treated." Last night, when Mr. Abdul-Hakeem had not urinated for 48 hours - prior to which there had been blood in his urine - he was examined by Bellvue physicians for less than an hour and then sent back to Rikers despite is obviously worsening condition.

This evening Dr. Lenora Fulani, the independent candidate for mayor of New York who chairs the broad-based, multi-racial Adam Abdul-Hakeem/Ricardo Burgos Coalition to Save Our Youth which has spearheaded the mobilization of community support for Mb.

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OH HONEY, YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU!!!!

Mother of the Year

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and plaque at a luncheon in Raleigh honoring award winners from other North Carolina counties.

And what advice does an award-

winning mother have to offer?

"Listen to your heart and use your head," Dove-Stevens advises.

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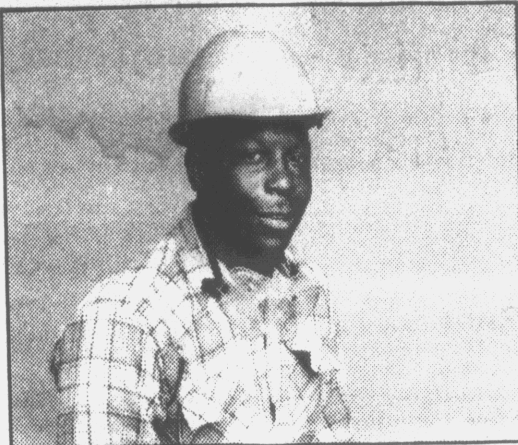
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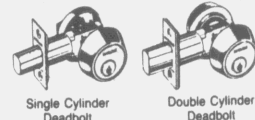
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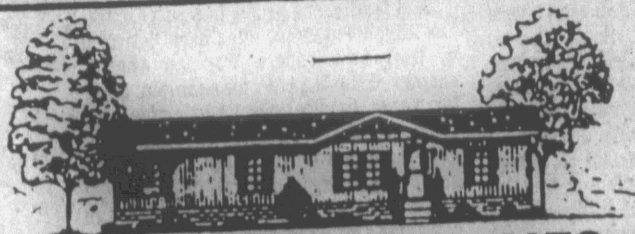
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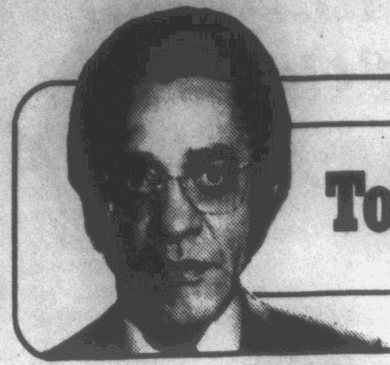
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Blacks can help Dinkins by being cool

Although I am not a Democrat, I have a great interest in the Democratic race for mayor of New York because of its impact on Blacks nationwide.

One in 10 Blacks (3.2 million) in America live in the New York metropolitan area, the Census Bureau announced recently. That fact alone makes David Dinkins' run for mayor of particular significance.

As a Black man, Dinkins' strategists have had to be ever mindful of race and racism in a city that has become in recent years more notorious than Alabama and Mississippi for racially driven incidents.

One news report says that the Dinkins strategy is cautious and conservative: solidify his base among Blacks, union members, White liberals and Hispanics who voted for Jesse Jackson in 1988. Then he must go after enough moderate Jewish voters and White Catholics "to

win 40 percent of the primary vote needed to avoid a run off . . . Dinkins would win easily if he received 75 percent of the Black vote, 50 percent of the Hispanic vote and 25 percent of the White vote," speculated The New York Times.

Race and racism are given in today's New York. Even the

numbers tell the story. A poll showed that 37 percent of registered Democrats will vote for Dinkins and 24 percent for Mayor Edward Koch. But in a one-on-one with Mayor Edward Koch, Dinkins gets 32 percent of the White vote while Koch carries 46 percent (only 14 percent of Blacks are for Koch).

But Black and White New Yorkers do agree on one thing; they see drugs and crime as the number one and two problems respectively. Dinkins should see this finding as the possible solution to the race problem that is almost inevitable.

"As racial tension builds, both

Blacks and Whites are more likely to vote for people of their own race," commented a White political consultant. That means that the first full-blown controversy over Black anti-Semitism or a violent incident of a Black against a White during the hot, summer months could devastate Dinkins' chances.

Dinkins can't control that factor because some fool somewhere is going to do something foolish. Therefore, to move the focus away from race (and racism), Dinkins should concentrate on drugs a legitimate concern and equally devastating to all racial and socio-economic groups.

The magnitude of the problem is staggering and obvious to everyone, it seems, but the politicians. In 1985, only four percent of New Yorkers said that drugs should be the number one concern for the mayor. This year, 37 percent feel that way. Crime is a distant second at about 25 percent.

Dinkins could penetrate this fertile market by explaining that while Whites generally regard drugs as a Black problem, drug usage is more prevalent among

Whites. And Blacks could be appealed to on the basis that they are more frequently the victims of crime which is drug related. These two issues, properly articulated, will appeal to 62 percent of the voters and avoid the entrapment of racism.

Blacks can help Dinkins most by being cool.

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The Real Congressional Corruption

By: Walter E. Williams

I really get tired of all the national focus on the cloud of sleaze and corruption surrounding former House Speaker Jim Wright. It's like fiddling while Rome burns. The harm that members of Congress do to the nation, operating in the shadows, is no match for what they do to us in the full light of day.

The Dallas-based National Center for Policy Analysis recently issued a report titled "The Elderly—People the Supply-Side Revolution Forgot." While our nation has a shortage of percent of all women 65 and over are completely retired. If just one-

third of the male retirees reentered the labor force and earned as little as \$5 per hour, the gross national product (GNP) would rise by \$55 billion; and if just one-third of the women retirees accompanied them, the GNP would increase by \$132 billion.

Social security and our tax structure go a long way toward explaining this disgraceful waste of valuable human resources. When Congress created social security in 1935, only one-third of those over 60 were retired. Beginning in 1956, people were allowed to opt for early retirement. By 1961, only 16 percent of all social security recipients were early retirees compared to 66 percent in 1985.

Congress has given the elderly a tax incentive to leave the workforce as well. As of 1988, social security recipients between the ages of 62 and 64 are counted as retired if they earn \$6,480 or less; if they are 65 to 70, that number rises to \$8,800. If recipients earn more, they lose \$1 in social security benefits for each \$2 earned—a 50% marginal tax rate.

As if that's not bad enough, last year Congress expanded Medicare to include catastrophic benefits. Under this new law, all income tax payers 65 and over will have to pay a 15 percent surcharge to Medicare next April. Congress is being nice this year. The surcharge limit is \$800 per retiree, or \$2,100 per couple. That's on top of the \$383 retirees now pay in Medicare premiums, which is also destined to increase in the future. Don't you want to regurgitate when congressmen preach about making American more competitive?

What Congress is doing to the elderly and our country is a disgrace, but we asked for it. French philosopher Frederic Bastiat reminds us that, "Government is the great fiction through which everybody endeavors to live at

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This Way For Black Empowerment

Dictators are not welcome here!!

Sese Seko Mobutu, the self-appointed president-for-life of Zaire (formerly known as the Congo), arrived in New York City last week en route to Washington, DC where he was scheduled to meet with President George Bush. Dozens of protesters were waiting at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel where Mobutu was staying in New York to let this vicious dictator and abuser of human rights know that he was not welcome here! The protest was supported by a broad range of student organizations, long-time anti-Mobutu and anti apartheid activist groups, grassroots citizens' lobbies, community organizations and others concerned with the struggle for democracy here, and around the world; they included the US-Congo Friendship Committee, the All-African Peoples Revolutionary Party, the New Alliance Party, the Rainbow Lobby the Patrice Lumumba Coalition and the American Arab Relations Committee, which are leading the grassroots movement that is coming to oppose this greedy tyrant who came to power a quarter of a century her after collaborating with the CIA to assassinate Patrice Lumumba, the father of Congolese independence.

The hero's welcome given to Mobutu by the President of the United States was a profound insult to the Black people of this country and to our African sisters and brothers. We should not be surprised by it; insults to the African American community come natural to the white supremacist leaders of both the major parties. But the complicity of some among our official Black leadership in the scheme to make an international peacemaker out of a murderous thug such as Sese Seko Mobutu is nothing less than a betrayal of Black people everywhere.

Last fall this ally of apartheid hosted an official visit to Zaire from P.W. Botha, the prime minister of South Africa; when Zairian students took to the streets of Kinshasa, the capital, to protest this despicable act, they are shot down in cold blood by Mobutu's soldiers.

This gunrunner has allowed Zaire to be used as a conduit for the arms that the United States supplies to the contras of Angola, Jonas Savimbi's South African/US-subsidized UNITA mercenaries, in their 14 year effort to bring down the popular MPLA government of Jose Eduardo dos Santos. Now Mobutu is being promoted by the White House as the elder statesman of Africa, a peace-loving friend of democracy who is singlehandedly bringing the 14 year old Angolan "civil war" to an end. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The myth which the corporate-owned media are helping to promote is part of an elaborate public relations campaign now underway to clean up Mobutu's image so that he can go on serving as the point man for US policy in southern Africa. But no amount of Madison Avenue manipulating can transform this dictator into a diplomat. And no movement of red carpet can cover up the trail of blood and tears that leads from Washington and Kinshasa to Luanda, the capital of Angola, and to Soweto.

If Mobutu cared an iota about the well-being of African people, he would be cleaning up his own backyard—which is a cesspool of human rights abuse. It is to put pressure on this murderer and torturer that California Congress-

man Ron Dellums has introduced H.R. 1899, which would cut off US aid to the Mobutu regime until there is some improvement in Zaire's abysmal human rights situation.

I am glad to say that a majority of Mr. Dellums' colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus support this very crucial legislation. I am ashamed and angry to say that not all of them do. Some of our establishment Black leadership are lending their names and influence to perpetrate the myth that this traitor is an African hero. Congressman Mervyn Dymally of California, Mobutu's best friend on Capitol Hill, is a case in point. He continues to lead the opposition to H.R. 1899.

But the groundswell of grassroots opposition to Mobutu is beginning to have an effect. So far, despite the efforts of his apologists, he has been successfully kept out of the African American community. A scheduled visit to Los Angeles in March — stage managed by Mr. Dymally and a circle of African American busi-

nesspeople, with Mayor Tom Bradley poised to serve as Mobutu's official host — was abruptly called off. More recently James Usry, the mayor of Atlantic City, New Jersey and the president of the National Conference of Black Mayors, backed out of a long-planned, all-expense-paid trip to Zaire with the excuse that he had a prior commitment to judge the Miss Tennessee beauty pageant! And Mayor Marion Barry of Washington also bowed to pressure from the growing anti-Mobutu movement — without acknowledging it—and explained that the reception he had been planning to give for Mobutu last Sunday was being canceled because the Zairian dictator was needed in Africa to continue his peacemaking efforts.

The walls of Jericho are beginning to crumble; they have not fallen yet. We have achieved a clear victory in making Mobutu persons non grata in the Black community. But when he returned to Kinshasa he did not leave empty-handed. No doubt he and



DR. LENORA FULANI

Mr. Bush renewed the contract that makes Sese Seko Mobutu among the highest paid agents on the payroll of U.S. imperialism.

We need to keep the pressure up. I am calling on all of the Black leaders to let this dictator know that he is not welcome here. The African American community is insulted by his pressure, and we are outraged that anyone claiming to represent Black people would dare to honor him.

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L.A.'s Black Poor Demand Law and Order

By MARK R. THOMPSON

LOS ANGELES—The "wilding" attack on a jogger in New York's Central Park has prompted much bemoaning of the moral indecency in American inner cities. George Will, for one, grimly prognosticated the fate of "a society that flinches from the fact of evil," while the Los Angeles Times's syndicated columnist William Pfaff wrote despairingly of the "moral void . . . where too many people in the United States today exist." These commentators apparently haven't heard the desperate cry for law and order from the underclass of Los Angeles.

Compton, Watts, and other communities in the vast sweep of South Central Los Angeles have been torn apart by gang warfare. Fatalities are accumulating at the rate of six or eight a week. The death toll sets new records each year. Most of the people living in the crime-ridden neighborhoods haven't flinched for a minute from the fact that what is going on around them is evil. Judging from their letters to the editor of the Los Angeles newspapers, the slogans they chant at rallies, and their routinely overwhelming "yes" votes on police taxes and anti-crime measures, the people caught in the gangs' crossfire want more cops on the streets and want to give criminals a much harder time.

Diverging Reactions

To be sure, the black leadership in Los Angeles doesn't always reflect the black community's attitude toward crime. Take Don Jackson, a L.A. area police officer on permanent disability leave because of the stress he says was caused by racism in his department. He has attempted to prove his allegations of routine racist brutality in the police force by provoking confrontations with police officers. After one such confrontation was filmed by an NBC film crew in Long Beach in January, Mr. Jackson quickly became the most prominent black spokesman on crime in Los Angeles. In a New York Times op-ed piece, he lambasted the police as "the greatest nemesis of blacks." At a gala fund-raiser in Hollywood in March, Mr. Jackson was hailed as a hero by several hundred black notables.

But in South Central Los Angeles, Mr. Jackson's "sting" received very different reviews. "Black leaders jump on every bandwagon to accuse white police of brutality when a black man has his toes stepped on and call conferences and councils together if a cop fails to read a black man his rights," wrote R. Masada, chairwoman of a chapter of Daughters of Zion,

a black women's civic association, in a letter to the Los Angeles Herald Examiner in March. "These same black leaders have yet to call a town meeting on the number of black females who are raped, robbed, beaten and murdered . . . by violent black predators in a continuous and ongoing holocaust that no one [has] dared [to] speak out against."

Maybe the black leadership hasn't dared to speak out. But ordinary black people have spoken loudly and repeatedly in favor of tougher action against crime.

"I don't care if I see a soldier on every corner as long as my child will be able to get to school safely," said one mother, after a two-year-old was gunned down.

"I don't care if I see a soldier on every corner as long as I know my child will be able to get to school and back home safely," said Pat Moore, who organized an impromptu March of 100 people in February through the streets of Compton a few days after a two-year-old boy was gunned down nearby.

Another mother in South Central Los Angeles last year, in response to an opinion piece in the Herald Examiner, bitterly rebuked those who complain that anti-gang tactics are infringing cherished rights. The op-ed piece, called "Gangbusting at the expense of the Constitution," was written by a suburban father who was upset that his son couldn't wear an earring to school. Earrings on boys had been banned along with other gang-associated garb. That suburban father, Cassandra Clark replied, "should allow his son to come to dinner at my house one evening. Let him take the bus; my house is a short walk from the bus stop . . . I won't bother to set a place for him because I know he'll never make it."

Even those most directly affected by the crackdown on gangs are demanding more law and order. When the police made a raid on one neighborhood in early May, and arrested several gang kingpins, they stormed Anthony Spears' apartment, fired a shot through his kitchen floor, and briefly held him in arrest until they had cleared him of involvement with the gang. He later told a reporter that the raid was "great." Referring to one of his neighbors who was arrested in the raid, the alleged top drug dealer in the gang, Spears added, "Don't stop with him."

The people who live in the neighbor-

hoods covered by those sweeps seem to be the biggest—and most stubborn—fans of the mass police sweeps launched with much fanfare a year ago. The police attempt to arrest suspected gang members of any possible offense, from drug or weapon possession to jaywalking. Because the jails and the court system can't handle the huge haul of petty offenders dragged in by the sweeps, the police are now relying more on surgical strikes against gang leaders, preferably in conjunction with federal agents so that the cases can be filed in

the relatively efficient federal courts.

The people of South Central Los Angeles, however, want more sweeps and have mounted sporadic petition drives to call in the National Guard. Black voters in South Central Los Angeles have demonstrated repeatedly that they are the most pro-police constituency in the city. Twice in the past eight years, South Central voters have approved police taxes by majorities topping 70%. But these revenue-raising measures have been shot down by voters in conservative white districts. It even looked for a while in 1987 as though the voters of South Central Los Angeles would impose a special tax on themselves to bolster the local contingent of police. The local assessment had the backing of many residents and religious leaders and Mayor Tom Bradley endorsed it. But the measure narrowly lost as the view eventually prevailed that different levels of taxation would lead to differing classes of city services in neighborhoods of varying wealth.

And what has the larger society offered in reply to the cry for help from inner city Los Angeles? In Los Angeles, a community that seems to fear taxes more than crime has produced an emaciated criminal justice system with far too few police, probation officers, judges, courtrooms, prosecutors, public defenders and far too little space behind bars. The Los Angeles County jail system, even when filled to twice its capacity, is still so inadequate that convicted inmates are now having 33 days shaved off their sentences. Meanwhile, Governor George Deukmejian, determined to keep his no-tax pledge, has announced a 55 percent cut in the budget for probation camps and drug treatment

programs, a move that is expected to put several thousand young offenders back out on the streets. As a practical matter, that means the myriad minor crimes that are most common and that do most to spread a sense of lawlessness through a community—vandalism, petty theft, juvenile drug and weapon possession—are simply unpunishable.

Far too often, the people of South Central Los Angeles have been thanked for their pro-police convictions by police insensitivity and sometimes outright brutality. Among the recent cases of police misconduct, the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department has confirmed that deputies have burned crosses in the jail wings housing black gang members—surely not the sort of tough tactic many blacks in Los Angeles have been seeking. And the Long Beach police chief, after a "sting" of his own, recently confirmed what blacks in his city have long complained about: some officers do not file, as they are obliged to, complaints of police misconduct phoned in by citizens.

The NAACP Comes Around

And finally, the people in South Central Los Angeles have too often been betrayed by their own leaders. The Los Angeles chapter of the NAACP, for example, clung for years to the view that crime was caused primarily by racial discrimination, and was therefore not worth much of the group's attention. Until recently, NAACP officials would respond "no comment" to questions from reporters about the gang violence that was taking hundreds of black lives. In the face of the increasing violence—and ever louder and more desperate calls for protection from it — the NAACP has finally come around.

In announcing the association's new line on crime, Joseph Duff, the recently elected president of the Los Angeles chapter, candidly admitted how wrong so many black leaders have been for so long. "What we're going to do here for the first time," Duff said in April, "is to make a statement indicating that the related problem of gang activities and the selling and use of drugs is something to be condemned as a civil wrong in the community. When we constantly talk about excuses for this kind of behavior, we simply make it worse. The excuses grow in the eyes of people. We've got to apply the same pressure to civil wrongs that we applied in seeking our civil rights."

Mr. Thompson is a writer for California Lawyer magazine.

Abdul-Hakeem suit

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Abdul-Hakeem and his friend, Mr. Burgos, spoke in a telephone interview with "Talk of Chicago" host Art Cribbs on radio station WGCI-AM about the case. Dr. Fulani expressed outrage that anyone would deny Mr. Abdul-Hakeem's obviously desperate need to be hospitalized. Mr. Cribbs' other guest was Ruby Ryles, the Department of Correction spokeswoman, who acknowledged that she supported Mr. Abdul-Hakeem's right to medical care.

But Ms. Frazier noted that the official position of the Department of Correction and of the Health and Hospitals Corporation is that "nothing is wrong" with Mr. Abdul-Hakeem. "Any doctor who takes that position," she charged, is guilty of malpractice, and of open complicity with the Correction authorities in denying Adam his constitutional rights."

Added con-counsel Michael Warren, "I think the outcome of today's proceeding is a significant victory even though we were only able to get him into the

hospital on an admitted basis for a couple of days. But as we go on, the right will reveal the collusion between the HHC and the Department of Correction."

This morning co-counsel Harry Kresky was publicly reprimanded both by Justice Lowe and by presiding Administrative Law Judge Peter J. McQuillan for his "unethical" behavior in conducting an all-night search for a State Supreme Court Judge who would agree to sign an order to locate Mr. Abdul-Hakeem and have him produced in court. It was the third such search conducted by Mr. Kresky and Ms. Frazier in the last two weeks. "It's a disgrace that attorneys who stayed up all night saving the life of this young man would be called on the carpet in public by two judges of this court," commented Mr. Kresky. "It's an attack on Mr. Hakeem's constitutional rights, on our right to provide adequate representation and on the rights of all people in this city and this country to receive fair shake and justice."



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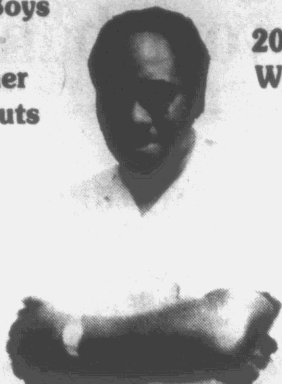


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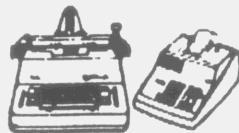
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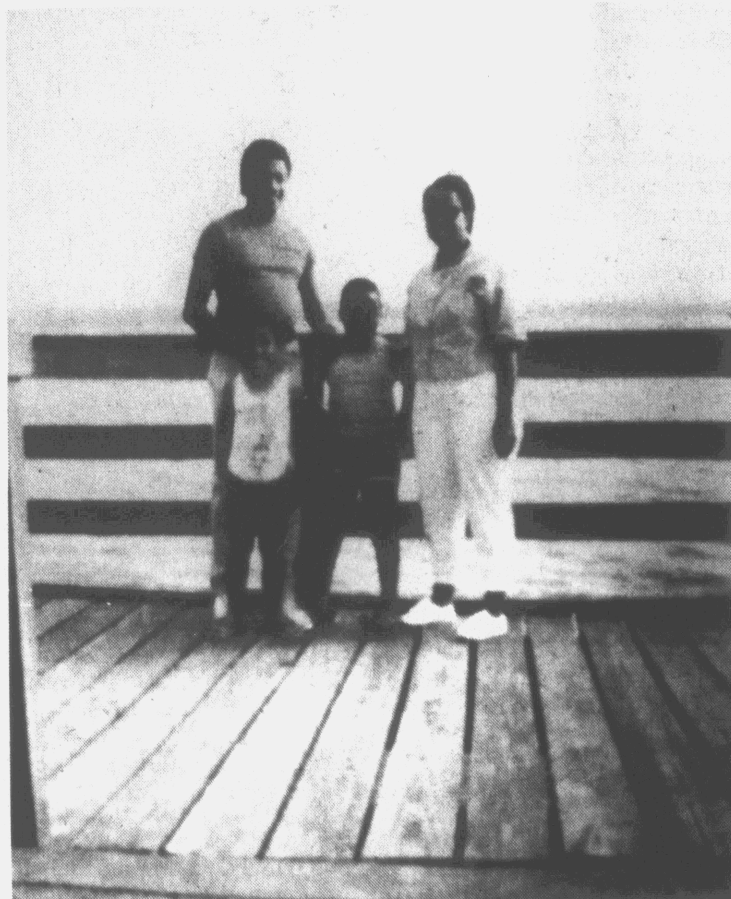
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Corruption

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the expense of everybody else." Will the elderly have a moral response to what Congress has done? I seriously doubt it. Led by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), who got them into this mess in the elderly will demand all the benefits involved in Social Security while attempting to force somebody else to foot the bill.

The elderly fail to realize that their grandchildren, the very grandchildren they smother with love and generosity, will be the ultimate victims of the Social Security grab bag. That grandchild being bounced on grandpa's knee will spend a large portion of his working life paying social security taxes that may well exceed \$10,000 a year in today's dollars. When these children eventually retire, social security benefits will either be nonexistent or taxed at confiscatory rates.

The only long-term solution to the social security mess is to privatize retirement so we will not renege on the government promise given to today's retirees. But in my estimation, that requires the kind of political courage, honesty, and wisdom that is in short supply today. We'd rather focus our energies on the petty comings and goings of scoundrels like Jim Wright while they, with complicity, weaken and possibly destroy our nation. I'm beginning to think we may deserve what we're getting—but do our children and their children?

Mother Of The Year

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dren. Be consistent and steadfast in your discipline. Make sure your kids have a good strong relationship with God. Ultimately, they will be a separate individual from you. At that point you will know if you've raised a good child."

Dove-Stevens graduated as salutatorian from Adkin High School in Kinston in 1968 and earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Bennett College in Greensboro in 1972. She earned a master of science degree in rehabilitation counseling and vocational evaluation from East Carolina University in 1982. In 1984, she joined Pitt County Memorial Hospital's management training program and then became rehabilitation projects director in 1985. In 1987, she was named contracts and grants director and is responsible for monitoring contracts and writing grants.

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Letter To The Editor

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I am enlisting your help in bringing this issue to the attention of your readers with articles on feature concerning recycling in our city and county. I'd also like you to consider a feature story on Mr. Terry Anderson of the Department of Public Works, a man deeply committed to this problem and the welfare of the entire community.

Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,
Amanda Loessin
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"We have continued to grow and develop as a life insurance company. I think it has been a fantastic growth period," he said of the past 15 years.

Also during the past 15 years, Kennedy has been listed as one of Ebony magazine's 100 most influential blacks in the United States.

He holds a master's degree from the Wharton School of Business and a master's degree from New York University and attended Stanford University's executive program.

He also serves as a board member of 24 different companies, including the Phizer Co. and Quaker Oats.



THE PRESIDENT COMES TO TOWN . . North Carolina Mutual Insurance president and chief executive officer was in town honoring some of its top agents. Shown above is Mr. Kennedy, Greenville's Mayor Ed Carter, and District Manager, Willie Hampton. Below is award winning agents.

William J. Kennedy III, president and chief executive officer of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., visited the firm's district office, 1209 W. 14th St., as part of a 12-month tour of the company's 28 district offices.

"It's been a while since I've been to Greenville," said the 66-year-old Durham native. "I feel that the people who work for a company need to see its chief executive occasionally and ask me any questions they might have on the operation of the company."

Kennedy, who has been involved with N.C. Mutual for 39 years, said the competition for the life insurance dollar has increased dramatically in the past several years.

"Life insurance is now being sold on a mass marketing basis which was unheard of 20 years ago," Kennedy said. "There are newspaper inserts to contact companies directly and television programs which are encouraging people to buy life insurance directly from the company without going through an agent."

"The agents are facing these new problems of competition as well as competition from the agents of other companies," he said.

In order to combat the toughening

market conditions, Kennedy said he advises agents to remember that service is the key.

"We have to maintain a high level of service if we are going to compete in this present environment," he said. "We are telling the agents that our products are being upgraded constantly and that we are competitive with other companies in terms of price."

"Life insurance is never bought — it is sold," Kennedy explained. "You can advertise as much as you want but there has to be somebody there to show the policy holder the need that they have. And when the need is established, to offer the customer the products to fulfill those needs."

N.C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, based in Durham, has been fulfilling people's life insurance needs since its founding in 1898.

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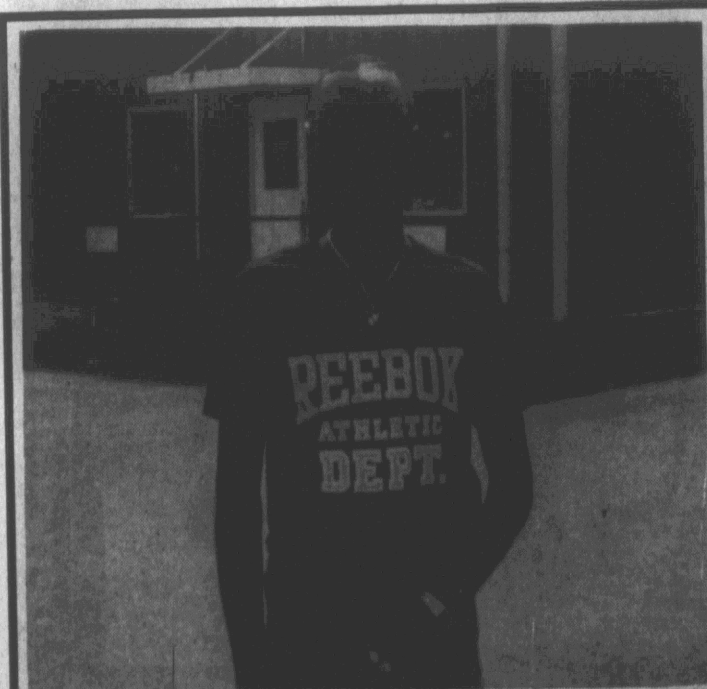


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doubts rather than our faith grows stronger. The distinction that seems to bother most people is that while we all live by faith, using automatically a thousand times a day, when it comes to using faith consciously we shrink back. This happens because we do not really believe that this is God's world. When Jesus said, "Except your faith be that as of a little child," he was calling our attention to the fact that while adults argue about God, THE CHILD ENJOYS GOD.

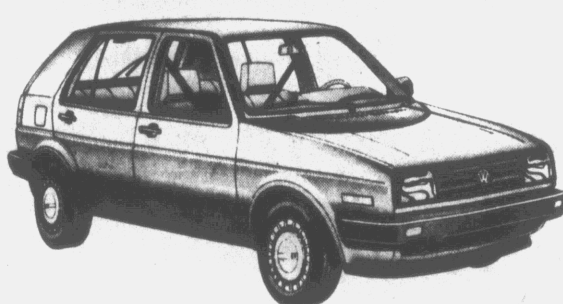
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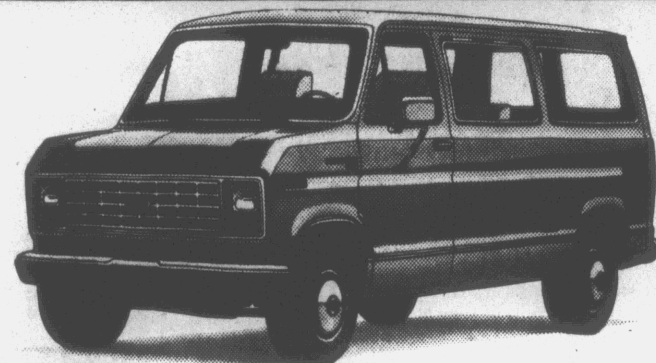
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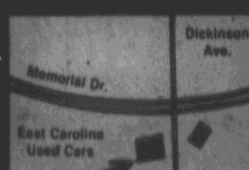
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