

Black men distorted as ogres in Susan Smith murder case

By Herb Boyd
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I was at a friend's house when Susan Smith reported that her kids had been abducted by a Black man. While listening to this teary-eyed White woman from Union, S.C., recount what had happened, we looked at each other and simultaneously uttered, "Here we go again." Once more a Black man was fingered as the culprit. Now, even after it has been disclosed that Smith was lying, it only further confirms how easy and convenient it is to lay the blame on a Black man, to make him the scapegoat, the malevolent bogeyman. But her confession is not clemency, nor does it provide us with comfort.

Rev. Al Sharpton put the incident in perspective last Saturday at P.S. 175. "She knew that if she claimed a Black did it, they would go with it," Sharpton asserted. "They talk about how she was crazy and didn't know what she was doing; well, she was sane enough to say a Black man did it. You see, all of us Blacks are suspect in America."

Sadly, there is nothing new about Susan Smith's criminal reflexes, her Medea-like action. The annals of American history are overflowing with case after case of Black men being falsely accused of murder, rape and other crimes. Check out Ralph Ginzburg's "100 Years of Lynching" (Black Classic Press, 1988) and witness some of the alleged rape charges that led to the death of Black men.

Remember the Scottsboro boys of the 1930s? These nine African-Americans, from ages 13-21, were snatched from a freight train in 1931 in Alabama and charged with the gang rape of two White women.

Spared the chair

Despite questionable evidence, they were tried, found guilty and sentenced to the electric chair. After several years of trials and the dedicated work of the Communist Party and the NAACP, they were spared the chair, but half of them served long jail sentences.

Add to this the case of Willie McGee, a Mississippi truck driver whose White lover accused him of rape in 1945 after her husband discovered the affair. He was electrocuted in 1951.

And there were other noted cases of Black men begin unjustly charged and convicted on the basis of flimsy evidence. The Trenton Six in 1948 were condemned to death for allegedly murdering a White man. They were sentenced to terms of life imprisonment.

The Martinsville Seven of Virginia were convicted by all White jury for allegedly raping a White woman in 1949. Nationwide protest were to no avail, and by 1951 all of them were executed.

A little over five years ago, there

was the Stuart affair in Boston. In this incident, as in the Smith hoax, a Black man was blamed in a carjacking and the death of Carol Stuart. It was later discovered that Charles Stuart had killed his pregnant wife as they returned home from child birth class.

Unlike the Smith episode, several Black men were apprehended and one, Willie Bennett, charged with the crime. Stuart eventually committed suicide when his big lie began to fall apart.

The Stuart and Smith charges unraveled, but how many other

Black men are incarcerated or dead because of the lies perpetrated by White men and women? So long as this society is able to keep a fresh veneer on the stereotype of the Black man as beast, monster and ogre, we can expect to be hounded and hunted as fall guys.

And a racist climate that bristles with a Bob Grant, a Charles Murray and his infamous "Bell Curve," and the racist confessions of David Milch, co-creator of the popular TV show "NYPD Blue," signals that things will get much worse before they get better.

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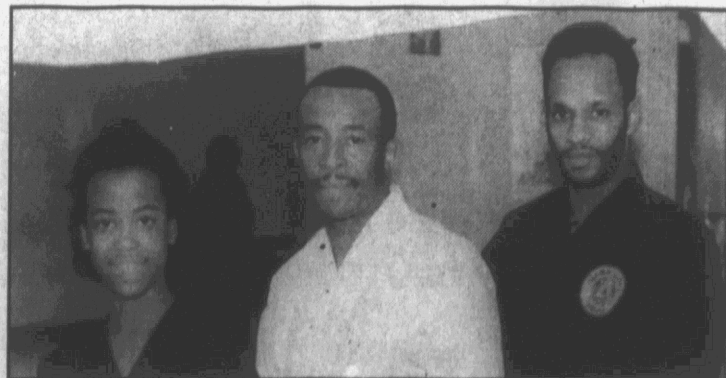


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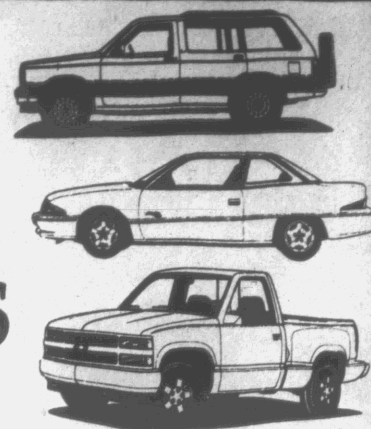


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Encouraging moves toward Black unity

After an election, its customary for political and community leaders to assess election results and figure out where to go next. This year was no exception. African American leaders around the country are beginning to analyze what the Republican victory means for the Black community, what it means for the Democratic Party and what it means for the future of Black participation in independent

politics.

On November 21 in New York, three weeks after conservative Republican George Pataki was elected governor, Black leaders met at the Memorial Baptist Church in Harlem, at the invitation of Reverend Al Sharpton. attended by some 50 Black leaders from around the state, the meeting included Democrats (among them State Senator David Pateron) Republicans (among them Hempstead mayor Jim Gardner) and independents (among them myself, now the chair of the Committee for a Unified Independent Party and an activist in Independence Fusion, New York's newest ballot status party; along with at-

torney Colin Moore, a leader of the Freedom Party). The independent option has come of age for the Black community over the last year; its inclusion in the most critical dialogue on strategies for our empowerment is, in my opinion, a significant development.

The participants at the November 21 meeting decided to organize for a statewide Black political convention to be held within the next few months. The organizing committee, led by Reverend Sharpton, includes Democrats, Republicans and independents.

Reverend Sharpton and I agreed at the meeting that it was critical that the Black convention create an environment in which diverse

opinions and strategies can be presented and discussed.

Unfortunately, such an environment was not created during the recently completed election season in New York; in certain Black leadership circles it was effectively open season on me. I was attacked for being an independent (something our community desperately needs); for working with whites (something every Black leader does); and for not being a "real Democrat" (this by a Black Democratic Party elected official who was working for the white incumbent governor I was challenging). Virtually no one in Black leadership circles stood up to stop those attacks.

Since the first meeting of this group of Black leaders, I have been singled out for attack by one Black newspaper writer (who in the past has called Reverend Sharpton a "scumbag"). I have asked Reverend Sharpton to insist upon a fair framework for the conduct of the convention and to set a strict standard for respect of all participants. I believe he is uniquely positioned to do so. We need to assure that the Black convention is a constructive step in the direction of finding new and specific political strategies for our people.

License requirements for pesticides

Application of certain pesticides requires licensing. Here are some recommendations for proper use of pesticides in North Carolina.

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When using pesticides, it is important to follow label directions for use, storage and disposal. Information on the label must be approved by the EPA and is enforceable by law. Following label directions helps to prevent injuries to people, animals, plants and the environment.

Take the steps to obtain the appropriate pesticide applicator license before using any pesticide on another individual's property. License information is available from the Pesticide Section, N.C. Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 27647, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, or (919) 733-3556. Individuals may also contact their county office of the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service.

It is important to understand what defines a pesticide. According to EPA and the North Carolina Pesticide Law of 1971, a pesticide is "any substance or mixture of substances" used to prevent, kill, repel or control any pest. This definition includes such products as weed killers, flea collars and dips, insect repellents, rodent baits, disinfectants, household bleaches and paints that protect decks from mildew.

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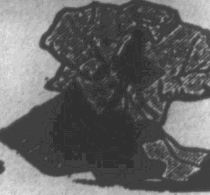
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In October 1894, David Cotton, William Hunter, Benjamin Harding, Clayton Griffin and Dave Moore purchased one half acre of land on Asbury Church Road in rural Washington, NC for \$6.50. On October 10 of the same year, Mt. Olive African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church was founded.

Research by Church Secretary Margaret Lawrence and Thelma Frazier revealed that four ministers were officially assigned to the Church from 1919-1929. For many years no recorded name was given as minister. Mrs. Fannie Harding, the Church's oldest member, remembers that in the early days, preachers from surrounding areas would come and render Sunday morning worship. In return for their service, the preacher would receive a delicious chicken dinner or a basket of fresh farm produce.

Mt. Olive was established as a circuit Church with Keyesville and Cherry Run. Official Church records for the years 1930-1943 remain obscure. However, Mrs. Harding recalls that Church service was held the fourth Sunday of each month. Sunday School was held on Sunday mornings at the home of her husband John followed by Wednesday night prayer service.

In 1961, under the direction of John Harding and Charles Nelson and assisted by other members and children, the original building was torn down and a new structure was built. During the rebuilding process, service was continued in the Old River Road Elementary School which stood adjacent to the Church.

In 1961, the Church was able to purchase 7/10 of an acre of land

from Ralph Baker. A few months later, Mrs. Harding and her sister Josephine Holley deeded two additional acres to the Church. In 1975, the site of the old school building was purchased from Louretta Freeman. The extra land provided space for expansion and parking. A dining area complete with bathrooms were added in 1977.

Due to a growing membership, Sunday morning worship increased to two Sunday's each month; then three and in 1993 under the leadership of Reverend

Claude Sawyer, Mt. Olive was upgraded to a station Church holding service every Sunday. This was a decisive achievement for the members.

A major accomplishment took place in July 1988 when Church members established the Angie and Tonya Holley Kidney Fund to help pay for transplanting a kidney from a teenager to her ailing twin sister. A committee chaired by Janice Gibbs aided by the Washington Daily News and former staff writer Jim Green was able to raise over \$11,000 for the Holley family.

Another major accomplishment took place earlier this year when the foundation for a new Fellowship Hall was laid. This project is in conjunction with the celebration of Mt. Olive's 100 Anniversary. According to Archie Harding, Co-chairman of the Churches Centennial Committee, this project has generated a great deal of excitement among fellow members. During the past several months, various groups and organization within the church have sponsored programs to raise money for the new facility.

Mt. Olive is connected to the Mother A.M.E. Zion Church which was founded October 1796 in New York City. It is conceded to be the oldest organization in the country to separate itself from the Methodist Episcopal Connection. According to information supplied by Mother Zion's Bi-centennial Commission, this Church was the end results of a growing dissatisfaction among the "Negro" members over the discrimination the white members showed toward them.

James Varick, the Churches first Bishop, was persistent in estab-

lishing Churches in other states. Consequently, St. Peters A.M.E. Zion Church in New Bern, NC was founded. St. Peters, established in 1864 by Bishop Varick believed that any truly Christian Church must be dedicated to Christian mission and world evangelism. He also believed that a Church which lives for itself is not truly Christian.

The Mother Church is making preparations for its Bi-centennial celebration in 1996. Meanwhile, Mt. Olive will celebrate its 100 anniversary this coming weekend.

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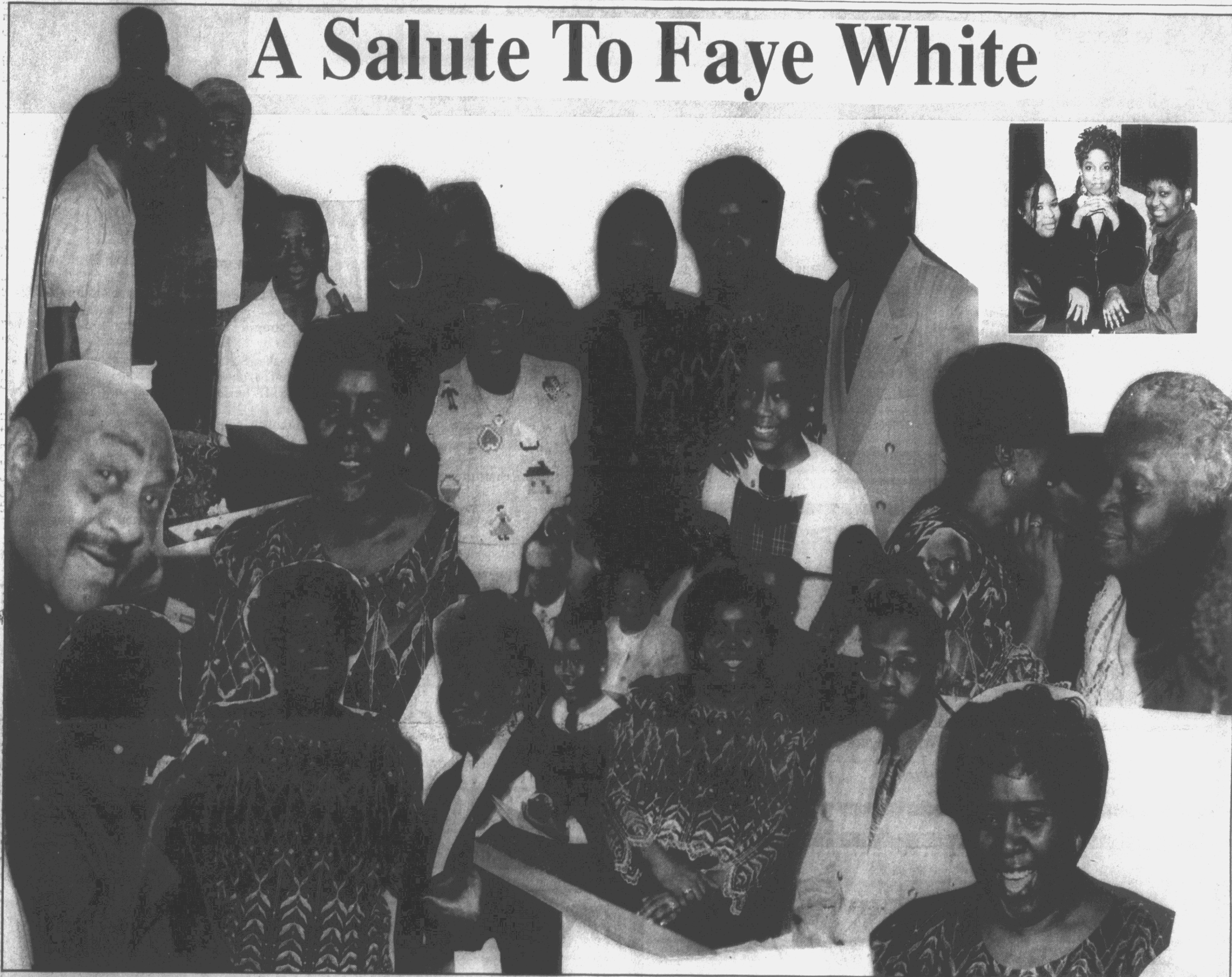
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TEARS OF JOY FLOW FOR SISTER FAYE WHITE!! Love and Fellowship permeated the air at the Philippi Church of Christ when Sister Faye was honored with an Appreciation Program in recognition of her service to Philippi as Director of the Mass Choir and Male Chorus. Sister Faye was showered with gifts and accolades from her church, her family, and her friends. Shown here with Sister Faye are: (L-R) Mrs. Martha Spencer, Mrs. Samuel Clark, Sister Faye's mother, Christina Wilcox, granddaughter, and Alexander Wilcox, her son.

Face The Music

Rapper guilty of sex abuse

By: Robert Gearty, Chris Oliver, Rob Speyer and Laurie C. Merrill

Bullett-ravaged rap star Tupac Shakur was convicted of sexually abusing a young woman in a hotel room - but beat the most serious charges.

A Manhattan Supreme Court jury found Shakur guilty of holding down the 20-year-old victim and fondling her in November 1993, but found him innocent of sodomy and weapons charges.

Several jurors had held out for acquittal.

His head bandaged and grimacing in pain from five bullet wounds he suffered in a robbery Wednesday, the wheelchair-bound Shakur made a dramatic court appearance yesterday morning.

But the controversial singer was absent from the courtroom when the verdict was read last evening. The Daily News learned that the rapper checked into Metropolitan Hospital - under an alias.

Co-defendant Charles Fuller, 24, received the same verdict as Shakur.

Shakur faced three counts of sex abuse and was found guilty on all three. On each count, he faces 2 1/5 to seven years in prison. Because the three counts stem from one criminal act, the sentences almost certainly would run at the same time.

A conviction for sodomy would

have meant an 8 1/5-to-25-year term.

The victim, now 20, said she had agreed to meet Shakur at the Parker Meridien Hotel in November, but when she arrived she was held down and forced to perform sex acts with Shakur and three of his friends.

"It was a split between acquittal (on all the charges) and (conviction on) sexual abuse," said the jury foreman, who gave his name only as Adam. "There was some discussion about the sodomy charges, but we moved quickly to the sexual abuse charges."

The deliberations were "difficult" for the nine men and three women on the jury because some held out for acquittal, juror Richard Devitt said. Earlier yesterday the jury foreman said the panel was deadlocked.

Asked about Shakur's surprise morning appearance in court, the foreman said:

"There was some speculation about what happened to him, but we did not let it influence our deliberations. We feel our verdict will stand for itself."

Devitt, 32, said, "We knew something happened, but I wasn't ready to draw any conclusion. When we went back to deliberate nobody made a comment about it. Nobody said anything. I personally was curious."

Devitt also said the panel ques-

tioned the victim's credibility.

Shakur's lawyer, Michael Warren, hailed the verdict as a victory, but also said he would appeal.

"It's a good move that my client was found innocent on 75% of the charges," he said, adding that he

believes that "many times" a person convicted of sexual abuse can get probation.

A hearing has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday to formally notify Shakur and Fuller of the verdict and to set a sentencing date.

Both will remain free on bail.

Last night, a friend of Shakur's named Porche, who was visiting Shakur at Metropolitan Hospital, said the rapper checked out of Bellevue Hospital on Wednesday against doctors' advice so he could

appear in court.

"The reason that he left the hospital was he just wanted to make sure he stood up to the very end and say, 'I'm not guilty,'" Porche said. "He just wanted to show he

(Continued on page two)

Shot-up Shakur changes hospitals

By Mark Mooney, Tim Ireland and Laurie C. Merrill

Convicted sex abuser Tupac Shakur checked himself into Metropolitan Hospital where he held court for his friends.

Friends confirmed that the rapper was in the E. 97th St. hospital, but when Shakur's lawyer said he was there to visit a relative, not Shakur.

"I don't know that he's in there," lawyer Michael Warren said when asked why Shakur had checked in. But he was overheard saying to two colleagues, "Damn."

Hours after doctors removed five bullets from Shakur, who was shot in a robbery Wednesday morning, the rapper checked himself out of Bellevue Hospital against medical advice.

He made a dramatic courtroom appearance yesterday morning in his sex abuse and sodomy trial.

Last night, the panel convicted

him of sexually abusing a young woman in a midtown hotel room. a friend of Shakur's who identi-

fied himself as Mike and who was visiting him at Metropolitan said last night: "We are so proud of

him. No matter how much everybody tries to knock him down, he just won't give up."

Shakur's hosp exit a 'grave' risk: doc

By Mark Mooney and Rob Speyer

Rapper Tupac Shakur quietly checked into a second city hospital late yesterday as his doctor at the hospital that saved his life warned his roaming ways were a "grave" risk.

Dr. Leon Pachter of Bellevue Hospital said Shakur was playing Russian roulette with his health after checking himself out of Bellevue on Wednesday night, very much against doctors' orders.

"I'm shocked," Pachter said of his bizarre experience treating Shakur. "When he came in here, he was a model patient. It was like

Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

"He made a big mistake by leaving the hospital."

By roaming the city and showing up at a Manhattan courthouse yesterday, the rapper stands a small, though very real, chance of losing a testicle, killing a thigh muscle, rupturing a kidney or suf-

fering a massive bleeding.

"I must say that I haven't seen anybody in my 25-year professional career leave the hospital like this," said Pachter, the leader of the 12-doctor team that treated Shakur when he arrived at Bellevue after being shot five times early Wednesday morning.

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Pitt County Memorial Hospital honors employees for years of service

Pitt County Memorial Hospital honored two retirees and 105 employees with 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service during its 19th Annual Employee Recognition Banquet on November 2 at the

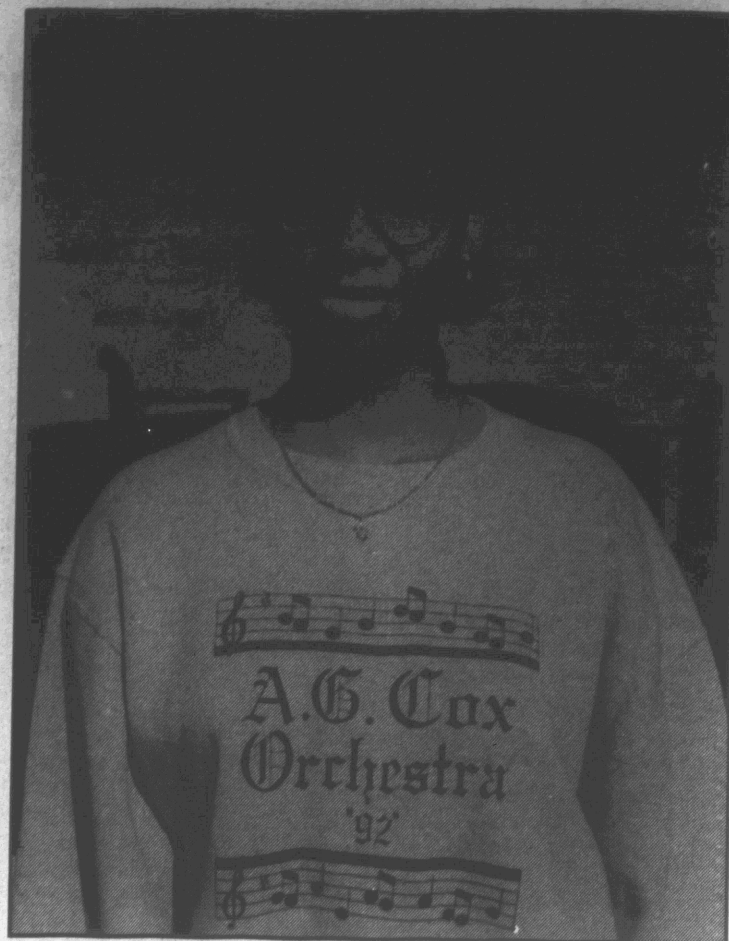
Hilton Inn. The ceremony also honored 11 employees with more than 30 years of service and are still working.

Retirees honored during the ceremony included Hattie B. Cannon

(25 years) and Elma Ruth Skinner (25 Years). Also honored were 15 employees with 30 or more years of service and who are still working. They included Betty Bailey (33 years), Mable F. Baker (43

years), Lena J. Barrett (37 years), Linda M. Boyd (30 years), Mary L. Cox (32 years), Ruby Harper (33 years), Dorothy B. House (32 years), Carroll Jarvis (31 years), Jessie B. Jones (42 years), Margaret L. Joyner (31 years), Joshua Rogerson (31 years), Louise L. Short (30 years), Mary L. Stocks (35 years), and Mamie S. Ward (30 years).

On November 1, Pitt Memorial honored 294 employees with five years of service at a morning reception in the Brody Medical Sciences Building and honored 85 employees with ten years of service at an evening social at the Hilton Inn.



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Clayton announces GATT Passage

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton, announced the House passage of the Uruguay Round Agreement, H.R. 5110, under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) by a vote of 288 to 146. The Senate will vote on the bill December 1.

"The World Trade Organization will not take away sovereignty and will open up trade in agricultural industries," said Clayton. "I believe that the Uruguay Round is significant in providing United States' industries with the opportunity to expand into markets which have traditionally shunned U.S. products through high tariffs and non-tariff barriers."

A tariff suspension bill, H.R. 2920, introduced by Clayton in

1993 was incorporated into the GATT bill and will provide expansion stimulus for North Carolina's vital textile industry.

"The inclusion of the tariff suspension bill translates into hundreds of jobs for textile workers for the citizens of North Carolina," said Clayton. "The concerns I had regarding the textile, peanut and tobacco industries were satisfactorily answered and I think this legislation will be beneficial to North Carolinians."

The GATT Trade Agreement will reduce overall international trade barriers including tariffs, imports quotas, and export subsidies. The agreement is not scheduled to take effect until July 1, 1995.

Clayton announces pact to protect Roanoke River

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton announced an unprecedented agreement between the Nature Conservancy and Georgia Pacific to protect and manage more than 21,000 acres of land along the lower Roanoke River.

The Nature Conservancy, an international conservation organization and Georgia Pacific, who owns the land, announced the agreement Monday at a press conference in Washington. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, A.D. Pete Correll, Chairman and CEO of Georgia-Pacific and John Sawhill, President and CEO of The Nature Conservancy were on hand for the announcement.

"This agreement is the first of its kind for North Carolina," said Clayton. "It is an important step toward forging a relationship between conservationist and private industry."

The lower Roanoke River tracts contain cypress gum, bottomland hardwoods and the forest team with white-tailed deer, wild tur-

key, black bear, bald eagle and bobcat.

Georgia Pacific will be responsible for the ownership, operation an all associated costs and jointly developing and monitoring the ecosystem management plan. The Nature Conservancy is responsible for protecting the properties and monitoring and managing plant and animal populations, plant communities and natural habitats.

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If you're like most people, you take the rate of return of your investments at face value. But how much are they really earning? To figure that out, you have to consider the effects of both inflation and taxes. If you're not keeping up with inflation and making up for the effect of taxes, your investments may be losing money.

Many people have retirement savings in either money market funds or certificates of deposit (CDs), both relatively safe investments. These investment vehicles, however, should be considered only for short periods of time, because historically their returns have been fairly low.

Low returns make them particularly vulnerable to the effects of inflation. Even at the relatively low levels that we've seen recently, inflation erodes your buying power and raises your cost of living. The Consumer Price Index, set at 100 in 1967—the base year—has more than tripled since then. Experts estimate that the cost of living index will triple again during the next 20 years. This is a problem especially for people who are trying to live on a fixed income or who have fixed-rate savings accounts or fixed-income investments such as money market funds. An average annual inflation rate of five percent over 15 years—an average that is slightly lower than actual for the past twenty years—would cut the value of \$1,000 to

only \$481. Trying to be overly safe, in this case, ends up being a risk. You risk eroding your retirement by trying to avoid any risk to your principal.

Money market funds, which are special forms of mutual funds, offer liquidity and flexibility through check-writing privileges. Interest rates, however, are variable; when market rates fall, so do your earnings.

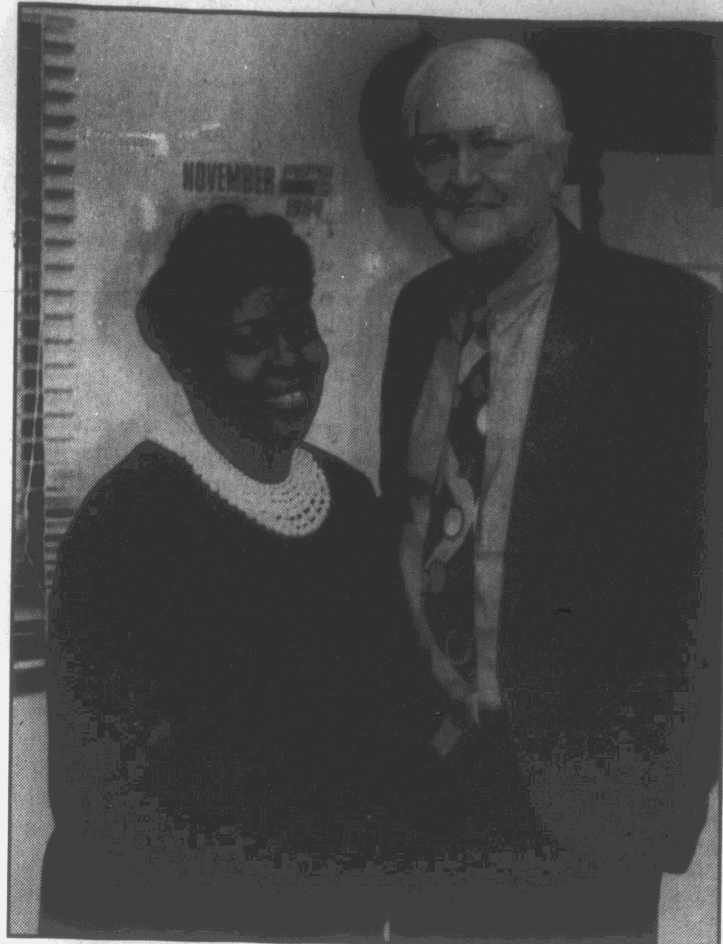
These funds have been showing average annual gains of around five percent during the two decades, but this return is almost

canceled out by inflation. While not quite as high as it was in the 80s, the annual inflation rate in the 90s has been about three percent. To determine your real earnings, then, you have to subtract inflation from money market returns. In this case, your real earnings are only two percent (subtract the three percent inflation from the five percent return). Take into account the effect of taxes, and your retirement funds may start to disappear.

CDs are fixed-time investments that require you to deposit your

money for set amounts of time; for example, six months up to eight years. Interest rates paid are generally higher than for money market accounts, and the longer the time, the higher the rate. Unfortunately, over the past 20 years, returns actually have been losses after factoring in inflation rates.

You may want to meet with a financial expert to help you evaluate the real rates of return on your investments. Then, determine how you need to invest so you can beat the effects of inflation and taxes, rather than just keep up with them.



MS. DOROTHY GODLEY and E.B. Aycock's principal, Mr. Ed Tadlock, paused briefly for our photographer at their annual "Thanksgiving Feast." Photo by Jim Rouse

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Mayo completes basic training

Navy Seaman Recruit Jacob Mayo, a 1993 graduate of North Pitt High School of Bethel, N.C., recently completed basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Studies include seamanship, close-order drill, naval history and first aid.

Although the Navy is getting smaller, the state-of-the-art ships, aircraft and high tech systems in today's fleet require bright, talented young men and women to operate them. The Navy has over 55,000 job openings this year, most of which include guaranteed training.

Notice to Bidders

Sealed proposal will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of Greenville in the office of Authority, 1103 Broad Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27835, up to 2:00 p.m., local time on Wednesday, 21 December, and immediately thereafter opened and read in the presence of attending bidders for the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment entering into construction of the project upon the Owner's property in Greenville, North Carolina.

Complete plans, specifications and contract documents will be open in the office of H R Associates, P.A., 1200 Navaho Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina. Prime bidders who are qualified and who will make a bid will, upon deposit of the sum of One Hundred Dollars (100.00) with the Architect, receive documents in duplicate. The full deposit will be refunded to those qualified prime bidders who submit a bona fide prime proposal, providing bidding documents are returned in good condition to the Architect within five (5) days after receipt of bids.

Subcontractors, materialmen, etc., may obtain applicable documents for the cost of reproduction and mailing. Prime bidders may obtain additional copies on the same basis.

The Work consists of furnishing and installing interior doors and hardware at Hopkins Park.

All Bidders are hereby notified that they must have proper license under the State laws governing their respective trades.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cash deposit or a certified check drawn on some bank or trust company insured by the FDIC in an amount equal to not less than 5% of the proposal; or in lieu thereof, a Bidder may offer a bid bond of 5% of the proposal, executed by a surety company licensed under the laws of North Carolina to make payment forthwith to the obligee upon said bond if the Bidder fails to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond. Said deposit shall be retained by the Owner as liquidated damages in the event of failure by the successful bidder to execute the contract within 10 days after the award or to give satisfactory surety as required by law.

All Contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper license under the State laws governing their respective trades.

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In lieu of a Performance and Payment Bond, the Owner will accept a cash escrow of twenty percent (20%) of the construction contract amount, or a Letter of Credit of twenty-five percent (25%) of the construction contract amount.

Payment will be made on the basis of ninety percent (90%) of monthly estimates, and final payment made upon completion and acceptance of the work.

The Housing Authority of the City of Greenville requires that all bidders shall make every effort to involve minority-owned and women-owned businesses in an amount not less than ten-percent of the bid proposal.

Attention is called to the fact that no less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the U.S. Dept. of Labor Wage Decision NC 940022 shall be paid on this project.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of sixty (60) days.

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was strong and nobody was going to know him down."

Shakur's court appearance was a show-stopper that capped a bizarre chain of events.

The part-time actor wearing a turban-like bandage around his head and another around his left hand grimaced at the jury. He popped painkillers. He winked at his friends. And he wore a bullet-proof vest.

Several jurors winced and nudged each other as Shakur struggled to stand and then propped himself up against the defense table.

The jury remained in the court-

Guilty

room for 10 minutes as Shakur, his face twisted in agony, washed down painkillers with a cup of mineral water.

The judge did not mention Shakur's injuries.

Once the jurors made their exit, Shakur grinned at his friends and then quickly left. Seven Nation of Islam bodyguards wheeled him out of the courtroom and aggressively pushed away reporters who tried to question him.

Shakur maintains that Wednesday's shooting was some kind of "setup."

With Mark Mooney and George Rush

Clayton appoints new staffers

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton announced today the appointment of Dana Gresham, staff assistant, in the Washington office and Joyce Mourning Mitchell, case worker, in the Greenville District office.

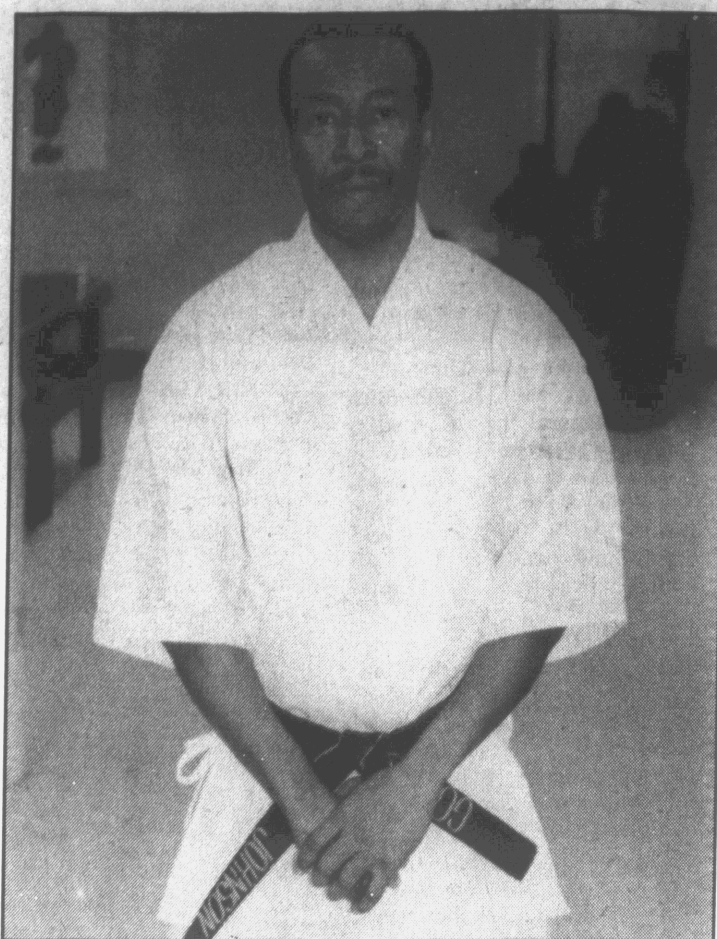
Gresham most recently worked as an Administrative Assistant for The International Monetary Fund in Washington, D.C. He worked in the office of Congressman Earl F. Hilliard last summer as a Congressional Black Caucus Fellow.

Mitchell is a former Library Clerk with East Carolina University and prior to that worked for more than ten years as a Social Worker.

"I'm delighted to have staff of such high quality and diverse backgrounds on my staff," said Clayton. "I feel confident that they will do a splendid job for me and the people of the 1st Congressional District."

Gresham holds a Bachelor of

Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from East Carolina University and has completed additional hours of study in the social sciences.



BROTHER CLEVELAND JOHNSON of CJ'S Karate is pictured above.
Photo by Jim Rouse

Sister Gossip and Sister Garbage

Pastor Amen stands up with the service he'll close,

Sister Gossip pushes through the crowd and turns up her nose.

Slips a note into Sister Garbage's hand, and says don't get it mixed up with the fans.

Call me when you get home

She rushes in the house and says,

Lord, where is that telephone.

She dials Sister Gossip and the line is busy,

She sits in the chair pressure up and she's dizzy.

The phone rings and she jumps from the chair,

And says, Hello child it's me are you there?

Oh yes, she sighs as she catches her breath,

Pastor Amen should be ashamed of himself.

What happened?, asked Sister Garbage as she slips off her shoes

Him preaching the way he did today and that old news.

And did you hear that girls singing that song,

I know she sang much too long.

I did think it was too much,

But the musician help oh such.

And Sister Amen always trying to run the show,

And those children of hers do also.

What about Mother Do Right sitting in the back,

Witnessing and waving her hand like that.

And what about the one raising the money,

Oh they beg just too much honey.

Sister Gossip says hold on someone's at the door,

Come back to the phone let's gossip some more.

And did you hear about the revival coming up,

Girl, they have service too much.

Well, says Sister Garbage can't go all the time,

Sister Gossip you told me to make up my own mind.

People always telling you what to do,

And I'm sitting here listening to you.

But you know as we sit here and talk on the phone,

I feel we should leave gossiping alone.

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The Bell Curve

By the turn of the century, Blacks were being run out of the South due to racism; and the Great Migration, while it was good for a short while, had Blacks competing with newly arrived Whites for jobs on every level. Whites responded by rioting, and in the New York and Pennsylvania riots of 1909,

1911 and 1919, Blacks were lynched to express White underclass frustrations. The White underclass seemed to be saying, "What's wrong, ain't I better than a nigger? Why is my acceptance taking so long?"

The establishment responded by

saying, "Yes, you are! At the very least." The Ku Klux Klan rode in the South; prosperous Black Wall Street was destroyed in Oklahoma in 1921; and a period of harassment and Jim Crow prevailed in New York and most of the nation until WWI and returned again until WWII.

Despite the contributions to the railroad industry made by Blacks from Granville T. Woods, Elijah McCoy, James A. Beard and a host of others, Blacks could not ride the rails except as porters, and their schedule as porters was grueling and low-paying. And they could be fired at any time for any reason.

Were it not for Dr. Ralph Bunch and the organization of the Union of Sleeping Car Porters, that situation would have remained. Whited then rushed to take over unionism, away from Communists, or so they claimed. The establishment preferred for organized crime to have it.

Hiding the truth

White academicians and historians have conspired to hide the truth about American history from the people. They have printed books omitting our contributions to America and the world, and savored racist theories, giving them a wide platform and due considerations that they do not deserve.

Moreover, they have lied about their own backgrounds and origins, which in many cases was vile and puss-ridden.

White people are no better than any other people on earth, and I dare say often a damn sight worse. They have so much and still they wish to see others starve and have nothing. This is despotism.

Dr. Charles Murray, a know conservative ideologue with a racist agenda, has written *The Bell Curve* in association with the late Dr. Richard Herrnstein. Both of these men are elitist and racist, and their theories perpetuate human inequality rather than attempt to understand or remedy it.

Western science fails

Furthermore, Western science, for all its impressive achievements, essentially fails because its motivations and concepts are mean-spirited and based on White supremacy. Western science knows

far less about the mind than they think. You can be stupid in the morning and smart at night, or intelligent but evil. Two or more people can be living inside of one body, and providing they get along, be of great assistance to the individual. There is a higher level of consciousness that knows everything and a lower level that is perpetually learning.

A four-year-old Black child is different from a four-year-old White child. Black develop more slowly, and the child prodigy often peters out by 25. There are ancestral influences and habits of raising children that have their roots in slavery that tend to stunt early growth.

This ugly theory of Murray, Herrnstein and their friends is nothing less than an arrogant and evil misuse of science and power.

Murray and Herrnstein are little more than a couple of smart asses! Their theory, along with other attacks, was designed to give direction, form and substance to free-floating White resentments and keep the focus on White supremacy as fanned by special interest groups.

Answer this

The only questions I have for Drs. Murray and Herrnstein are, if Blacks are so inferior, why are you so afraid of us?

Any why, if Blacks are too stupid to help themselves, would you suggest removing help from them? Seeing as how they can't help themselves, is the plan to allow them to die, or perhaps as Dr. Murray suggests, they become wards of the state, a/k/a slaves? These theories were used to sterilize poor and so-called mentally impaired patients and by extension, Blacks.

Civil rights activist Fannie Lou

Hamer was sterilized by so-called doctors like Murray.

It must be remembered that most IQ theories were created by racist, sexist and elitists like Murray and Herrnstein. They were created to shore up slavery, stave off immigrants landing on Ellis Island and used until recently to experiment on Haitians held in detention camps. No other groups were mistreated in this matter.

The academic elite are largely a group of neo-Nazis, and academia is one of the major pillars of racism. These theories are old. Indeed, most of these Nazi theories were first promulgated here in America, including eugenics.

They've taken the books off the market that show Whites in Europe with extended spinal bones sticking out of their lower backs like tails, tow rows of teeth, etc. P.T. Barnum filled his early circus only with Black oddities, thus perpetuating theories of racial inferiority in Blacks, but not in Whites.

He knew what he was doing, as does Murray. Their purpose is to maim psychologically. Provide a scientific basis for racial hatred, to inflict mental, spiritual and emotional harm. To make Black people the subjects of pseudo-scientific study and ridicule.

Murray advocates an end to affirmative action in job hiring, and an end to Head Start for Black children, calling it a waste of time and an end to government programs like Aid for Mothers with Dependent Children. All of this he maintains is a waste of time because Blacks are genetically inferior and little can be done to save them.

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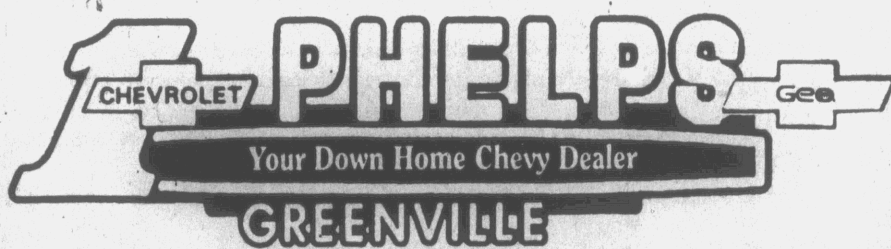
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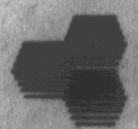
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Last summer the General Assembly set aside \$3 million dollars to build the activity center which will house a specially designed auditorium with interpreter stations and assistive listening devices, a student lounge and game room, kitchen facilities and a new library/media center.

"Our students, faculty and parents have worked long and hard

for this much needed facility," said school Superintendent Steve Withey. "For years we have made do with a library housed in a cramped converted classroom and an auditorium that is too small and not built for visual communication. In addition our students have had no place on campus to socialize. Thanks to this new activity center all of those needs will now be met. Needless to say our faculty, students and parents are overjoyed that construction is about to begin."

The groundbreaking ceremony will take place in the center of

campus and will feature the Honorable Toby Fitch, N.C. House of Representatives as key note speaker. Also participating in the ceremony will be Lynne Perrin, assistant secretary of the Department of Human Resources, Dr. Frank Turk, director of the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Wilson Mayor Bruce Rose and the school's students.

The Eastern School for the Deaf

Frizzell named principal



MS. SHELIA FRIZZELL

Ms. Shelia Frizzell, daughter of Monty and Pearl Frizzell of Greenville, has been named Principal of the R. L. Vann Elementary School in Ahoskie, North Carolina.

Listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, Ms. Frizzell is a Cum Laude graduate of the Saint Augustine College where she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree; NC A&T University, earning the Master of Science Degree; and the University of NC at Chapel Hill where she received her APEP Principal Leadership Training.

She is a proud member of the Triumph Missionary Baptist Church, the NAACP, Community Mass Choir, and an active member of the St. Augustine Alumni Association.

Prior to going to R. L. Vann, Ms. Frizzell was Assistant Principal of the Hertford County Middle School, Teacher of Reading with the Pitt County Schools, Director of Youth Enrichment (Community Base Alternatives) at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Field Coordinator of the Martin County Community Action. She is a member of the NCAE, Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Kappa Mu, and the International Reading Association.

was established in 1964 on a 54 acre campus just north of Wilson. Its mission is to provide a quality education and nurturing environment in which children can develop their maximum potential. The school serves 360 students from 54 counties from pre-school through high school.

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For more information, contact Webber Paxton at the Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf at 919237-2450.



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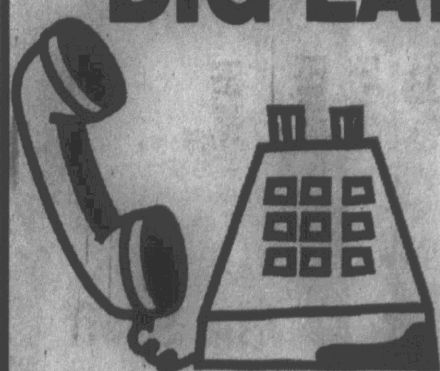
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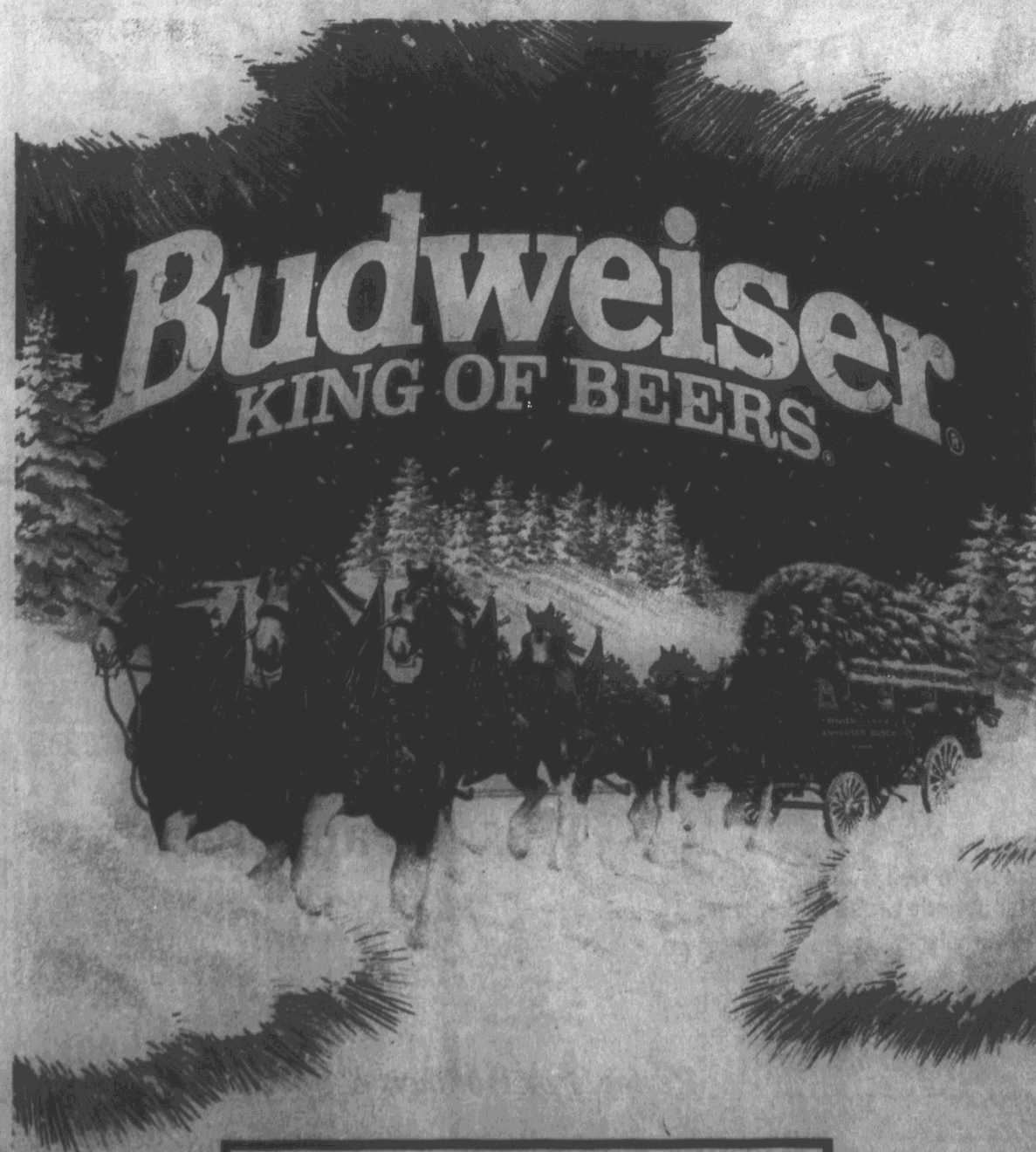
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