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## Bryant brothers going to federal pen

By Emanuel Parker  
Los Angeles Sentinel  
Staff Writer

### 74-year-old mom gets home detention

A leader of the notorious Bryant crime family and his ex-deputy sheriff brother were sentenced to prison Monday while their mother was given a year of home detention for hiding nearly \$800,000 in suspected drug proceeds from the IRS.

Jeff Bryant, cofounder of the Bryant gang, was sentenced to 110 months in federal prison and fined \$100,000. His brother, Ely Bryant, a former Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputy, drew 37 months in prison

and a \$75,000 fine.

Their mother, Florence Bryant, got one year of home detention from U.S. District Court Judge William Keller.

The judge said he would have sent the mother to prison too, if she was not 74 years old. He said her sentence was "rather tepid" considering her offense.

All were found guilty in July of trying to block an Internal Revenue Service probe, a charge that carries a maximum of five years in

prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Jeff Bryant also was convicted of tax evasion, Jeff Bryant reportedly founded the family gang with his brother, Stanley, and ran it from his jail cell during prison stints for drug trafficking.

The judge wondered why Ely, a bright law enforcement officer with a college degree, would launder drug proceeds for his brother.

"Why he'd get dirty with his brother is beyond me, but he did," Keller said. "That money was ab-

solutely laundered. There was no other source" of income.

Ely Bryant deposited money in bank accounts in amounts less than \$10,000 to avoid triggering transactions reports to federal authorities, prosecutors said. He and Florence Bryant then used the money to buy real estate, business equipment, pay taxes, mortgages and pay off other financial debts without ever reporting the cash as income.

Federal prosecutors said the

money came from brother Jeff's involvement in drug dealing, though none of the defendants were charged with drug trafficking.

As Ely Bryant left court, after being stripped of his coat and tie, he whispered, "I'm innocent."

After Keller sentenced him, Ely said, "With all due respect to your opinion, I've sat here all these months, and I've always understood the burden of proof was on the prosecution. It just appears to me I've been inferred (sic) to prison."

I'm looking for what has been proven. I just don't see it."

The Bryant family ran a powerful 200-member San Fernando Valley crack ring that brought in as much as \$100,000 a week in proceeds, said federal prosecutors.

Stanley Bryant and gang members Donald Franklin Smith and LeRoy Wheeler were sentenced to death in October 1995 for their involvement in a Lake View Terrace quadruple murder that included killing a two-year-old girl.

Stanley Bryant, nicknamed "Peanut Head," Smith and Wheeler were convicted of the Aug. See Family On Page 12

## Chavis criticizes efforts Former NAACP leader upset about attempts to defrock him

Former NAACP leader Benjamin Chavis criticized a recommendation to defrock him as a Protestant minister for joining the Nation of Islam.

"The God who called me to the Christian ministry is the same God who called me to the ministry of Islam," Chavis, who now uses the name Benjamin Chavis Muhammad, said Friday.

It was his first public statement since a commission of the United Church of Christ voted on Thursday to recommend his termination as minister for joining the black Muslim sect.

Chavis, ordained in 1980 as a minister in the Cleveland-based church and former head of its Commission on Racial Justice, announced in February that he had joined the Nation of Islam. He did not notify UCC officials before making the announcement.

Finding that he had left the Christian faith, the church temporarily suspended him last month from preaching, administering the sacraments or performing other pastoral duties for the 1.5-million-member denomination.

During a Friday news conference in Los Angeles, Chavis argued that he never left his Protestant church and did not need its permission to join Minister Louis Farrakhan's sect.

"There's only one God," Chavis said. "The God of Judaism and the God of Islam is the same God."

Chavis appeared with other Nation of Islam members at the Vermont Avenue mosque that serves as the group's Western regional headquarters.

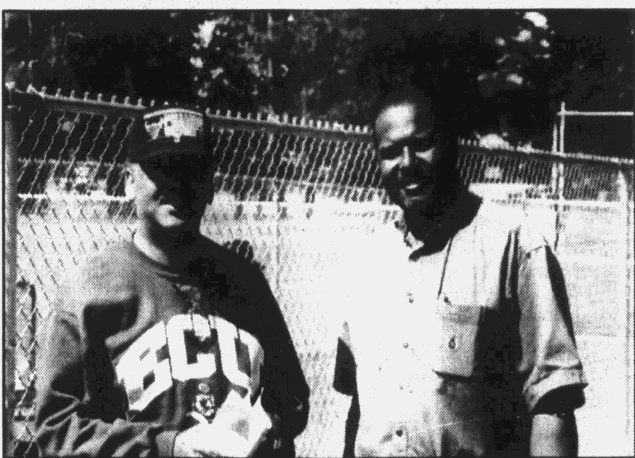
Chavis was scheduled to speak Sunday at both the United Church of Christ pulpit and a mosque, despite the church's ban on preaching.

The Rev. Madison T. Schockley II, a longtime friend and pastor who invited Chavis to speak, said the minister would not be "preaching" but engaging in a "dialogue" with members at the Congregational Church of Christian Fellowship.

Members of the Church and the Ministry Commission of the UCC's Eastern North Carolina Association decided in a split vote in Durham, N.C., that Chavis' adoption of the Islamic faith was in-

See Chavis On Page 12

### Robinson League Starts



Shown at the C.M. Epps Field are elected officials for the start of the baseball season for many young African-American boys. They are (left to right, top photo) Boyd Lee, director of Parks and Recreation; Rep. Linwood Mercer; Greenville City Councilman Chuck Audry; Mayor Pro Tem Rufus Huggins, County Commission Farney Moore, and State Senator Bob Martin. They were on hand to encourage our young brothers and give financial support.

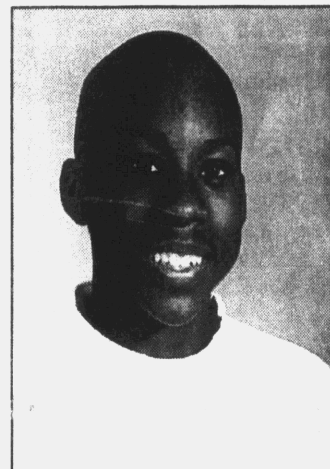
(Photos by Jim Rouse)

## White is 2nd place all-around

### Nykia places at Region VII Championship

Once again, Nykia O. White, and his family would like to sincerely thank each and every one who support Nykia, materially and spiritually, in his endeavors to show other "young males," what can be accomplished by sacrifice and extra effort and a little hard work.

Nykia finished the 1997 gymnastic season as a Class 4 gymnast with a solid performance at the 1997 Region VIII Men's Championship in Marietta, GA. on April 12. His individual efforts earned him second place all-around, while winning medals in four skills and the second place AA medal. He



Nykia O. White

posted a score of 8.25 on the floor exercise (second place); high bar, 7.9 (third place); vault, 8.675 (eighth place); parallel bars, 7.8 (tied for eighth); pommel horse, 6.12 (12th place); and rings, 7.0 (20th

place) out of 55 competitors from eight states of the Southeastern Region: Tennessee, Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Nykia and his Class 4 - 12 years and older, teammates, Brandon Lennox and Chip Burti, have dominated Class 4 gymnastics the entire season, bring "home" to Greenville, three first place team trophies (the Peachtree Classic Invitational, and the North Carolina State Championship and now the Southeastern Regionals. Go team go!

This was the boys last competition as Class 4 gymnasts. Beginning next season (in October), they will be competing on the national level, on their way to becoming world-class athletes.

Thank you all again.

The White family.

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### Black-Owned Business Opens



The proud owners of the new "\$1 to \$5 Store," which is located in Winterville in the Food Lion Shopping Center are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Herring (left). They encourage everyone to visit their lovely store and check out the low prices. You can also meet the store manager, Ms. Beverly Nowack. Drop by and visit the new \$1 to \$5 Store.

Staff Photo by Reggie Price

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## Exhibit shows slave child who mixed with London's great Sancho, born on slave ship, was 'best' black writer of his time

Ignatius Sancho, who was born on a slave ship and matured into a notable figure in the cultural life of London 200 years ago, is back in the limelight.

His revival is part of the search for the historical and cultural achievements of African people in Europe.

An exhibition about him at London's National Portrait Gallery challenges popular belief that

black history in Britain only began with immigrants from Jamaica arriving in 1948 to fill jobs for which labor was in short supply.

Sancho died in London in 1780, when it is estimated that there were between 5,000 and 20,000 blacks in the country.

Blacks often appear in their roles as pages, servants or grooms in portraits of the nobility and landed gentry of those days.

A portrait of the Duchess of Portsmouth, mistress of King Charles II, done in 1682, shows her with a black boy servant named Francis Barber.

Sancho, who described himself in a letter as a "coal-black, jolly African," became a friend of the novelist Laurence Sterne and the actor David Garrick, and was painted by Thomas Gainsborough. The portrait has been loaned to the exhibition by the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa.

Sancho wrote a theory of music, composed music and songs, be-

came a Methodist and spent his last years running a grocery near Piccadilly Circus.

He died in 1780 before the campaign against slavery got under way, but his letters were used by abolitionists to support their cause.

The exhibit, "Ignatius Sancho: An African Man of Letters," at the gallery through May 11 was assembled by Reyahn King, a museum curator, who discovered Sancho while searching the gallery archives.

"I was looking for names of black people in British history and there

were few although there had been thousands of them in Britain as a result of exploration, trading and slavery," Ms. King said in an interview.

"Sancho is now regarded as the best writer among black people of his time. What impresses me about him is the warmth and humanity of his letters," she said.

Sancho is mentioned by Thomas Jefferson in his "Notes on the State of Virginia" in 1787.

"Sancho is the only 18th-century black with an entry in the See Child On Page 12

# Willis Pittman and The Burden Lifters will record live album and video

The legendary gospel quartet singer WILLIS PITTMAN and his group, The Burden Lifters will record their first live project and video, to be distributed by CSG of Nashville.

The live recording session will be held in Rocky Mt., North Carolina, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 652 Riley Road on Monday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. This evening of great gospel music also feature Robert Blair and The Violinaires of Detroit, The Silver

Stars from Blanch, N.C., Elder Ronzell Bell and The Ebenezer Baptist Church Combined Choir will also perform. The Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Walker is pastor of Ebenezer Baptist church.

WILLIS PITTMAN, who is best known for gospel classics "I Wanna Go Where The Thunder Rolls", and "Little Johnny", is excited about recording his new live project and video in Rocky Mt., and invites the public to be a part of this spirit filled night of music.

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## Stepping High In Fashion And Big Smiles



The new ladies on the block take time out to pose for The 'M' Voice camera. They are (from left to right): Chammy, Towana, Deborah, and Sonya, the professionals of LaDivas Beauty Salon. Keep up the good work girls.

Photo by Haywood Johnson Jr.

## Two teenagers charged in alleged assault of 15-year-old at local school

Two juvenile boys, ages 14 and 15, have been charged in connection with an alleged sexual assault on March 13th on a 15-year-old black girl at Greene County Middle School.

The Coalition Against Racism called a meeting at the school on Monday to criticize school officials' actions for their treatment of a child who was described as being mentally retarded.

It was reported that two white boys attempted to force the black girl to perform oral sex outside the gymnasium during her physical education class.

According to the Greene County Sheriff's Department, the 15-year-old boy was charged with indecent exposure and attempted rape, and the 14-year-old was charged with aiding and abetting.

It was reported that the boys have suspended from the remainder of the school year and were released in the custody of their parents.

The school of under the supervision of Principal Carolyn Spain of Kinston, who is black.

According to reports, the parents of the girl were not notified of the incident until approximately eight hours after it occurred when a teach and a teaching assistant went to the girl's home. School officials had tried to contact the parents sooner, but had an outdated telephone number, according to Acting Greene County Schools Superintendent Steve Mazingo.

A juvenile hearing has been scheduled for April 15th.

This incident involving minors had to be handled in compliance with state law which prohibits names of juveniles being made public.

## Free child rearing book is offered

Ever wish the next "stage" for your child was the one that carried him out of town?

Now there's an answer for frustrated parents who wish they had

a manual for raising children.

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, caring for 400 children on any given day, is producing "Stage Coach - Coaching Tips for 10 Tough Life Stages" and is offering the book free of charge.

"Stage Coach" will be serialized through BCH's monthly newspaper *Charity & Children*, and offered free in book form to anyone who requests it by writing Editor, PO Box 338, Thomasville, NC 27361-0338.

"Stage Coach," written by BCH staff with hundreds of years combined experience in caring for children with behavioral issues, offers coaching tips to help parents appropriately discipline preschoolers, choose good day care, prepare a child to begin school, transmit their values, make a blended family work, parent from

the road, deal with blossoming sexuality and "puberty paranoia," handle teenage rebellion, help a child leave the nest and to be a good grandparent.

Authors include a "teacher of the year," marriage and family therapists, social workers, a daycare supervisor and trainer, and BCH President Michael C. Blackwell.

"Stage Coach is another BCH effort to help families deal with issues that threaten their stability before those issues tear the family apart," said Blackwell. "It will help families prosper at any stage of their lives."

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina serves more than 1,400 children each year through four residential campuses, two homes for girls with difficult behavioral issues, a maternity home, and a home for teenage mothers and their babies.

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## Colin Powell says racism still a problem in U.S. despite progress

Racism remains a serious barrier to equal opportunity in America, retired Gen. Colin Powell said recently in urging the continued use of affirmative action to help minorities.

Powell, co-chairman of the summit on volunteering that opened in Philadelphia two weeks ago, also said he's bothered by the effects that last year's law overhauling the U.S. welfare system will

still make a difference in this country. We still need the kind of programs that break down barriers...And that's why affirmative action is still so very, very important."

Asked about comments by Woods, the young golfing sensation who won the Masters Tournament, that he prefers not to be called black because he come from a variety of backgrounds, Powell

said, "In this country, which I love to the depth of my heart and soul, if you look like me you are still considered

**"We've got to realize that the revolution is not over,"**

**Gen. Colin Powell**

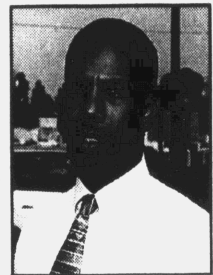
black."

Powell said that although he has white and Indian blood, "I'm a black American, an African-American, whatever rolls off your tongue most easily."

Powell said he hasn't thought much about whether the Census Bureau should create a new "multiracial" category for people such as Woods, whose father is black and mother Asian.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume, interviewed recently on ABC's "This Week," said the new listing "would make it difficult for federal agencies to track discrimination and to remedy it." He said, "The declaration of a multiracial person multiracial does not decrease the amount of discrimination they face."

"It puts people in an impossible situation," said Rep. Thomas Petri, R-Wis., who has proposed legislation adding a multiracial category on the census.



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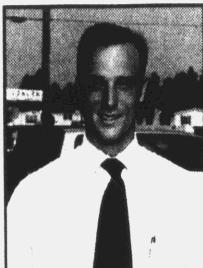
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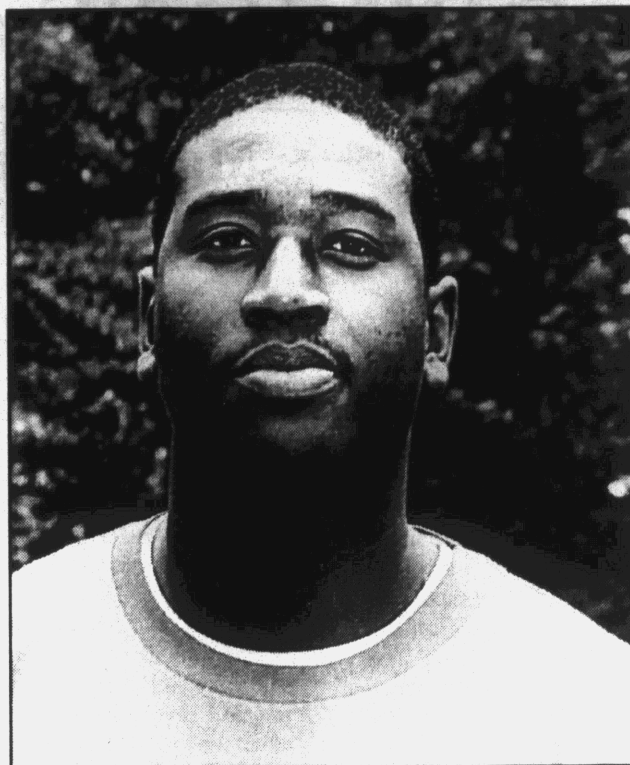
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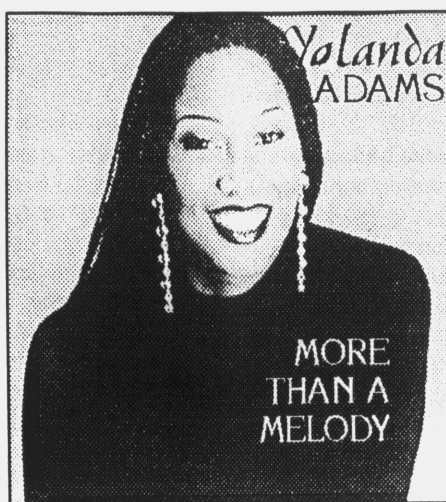


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# OPINIONS

## Fight for America's children

The way to reduce juvenile crime is to stint on funding efforts that help young people by detouring them from negative activities, try those charged with committing violent crimes as adults, and, if they are found guilty, lock them up with adult offenders.

So asserted the House of Representatives earlier this month in passing a bill that would offer states \$1.5 billion to fight juvenile crime if they change their laws to require youths accused of violent crime to be tried as adults. The bill also provides funds to build more correction facilities.

This draconian measure, which still has to be considered by the Senate, is no way to fight juvenile

This bipartisan Summit was inspiring and raised hopes that our society will finally understand that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of imprisonment. Or at least that sensible public policy would invest in a balanced approach.

Sadly, it seems that 286 members of the House weren't tuned into the Summit, even though the saturation coverage was hard to miss, for this legislation ignores the message not just of the Philadelphia Summit but of numerous programs and anti-crime efforts around the country: It's more effective to detour young people from a life of crime in the first place.

Those who voted for this measure ignored the wise advice of people

progress to a mix of strategies:

One facet of it was that cops cracked down on the bad guys, the gang leaders. And that's as it should be.

But the city also invested heavily in a variety of prevention efforts designed to detour youngsters from involvement in crime—efforts such as summer jobs, after-school programs and summer camps.

President Clinton, in convening the Philadelphia Summit, underscored the importance of investing in both punishment and prevention.

In announcing his own plan to curb youth crime, he called or society to be "tough when you should be tough, smart when you should be smart, compassionate when you should be compassionate."

And he has condemned the House vote in particularly harsh language, saying that it is "weak on guns and it walks away from the crime prevention initiatives that can save a teenager from a life of crime."

Mr. Clinton also said, "the plain evidence of what is working right now to save our children is nowhere apparent in this bill. It's the same old tough rhetoric without any prevention (and) without any change in the environment to make it harder for gangs to function."

The President's words and ideas are right on the mark here. We at the National Urban League urge him to continue—in the spirit of the Summit he convened—to fight for America's children by vetoing any juvenile crime bill passed by Congress that doesn't allocate federal resources for prevention.

Mr. Clinton must draw a line in the sand on this issue. The future of all of America's children is at stake.

*Hugh B. Price is President and Executive Director of the National Urban League.*

## To Be Equal

By Hugh B. Price

crime. In fact, its lock-them-up approach virtually guarantees continued serious difficulty in reducing crime by young people.

The best way to do that is to offer young people positive guidance and programs which take advantage of the natural desire of most of them to want to do well.

That the idea was the focus of President Clinton's Summit for America's Future, which captured the nation's attention less than a month ago.

There, all of the nation's living presidents, Democrat and Republican alike, joined forces with General Colin Powell to launch a national mobilization campaign to place mentors in the lives of urban and rural youth.

on the front lines of the juvenile anti-crime effort—including experienced police officers, Robert Woodson, head of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, and officials of the Alliance of Concerned Men. They urged the House to allocate federal funds and charitable tax credits for community-based after-school and gang prevention programs.

That is something we know works to reduce juvenile crime. It's been underscored by the dramatic success of such efforts in Boston, which has seen a sharp decline in youth killings—from 16 in 1993 to none at all last year.

Boston Mayor Tom Menino and its Police Commissioner Paul Evans attribute this cheering

## Justice denied: Police brutality and us

In New York City two Hispanic men are killed when they are shot from behind 28 times and another Hispanic man is choked to death after his football hits a police car. In Pittsburgh an African American businessman is choked to death after being stopped for a traffic violation. A St. Petersburg FL African American motorist is shot to death also after a traffic stop. A New Haven CT African American man

terize the system as the criminal injustice system and most European Americans would not. A *New York Times* columnist recently wrote how, in the course of writing a book, he has asked African American men across the nation whether they have ever been hassled by police. Most of them can tell a story of being stopped in a store or in their car while driving in a white neighborhood. Some may

outside Pittsburgh in 1995. Last month the judge in the case dismissed charges against the police officers accused in his killing, saying that prosecutors unfairly singled them out.

Or take the case of Anthony Baez, the young New Yorker who was choked by police after his football hit a patrol car. The officer accused in his murder was acquitted of all charges in a non-jury trial.

It is important to note that while police brutality disproportionately impacts communities of color that the number of European American victims is growing. A recent *Montel Williams* show focused on white victims, for instance. And it is also important to note that while most of the police officers are European American, there are officers of color who occasionally have been found to be violent.

Finally it should be noted that brutality is not just found in police officers. It is also present in corrections officers, immigration officers and others in the criminal justice system. And its victims are also women, often those who are incarcerated.

What are the reasons for the increase in police brutality cases and what can we do about it? Next week I will turn to those issues.

*Bernice Powell Jackson is executive director of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice and Deborah White is publication assistant.*

## Civil Rights Journal

By Bernice Powell Jackson

suffers the same fate. In each case the killing occurred while the men were in police custody or in the course of a police action.

These are just a few of the stories which were heard at the National Emergency Conference on Police Brutality held in New York City recently. Sponsored by the Center for Constitutional Rights, this conference brought together people who had experienced police brutality from across the nation, including Kentucky, Georgia, Ohio, Florida, New York, and New Jersey.

Indeed, criminal justice is the issue which seems to show the greatest racial divide in this nation. Most people of color would charac-

have been questioned simply because they were at a phone booth or in a mall. It doesn't matter whether they are well dressed or what their occupation. Even off-duty or plain clothes police officers have been stopped, or occasionally even shot while on duty. Few European American men have had this experience.

Not only are hundreds, perhaps thousands of people of color victims of police brutality every year, but they seldom find justice in the courts. Take the case of Johnny Gammage, an African American businessman and the cousin of Pittsburgh Steelers player Ray Seals. Mr. Gammage was choked to death after a routine traffic stop

## Many parents play by the rules and still can't afford health insurance

Peter and Deborah of Norristown, Pa., have suffered the kind of physical setbacks that remind us all how important it is that we Stand for Healthy Children on June 1 in every state and community across America.

Ten years ago, Peter was forced to quit his \$50,000-per-yr job when he developed a spinal hemorrhage. His wife, Deborah, gave up her role as an at-home mom and went to work as a certified nurse's aide. Her employee offers family insurance coverage, but she cannot afford the \$190 monthly premium.

In February, their three children, ages 6, 10, and 12 came down with sore throats and fevers, but Peter and Deborah could not afford to take them to see a doctor. Instead she treated them with over-the-counter medicine, and they remained sick for two weeks, each missing three to four days of school. "It makes me feel like a bad parent when I can't afford to take my children to the doctor," Deborah says. "My heart aches inside. I love my children and they suffer."

The Harkinses are like many parents all over America, who work hard every day and still can't afford to send their children to the doctor when they get sick. Nationally, there are 10 million children—one in seven—who are uninsured. Ninety percent of them have parents who work, and over 60 percent live in two-parent families. The poorest children get Medicaid and wealthier families can buy insurance, even if employees don't provide it. But millions of parents "in the middle" get little or no help

from employers, and earn too little to afford private coverage.

Over the past several years, it has become even more difficult for parents to get private health insurance for their families. Since 1989, the number of children without private insurance has grown by an average of 1.2 million a year, or nearly 3,300 a day. One in four workers has an employee who does not make family insurance available at any price, and unless we act now, nearly 13 million children will be uninsured in the year 2000.

Every parent knows how important it is for children to have health

incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid would receive vouchers, which their parents could use either to buy employer-sponsored insurance or to enroll their children in private health plans. Vouchers would pay all or part of health premium costs, with families that earn the least and children with disabilities receiving the most help.

One June 1, 1997, when we Stand For Healthy Children in local rallies all over America, we will be joining thousands of other citizens who understand how important it is that all children get health coverage, and that parents who get up each



## Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman

insurance. A large majority of uninsured children with asthma and recurring ear infections never see a doctor during the year. Many of them are hospitalized for acute asthma attacks that could have been prevented or suffer permanent hearing loss from untreated ear infections.

Fortunately, Senators Orrin Hatch of Utah, and Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, recently introduced the bipartisan CHILD (Children's Health Insurance and Lower Deficit) bill, which will make health coverage affordable and accessible for all uninsured children. Under the bill, uninsured children in working families with

morning, go to work, and play by the rules should be able to afford insurance for their families.

For information on how you can Stand For Healthy Children in your community on June 1, 1997, call 1-800-663-4032.

*Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, which coordinates the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC), whose mission is to leave no child behind and to ensure every child a healthy, head, fair, safe, and moral start in life. For more information about the BCCC, call 202-628-8787.*

## Racial problems to grow with return of school segregation

A detailed study by Harvard University reveals that the discredited "separate but equal" doctrine condemned by Thurgood Marshall and the U.S. Supreme Court in 1954 is being dredged up and revived by politically conservative federal judges appointed by Presidents Nixon, Reagan and Bush.

This trend toward resegregation is caused by racism, the desire to keep children in their neighborhoods, the lower performance of public schools generally, the desire of middle class whites to keep their children "uncontaminated" by the culture of working class whites, Blacks and Hispanics, yearnings for bygone Dixie segregation and more.

Some Black people are also responsible for this turn toward resegregation. Black talk show hosts and politicians including Clarence Thomas, Armstrong Williams and other radio and television personalities in California, Colorado, New York and elsewhere have "given permission" for the white power structure to destroy the gains Marshall and the NAACP won in 1954 and led to equal public accommodations and the Civil Rights laws of the sixties and later.

The climate that made possible this trend toward reviving segregated schools includes the stereotyping of Black people by police and by the media. For many years in many cities most evening news on television included police raids on "crack houses" in Black communities but did not include significant crime in the much larger white communities. This lopsided presentation of the news was controlled indirectly by police who notified or failed to notify or failed to notify the media camera crews whenever arrests were in the making.

The NAACP, Essence magazine, Ebony magazine and some Black organizations have tried to offset the unfair images projected against Black people by the white media. They have sponsored television shows, award programs and other features emphasizing positive contributions by Black actors on the stage, screen and television.

Also, television personalities such as Carol Simpson, Bernard Shaw, Lyn Vaughn, Bryant Gumbel, Renee Pussaint, Norma Quarles and others have done much to picture Black people in a favorable light. They helped offset the degrading stereotypes too frequently shown repeatedly and sickeningly by Black Entertainment Television after midnight and by television stations near big cities

and collard greens" stereotypical remark he made after Tiger Woods won the Masters golf tournament.

Those Blacks who favor the return to neighborhood schools at all costs should remember these things about racially segregated schools:

\*When public schools are racially segregated, the better buildings, equipment, supplies and other necessities usually go to the white schools.

\*When public schools are racially segregated, the latest innovations in content, method and concept are usually sent to the white schools first.

\*When visiting specialists are available for consultation or advice, emphasis will be placed



## Minority Report

By James E. Allsbrook, Phd

and catering to the lower standards of underclass Blacks and whites.

However, positive images of Black people have been shown on televised productions like "Wheel of Fortune," "Jeopardy," and other shows. Many Black people seem not to realize that when they perform as buffoons and ingnoramus on television they are sending strong messages to millions of people of all races. Many viewers enjoy seeing performances that seem to verify and reinforce their own racial prejudice and misconceptions.

White business management displayed awareness of damaging stereotypes when Kmart fired Fuzzy Zoeller for the "fried chick-

primarily on the needs of white children. Do not be surprised if Black children are short-changed.

Most important, however, is the finding made by the Supreme Court in 1954: When schools are segregated on the basis of race, whether by accident or by design, Black children suffer from a false sense of inferiority and white children suffer from a false sense of superiority. These psychological damages tend to follow both Black and white children into adulthood and afflict both with misconceptions and restraints injurious to the total community.

*James E. Allsbrook, Ph.D., is Professor Emeritus at Ohio University.*

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# Twelfth annual Legislative Education and Scholarship weekend set

Raleigh - The NC Legislative Black Caucus announces its Twelfth Annual Legislative Education and Scholarship Weekend Conference. The conference will be held May 30-31, 1997 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

For the twelfth consecutive year, the NC Legislative Black Caucus will support the state's eleven his-

## Hometown HEROES

### MARINE PVT. HAROLD D. HYMAN

Marine Pvt. Harold D. Hyman, a 1996 graduate of Southeast High School of Halifax, N.C., recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Hyman successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Hyman and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Hyman spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat watersurvival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Hyman and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values — honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Hyman and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Hyman joins 41,000 men and women who will enter the Marine Corps this year from all over the country.

### NAVY PETTY OFFICER PAUL J. WINTROBE

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Paul J. Wintrobe, a 1989 graduate of Manteo High School of Manteo, N.C., was recently selected as Junior Sailor of the Quarter and received a letter of Commendation while serving with Carrier Airborne Early Warning Squadron 78, Naval Air Station, Norfolk, VA.

Wintrobe was chosen as the unit's top performer and was cited for outstanding professional accomplishment, proficiency, leadership, initiative and military bearing.

He joined the Navy in September 1992.

### NAVY SEAMAN PENNY L. HARRIS

Navy Seaman Penny L. Harris, daughter of Mary S. Harris of Route 1, Greenville, N.C., recently completed recruit training with honors.

During the cycle at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, III, recruits are taught general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 occupational fields.

Harris was recognized for outstanding performance in all phases of training which include instruction in seamanship, military regulations, close-order-drill, first aid and naval history.

She is a 1991 graduate of Farmville Central High School of Farmville, N.C. Harris is a 1995 graduate of East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C., with a BS degree.

## NC Legislative Black Caucus will hold meeting on May 30, 31 in RTP

torically Black colleges and universities with thousands of dollars in scholarships. This year's Caucus Chairman, Senator Bill Martin, is very excited about the many opportunities this type of conference brings to the Black community. "This conference, in its entirety, is about strengthening the communities we serve by bringing people from every level to network and learn about ways to better improve the quality of life for everyone. That means reaching the different segments of the community including religious, political,

educational, corporate, public and private, young and seasoned," he said.

The conference theme is? "Our Legacy: Remembering, Renewing, Regenerating..." "The focus for the two-day event will be to take a look back at the contributions of Black legislative leaders of the past, to renew and strengthen commitments those leaders made in historically turbulent times to be a strong voice for the concerns of all citizens, and to generate some "new blood" into the legislative process through the youth who are invited

to participate in this conference.

The guest speakers line-up includes Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney of Georgia's 11th District. Congresswoman McKinney won a 22-county sweeping landslide in 1992. She is most active in civil rights issues including economic opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses. Congresswoman McKinney is a graduate of University of Southern California and is a doctoral candidate at Tufts University. She serves with the Congressional Black Caucus, and is a member of

the National Council of Negro Women, among other memberships.

The conference format includes workshops, a town hall meeting, corporate reception sponsored by some of North Carolina's biggest industries, a banquet, youth forum, and prayer breakfast, with points of entertainment to enhance the tone of the moment. A highlight at the end of the conference is the awarding of scholarships to the colleges, universities, and some select students.

Senator Jeanne Lucas and Rep-

resentative Larry Womble, chairpersons of the Twelfth Annual Legislative Education and Scholarship Weekend Conference, the other members of the N. C. Legislative Black Caucus Foundation, cordially invites everyone to attend the conference, but also strongly encourages people who are concerned about their economic well-being in the 21st century, to attend. The members take the position that we must all work together now to position ourselves for the next century so that our communities are not left behind.

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Photo by Jim Rouse

### Enrollment Announcement Head Start Program

Martin County Community Action, Inc. Project Head Start is now accepting applications for the 1997 Fall Enrollment for children and including children with disabilities. Eligibility is determined by HHS Income Guidelines, family needs, disabilities, and/or special conditions of the child.

Children who will be enrolled will be exposed to a broad educational curriculum that will prepare them for preschool social and educational experiences. Health, nutrition and mental health are also important factors in the development of these children. These areas are also facilitated in the daily routines of the children. Parent Involvement and other program services as mandated are required and are fully utilized by the program. Ten percent (10%) of Head Start Enrollment is identified as: "health impairment, emotional/behavior disorders, speech/language impairments, mental retardation, hearing impairment/deafness, orthopedic impairment, visual impairment/blind, learning disabilities, autism, traumatic brain injury, and other impairments for children who require special education and related services."

Head Start is a comprehensive developmental program for children ages 3-5 years old. This program is based on the premise that children share certain needs and that children from low-income families, in particular, can benefit from a program designed to meet those needs. Head Start operates nine (9) months of the year, - September through May. The centers are open Monday through Friday and the hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Head Start has been operating in the Martin County area since 1965, currently there are 192 children. Nine (9) classrooms are comprised 4-5 year old and one (1) classroom consists of three year old must become three by October 16th; Beaufort County has been operating since 1977 and presently serving 99 children. Five (5) classrooms of 4-5 year olds are accommodated in this county.

Pitt County originated in 1985 and serving 222 children in twelve (12) classrooms accommodating 4-5 year olds.

Funding for Martin County Community Action, Inc.

Project Head Start is received from the Administration for Children, Youth and Families Unit, Department of Health and Human Services. In order for children to qualify, they must meet the family income guidelines. Below are the guidelines.

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3	\$12,390
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5	\$17,710
6	\$20,270
7	\$22,830
8	\$25,390

For Family Units with more than 8 members, add \$2,560 for each additional member. Please contact the Family Service Worker at the Head Start center in your area:

Martin Co: North Everetts 792-5353

Pitt Co: St. Gabriel (752-9755)  
Ayden (746-4298)  
Farmville (753-8036)

Beaufort Co: 264 Washington (946-5632)  
Aurora (322-5543)  
Belhaven (943-3006)

For more information or to enroll a child, please call Ms. Teresa Greene, Social Services Coordinator or Ms. Gloristeen Matthewson, Disability Services Coordinator at (919) 792-7141 or come by the Martin County Community Action Head Start Administrative Office at 106 South Watts Street in Williamston, North Carolina.

## Hate crimes up against blacks 50 percent in LA

The number of reported hate crimes in Los Angeles County jumped 25.5 percent last year over 1995, with dramatic increases in reported crimes against blacks and gays, figures show.

Hate crimes against black men increased 50.5 percent while attacks against homosexuals and bisexuals were up 43.3 percent.

There were 995 crimes based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, disability or sexual orientation in 1996, up from 773 the previous year, the county Commission on Human Relations announced Thursday.

Clear clusters of racially motivated crimes were recorded in the Antelope Valley, the Harbor Gateway, Van Nuys and Westchester. The Long Beach and Hollywood areas emerged as pockets of hostility toward gays, according to the report.

The commission called for a human relations summit conference

"to develop a comprehensive understanding and response to inter-group conflict situations."

The commission said the increases appear to indicate better reporting of crimes by the public rather than an actual jump.

However, "this increase is significant," said Lea Ann King, commission president.

Crimes involving race or sexual orientation accounted for 88 percent of the total, the commission said in its 17th annual report.

More than half of the crimes reported involved murder, attempted murder, rape or other violence.

The increase "does not say it has become open season on African Americans" but reflects increased hostility as blacks move to areas populated by other ethnic groups, the report said.

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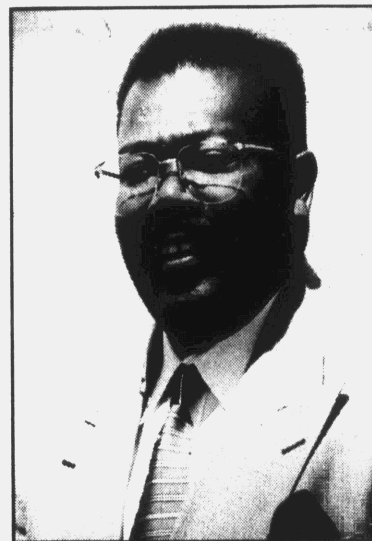
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# June's ESSENCE offers much

**NEW YORK**—In the cover story of the June 1997 issue of *ESSENCE* magazine, box office beauty Vivica A. Fox talks about her success after years of close-call auditions. In an exclusive interview Black Panther Assata Shakur discusses politics, family and the island she now calls home. We also offer tips on planning the perfect wedding and tell how to join an investment club. There's also a look at infidelity.

**WHO'S THAT GIRL?**—After eight years of auditioning and standing on unemployment lines, Vivica A. Fox had a role in the box-office hit *Independence Day* that made Hollywood take notice. Hear what Fox has to say about her superstardom and how she got there. (Page 68)

**PRISONER IN PARADISE**—In 1979 Black Panther Assata Shakur, in prison for a crime she says she didn't commit, masterminded a daring escape and now lives in Cuba. In this exclusive interview, Shakur talks about her life in exile 20 years after her conviction. (Page 72)

**THE PERFECT WEDDING**—Plan an unforgettable bridal gathering. (Page 107) Enjoy our tips on wedding etiquette, on how to have a stress-free wedding day and on gift giving from the heart. (Page 118)

**THE MONEY CLUB**—Once you had to be rich to invest in the stock market. Now all it takes is becoming a "member." Learn the ins and outs of investment clubs. (Page 83)

**STOLEN MOMENTS**—A 1996 survey by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, said 79 percent of African-Americans think sex outside marriage is "always wrong." However, in the same poll 24 percent of Blacks, compared with 15 percent of Whites, acknowledge having affairs. Listen in on two true stories of adultery. (Page 76)

**1997 ESSENCE AWARDS**—Here's a sneak preview of the Tenth Anniversary Essence Awards Celebration. Some of the nation's biggest stars joined in, and you, too, can be there with us on Thursday, May 22, at 8:00 P.M. (ET) on Fox. (Page 86)

**ONE LOVE**—Our chic summer fashions feel alright, on the beautiful island of Jamaica. (Page 96)

**WEIGHTING TO EXHALE**—After years of bingeing and dieting, one sister tells how she lost weight for good and gained peace of mind. (Page 26)

**THE RELAXER REVOLUTION**—With gentler ingredients, compatible color and more textural

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**WHAT A MANI CONTEST**—*ESSENCE* and Preferred Stock present the What A Man! Contest. In our January issue we asked readers to submit nominations for the special men in their lives. After receiving hundreds of entries, we're down to the top ten finalists, and now it's up to you to choose the winner. (The ballot is on Page 18)

**THE ESSENCE AWARDS**—Tune in Thursday, May 22, at 8:00 P.M. (ET) on Fox Broadcasting for the airing of the Tenth Anniversary Essence Awards Celebration. Honorees include Muhammad Ali, Marilyn Chamberlain, Bill and Camille Cosby, Dominique Dawes, C. Kenneth Johnson and Whitney Houston. Join *ESSENCE* and some of the nation's biggest stars—The Artist (formerly known as Prince),

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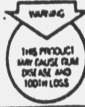
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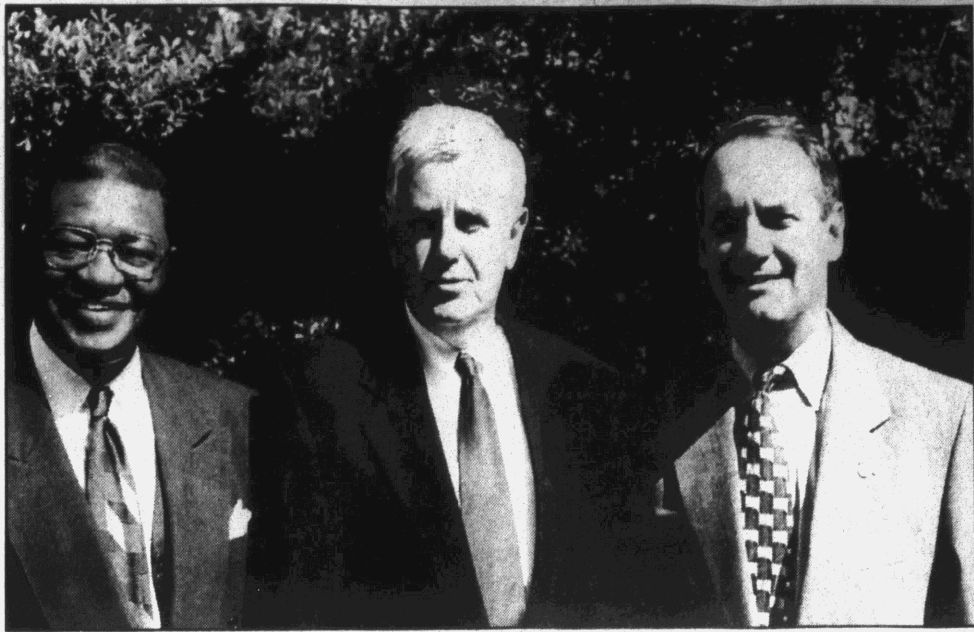
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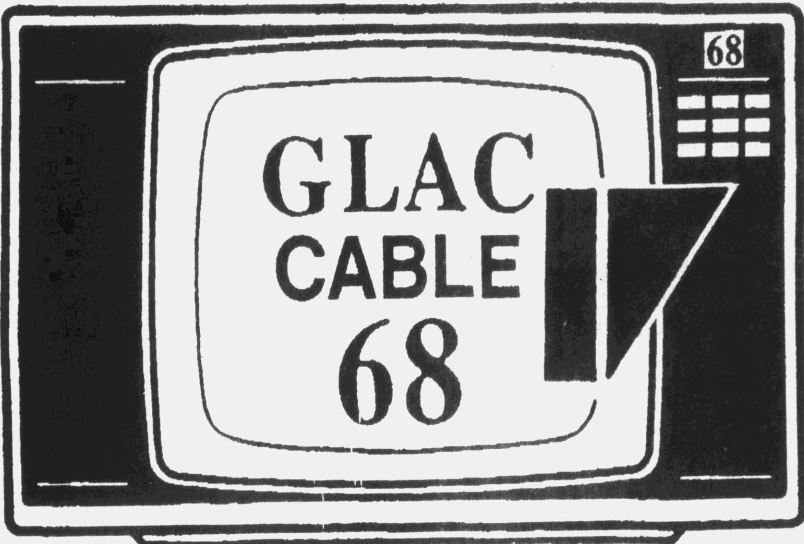
## Bringing People Together



Bringing people together is what it is all about. Minority Voices Inc, with the help of Wachovia Bank, is preparing to kick-off the 1997 Leadership Summit, which will be held on June 18 and 19 at the Dubois Center on Hooker Road, Greenville. Those who will be helping are: (left to right) Jim Rouse, Gene Briley, and Richard Jones. Our hats are off to a team of a few good men.

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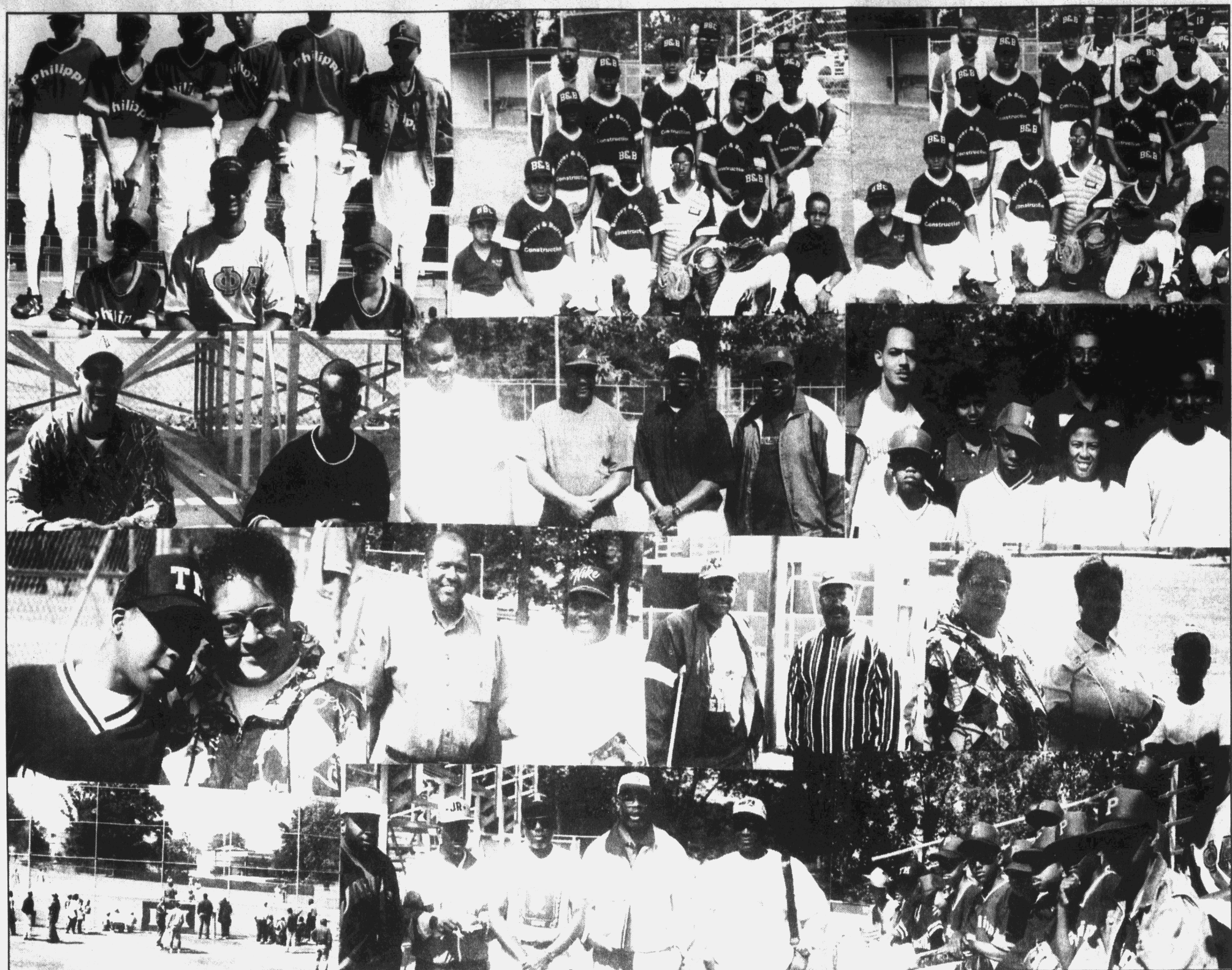
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# OPENING CEREMONIES FOR JACKIE ROBISON BASEBALL LEAGUE OFFER CHANCE TO REMEMBER THE PAST AND SEE THE FUTURE



Today we celebrate the struggle of a people through the lives of young African-American athletes. Hundreds of young African American baseball players wanting to participate in America's game were relegated to life in the Negro League. The conditions were reflective of the current conditions in society.

These young men barnstormed across the United States often playing in front of sellout crowds. The crowds were very distinctive. Jim Crow rules applied as the audiences reflected the bus that Ms. Rosa Parks rode on that famous day in Montgomery, AL.

Negro League players had no alternatives. They were not allowed to play in the Major Leagues because of the color of their skin. These young African American players believed they could compete in the Majors. America, however, did not embrace integration in Major League sports.

The Negro League teams flourished from 1898 to 1946. Young African American men from every possible background exhibited their skills in a segregated league. We would like to take this opportunity to mention a few of these talented young men.

#### Leroy "Satchel" Paige

The best pitcher to ever play baseball. He spent time with the Pittsburgh Crawfords, Kansas City Monarchs, New York Black

Yankees, and Satchel Paige's All Stars among other teams. Satchel had a 25 year career. Satchel became the oldest rookie ever signing with the Cleveland Indians at 42 years of age. His record was estimated to be nearly 2000 victories with about 500 losses. He pitched nearly 100 no-hitters. He became famous for calling in the outfield. Satchel became the first Negro League player elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1971.

#### James "Cool Papa" Bell

"Cool Papa" reportedly stole 175 bases in one season and hit .480 in another. He taught himself to switch hit. He played nearly 29 years in the Negro Leagues with the St. Louis Stars, Detroit Senators, and Homestead Grays among others. As an outfielder he was considered the fastest man to ever play. He was thought to be so fast, he could turn the light switch off and be in bed before the lights went out. James "Cool Papa" Bell was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1974.

#### Henry "Hank" Aaron

In 1951, Henry Aaron began as a 17 year old outfielder with the Indianapolis Clowns. Aaron batted .462 that year with the Clowns. In 1952, Hank Aaron was signed by the Milwaukee Braves. He became the most prolific home run hitter of all time. He surpassed Babe Ruth's record of 714 home

runs on April 9, 1974 with the Atlanta Braves. Hank Aaron was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1982.

#### Willie "Say Hey" Mays

In 1950, Willie was a 19 year old outfielder with the Birmingham Black Barons. That same year he signed with the New York Giants. Willie served two years in the military from 1952 to 1954. Willie was best known for his range in centerfield. He led the League in home runs 4 times. He is third on the career home run list with 660; only Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron have more. He moved to San Francisco with the Giants in 1957. He joined the New York Mets in 1972. His best moment is the famous catch off Vic Wertz in the 1954 World Series. He is also in the Hall of Fame.

#### William "Buck" Leonard

A Rocky Mount native and current resident. He began his career with semi-pro baseball clubs in Rocky Mount and Wilson. In 1933, his first year as a professional, Buck played with the Brooklyn Royal Giants. In 1934, Buck signed with the Homestead Grays for which he played until 1950. Buck and Josh Gibson teamed to win many championships with the Grays. As a first baseman, Buck was credited with developing the split. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1972.

#### David "Stick" Barnhill

His hometown is Greenville, NC

As a pitcher Dave played against Buck Leonard as a semi-pro when he played with the Wilson team. He also played against several other eastern North Carolina teams in Durham, Tarboro, Smithfield, etc. Stick signed with the Negro League New York Cubans, New Orleans Stars and the St. Louis Stars. Dave played 8 years in the League. He played with many of the greats!

#### John Roosevelt "Jackie" Robinson

He is probably the most significant racial figure in American history. It has been 50 years since Branch Rickey offered Jackie a contract. Jackie fulfilled his responsibility admirably by being named Rookie of the Year and MVP two years later. What type of man he was?

Jackie spent his entire career under a spotlight. The type of ridicule and degradation he experienced on the field was very similar to that he faced off the field. Jackie was chosen to make history of his personality.

A 27-year-old short stop with the Kansas City Monarchs would change the complexion of the Major League Baseball. Branch Rickey had a very elaborate plan to integrate the sport of baseball. However, he was very aware of how the majority would respond. As a result, Mr. Rickey searched far and wide for the right player. The name he continued to hear was John Roosevelt Robinson. Jackie grew up in a desegregate neighborhood. He was an excellent athlete in high school and

college (UCLA). He spent a short time in the US Army. Jackie was a fierce competitor on the field but yet he was very friendly off the field. A non-drinker non-smoker, Jackie impressed all with his athleticism and intellect.

Jackie signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers and began his career in the Major Leagues. His teammates threatened a mutiny. They did not want to play with the Negro. Other players often called him names and used other forms of degradation. However, Jackie would not respond.

Jackie played very well on the field his rookie year, but off the field was a nightmare. He found hate letters at home, threatening him with death, and/or harm to his family.

Jackie's triumph over these incredible pressures and his undeniable contribution led to the Dodgers pennant in 1947. Jackie later used his influence to encourage some and educate others. Today we are more aware of the contributions of this great man.

Jackie Robinson is in the Baseball Hall of Fame. He has also set the table for other greats to have the opportunity to strive for their measures of fame. Many have benefited. On April 15, 1947, what do you think might have been going through Jackie's mind when he took the field as a Brooklyn Dodger? What might have gone

through his mind nearly 50 years later as Tiger Woods walked down the 18th Fairway 12 strokes ahead of the field only moments later becoming the first African American to win the Masters Golf Tournament in Augusta, Georgia.

Just how might Jackie have felt as several very optimistic men sat in the South Greenville Recreation Center in the Spring of 1990. These young men were dreaming of a league for young children to participate in baseball who otherwise may not participate.

Jackie, Cool Papa, Stick, Buck, Judy, among others just wanted to play ball. All had opportunity, as they loved these experiences in the Negro Leagues. None complained about the life in the Negro Leagues only their inability to compete against all of the very best.

The same Spring Jackie took the field for the Dodgers, Josh Gibson died. Many others were past their prime or for some other unforeseen circumstance never played in the Majors. The players commitment to baseball is evident.

Whose responsibility is it to continue this commitment? Is there a Dave Barnhill standing on this field today? Might a young Tiger Woods be among the group? Do you believe you can make the sacrifice that Rosa Parks made? Let us not forget those sacrifices that laid a groundwork for our lifestyle today.

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## STRANGE THINGS

### Family values

In Milwaukee, Wis., the *Milwaukee Journal* newspaper reported that a local woman, 66, and her husband are searching for a surrogate mother of their deceased son's sperm so they can fulfill their longing to be grandparents. And in Milan, Italy, a newspaper reported that a 35-year-old woman was three months' pregnant with the fetuses of two couples, whose children she agreed to bear because of a shortage of surrogate mothers. Blood tests after birth will determine which baby is which.

### No justice, no where

Suspecting that a drug dealer might have sold her counterfeit crack cocaine, Rosie Lee Hill complained to Pensacola, Fla. police. She was arrested after an investigating officer determined the two cocaine rocks were real. Hill said she had paid \$50 for the drugs. But when she tested them she thought they were baking soda. "It's amazing. I guess stranger things have happened but I haven't seen them," assistant police chief Jerry Potts said. "She honestly believed she was getting ripped off."

And in Stamford, Conn., Archie Tarantino, 35, was arrested after he tried to dial a drug dealer's pager, but beeped police officer Colin Norris instead. Norris took Tarantino's order for two bags of heroin, then called state police Officer James McAuliffe, who called Tarantino back. "He assumed I was the guy he had just paged," McAuliffe said. "I pretended I was his contact person, that I would meet him with the narcotics. McAuliffe arrested Tarantino after finding a \$20 bag of heroin in his van."

### On the run- a comedy

The *Salem Evening News* in Salem, Mass., reported about an incident in which Carmen LaBrecque, 51, had to outrun a rabid skunk, which was literally snapping at her heels for 15 minutes before an animal control officer arrived to shoot it. Unable to slow down enough even to open her front door and get inside, LaBrecque circled her yard 12 times, a foot or two in front of the skunk. On one pass by her front door, LaBrecque's mother handed her a cell phone, which she pantingly used to call 911.

### For whom the bell tolls

In Caltanisetta, Sicily, Nunzio Saita, 70, a priest, received a suspended sentence and had his church bell confiscated after a couple in the town complained that Father Saita rung his bell too often and too loud. The couple said his excessive bell ringing ruined their sex life.

### Impaired judgement

In a Virginia case reported in the *Mental Health Law News*, Susanna Van de Castle, was awarded \$350,000 in her lawsuit against her psychiatrist-husband Robert, for malpractice. According to the suit, after having diagnosed her as suffering from multiple personality disorder, he then married her and continued the therapy but also sought deals for a book and movie about her, in addition to staging public lectures (charging admission) in which she was showcased as his subject.

### Spaced out

Here are some latest Web site launchings: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II ([www.royal.gov.uk](http://www.royal.gov.uk)) and the Vatican ([www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)). The 150-page royal Web site shows color pictures of the Crown Jewels and Buckingham Palace and offers surfers access to a wealth of information about the present-day monarchy. The papal Web site offers more than 1,200 Catholic Church documents and papal speeches.

### Surprise!!!

In Washington D.C., holding-cell inmates Antwan Hudson (being held on drug charges) and Kingsley Ellis (a Texas credit-card fraud suspect) each apparently thought he was in less trouble than the other and so agreed to swap identities for an upcoming court appearance. Ellis was shocked to learn in court that Hudson was also wanted on several other drug charges and for threatening his wife. Hudson was even more shocked to discover that Ellis was facing deportation to Jamaica where he faced possible murder charges. Hudson quickly blew the whistle on the scheme.

### Peeping eyes

Maricopa County (Phoenix, Ariz.) Sheriff Joe Arpaio recently announced plans to equip four German shepherd dogs with miniature video cameras to keep tabs on 800 prisoners at his "tent city" jail. Arpaio, who has a reputation for controversial programs like creating female chain gangs, said the camera equipment would cost \$10,000.

### Strange update

Strange Things in 1995, featured a story on North Carolina State Rep. Henry Aldridge when he denounced state funding for abortions for rape victims as unnecessary considering that a woman who is "truly raped" doesn't get pregnant because "the juices don't flow, the body functions don't work." Last month, North Carolina House Speaker Harold Brubaker appointed Aldridge co-chair of the Committee on Human Resources, which oversees abortion funding.

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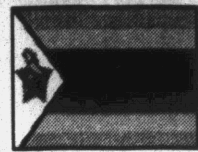
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## AFRICA DIGEST

### ZIMBABWE

#### Malaria epidemic kills 795



A malaria epidemic in Zimbabwe has killed nearly 800 people in the past three-and-a-half months, according to

official statistics.

Latest figures available from the Health Ministry show that out of a cumulative 343,831 cases of malaria reported since the beginning of this year, 795 people have died.

Malaria has become one of the major killer diseases in southern Africa following a heavy rainy season.

About 1,809 malaria deaths were reported in Zimbabwe last year out of 792,061 recorded cases.

Meanwhile, Zimbabwe's prison service is building more prisons in order to accommodate 4,600 additional inmates because existing facilities can no longer cope with the country's soaring crime rate, Ziana news agency reported yesterday.

Prisons spokesman Rhodes Moyo said work had already started on four sites for the new prisons.

### UGANDA

#### First relief beneficiary



The IMF and the World Bank agreed that the east African country of Uganda would be the first beneficiary of a debt

relief scheme.

Under the deal, 19 percent of the \$338 million Ugandan debt to lending organizations, would be cancelled from April next year.

The IMF, the World Bank, the Paris Club of government creditors and a few regional lending institutions developed a plan last year under which some of the world's most heavily indebted countries would be eligible for relief, provided they implemented macroeconomic reforms.

The new measure would reduce Uganda's debt by \$160 million, which represented a saving of \$700 million in principal and interests over the 40-year life of the debt or 19 percent of Uganda's total obligations.

### ZAIRE

#### Kabila wants refugees out!



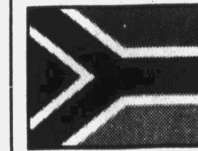
Rebel leader Laurent Kabila has given the United Nations an ultimatum: Get as many of the 100,000

Rwandan refugees out of Zaire within the next two months or ???

U.N. officials have asked Kabila to help round up the scattered refugees, many of them missing, according to authorities. To date, only a few have been found. Some of those said Zairian villagers attacked their refugee camps with machetes, killing hundreds, and that Kabila's forces opened fire on at least one camp. Kabila, in giving the U.N. the ultimatum, said the airlift could use any airport except the rebel-held airport in Goma on the Rwandan border. The 60-day deadline will begin today.

### SOUTH AFRICA

#### 'Killer' student wants amnesty



A young man, one of several who allegedly beat and stabbed to death an American student, is seeking amnesty

from South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The victim, Amy Biehl, 26, a Fulbright scholar from Newport Beach, Calif., was killed Aug. 25, 1993, while driving Black friends home to Guguletu, a poor settlement outside Cape Town. The man, Mongezi Manquina, 25, was reportedly one of four men convicted to 18 years in prison for the killing. The Truth Commission was established by the ANC-led government to investigate apartheid-era abuses - from both Blacks and Whites. To promote reconciliation after decades of racial division, the commission can grant amnesty to people who confess to politically motivated crimes.

### GHANA

#### Suspect anthrax outbreak



A suspected anthrax outbreak in northeastern Ghana is being blamed for at least 15 deaths in recent weeks.

Health officials said villagers in Nyongbare, 480 miles north of the seaside capital of Accra, died after eating the meat of cows they found dead. Anthrax is a form of blood poisoning found in cattle, sheep and horses and is normally fatal. It causes boils and blood poisoning and can only be treated with penicillin. The same region was hit earlier with a meningitis outbreak that killed more than 85 people.

## If you're *black*, how did you grow up *white*?

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## The Glorious Church

By Candace Garrett

Jesus Christ did not come to be a political revolutionary. His message was not based upon social reform or the economic empowerment of the masses. He did not strive to amass to Himself a group of angry political activists. No indeed. While Jesus' message and His life radically changed the course of history, we cannot fail to acknowledge the ultimate purpose of His life, message, death and resurrection. He came, not so much to change history, but to change the hearts of men. His messages were filled with power—not of political influence or the opinions of the majority, but He spoke with the authority of God. All of Heaven backed His words, and everyone listening knew it, even those who so violently opposed Him.

Jesus said of Himself, "If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father." (John 14:9) His presence in the world was to introduce and unite mankind to their loving Cre-

ator. That was His only purpose, and to ensure the success of His mission, He only did what He saw the Father do. (John 5:19) To those who witnessed His life and heard His words, there could be no doubt about the unity that existed between the Father and His Son.

Just as Jesus represented the fullness of God in bodily form (Heb. 1:3; Col. 1:15), so is the Church called to be the Body of Christ (Col. 1:18; Eph. 1:22,23). The Church is the organism (not institution) ordained by God to demonstrate His likeness to a world that does not know Him. As Jesus told His followers, "When you see Me, you have seen the Father", the world should be able to look upon the Church and know, without doubt, that they have seen Jesus.

During His earthly ministry, the crowds tried to force Jesus to be their king (John 6:15). They were eager to use the power they saw in Him as a means of political gain. But Jesus would not allow Himself to be swayed by their zeal. He understood what they did not: That the Kingdom of God cannot be established by human effort (John 18:36). His mission was to usher in God's Kingdom where it would be truly effective—in the hearts of men.

The power of Jesus' ministry was based in His complete obedience to the Father. His delight was in pleasing Him (John 8:29). The Church's power will be evidenced as we commit to the same reckless submission to the will of our Lord. The Church cannot afford to be lured or manipulated into any

## On Their Way To Church



The Phillippi Baptist Church in Simpson, NC is a church on the move for God. Pastor A.C. Batchelor is in charge and his members are dedicated to the Word. Shown above is Father Gatlin and a mother and daughter on their way to the Sunday services.

Photo by Jim Rouse

battle for any reason. There are those who would use the influence of the Church for selfish purposes and agendas that are not from the heart of God. Meanwhile, the captives will remain prisoners until we learn to walk in our true liberty—the Spirit of God (II Cor. 3:17).

We have received a commission from our Lord, and along with His orders, God has equipped us with weapons with which to carry out His plans. These weapons are not natural, and they are not the products of human skill or wisdom (II Cor. 10:3-5, Eph. 6:10-18). Rather than leave us an easy prey for the enemy (who is not a natural enemy, but supernatural), our wise Commander has given us strategies and artillery born out of His

power and glory. Too often, the Church has scorned the methods of warfare designed by God, and we have opted to wage battles using the weak and feeble ammunition of the world and its system of ideology. We will never walk in the victory of Christ if we do not follow Him completely. Therefore, we cannot deviate from His example. We must do only those things which we see the Father do.

The revelation of the heart and mind of God that we need will come when we dedicate ourselves to seeking His face. When we see Him with our hearts, we will be changed more and more into the likeness of His character (II Cor. 3:18; Eph. 1:17-19). Our change will bring change to a world that

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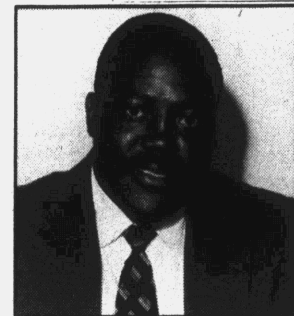
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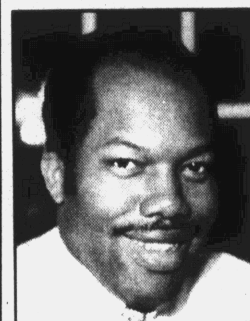
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## Child

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(British) Dictionary of National Biography," said Vincent Carretta, professor of English at the University of Maryland in College Park, Md., who is editing Sancho's letters for publication in the United States in 1998.

"He was a celebrity and was

known as much for whom he knew as for what he did," Carretta said during a visit to London.

"He is also the only black we know of to have voted in a Parliamentary election in 1774 and 1780. The vote in those days was limited to property owners and he qualified as he had his shop in Westminster," Carretta said.

It is not known where Sancho's parents were abducted into slavery. He was born halfway across the Atlantic Ocean on the Middle Passage, the slave ship's voyage

from West Africa to the Spanish West Indies — now Columbia and Panama.

"Sancho's mother fell ill soon after he was born and she died in the colony. His father is believed to have committed suicide rather than endure slavery," he said.

Their son was baptized Ignatius at Cartagena and sent to England when he was 2 years old. He was given to three sisters who named him Sancho because they thought him like a chubby Sancho Panza, the servant of Don Quixote in

Miguel Cervantes' novel.

The ladies wanted him to be their servant and gave him no schooling. But their neighbor, the Duke of Montagu, owner of estates and slave in the Caribbean, was impressed by Sancho's intelligence and lent him books.

Sancho eventually became butler to the Duchess of Montagu. When she died in 1761, she left him a legacy and an annuity for life which was continued by her heir.

Sterne published a servon in 1760 referring to the bitterness of

slavery, inspiring Sancho to write to suggest he devote more time to the subject.

That led to correspondence as Sterne's father had died of fever in Jamaica after being sent there with his regiment to put down a slave uprising. Sterne subsequently wrote about slavery in his novel, "Tristram Shandy."

Sancho's ill health cut short his service with the Montagu family and led him to open his grocery where he was helped by his black wife Anne Osborne and their six

children.

His letters are really essays in which he comments on the difficulties of running a small business, on political and literary life in Britain and new plays in the theaters — he had ambitions to be an actor but a speech impediment made that impossible. He once spent his last shilling on a performance by Garrick of King Richard III.

In his shop, Sancho met aristocrats and society people who were interested enough in his opinions to correspond with him.

In one letter, Sancho used a Shakespearean character to describe himself, saying: "Figure to yourself, my dear Sir, a man of a convexity of belly exceeding Falstaff — and a black face into the bargain."

Besides selling tea and soap, Sancho dispensed tobacco and sugar, the products of slavery. While he deplored the exploitation of his fellow Africans, he believed in the potentially benevolent influence of commerce.

His book "Letter of the Late Ignatius Sancho" in two volumes was published in 1782 two years after his death and attracted 1,182 subscribers. It ran into four editions and a fifth was issued in 1803 by his son William who had become a publisher, bookseller and librarian.

A concert of Sancho's music as well as readings from his letter is being given at the National Portrait Gallery on May 4.

## Church

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so desperately needs it. So we must never forget that God is calling us to BE like Him more than He is calling us to DO anything else. Our focus must never be moved away from the purpose of our

Lord...bringing many sons to glory (Heb. 2:10)

We must not become engaged in the futile attempt to convert the world system to righteousness. The Bible clearly states that the system of the world is a direct product of man's rebellion against God in the Garden of Eden. All of creation fell as Satan gained the position of

authority that Adam lost because of his sin. Only in Jesus, the Second Adam, is there redemption from the downward spiral of humanity and all of its philosophies and principles—including those of politics, governments and economics (Rom. 6:12-21; Rom. 8:19-21). The Father never intended for the kingdom of darkness to be con-

verted, but He decreed that His light would drive the darkness away. Likewise, the Church cannot be satisfied with superficial remedies such as amendments to governmental policies, but we must press on to see the darkness in the hearts of men displaced by the light of His glory and the wisdom of His Word. (Isaiah 60:1-3; John 1:1 5, 9, 12, 13).

As we battle with tactics that God never designed or intended for us, we only prolong war and delay victory. In the mean time, souls continue to be lost—souls for whom Jesus died.

So the Church must "stick to her guns", being mindful of her Lord, her purpose and the arena in which she has been called to fight. As we walk in His compassion and might, everything that opposes our Lord will ultimately have to bow its knee and give way to His righteousness. All yokes of bondage will be destroyed by His anointing flowing through us (Isaiah 10:27). Then we will be able to proclaim for all eternity: The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign forever and ever!!! (Rev. 11:15)

## Family

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28, 1988 shotgun massacre of Andre Armstrong, James Brown, Brown's girlfriend, Loretha Anderson, and her 2 1/2 year-old daughter, Chemise in Lake View Terrace.

Bryant lured Armstrong to his Wheeler Avenue house, where ad-

mitted drug dealer Jon Preston Settle, who was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and sentenced to 21 years and four months in prison, and Smith ambushed the crime family's former hitman for trying to extort money from Bryant.

Moments later, Wheeler killed Brown in the entryway, then walked outside and shot Anderson and her daughter, who were in a car and still wearing seatbelts.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Charles Horan, who sen-

tenced the men to death, said, "It is true and inescapable that the two males in this case were killed in a brutal and cowardly way."

While the judge said he "sheds no tears" over the death of hitman Armstrong, he added, "But then there's the other stuff, and that includes that moment after (the men were killed), (Wheeler) hadn't had enough. That's what's so mind-boggling."

"After blowing the scalp off one (man), and it must have been a bloody, screaming mess, he went

out there with a shotgun and handgun and killed the mother...and then the baby..." said Horan.

Anderson's baby son survived the fusillade. Police found the child under his mother's blood-soaked body.

Prosecutors portrayed Stanley Bryant as a drug lord, based in a Pacoima pool hall, who oversaw hundreds of employees and a \$6 million-a-year cocaine enterprise via a network of crack houses throughout the San Fernando Valley.

## Chavis

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compatible with his standing as an ordained Christian minister.

The association's board of directors will make the final decision on Chavis' status in May or June.

Chavis also was embroiled in controversy at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He became executive director in 1993 and was fired the next year after disclosing that he had allocated more than \$330,000 in NAACP funds to settle a sexual discrimination case against him.

Chavis has been a frequent Farrakhan ally and helped organize his 1995 Million Man March in Washington.

At the news conference, Chavis, 49, vigorously defended the Nation of Islam and Farrakhan against allegations of anti-Semitism and said he did not believe that Iran or Libya, which have been friendly to Farrakhan, support terrorism, as charged by the Clinton administration.

"The Nation of Islam does not have a history of anti-Semitism. That's an unfair, unsubstantiated allegation and charge that's always brought up," Chavis said.

## Nykia

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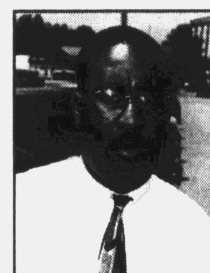
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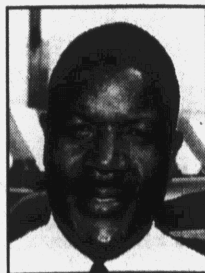
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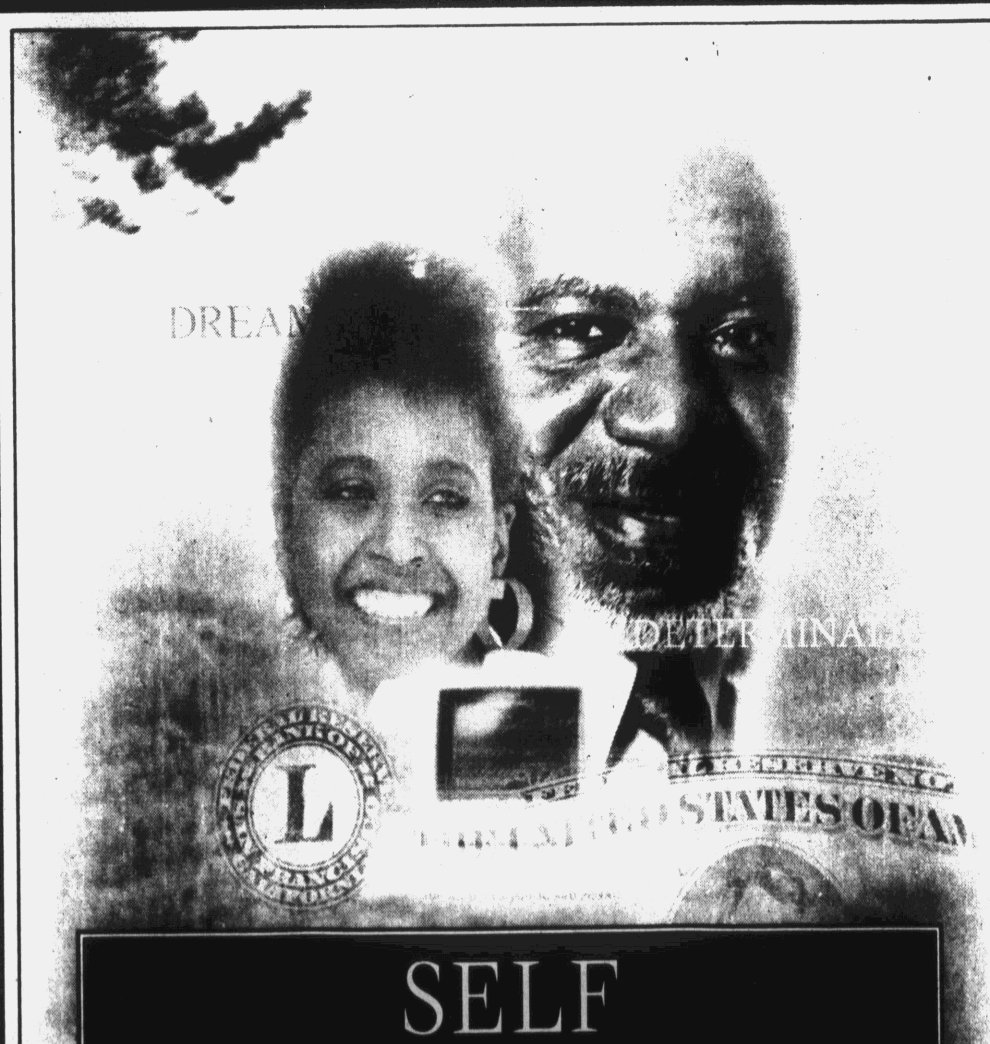
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