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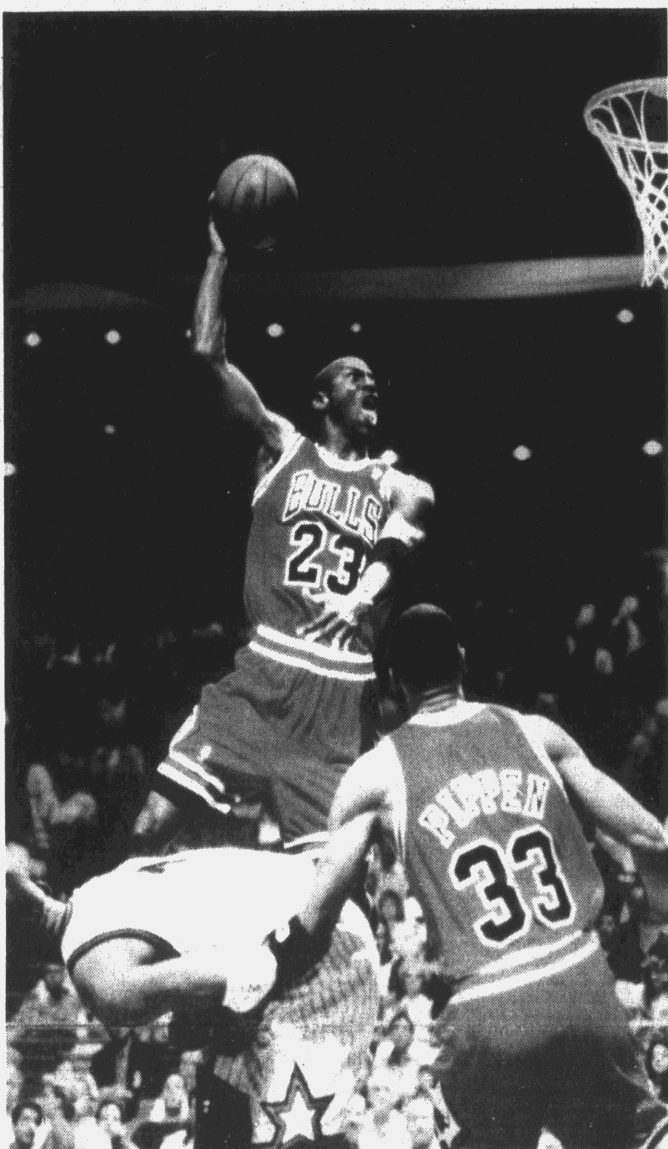
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Capturing A Glimpse of Stardom



GREENVILLE, NC--When the stars come out, autograph-seeking fans are sure to follow. The Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic is certainly no exception. Children and adults alike turn out to meet their favorite celebrities

and collect autographed memorabilia, and the only question is "What's the best way to capture those prized signatures?"

The shotgun star requires all of that day's teams to be on the golf course at the same time, so the

most effective strategy for meeting celebrities is to wait at one of the par three tee boxes for each celebrity to arrive. The tournament will take place over two days this year, with half the field playing at Brook Valley Country Club on Saturday, June 27, and the other half on Sunday, June 28. Spectators should check the local newspaper for a schedule of which celebrity guests are appearing each day. Also, it is important for spectators to remember that celebrities are people too. So, the "golden rule" for getting autographs is courtesy and patience.

The 1998 Golf Classic will feature a new "best-ball" format, allowing each golfer to play his or her own ball from tee to green. In view of last year's success, a shotgun start is planned for both days of the tournament--9:30 on Saturday morning and 9:00 on Sunday. A public parking facility will be located at Minges Coliseum on tournament days. Shuttle buses will run throughout the day to transport spectators to and from Brook Valley Country Club (gallery tickets @ \$40 required to board). Tickets are again just \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for younger children. They may be purchased on event days at the parking facility and spectators can use the same ticket for admission on both days.

All proceeds from this event benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses of North Carolina, which include the Greenville, Chapel Hill, Durham and Winston-Salem Houses. These private, non-profit organizations each serve as a "home away from home" for families of children with life-threatening illnesses who are being treated at nearby hospitals

1998 MARKS THE ADDITION OF THE CELEBRITY SKINS GAME

When Michael Jordan pulled Tournament Chairman Bill Bowen

aside last year and told him he wanted to make some changes, Bill was "all ears." One of the most significant changes our honorary chairman made to his tournament this year is the addition of the Celebrity Skins Game on Friday, June 26!

The Skins Game format pits Michael against three surprise guest celebrity golfers competing for a cash prize at each hole which is known as a "skin." The player who wins each hole is awarded the cash prize for that skin. If play on any hole should result in a tie, the prize money carries over to the next skin. Even if there are several ties in a row, the money continues to carry over until someone wins a hole.

Michael has personally donated \$200,000 in prize money for this event. Skins players will compete for their share of the purse with half of their earnings donated to the charity of their choice and the other half going to support the Ronald McDonald Houses of North Carolina. The three celebrity participants who will play with Michael have not been announced and tournament organizers do not expect to do so until the week of the event.

Tickets may be purchased at the Bradford Creek Golf Club, Brook Valley Country Club, Greenville Golf & Country Club and Ironwood Golf & Residential Community.

Valentine Seeks Miss North Carolina Beauty Crown



Ms. Jeanita Valentine pictured her with her mother, Jeanette Valentine

Jeanita Michelle Valentine is a contestant for Miss North Carolina USA. She is the daughter of Jeanette Valentine of Greenville and William H. Mills, Jr. of Washington, DC. A graduate of D.H. Conley High School, Jeanita currently attends Pitt Community College. With a 3.5 GPA at PCC, she is majoring in Computer Information Systems.

Jeanita attends St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church where she sings with the youth and traveling choir. She also attends John Casablancas Model Center where she has done promotional modeling with Oil of Olay and Pantene products.

Jeanita says that she is running for Miss North Carolina to show young women that they can attain their dreams and hopes if they desire to do so strongly enough. "I want to show the beauty of God's love and how He will come to your side if you really believe in his love," says Jeanita. "I want to tell young people in the community that anything is possible if you have faith," she adds.

1998 MICHAEL JORDAN CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC SCHEDULE OF EVENTS			
Friday, June 26	10:00 a.m.	Celebrity Skins Game	Greenville Country Club
	3:00-5:00 p.m.	*Dutch Boy Painting	Champagne's Party Greenville Hilton Wright Auditorium
Saturday, June 27	8:00 p.m.	Celebrity Jam Featuring Gary Chapman Jordan Press Conference	Brook Valley Country Club
	8:15 a.m.	1st Round MJCCG	#1 Tee Box Brook Valley Country Club
	9:30 a.m.	2nd Round MJCCG	**Greenville Country Club Ronald McDonald House Brook Valley Country Club **Greenville Country Club
Sunday, June 28	2:00-4:00 p.m.	*Ronald McDonald House	
	9:00 a.m.	2nd Round MJCCG	

*This location has limited media access.

** These events are not open to the public, but may be attended by media representatives who have Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic media credentials.

Mathew Lews Honored By Parks Commission...



Mr. Lewis address audience during re-naming ceremony

This past Wednesday, Greenville Parks and Recreation Department held a dedication ceremony for the naming of the Mathew Lewis Picnic Shelter and Soccer Field at West Meadowbrook Park. There were over 150 people in attendance.

Last September, the Greenville Recreation and Parks Commission was presented with a petition asking them to consider renaming West Meadowbrook Park in honor of a dedicated and honorable citizen of Greenville, Mr. Mathew Lewis.

Mr. Lewis is a outstanding community and civic leader, and to be a man of honor and integrity, who has dedicated much of his life to improving the quality of life for the citizens of Greenville.

He was instrumental in the effort to expand city utility services to citizens of the west Meadowbrook Community.

He donated land to allow access to the west area of Meadowbrook Park.

He is a highly regarded educator in Pitt County, and he was principal of Stokes Elementary School for many years. As an Educator, he expected the highest performance and commitment from his students and teachers, and showed them ways to achieve their goals by his shining examples. During His tenure, he was known to be gentle, but firm with his students and always supportive of his teaching staff as well. He is considered by many to be a superb role model.

His stature in the community is contrasted by his high integrity and humility firmly which is firmly centered in his faith. Mr. Lewis, is a revered elder at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church.

Normally, the Recreation and Parks Commission guidelines do not allow the renaming of a entire park after a living person unless they contributed at least one half of the total cost of developing the a facility. However, the Recreation and Parks Commission recommended that the Parks Commission honor Mr. Lewis by re-naming this park after him.



Suspect in "Tupac Killing" shot to death....

Others Wounded in Shoot-Out...

Los Angeles, Orlando Anderson, a former suspect in the 1996 shooting death of rapper Tupac Shakur, was one of two men shot to death during a gun battle at a Compton car was on May 29, police said.

The dead were identified as Anderson, 23, who was once a suspect in the September 7, 1996, shooting death of Shakur in Las Vegas, said Compton police Lt. Robert Baker.

Jerry Junior Stone, 24, of Compton, also died of his injuries, and Michael Stone, 41, also of Compton, was critically injured and clinging to life, said Compton police Lt. Danny Sneed.

The fourth man, Michael Reed Dorrough, 23, of Long Beach, was treated for a gunshot wound to his arm and released, then arrested.

The brief but intense gun battle scattered bystanders and left the four men, all of them gang members, sprawled and bleeding on the pavement, police said.

All four victims were taken to Los Angeles County-King/Drew Medical Center for treatment, where Anderson and Jerry Stone were pronounced dead shortly after their arrival.

The gun fight took place at 3:10 p.m., at a car wash at Alondra Boulevard and Oleander Avenue, a half block from Compton High School. Sneed said the shooting had nothing to do with the nearby high school or its students.

"The investigation has revealed that four subjects became involved in an altercation over a previous monetary dispute," Sneed said. "One of the subjects removed a handgun and began shooting. One of the victims removed a handgun and returned fire. Numerous shots were fired and all four subjects involved were shot," he said.

Anderson, whose grandmother had died earlier in the day, told family members he was going to the store and drove off with friends.

He and another man, both believed to be members of the Southside Crips, drove up to the car wash where several members of a rival gang had gathered.

"There was an altercation," Baker said. "Both sides began shooting."

He said the shooting began at the car wash but spread beyond it and that a number of witnesses there were taken to the Compton Police Department for questioning.

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News in Review

VICTIMS RIGHTS

06/12/98--House leaders recently promised to pass the bill needed to implement the Crime Victims Rights Amendment, a bill that has been stalled in the House for over a year. The announcement at a press conference brought sighs of relief from crime victims, who have been frustrated that an issue so popular with politicians could remain stuck in the House. In March 1997, the Republican-controlled House took on the task of drawing up programs and policies to ensure those rights, but have been unable to come up with a bill that satisfies all parties concerned. The NC Victims Assistance Network and its allies wanted to increase fees in criminal court and put all of the money into a dedicated fund which could be used for victims' rights.

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OPINIONS COMMENTS

Editorials

Credo of the Black Press

The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and natural antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human rights. Hating no person, fearing no person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

The Value of Fatherhood...

by Beatrice Maye

On June 21, we will observe the 88th annual Father's day celebration to all the fathers out there. The importance of a father in a child's life is monumental. He is to nurture his children by giving them instruction, protection, sustenance, companionship, assistance, love, discipline and example.

"All children need a home where love provides security, where what is taught is not confused by what they hear and see." (Sper)

The ideal father loves and understands his children. What then, are characteristics? He's a worker, who rules by love and not fear, who consistently doesn't scold his children for scolding is a hurt to the soul which is worse than a hurt to the body, and often leaves lasting scars. He praises instead of finding fault. He is an example for the children. He teaches them to use the word of God reverently. He cuts out bad habits because he knows they will spoil the lives of younger ones who will imitate him. He takes the family to Sunday school and he is not ashamed to pray, and thanks are always said at meals. He's teaching his boys by example, how to be the right kind of father and husband when they grow up. He is fair and just with the children, not playing "favorites." He finds time to associate with his children. The good father plans with the family to go places and keep his promises. The greatest gift a father can give to his children is himself and to love their mother.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The ideal mother validates and legitimizes the father... and the ideal father is the cornerstone of civilization.

MY THOUGHTS

"Imprisonment of the Mind"

By Mumia Abu-Jamal

"They endeavor to make you as much like brutes as possible. When they have blinded the eyes of your mind -- when they have embittered the sweet waters of life--when they have shot out the light which shines from the word of God, then and not 'till then, has American slavery done its perfect work." --- Henry Highland Garnet, "An Address To the Slaves of the United States of America" (1843)

American prisons are the linear descendants of American slave pens, socially constructed institutions designed to dehumanize, exploit, and profit from the shackled. In both cases powerful social forces converge to protect the institution, to insure its continued existence.

Prisons as metaphor for slavery are especially crystallized in the disproportionate percentage of African Americans who are cast into American gulags, a reflection of social policies following media and political projections.

Another factor that mirrors the slave experience is the antebellum (or pre-Civil War) Black Codes that outlawed education for slaves, under pain or death.

In March 1998, the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (DOC) announced that it would phase out all of its four-and two-year college programs. That means roughly 400 of the state's 35,075 prisoners, men and women taking courses for a bachelors or associate degree in arts and sciences, will have to quit by June, 1998. The department which already made it so difficult that it generally took approximately 10 years for a prisoner to complete courses for a degree, now offers GED courses and training in vocational fields like cooking or plumbing.

While some question the usefulness of college for prisoners, one long-term corrections expert found education to be the "most powerful" preventer of violence,, both in and out of prison.

Massachusetts prison psychologist, Dr. James Gilligan, notes: "While several programs had worked, the most successful of all, and the only one that had been 100 percent effective in preventing recidivism was receiving a college degree while in prison. Several hundred prisoners in Massachusetts had completed at least a bachelors degree while in prison over a 25-year period, and not one of them had been returned to prison for a new crime. I later discovered that the state of Indiana, and Folsom Prison in California, have also found that college degrees provided 100 percent immunity against recidivism among their "alumni." Immediately after I announced this finding in a public lecture at Harvard and it made its way into the newspapers, our new governor, William Weld, who had not previously been aware that prison inmates could take college courses, gave a press conference on television in which he declared that Massachusetts would rescind that "privilege," or else the poor would start committing crimes in order to be sent to prison so they could get a free college education!"

Clearly, then, what motivates prison administrators isn't what works, but the political imperatives of a system that seeks to continue the deadly cycle of recidivism. The more bodies they can capture, the more they can keep. Anything that can break the chains of mental slavery is justified.

Knowledge is the beginning, so let us begin.

WHERE TO NOW, NIGERIA..?

Nigerian dictator Gen. Sani Abacha died the unexpected one more time on Monday....he died. Some of our readers may be surprised to hear us refer to an ex-leader as "dictator" rather than "president". After all, it has become fashionable in all too many black leadership and even newspaper circles to defend any powerful black leader, even one as unpalatable as Abacha. We have heard platitudes denouncing the West's universal rebuke of Abacha as attempts to "force Africa into a western concept of democracy." Apparently, according to these pundits, there is such a thing as "African democracy" -- a "black thang you wouldn't understand." Let's see... that would be the kind of democracy where:

- * You don't actually get to vote for anybody except the one candidate chosen by the official parties;
- * You don't get to vote at all unless you're a member of one of the aforementioned parties;
- * If you do somehow manage to elect someone other than the Head African In Charge, he gets put in jail (not charged, just jailed);
- * Any parliament that disagrees with him finds itself out of a job;
- * Being too outspoken in criticism of the HAJC will get you killed--and that includes participating in anti-government demonstrations. Yeah, that kind of democracy.

That brand of sophistry may make sense to an African-American intelligentsia blindly enamored of anything African, but it isn't all that impressive to rank and file Nigerians, who have been screaming for Abacha's head for decades.

In fact, the amazing and inspirational thing was, given the certain knowledge of the mortal danger they were in, the frequency with which Nigerian citizens took to the streets to protest the strongman's rule.

The one pleasant point is that there is at least a fair amount to open political dissension in Nigeria, as long as you aren't too successful at rallying people to your point of view.

Again, that seems to have been not so much a commitment to intellectual freedom as a simple immunity to any rule and all criticism and a smug assurance of the extent of his power. The plain fact of the matter is, a citizen of the Soviet Union in the 1970s had more say in his and his country's future than a Nigerian citizen does now.

You don't have to believe us. Just ask around. There are lots of Nigerian expatriates living right here in North Carolina.

Chances are, you'll find very few of them who will have kind words for their late leader or what he has done for their homeland.

But now, he's gone. Where does Nigeria go now? The military has installed another dictator. Will he be temporary or, like Abacha, will it get good to him?

We hope and pray with our Nigerian brothers and sisters.

THE 1968 KERNER COMMISSION: AN UPDATE

by Larry Aubrey

"Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white...separate and unequal.

This was the conclusion of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders ... the Kerner Riot Commission, named after its chair, then governor of Illinois, Otto Kerner. The commission's report was issued on March 1, 1968.

A thirty-year update on the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders was issued last April by the Milton S. Eisenhower Foundation and the Corporation for What Works, Washington, D.C. This column will summarize the observations, analyses and recommendations of the Eisenhower and Corporation for What Works update of the Kerner Commission Report. Their update is entitled, "The Millennium Breach... Richer, Poorer and Racially Apart."

What has happened in the thirty years since Kerner and where do we stand now? The Kerner Commission proposed remedies to racial, spatial and economic disparity. The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and early 1970s brought about improvements that helped expand an African American middle class. There have been achievements made possible by the Civil Rights Movement and by individual struggles of millions of African Americans. The African American middle class has expanded, as has African American entrepreneurship. There has been an enormous rise in the number of African American mayors,, other elected officials and police chiefs.

Yet in the 1970s, when technological change in the economy increased demand for high-skilled and educated workers, jobs for the less-skilled, and educated became obsolete. The unemployed stayed behind, but more mobile middle-class African Americans left core inner city neighborhoods. Labor market policies to provide training and jobs for their less skilled never materialized. In the words of Harvard Professor William Julius Wilson, "the exodus of working- and middle-class blacks from core inner city neighborhoods enhanced the concentration effects of joblessness and poverty and removed important economic and social buffers that have softened the impact of macroeconomic changes in these vulnerable communities."

During the decades of the 1970s and 1980s, conditions in inner-city ghettos went from bad to worse. Today, for the first time in the 20th century, most adults in many inner city neighborhoods are not working in a typical week. The real unemployment rate in these areas far exceeds the official rate. The consequences of neighborhood joblessness in Professor Wilson's and other experts' view are more devastating than those of high neighborhood poverty. When people are poor but employed, they can better prevent family breakup, crime, drugs and other problems than when people are poor and jobless.

Since the Kerner Commission, other important trends have included:

- * From 1977 to 1988, the incomes of the richest one percent in America increased by 120 percent and the incomes of the poorest fifth in America decreased by 10 percent during time of supply-side tax breaks for the rich and against the poor.
- * During the 1980s, child poverty increased by over 20 percent, with racial minorities suffering disproportionately. Today,, the child poverty rate in the United States is four times the average of Western European countries.
- * Since the Kerner Commission, the U.S. has had the most rapid growth in wage inequality in the Western world, with racial minorities suffering disproportionately.
- * America's neighborhoods and schools are resegregating. Two-thirds of African Americans and three-fourths of Latino students now attend predominantly minority schools... one-third of each group in intensely segregated schools.
- * In urban public schools in poor neighborhoods, more than two-thirds of children fail to reach even the "basic" level on national tests.
- * America's housing policy for the poor and minorities has become prison-building. Over the 1980s and early 1990s, the country tripled the number of prison cells, at the same time reducing housing appropriations for the poor by over 80 percent. Only one in four eligible poor families get housing.
- * States now spend more per year on prisons than on higher education, while ten years ago, spending priorities were just the opposite.
- * By the late 1990s, one of three young African American men was in prison, on probation, or on parole.
- * Sentences for crack cocaine, used disproportionately by people of color, are much longer than sentences for powder cocaine, used disproportionately for whites.
- * Prisons disproportionately incarcerate minorities, but prison building has become a growth industry for whites in rural areas.

Carl Rowan's Commentary

Black Republican in a Different Light

I've been saying for a generation that one black person need not sell out the rights and dreams of all blacks or minorities in order to be a Republican, or even a conservative Republican.

Rep. J. C. Watts, the former Oklahoma football hero who is the lone black Republican in the House of Representatives, is proving that. Watts has just played a major role in getting the House to vote down a measure that would have banned affirmative action programs at most of the nation's colleges.

Rep. Frank Riggs, R-Calif., was trying to attach a \$101 billion bill covering federal aid to college students an amendment that would have banned affirmative action to help blacks, other minorities and women at any public college or university that accepted federal funds. This would have been a national version of California's Proposition 209, which has led to a calamitous drop in the number of blacks and Hispanics accepted in the University of California system. And it would have slammed the door to equal educational opportunity in the faces of millions of youngsters of color.

Watts dared to join with Democratic Rep. John Lewis of Georgia in sending their House colleagues in a letter saying, "This is not the time to eliminate the one tool we have--imperfect though it may be -- to help level the playing field for many minority youth."

Fifty-four Republicans followed Watts' lead in voting against the Riggs amendment, and it was defeated resoundingly, 249-171.

Watts surely knows that the Republican Party needs him infinitely more than he needs the GOP. But he also seems to realize the damage that Prop. 209 has done in California, and that most of the people who oppose affirmative action on grounds that they are opposing racism are in fact trying to retain preferences for those who have profited from racism from this country's beginning.

So Watts has taken a stance that millions of Americans wish that black conservatives such as Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and California University regent Ward Connerly would take. The point is that if Watts had voted for the ban on affirmative action he would have given protection from criticism to enough whites in Congress to allow them to pass the unwise amendment. The parallel is that the Supreme Court would be a lot less hostile to minorities if Thomas did not give "cover" to the most backward elements, and that the California regents would never have dared base admissions on something as flimsy as SAT scores if Connerly had not been so arrogantly aggressive in opposing affirmative action.

By refusing to be blinded or racially corrupted by partisan politics, Watts has scored his most impressive touchdown, and in the process has given a better name to those black Americans who choose to be Republicans.

Time to Stand Up You Mighty Race

by William Reed

Do you still use the "N" word in your communications with other people? When will you stand up and start denouncing and discounting the use of the "N" word? For too long the "N" word has been an integral part of Black and White America's vocabulary and psyche. When ever it is used, it is a negative, condescending and "dissing" term meant solely and completely as a put down. The "N" word is the most offensive, inflammatory racial slur in the English language and we should discontinue its use for now and forever more.

It is interesting how we rationalize our actions and behavior with this word. Isn't it the height of hypocrisy for African-Americans to become outraged over the word's use and abuse by White people, and turn around saying it is "endearing" to use it among ourselves?

Think about it, use of the "N" word denotes nothing but self-loathing. It is another way we keep ourselves down and perpetuate the 'crabs -in -a - barrel" syndrome. A writer said, "words gain meaning as they are consistently associated with actions, demeanor, or attitudes that are of a distinct nature." So what does the "N" word mean?

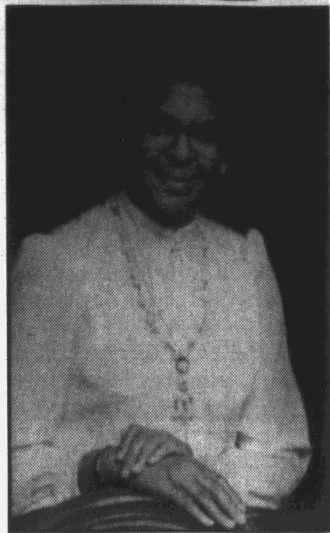
Be you young or old, the usage of the "N" word should be abandoned. Although some rappers hurl the word with vigor, as if to make it a term of endearment, the violence and strife that exists among them bears out the true connotation they have when they use the word.

"Up you mighty race," is what we need to be saying to each other. Not disrespecting each other with the use of this word. In order to rise up, each of us should start on a mission to promote mutual understanding, dignity and respect while discouraging all discriminatory practices between ourselves. To gain the broad successes that have eluded us for so long, we must see and exhibit value in ourselves and our people.

If another Black uses the "N" word, bring it to their attention. If you hear the word on records or media that is in the possession of your children, or relatives, seize and destroy it. It's within the power of each and everyone of us to eliminate this word within our lifetime. As we accomplish this goal, watch how many other "insurmountable" goals and objectives we'll find we can collectively accomplish as well.

Use Your "M" Voice --
Write Us About The Issues
You're Concerned About!

from the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



Beatrice Maye

Isolation is Not Safe

People who are lonely, depressed and isolated are three to five times more likely to develop serious illnesses or to die prematurely than those who have close ties with friends, relative and community members.

When Dr. Dean Ornish, M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine at University of California, San Francisco talks about love's impact on our health, he's talking about anything that promotes feelings of love, intimacy and community is healing and makes us whole. This can include love among friends and family member and even for a pet. Love can also be spiritual or religious. Studies suggest that lov-

ing and being loved... harmonious communication ...and physical contact can affect the body in very powerful and positive ways.

Love also protects the body by calming the heart... lowering blood pressure... and reducing the destructive effects of anxiety.

Learn to communicate your feelings. What you say and how we say it, can have a powerful effect on our relationships, bring us closer to other people ,not pushing them away.

We must understand that thoughts and feelings are very different. We tend to hear thoughts as judgments and criticisms which close our heart. But we tend to hear feelings very differently, with an open heart.

Volunteer to keep others. When

you help others, you also help yourself. People who volunteer their time at least once a week are much less likely to die than others, and are significantly less likely to develop a serious illness during the next 30 years.

Make physical contact. Intimacy is healing. Touching is intimate. Hundreds of studies demonstrate the healing power of touch -- For premature infants...and for people with asthma, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, depressions and other illness.

While respecting others' boundaries, look for opportunities to get in touch. Give a co-worker a pat on the back, shake his or her hand, get a pet, kiss and hug the people you love.

THIS PLAN CAN SPELL BLISSFUL PARENTING

A... is Accountability. Hold your children accountable for their behavior.

B...is for boundaries. Set specific limits and make clear the repercussions if those limits are exceeded. C... is for Consistency. Hold to the same principles and practices.

D... is for Discipline. Make the punishment fit the crime. Never discipline in anger.

E... is for Example. Children are in greater need of model than critics. Set a good example.

F... is Forgiveness. Practices it, and each the importance of forgiving.

G...is for Giving. Teach the joy of giving, not only to the family and friends, but to strangers in need.

L... is for Imagination. Be creative and play with your children. Make up stories or songs when you read and sing with them.

J... is for Justice. Be fair, and insist that they be fair, also.

K... is for Knowing your children's friends and their parents as well as their teachers.

L... is for Listening. Listen to your children. It will teach them how to listen to others, and their thoughts will give you insights.

M... is for Morals. Be sure your own standard of conduct is sound.

N... is for NO. Use it, and mean it. O... is for Outdoors. Provide as much outdoor activity as possible.

P... is for Pressure. Reduce the pressure on your children, but insist they maintain high standards.

Q...is for Questions. Pay close attention to their questions, and

give simple answers unless they demand more.

R... is for Respect. Show respect , teach respect and earn respect.

S... is for the Source of Strength. Share your own faith or beliefs with your children. Faith can be their port in the storms of later life.

T... is for Togetherness. Have special designated time to be together as a family -- but know when to let go, too.

U is for Uniqueness. Understand the uniqueness of each child, and let that child be who he or she is.

V... is for Voice. Tone of voice can convey more tot a child than words spoken.

W... is for words. Keep your word. Promises broken can easily destroy trust.

X... is for eXamine. Examine constantly, and be aware.

Y... is for You. Take care of yourself mentally, physically and spiritually. A happy parent helps the child to be happy.

Z... is for Zowie! Who would have thought they would grow up so quickly? from Ann Landers.

SOME LEADERSHIP LESSONS

Success begins with a powerful vision. Successful leaders know where they are going and where they want to lead their followers. But they also understand that leaders are only agents of change unable to force their vision on others. Great leaders set out their vision, get others involved and get them to follow in their own.

Lead people by inspiring them. You can't expect people to embrace your personal goals simply because they are important to you. Great leaders understand that to turn their dreams into reality, people must be inspired to act.

Find the talent that can carry out your mission. Great missions can't be accomplished by a leader alone. The can be carried out only by a great team.

Be decisive. Great leaders understand that being decisive is a complicated process. They gather the fact talk to people and look for differing views. They try to come up with variety of possible solutions and then decide which solution they want to move forward with.

Understand human nature. Great leader understand what makes people tick. They understand the greatest challenges come not while the battle is being fought, but in the inevitable let down that comes once the battle is over.

From: Donald Phillips, Leadership Consultant in Fairview, Texas and Author of THE FOUNDING FATHERS ON LEADERSHIP

NAACP To Convene in Atlanta

Beginning July 11, thousands of NAACP members will converge on Atlanta for the 89th Annual NAACP Convention. The convention will take place at the Georgia World Congress Center and will conclude on July 16. The theme of this year's convention is "Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today."

Delegates will hear from NAACP leaders Kweisi Mfume and Julian Bond as well as national leaders like Gen. Colin Powell, Vice President Al Gore, former New York Mayor David Dinkins,

Coretta Scott King, Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman, former NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks, Ted Turner, Federal Communications Commission Chairman Bill Kennard, Rep. Harold Ford, Jr., Dr. Juanita Cole, TransAfrica President Randall Robinson, Rev. Jesse Jackson and many others.

Among the entertainers scheduled to participate are Patty LaBelle, Jennifer Holliday, Peabo Bryson, The Gap Band, Next and talk show host Tavis Smiley.

The 89th Annual Convention will address a plethora of important issues facing people of color. Among them: affirmative action, community and economic development, the plight of black farmers, police brutality, policy toward Africa, cancer, violence, voter empowerment, black images in the media and much more.

In addition, thousands of young people from around the country will participate in the 20th annual Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics (ACT-SO). There will also be a Minority Business Expo, Health Fair, Commerce and Industry Show and a Job Fair.

A national news conference will be held Saturday, July 11 at 12 noon in Room 213 E at the Georgia World Congress Center. NAACP President/CEO Kweisi Mfume will address the assembled press and make himself available for questions about the convention.

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Why Am I Here?
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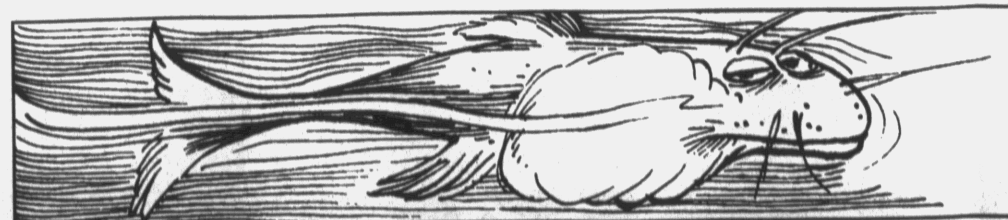
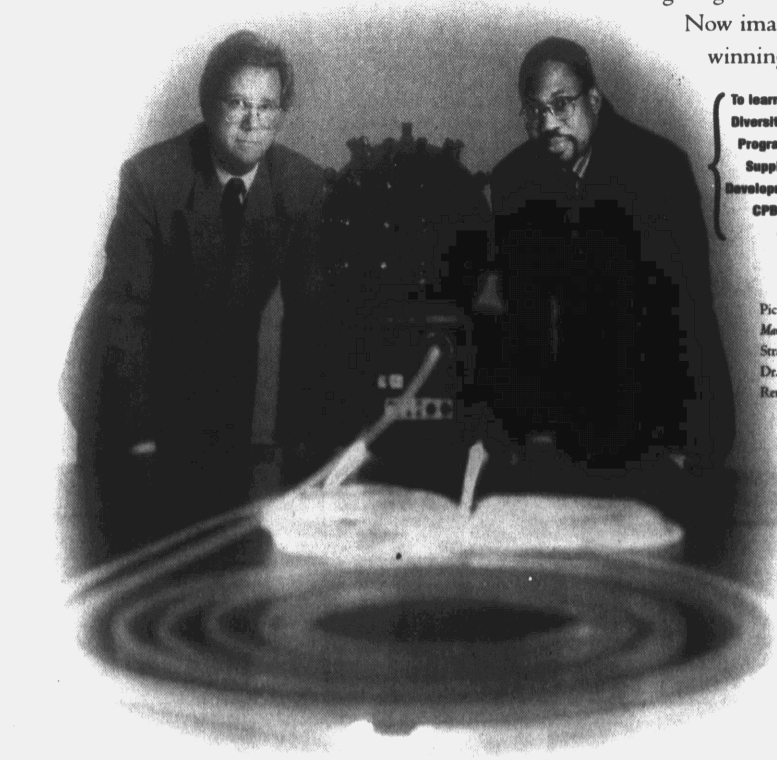
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This list includes the company's headquarter city and 1997 revenues. Companies with the same revenues are ranked as a tie.

1. TLC Beatrice International Holdings, Inc. New York 1.40 billion.
2. Johnson Publishing Company, Inc. Chicago, Ill. 361.1 million
3. Philadelphia Coca Cola Bottling Co. New York, 357 million.
4. Active Transportation, Louisville, Kentucky, 250 million.
6. Granite Broadcasting Corp., New York, 181.08 million.
7. BT Holdings, Inc., Washington, DC, 170 million.
8. H.J. Russell & Co., Atlanta, GA., 155.3 million.
9. Pulsar Data Systems, Inc., Lanham, MD., 151 million.
10. Anderson-DuBose Co., Solon, Ohio, 138.7 million.
11. World Wide Technology, Inc., St. Louis, MO., 135 million.
12. Mays Chemical Corp. Inc., Indianapolis, Ind., 123 million.
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15. Simcus Foods International, Mansfield, TX., 105 million.
16. Essence Communications, Inc., New York, 104.8 million.
17. Spiral Inc., Chandler, AZ., 100 million.
18. Soft Sheen Products, Inc., Chicago, IL., 95 million.
19. Wesley International, Inc., 95 million.
20. Thomas Madison, Inc., Detroit, 90 million.
21. Digital Systems International, Inc., Arlington, VA, 89.4 million.
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23. Stop Shop & Save Food Markets, Baltimore, MD., 86.5 million.
24. La-Van Hawkins Urban City Foods-Burger King, Baltimore, MD., 86.5 million.
25. Calhoun Enterprise, Montgomery, AL, 79.8 million.
26. Sayers Computer Source, Chicago, IL., 72.0 million.
27. Capsonic Group & Capsonic Automotive, Inc., Elgin, IL., 71.0 million.
28. V&J Foods, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 70.0 million.
29. Pro-Line Corp., Dallas, TX, 68.0 million.
30. Reliant Industries, Inc., Bedford Park, IL., 67.9 million.
31. The Barche Group, Livonia, MI., 62.0 million.
32. African Development Public Investment Co., Sherman Oaks,

- CA., 61.0 million.
33. Pepsi Cola of Washington, DC., L.P., Forestville, MD., 61.0 million.
34. Drew Pearson Marketing, Inc., Addison, TX 58.0 million.
35. Surface Protection Industries, Inc., 58.0 million.
36. Luster Products Co., Chicago, IL 57.5 million.
37. Beauchamp Distributing Co., Compton, CA., 54.5 million.
38. Exemplar Manufacturing Co., Ypsilanti, MI., 51.9 million.
39. Health Resources, Inc., Lempyne, PA., 51.3 million.
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50. Rush Communications & Affiliated Companies, New York, 27.0 million.
51. Innovative Logistics Techniques, Inc. (INNOLOG) McLean, VA 39.2 million.
52. Gourmet Companies, Inc., Atlanta, GA, 39.0 million.
53. Grimes Oil Company, Inc. Boston, MA., 38.763 million.
54. Thompson Hospitality Corp., Reston, VA, 38.5 million.
55. Trumark, Inc., Lansing, Mich, 38.1 million.
56. Metters Industries, Inc., McLean, VA, 37.804 million.
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63. Management Technology, Inc. (MTI), Clinton, MD 33.549 million.
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89. Wilson Financial Group., Houston, TX 22.750 million.
90. Advance Resources Technologies, Inc. Alexandria, VA 22.2 million.
91. Consolidated Beverage Corp. New York, NY 21.3 million.
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94. C.D. Moody Construction Company, Inc. Lithonia, GA, 20.0 million.
95. PRWT Services, Inc., Philadelphia, PA 19.5 million.
96. Global Management Systems, Inc., Bethesda, MD., 19.126 million.
97. Powers & son Construction Co. Inc. Gary, IND. 18.654 million.
98. General Scientific Corp., Arlington, VA 18.6 million.
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100. Fidelity Group, Great Neck, NY 18.0 million.

"Golden Years Should be Golden," Dr. Parker Reaches Out...



Dr. & Mrs. Howard Parker

Dr. Howard Parker moved to Greenville to pastor Sycamore Hill Baptist Church 17 years ago after pastoring a church in Mocksville for more than three years. A Winston-Salem native, Parker never thought that he would become a preacher even though his grandmother sincerely wanted him to go into the ministry.

Having worked in the funeral business with his family for 22 years since he was 6 years old, Parker thought that he was destined to be a mortician. After graduating from Winston-Salem State with a degree in history, Parker continued to work in the funeral business.

It was in 1970 that he received a calling from God to go into the ministry. Parker then went to Wake Forest and studied church

management. He later received his doctorate of Divinity from United Christian College.

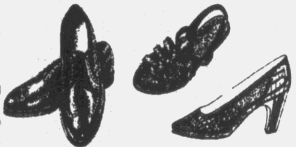
With a church membership of about 500, and Jesse Chadwick as associate minister, Dr. Parker would like to make the church stronger in the teaching ministry. Having just moved into a new building in April, Dr. Parker also has keen interest in the plight of the elderly since he has a large number of Senior Citizen in his congregation.

"We have a very strong Senior Health Care Ministry where we have teams going in and

helping to aid the senior citizens in any way possible," says Parker. So many time the senior citizens who have done so much for the community get overlooked after they retire and I would like to see that they are not forgotten. I would like to continue to establish more programs to help them in the church and the community, adds Parker.

Dr. Parker would like to one day build homes for the elderly adjacent to the church. He would like for the church to play a major role in caring for the aging.

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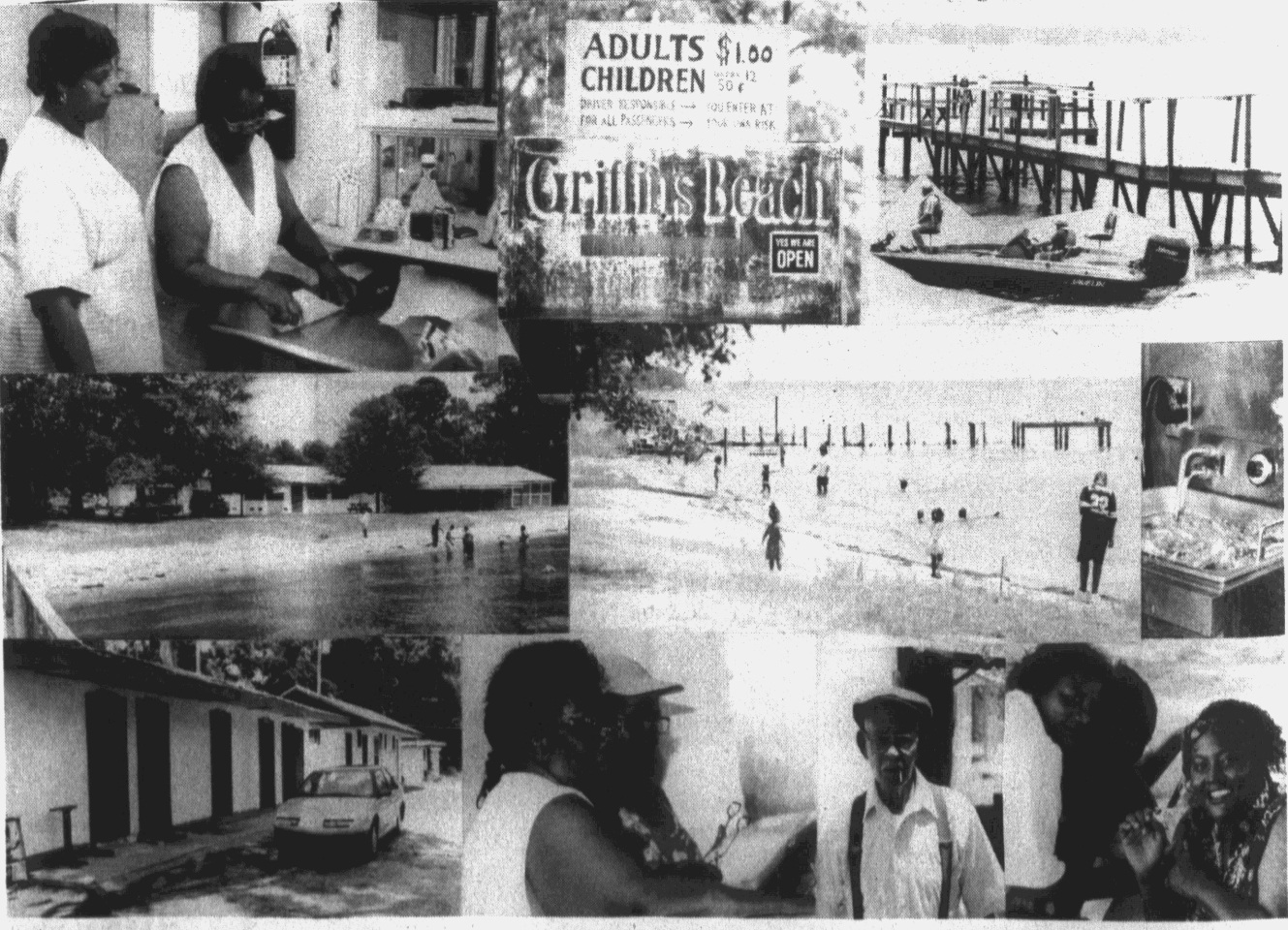
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Ground Breaking Ceremony For Greater Mt. Zion...



Ground breaking services were held in early May on 349 Old Flemming School Road for the building of the Greater Mount Zion Christian Church. A dedication service was rendered by the pastor Joe Dixon, D.D. Prayer was led by assistant pastor, Elder Willie Baker, Jr.

The history of the Greater Mount Zion Christian Church was read by First Lady, Evangelist Linda Dixon. Pastor Tyrone Edwards of True Baptist Ministries of Farmville read the scriptures and Bishop James Tripp, pastor of Holly Hill (OFWB) Church of Belvoir read the Old Testament.

After the Litany of Dedication, remarks were given by Mother Estella Phelps, Trustee Larry Pitt, and contractor "Pop" Jones. Other guests attending were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tamberelli, Dr. Matthew Clark, Deacon Henry Clark, and Mrs. Bertha Cherry and her family. A host of friends and other guests including William Clark of WOOW radio shared in this event.

The Loyal Ladies of Roanoke Hold Cotillion and Awards Ceremony

The Loyal Ladies of Roanoke Assembly #248 Order of the Golden Circle held their Cotillion and 2nd Annual Award Banquet June 13, 1998 at Williamston High School in Williamston.

LaToya Renee Boyd of Greenville was crowned Queen of the Cotillion. LaToya is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie James Boyd, Sr. Laketa Shence Maye of Greenville was second runner up and Samantha Streeter of Oak City was third runner up. Samantha was also selected by the group as Miss Congeniality.

Each contestant modeled a

Award for Youth Organization from the North Carolina State Grand Assembly. This award is presented each year to an organization that makes a strong positive donation to youths in communities.

Bernice McElrath received the Community Service Award for her many contributions in the cancer awareness program and other services to senior citizens throughout Martin and Pitt Counties.

Several awards were presented by Loyal Lady Brewington, Loyal Lady Ruler, to Loyal Ladies that have gone beyond the call of



formal wear and presented talents in poems, singing and musical instruments. A trophy, a gift backpack bag containing school supplies, and a savings bond was received by all contestants. The contestants ranged from 5th through 7th grades in school.

The Little Willie Center of Greenville was the recipient of a \$100.00 for the Special Donation

duty to assist in various projects sponsored by the Assembly.

Loyal Lady Brewington said that the Cotillion was a first for Roanoke Assembly #248 and it proved to be quite a success. "The Cotillion is another organization working to improve the quality of life for young girls and the community as they pass from childhood to womanhood," she stated.

Clayton Hosts Women's Business Roundtable

Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton was the host of Women's Business Roundtable this Monday.

The Roundtable, which was open to the public, was held to encourage serious woman entrepreneurs to learn how to get started in, or how to expand their businesses.

"No woman should deny herself the opportunity to learn more about financing business growth, leadership and advocacy, marketing and training," Clayton said.

The Women's Business Roundtable featured The National Woman's Business Council, as well as other business experts who were linked together at five different internet sites. The Base Site was at Pitt Community College in Greenville with other North Carolina Informational Highway Operational Rooms at Halifax Memorial Hospital, in Roanoke Rapids, Fayetteville Technical Community College, in Fayetteville; Beauford Community College, in Washington; and Martin Community College, in Williamston.

"Despite some gains and notable progress, efforts by women to enter the business mainstream are still met with resistance and undue obstacles. We must constantly work to overcome those barriers and create real equal opportunity in business," declared Clayton.

The Women's Business Roundtable took place on Monday, June 22nd and lasted from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Clayton hopes that the Roundtable discussion inspired woman to cultivate opportunities for economic empowerment.

Among those involved in the discussion was Amy Millman, Executive Director of the National Women's Business Council and spoke in depth about special initiative called, Summit '98. More informational regarding this event can be obtained by calling Johnny Bryant at (202) 225-3101

Commissioner Savage To Speak At Black Reparations Conference

Pitt County Commissioner Jeff Savage will be a Speaker at the Black Reparations Conference to be held at the Dubois Center on Saturday, June 27th.

The conference will feature renowned attorney Dr. Robert L. Brock, the President of the Self Determination Committee who defeated the U.S. Government in the U.S. Supreme Court laying the foundation for Black Reparation claims.

Commissioner Savage feels that Black Reparation is a well placed 'idea' whose time is over due. Savage says that Black Reparation would help toward giving blacks the ability and means towards self empowerment. Savage will speak on different approaches to black self empowerment for the 21st Century.

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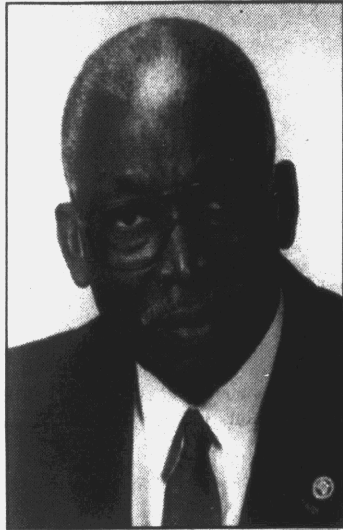
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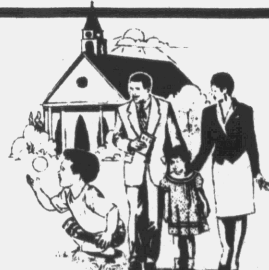


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The Story Must Be Told: Joe Simon

Prior to walking away from his career as a world recognized Rhythm and Blues superstar to become a minister, it could be truthfully have been said, "Joe Simon had it all". More importantly, he established his career and reached the top of the heap, his way!

The ballad of Joe Simon began on the street corners of his hometown, Simmesport, Louisiana, harmonizing gospel music with childhood friends. In 1960, he became a member of the Golden Tones, a gospel group that provided him with his first recording oppor-

tunity.

In 1964, he recorded and leased "My Adorable One" to Vee Jay Records. This launched Joe's career as a solo R&B artist. His first record making the national music charts was "Let's Do It Over" on Vee Jay Records, written by Dan Penn and recorded at Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

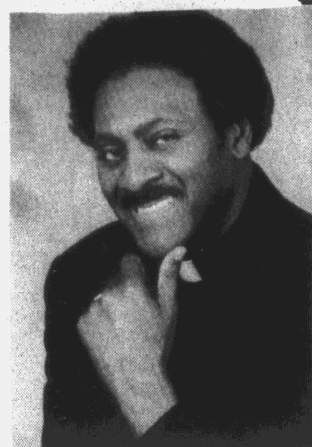
In 1966, Joe Simon joined forces with the legendary WLAC Radio personality, John "R" Richborough. This union gave birth to Sound Stage Seven Records in Nashville, Tennessee, and resulted in a series of hits such as,

"The Choking Kind," "You Keep Me Hanging On," "Nine Pound Steel," "My Special Prayer," "Moonwalk," "Misty Blue," "No Sad Songs" and others that are now considered 'golden oldies'.

In 1970, Joe Simon and John R left Sound Stage Seven and moved over to Spring Records where Joe became their leading artist and partial label owner. Over the following eleven years Joe produced a long string of R&B and crossover hit recordings that included, "Your Time To Cry," "Drowning In The Sea Of Love," "Power Of Love," "Get Down, Get

Down (On The Floor), the sound track album for the Warner Brothers movie "Cleopatra Jones," and numerous others.

With something troubling him and not knowing exactly what it was, Joe produced and recorded the country album and single, "Baby, When Love Is In Your Eyes," that supported the influence Country music had on his career. While still searching for that elusive something, Simon became the owner and principal recording star of Posse Records. It was from this successful venture that Joe Simon



Joe Simon, Minister left the secular music field... forever... searching.

Simon began rediscovering who he was. Slowly his new calling took form. As Joe says: "I had everything a man could want in life in a material way. But it didn't fill this certain void I kept experiencing. The defining moment came when I read the stunning words of

3:8 -I count it all as dung.. It was then that I say myself! Suddenly, all the things that I accomplished in life were put into perspective. I even wrote a son about the experience entitled, "Things Didn't Save Me"! My new journey had begun.

"After a period of intense Bible Study and preparation, I preached my first sermon as a minister to 4,500 people on September 13, 1988, at an event that was reported by Jet Magazine. "I continue to travel and minister to this day with my Evangelistic Community Crusades."

Today, he not only preaches the Word of God as the Associate Minister of the Cathedral of Joy in Flossmoor, Illinois, he's also using his God-given talent as a singer to help spread the Gospel. His new album, "This Story Must Be Told" on the South Carolina based Ripete Record label proves that he has not lost his golden voice. On his new CD, (his first record release in ten years), Joe is singing the Gospel, spreading the Word and telling his

June Celebrates The Soul of Black Music

Throughout American music history, blacks have developed musical styles that were significantly different from those of the mainstream. In the '20s and '30s while the rest of America was listening to Dixieland Jazz (created by African American musicians), black America sang the blues.

In the 1940's, swing and Big band was the socially accepted form. But while young black innovators like Duke Ellington And Count Basie were playing for white audiences, cutting edge musicians like Dizzy Gillespie imposed their own ideas on the art form and created Be-bop.

The decades of the '50s and '60s brought with them Rock & Roll, which many would have you to believe was a white invention when in fact Rock is derived from what was once called "Soul Music." In the '70s, as in other times when music bored the young white masses, new music genres were created out of the mediocrity. Fed up with Disco, young African Americans and Hispanic kids introduced a new music and lifestyle to the country and the rest of the world.

During the late 1970s Rap broke upon the national music scene and those who were smart knew that music would never be the same. Initially thought of as a fad, Rap's raw energy would prove not only to be an innovative music movement, but also a "subculture" that would influence pop culture to the tune of millions of dollars in the music and clothing industries.



Duke Ellington

But as the culture grew, making super stars out of urban youth like Ice Cube, Easy E, Snoop Doggy dog, Tupak Shakur and Biggie Smalls, the violent nature of the music grew proportionately to the fame of the stars.

As the lines between reality and wax became increasingly indistinguishable, it was hard to remember which came first, the "Rapper" or the "Gangsta." While the Hip Hop Nation was getting over the unexpected, aids related death of hard core Rapper, Eazy E, the shock of Tupak Shakur's death "sucker punched" the "Hip Hop Nation." And in the six months that followed Shakur's death another tragic end came to one of

Rap's favorite sons as Biggie Smalls was gunned down in the early morning hours after the Soul Train Awards.

Although Rap has taken a heavy hit, it's influence has once again stretched the boundaries of black music by creating a hybrid offspring of hip hop infused R&B ch has catapulted the likes of Mary J. Blige, Jodeci and Keith Sweat into the realm of music elite. But again, just as the mainstream is buying into the latest music trend (Rap/R&B) via Madison avenue, black music -- being the shape shifter it that it is -- has recreated and redefined itself again.

Heralded as a "retro" R&B, artist like D'Angelo, Erykah Badu,

Maxwell and Rashaan Patterson are being credited with resurrecting Soul Rhythm & Blues. In truth, R&B has been going on through a regeneration period since En Vogue crooned the lyric like to their first hit, "Hold On To Your Love." The "funky divas" set off in the early 90s and opened the flood gates to a wave of girl groups that followed. Similarly, Boyz II Men reintroduced the concept of four-part harmony-inspired groups which had been missing in black music since Motown's heyday. But as with any copy of a original that has been copied again, the countless groups that have followed have been increasingly fadable.

Because of the reemergence of real talent, competent songwriters and savvy production on the part of industry powerhouses like Babyface and Kedar Massenburg. The public is finally being delivered musical goods that they can readily embrace instead of having to bear the passé wanna-bees generally rammed down our throats via hourly rotation urban radio stations.

But no matter if you are a pop music lover or a Rhythm and Blues purist, Black Music Month celebrates everything great about our most unique form of expression.

Sony's Black Music department said it best a couple of years ago as they launched their Black Music Month tribute. The company sent out posters that read: "Black music is monthly, every minute, every second, always, all the time, anytime, everywhere, forever."



Joe Simon and Marion Carter hard a work producing "This Story Must Be Told"

the Apostle Paul -- a very affluent, brilliant and scholarly man of his day, who had studied at the University of Rome, and spoke fourteen languages fluently. Paul realized that as great as they were, his personal accomplishments were not very important as he wrestled with questions of eternity. "I was astonished with I read Phillipians

amazing story. Six of the songs on the album including the title song and "Things Didn't Save Me," were written by Joe Simon. He simply shines on the Oak Ridge Boys 1973 Grammy winner, "He's Gonna' Smile On Me." He incorporates some very effective reggae rhythm schemes

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Music World Says Goodbye to Bunny Jones

Born April 6, 1917, Burnetee "Bunny" Jones was a native of Orange, New Jersey. The only child of Buddy and Lillian Cox.

She is survived by her son, Chris Jone, an executive at Warner Bros. records. Bunny was a young entrepre-

neurial trailblazer in her day. She opened nine beauty salons throughout Metropolitan New York during the '50's and '60s, the most memorable of the salons was dubbed Beautyrama by Bunny and Bunny's Wigwam. She soon became the socialite among Harlem's black elite, developing close associations with the likes of Sugar Ray Robinson, Leotyne Price, Jackie Robinson, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee and the late Roxie Roker of "The Jefferson's" fame just to name a few.

Things took a destined turn when Bunny decided to pursue a career in the music industry. Since one of the stores was only one block away from the world renowned Apollo Theater, her interest was piqued even more. Bunny went on to establish strong ties with such artist as Stevie Wonder, Jimi Hendrix, The Main Ingredient and the radio legends, Frankie Crocker, Rocky G., Jack Walker and Eddie O'Jay.

Jones was the first black woman to own a 24-track recording studio, astral sound in New York City. Should later collaborate on Wonder's classic hit, "Isn't She Lovely." it should also be noted National Association of Television Radio announcer organization.

Service will be held Friday/Hollywood Hills. Special tributes were given by Stevie Wonder, Linda Hopkins and Frankie Crocker.

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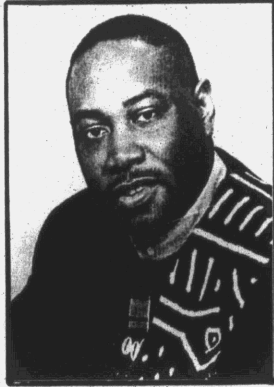
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GREENVILLE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

06/17/98 -- The Pitt County Health Department and the Pitt County Mental Health Center developed Project Outreach five years ago to increase prevention services to the community. This month the Health Department began offering expanded services to the citizens of West Greenville. The department has developed Project HOPE, (Health Outreach through Prevention and Education). The project is a new component of the Reach-for-Me Clinic. Through Project HOPE, the Health Department will be providing HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis B prevention education, as well as, screening in the homes of Pitt County residents.

WELFARE

06/12/98 -- The state is preparing to investigate whether local social service workers across NC have wrongly cut off the government health insurance of almost 24,000 children whose families left welfare in the past year. The state has identified many cases in which children were no longer enrolled in Medicaid just 2 months after the family stopped receiving welfare payments. Under state rules, families that start making enough money to get off welfare usually are still eligible for Medicaid for at least 6 months, if a parent remains in a low paying job without health benefits. Next week, the state plans to ask counties to review all 24,000 cases to determine whether children's coverage should be restored.

TOBACCO BILL

06/15/98 -- In the warfare over the Senate's tobacco control legislation, one casualty has gone barely noticed: funding for programs to help smokers quit and to keep children from buying cigarettes. To gain support for the law, the Senate added a substantial income tax cut and a ton of anti-drug program, among other provisions. With each addition, fewer dollars were left for the public health programs that were one of the core reasons for the legislation. Spokesmen for the tobacco industry says that the states and the public health community would have done as well or better financially under the last year's proposed settlement.

DISCOVER CARD SCHOLARSHIP

06/15/98 -- A Greenville High School student is one of nine national winner of an award. Svati (SaVati) Singla, a junior at J.H.Rose, is the winner of the 1998 Discover Card Tribute Award. She is the recipient of a \$20,000 Gold Award, in the category of Science, Business & Technology Studies. This year, Ms. Singla was one of 11,000 students applying to the Tribute Award Program. Svati says, after graduation, she plans to pursue a medical degree and eventually become a vascular surgeon.

DMV

06/15/98 -- At least one investigation into a \$100,000 settlement received by a former DMV employee will come to an end. After more than a year of hearings, a state house committee issues its findings. The head of the committee says, it likely will not be the final probe into the matter. Russell's committee began its investigation in May 1997 following revelations that Gov. Hunt's administration agreed to pay \$100,000 to Division of Motor Vehicles employee, Algje Toomer. Toomer claimed he was harassed and wrongly accused of criminal misconduct after being caught in a power struggle with the DMV. But DMV officials say he did not do the job that was assigned to him, and was investigated for misuse of a state car and state telephone.

JORDAN'S LAWSUIT

06/17/98 -- A California advertising firm will pay to settle a lawsuit with Michael Jordan. Spencer Communications will pay Jordan an unspecified

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into the old spiritual, "Lay My Burden Down". There's also a rousing Gospel Choir-drenched version of the old standard "Amazing Grace" and a dynamic soul stirring medley of tunes previously recorded by the legendary "Soul Stirrers."

For Minister Joe Simon, the song is far from being over. And the melody of his gospel message in song or through the Word of God will go on and on.

JOE SIMON'S NEW CD BENEFITS FEED THE CHILDREN FUND.

In a communicate from Bettina Hale, Special Projects Manager for Feed The Children, sanctioned by Marion Carter, President of Ripete Records, it was announced, "Award winning Rev. Joe Simon has selected Feed The Children to receive partial proceeds from his new CD release "This Story Must Be Told". This generosity on the part of Simon not only provides additional financial assistance to Feed The Children it also becomes a supportive outreach of Simon's own community Family Day Crusade Ministry.

Feed The Children is an International, nonprofit, Christian organization providing food, clothing, medical equipment and other necessities to people who lack these essentials because of famine, drought, flood, war or other calamities. Headquartered in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Feed The Children has provided assistance in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 75 foreign countries.

"We're thankful for Rev. Joe Simon's talent and his support of Feed The Children. The needs have never been more critical, as over 15 million American children struggle with hunger. It's a blessing to work with people, such as Rev. Simon, who share our commitment to feeding America's hungry children," said Larry Jones, President of Feed The Children.

More recently, Rev. Joe Simon was the subject of a lengthy interview with Ron Brewington, West Coast Bureau Chief of the American Urban Radio Network. In the special news piece that aired over the syndicated radio network he talked about his life, his ministry, his 10-year absence from the recording scene and his support of Feed The Children by donating partial proceeds from the sales of his current CD.

Plans are now close to the completion stage for Joe Simon to make a series of guest appearances on a number of radio and television talk shows around the country. And, according to industry reports, Simon's new CD is starting to generate airplay and sales in many cities all over the US.

With an agreement for partial proceeds from his record sales to benefit Feed The Children, with daily reports of building airplay and sales, and with numerous requests for interviews and in-studio guest appearances flooding the mail, fax and phone lines -- the title of Rev. Joe Simon's latest CD seemingly projects the undeniable truth. "This story must be told".

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A Three-County Narcotics Task Force in Northeast North Carolina is seeking applicants for undercover agents. Applicants must possess the highest degree of integrity, be certified in NC as law enforcement officials. Experience in narcotics enforcement and/or financial investigations is preferred. Applicants must be willing to undergo background investigations including psychological, financial and polygraph testing. Positions include random drug testing. Agents will be responsible for the enforcement of the NC Controlled Substance Act and the Criminal General Criminal Statutes of North Carolina. Salary depends on qualifications. A complete Sheriff's Education and Training Standards Commission form F-3 is to be receive by Keith Roach, PO Box 308, Williamston, NC 27892 no later than 5:00pm, Friday, July 10th, 1998. The Narcotics Task Force is an equal opportunity employer. Minority applicants are especially encouraged.



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believes that Black Communities everywhere must be empowered if we are to begin to deal effectively with the growing problems of our people; and

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WHEREAS, the National Black Family Empowerment Agenda represents a workable community empowerment strategy through a church based networking initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Black Students of the sixties changed the course of history by starting the Second Great Emancipation — the Liberation of Black Minds; and

WHEREAS, the Black Students stand ready to initiate the Third Great Emancipation — economic self-determination.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____

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amount for a magazine ad for a high speed Fountain Powerboat that mentions his name. The ad contained the sentence "Move over Michael Jordan." It showed a Fountain Powerboat flying above the water with the phrase "Air Reggie" under it, referring to Fountain's chief executive director, Reggie Fountain. Agents for the superstar athlete demanded \$1 million, saying the ad constituted trademark infringement and diluted the value of Mr. Jordan's name. Attorneys for Jordan, Fountain, and Spencer have made no comment on the settlement.

BULLS SIX-PEAT
06/17/98 -- The Bulls have done it for the sixth time. The World Champion Bulls defeated the Utah Jazz by 1 point. Michael Jordan led the Bulls with 45 points and the game-winning jump. This win makes the team's 3rd straight NBA championship. His "Airness" won his 6th MVP trophy in a series final.
HARASSMENT BILL
06/17/98--A house committee approved a sexual harassment bill. The bill gives the State Personnel Commission the power to punish sexual harassment, even if the

victim has not been fired, demoted or transferred as a result of the harassment. The measure would also allow state employees, who believe they are victims of sexual harassment, to appeal directly to the Office of Administrative Hearings without going through the grievance procedure of the agency they work for. The bill will come up for a vote in the House this week. It will have to win Senate approval to become law.

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While Las Vegas police say there was never any direct evidence linking Anderson to Shakur's death, Los Angeles police said as recently as last September that they still considered Anderson a suspect in the unsolved murder.

Last September, Shakur's mother filed a wrongful-death lawsuit, against Anderson, saying he was the one who gunned down the rap star on the Las Vegas Strip.

According to the lawsuit, the rapper's shooting followed a fight in the lobby of the MGM Grand Hotel between Shakur's entourage and Anderson. An Affidavit filed with the lawsuit contends that Anderson was seen carrying a Glock 40 caliber handgun, the same type of weapon used to kill Shakur, several days after the rapper's death.

Greg Foster, who lives across the street from the campus and has nieces and nephews who attend Compton High, said some people were unable to leave the school and the car wash for hours after the shooting because of the follow-up investigation.

While police said the shooting did not involve the high school or its students, Foster disputed that.

"It's just chaos," he said. "There's been gang problems at Compton High and shootings on the campus almost every day for the last two months, and nothing is being done about it."

"A bunch of gang members came rushing toward a bunch of students and began shooting. The windows from cars were blown out, people were hurt, (although I don't know how seriously or if anyone was killed.) There are bullet holes in cars at Acacia and Alondra."

Foster said some students "don't want to go to school there anymore because of the level of violence. They've been reading about the incidents in (Springfield) Oregon and things like that, so the kids are real concerned, as well as the teachers, about the safety at Compton High.

"They think it's out of control. They feel the school is under siege and it's been out of control for the last few months."

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