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"We live in an era when individuals consider burning Black churches as an act worthy of emulation"

Burning Hate... the Torching of Black Churches

By: Salim Muwakkil

More than 200 predominantly Black churches have been torched since 1990, their congregations forced to watch in horror as the very centers of their communities were consumed by the flames of racial hatred.

Atlanta-based hate crimes watchdog group. Investigators suspect that most of the attacks have been random acts of vandalism and not part of a conspiracy.

"The conspiracy is racism itself," says Noah Chandler, a CDR research associate. The Reverend Jesse Jackson, of the National Rainbow Coalition/Operation PUSH, attributes the burnings to a "cultural conspiracy" that reinforces long-held racial biases.

Morris Dees, co-founder of the Alabama-based Southern Law Center, another group that monitors racist groups. "Symbolically, the burning of Black churches is more important than the World Trade Center bombing."

In June 1995, two Black churches in rural Greeleyville, S.C., were destroyed by fire, and two white men were jailed on arson charges. Dees' center has filed a civil lawsuit on behalf of one of the churches, alleging that the men acted under the direction of the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

center won a \$7 million verdict against another KKK splinter group, the United Klans of America, for lynching a black man in Alabama, and in 1990 the group won a \$12 million ruling against the White Aryan Resistance in connection with the murder of black man in Oregon.

The cloud of this tragedy may have a few other silver linings as well. Expressions of support in words and dollars have poured into aid organizations from a wide variety of sources. The National Council of Churches, which has led the effort to focus national attention on the church burnings, has established a fund and mobilized support to help the victimized congregations rebuild their churches.

news of the burnings has spread, groups spanning the religious spectrum have offered their support and assistance, some establishing funds of their own. So moved was Ralph Reed, executive director of the Christian Coalition, that he offered "repentance" for the past racial sins of white evangelical Christians and called for a day of national racial reconciliation.

The coalition dubbed July 14, 1996 "Racial Reconciliation Sunday" for the 100,000 churches on the group's mailing list, and he urged members to donate generously to the rebuilding fund.

But the involvement of the Christian Coalition, perhaps the most powerful political force on the religious right, has been greeted with skepticism by others involved in the rebuilding effort. "Reconciliation requires something much stronger than charity," said the Reverend Joseph Lowery, director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

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Wynn Takes Seat on NC Supreme Court Replacing Webb

THE JIMMY KAZZ APPOINTMENT



Photos by: Jim Rouse

Raleigh - State Representative Milton F. "Toby" (D-Wilson) demands a public apology from fellow legislator State Senator Hugh Webster (R-Yanceyville).

On Wednesday (Oct. 7th), Senator Webster passed out bumper stickers that said, "Can't feed 'em - Don't Breed 'em", to members of the press corp in the North Carolina General Assembly media room.

Upon discovering this Fitch responded by saying that "poor people are not animals and the best thing that Webster could do was to quickly make a public apology so that we can get this thing behind us."

Rep. Mary E. McAllister (D-Fayetteville) wonder if Senator Webster thinks he is the results of breeding and that this remark was an insult to women of all ethnic groups.

to rebuke him."

Rep. Fitch concluded by saying, that what bothers him the most was that "Senator Webster felt comfortable enough to personally hand such garbage out to the press."

Fitch felt that Senator Wilson feels that mainstream media seems to agree with his characterization of poor people in North Carolina.

Rep. Fitch also appealed to all members of the ranks of professional journalism in North Carolina to publicly condemn Webster's behavior editorially and in opinion

briefs. Fitch added that, "as long as there are policy makers in Raleigh like Senator Webster we need to rally."

A Black Family Rally took place concerning the plight of families, women and children took place at the Halifax Mall Complex near the State Legislature on Saturday.

Rev. Jesse Jackson and other national and Black state leaders spoke at the event. The North Carolina Black Rally maintains a website at www.ncfamily.org.

Black Legislators Demand Public Apology from State Senator Hugh Webster

Working from the Blue Ridge, Jones and other Sailors and Marines used their war fighting skills to counter a simulated attack on the Republic of South Korea.

"Navy ships deploy to maintain stability and peace throughout the entire world," Jones said.

Jones is a legal assistant who assists Navy lawyers in offering legal counsel to the ship's crew. He is a member of the Seventh Fleet Command, which deploys on the Blue Ridge.

Multinational exercises like UFL '98 allow Sailors and Marines to hone their skills in a real world environment. These exercises also allow military members to interact

with the navies of foreign nations. This interaction promotes international goodwill.

During his Navy career, Jones has received training on some of the most advanced equipment in the world. That is only one of the benefits Jones has experienced while serving.

"The most rewarding part of my job is knowing that my presence here make a difference to the world and to the United States," said Jones, a 13-year Veteran.

The ship that Jones deploys on is an example of the sophistication of technology in the Navy. Able to transport up to 700 Combat-ready Marines, the Blue Ridge relies on modern radars and weapons to get close to an enemy's shore. During



Angelo T. Jones Petty Officer 1st Class

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Black Publication Compiles Historic List of America's Wealthiest Black Women

For the first time, a list of the 20 wealthiest African American women has been compiled, and it will appear in the October issue of Essence Magazine, on newsstands Sept. 22. The list—researched by the editors of Essence Magazine and Tony Chapelle of Securities Pro—identifies women worth \$10 million or more who are or have been involved in running ongoing businesses and institutions.

The top three women mentioned come from the entertainment industry. The list, however, does not include women whose wealth comes solely from performing or sports; they must have run an entertainment-related business. Oprah Winfrey, talk-show host and chair of Harpo Productions, leads the list with an estimated net worth of \$550 million.

Sheila Johnson's estimated net worth is \$210 million. Rounding out the top three is the wife of Bill

Cosby, Camille, whose net worth is an estimated \$170 million. This figure includes almost half of the estimated Cosby fortune of \$ 325 million, as well as income generated by Camille's production company, C&J Productions.

The list is part of a special investigative report in Essence's October issue entitled "Building Black Wealth." In compiling our investigative report highlighting the role of African-American women in building wealth, we felt that this was a list that demanded to be created," said the editor of this special section, Susan McHenry. "We at Essence think it's important to bring this unique group of women to the attention of America, because of all they have accomplished."

The list is divided into six

sections: old money, founders, new heirs, entertainment business, wives in partnership and newly rich.

Greenville Man A Finalist In Essence "Whatta Man" Contest



Congratulations Dallas! Pictured from left to right is delegate Janet M. Valentine scheduled to participate in the Ms. North Carolina USA, Latonya Little and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Little. Photo: Jim Rouse

GREENVILLE -- A Greenville man is getting national attention in a popular magazine. Dallas Little is a native of the city, and considers himself an ordinary guy. But his family members think differently.

His daughter Latonya entered him in the "Whatta Man Contest," held by Essence magazine. Little recently found out he was chosen

from hundreds of entries from all over the country. Now, subscribers get to vote on who will be the grand prize winner of the contest. Until then, he's just keeping his fingers crossed.

If Little wins the contest, he will win a trip to New York City, and be featured in the March 1999 issue of the magazine.

News Hi-Lights

NELSON MANDELLA... pledges to stand by Clinton South African President Nelson Mandela pledged to stand by President Clinton even if everybody else deserts him, because no other

American president has identified himself more with the aspirations of Black people. Mandela, on a farewell visit to the United States before retiring from (Continues Page 3)

RALEIGH - Gov. Jim Hunt in replacing retiring State Supreme Court Judge John Webb has appointed State Court of Appeals Judge James Wynn to the state Supreme Court pending a face off with Republican George Wainwright in the November elections.

Wynn, a Robersonville native, beginning his legal career in the Navy, received a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina and law degrees from Marquette University and the University of Virginia.

Wynn, as an attorney handled appeals before the State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. In appointing Wynn, Hunt called him one of North Carolina's top appellate judges. He is married with three children.

NABOB Pictorial Hi-Lights National Association of Black Owned Broadcaster Meets in Washington...

This week the US Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit heard my case against the New York State Board of Elections. I had asked the court to intervene and place my name on the ballot for an Independence Party primary for Lt. Governor. I was prevented from accessing the ballot through a combination of discriminatory state laws and the actions of a white leadership clique backed by a multimillionaire which hopes to keep control of the party out of the hands of the membership, which is very racially, geographically and politically diverse. I sought to prove the existing laws relating to the rights of minorities in minor parties were ill suited for a new set of political circumstances and were now being used to deny my right to participate in a primary election and the right of party members to select their choice of candidate for public office. While my motion was denied, I believe the issues raised have strong ramifications for the independent political movement, for Black America and for the future of the democratic process.

In short, my case illuminates the following situation. A person decides they're not happy with the political options of the major parties. They chose to become a member of a minor party. Should someone try to prevent them from doing so, the courts will vigorously uphold their right to belong to a minor party. However, once that individual is in an independent party and they act to guarantee that right. The court's position is this--you have the right to choose to be a minority, but once you've made that choice, we have no obligation to grant you equal protection under the law.

One aspect of the legal quandary of this case is embodied in courts' reliance on precedents in delivering their rulings. But in a social and political experiment that is America, we have come to many crossroads and frontiers. The fact that record numbers of Americans are exercising their voting rights outside the two-party framework is one of them. It has created new political circumstances in the country that raise new sets of legal issues that the courts will ultimately have to address.

In this way, minor parties and more broadly, the independent

movement, face circumstances similar to those faced by Black America and the civil rights movement nearly 50 years ago. In the landmark civil rights case, 'Brown v. Board of Education,' the Supreme Court broke with prior precedent and unanimously asserted that separate but equal schools were unconstitutional because Black school children received an inferior education under the system. With this ruling the Court struck down a legal concept once accepted as a "natural" understanding of race relations.

I believe we are at another such juncture. We need the Court to step in and say that whatever political affiliation people choose, they will enjoy equal protection under the law and not be placed...de facto in an inferior position. We need the Court to strike down what has become a "natural" understanding of our democracy--that American is "naturally" a two-party country. It is not, but it does have a political system dominated by two parties which leave the majority of Americans disenfranchised.

What are the political implications of this strategy? Blacks and Latinos have a critical and cutting edge role to play in the next phase of independent politics. It turns out that the combining of political and legal claims that raise both First Amendment (right to freedom of association) and Fourteenth Amendment claims (right to equal protection) captures the essence of the "second class" status of the independent voter. Given that the right to equal protection has been most successfully established in civil rights claims, the presence and activity of Blacks and Latinos in third parties--like in the Reform Party for example--provides a critical handle for asserting these claims.

The new minority in American politics is the independent. And independents of all races and ethnicity's working hand in hand can force open the door to greater democracy by building off of the tradition of civil rights movement to renovate and innovate our democracy. In the process, Black America stands to reposition itself as part of a broad reform-oriented coalition of Americans who are attempting to take political power away from corrupt politicians and

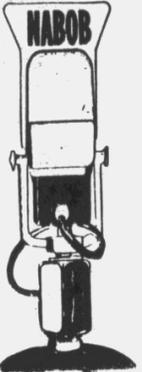
Just recently the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters met in Washington, DC. The National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters - NABOB as it is known was organized in 1976 as a response to the abysmal under representation of Black Americans in the communications industry. Since its inception, NABOB has grown into a major trade

association representing the interests of more than 178 Black-owned commercial radio stations and 31 commercial television stations around the country. Additionally, NABOB counts among its associates membership; law firms, station brokers, national rep firms, financial institutions and a variety of other organizations involved in broadcasting, cable television and common carriers services. As the voice of the Black broadcast industry, NABOB has been instrumental in shaping national government and industrial policies to improve the opportunities for success for Black and all other minority owners.

The following pictorial was submitted by Broadcaster - Publisher Jim Rouse who attended the event, and focuses photographically some of the events hi-lighting NABOB annual conference.

NABOB national headquarters is located in Washington, DC. Their web address is

www.nabob.org. Radio stations WOOW-Greenville, North Carolina and WTOW-Washington, North Carolina are both member stations of the NABOB network.



(FULANI) parties and put it where it belongs--in the hands of the people.

Lenora B. Fulani twice ran for President of the US as an independent, making history in 1988 when she became the first woman and African American to get on the

ballot in all fifty states. Dr. Fulani is currently leading activist in the Reform Party and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party. She can be reached at 800-288-3201 or at <http://www.Fulani.org>.

Let's Correct the Black Myth About White Cocaine...

The recent report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention finally said what many Blacks have said all along. Young whites use far more illicit drugs and alcohol than Blacks. And that includes crack cocaine which much of the media, many politicians, and law enforcement officials have bamboozled the public into believing is almost exclusively used by Blacks.

A spate of recent articles in magazine and major newspapers were filled with indignation about the "new drug plague". Their pages were crammed with pictures of young Whites snorting, mainlining, and popping drugs, yet they made almost no mention of arrests, prosecution, and tough prison sentences for White middle-class addicts. Instead there was much talk of compassion, hand-wringing sympathy, prayer sessions, expensive psychiatric counseling, treatment and rehab programs, private treatment centers, and drug diversion programs.

Yet, according to the Sentencing Project, a criminal reform group that racks prison growth, while Blacks make up 13 percent of the drug users, they comprise 35 percent of drug arrests, 55 percent of convictions, and more than 70 percent of convictions, and more those sentenced to prison for drug possession and sale (mostly small amounts of crack cocaine) with stiff mandatory sentences of 10 years to life.

Between 1986 and 1992, the number of Blacks in state prison on drug charges more than quadrupled. Despite a Mt. Everest size stack of documents, studies, reports, and news features that prove beyond a shadow of a doubt there is a massive and deep disparity in how Blacks (crack cocaine) and White (powdered cocaine) are being sentenced by the Feds, the mandatory sentencing law has withstood every challenge. This should be more than enough to confirm America's worst kept secret, that the war on drugs is still a war on African Americans.

Scapegoating Blacks for America's drug problem began in the 1980s. The conservative assault on job, income, and social service programs, a crumbling educational

system and corporate shrinkage dumped more Blacks on the street with nowhere to go. Some chose guns, gangs, crime and drugs. Clinton and the Republicans have brought more social misery with even bigger cuts in welfare, social services, and skills training programs. This dumped not only more young Black males but also Black females on the fastest growing number of those being jailed with most of the rise due to arrest and conviction for drug use and possession.

The consequences of the nation's blatantly discriminatory drug war and misguided drug policies have been disastrous on Black communities. The constitutional guarantees of due process and privacy have been replaced by frenzied drug sweeps, random vehicle checks, illegal searches and seizures, evictions from housing projects and apartments. It has made many young Black males unemployable, increased gang violence, and family instability.

While federal and state officials, and that includes Clinton and Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey, despite their talk of treatment and rehabilitation, squander billions of dollars locking up a generation of young Blacks, drugs still flood the ghettos, barrios and, as the media now admits, the suburbs too.

But police, public officials, and much of the media, are in a deep quandary. They have done such a masterful job of creating the friction that the drug problem exclusively of the inner cities that it is now virtually impossible to sell the majority of White Americans on the notion that a massive increase in funds for drug prevention, job and skills, training programs in the best way to solve the drug plague. It's much easier for politicians to use the drug crisis to grab headlines, votes, and preach about the moral decay of our cities.

The Center's report on higher drug use among young Whites than Blacks won't send law enforcement scurrying to launch raids on suburban homes, or sweeps through suburban neighborhoods. But it's still nice to hear a government agency finally admit that the drug problem is not a Black problem but an American one.



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News Hi-Lights

political next year, also decried the "grave injustice" of Western countries judging South Africa by their standards. "We have parents who have never seen the inside of a school, who cannot write their names," Mandela said. Before a luncheon, Mandela met with 18-

year old Charles Fisher, suffering from diabetes, hepatitis C and mitochondrial disease. **FLO-JO....** Joyner's autopsy inconclusive Florence Griffith-Joyner, America's flashy sprint darling autopsy to (Continues Page 6)

Arming Our People With Political Knowledge

What I Teach and WHY...

By: Tyson King-Meadows, Department of Political Science, East Carolina University

Despite numerous political and economic gains, overall empowerment has proven remarkably elusive for the majority of Black Americans. Perhaps, as Manning Marable asserts in *Race, Reform, and Rebellion*, fault lies partially with the failure of Black Leadership to raise "fundamental questions concerning ideology, politics, and the future of African-American consciousness and identity." On the other hand, a leader's agenda is directly related to the degree of civic education and political sophistication of constituents. Only through the support of an informed and enlightened Black citizenry can Black leaders raise substantive questions about the real issues that structure policy debate, determine the allocation of economic and social resources, and affect the thinking of constituents and policymakers. Demanding answers to those questions enable the creation of a diversified but collective strategy for obtaining Black empowerment.

Years ago I entered the discipline of political science with an emphasis on American politics determined to arm myself and others, particularly but not exclusively minorities, with a level of political knowledge appropriate to spark engaged discussions on American economic, social, and cultural priorities. For me then and now, the

greatest crisis facing Black and Latino America was the lack of critical detail paid to the policy making processes that affected their daily lives. Food prices, gas prices, childcare provision, regional and community development initiatives, crime prevention, and fiscal and monetary approaches to managing the economy are just a few.

Understanding the varied interests influencing the policy process however requires deeper inspection than "checks and balances," "separation of powers," or memorization of the *Brown* rulings. It also takes a willingness to interrogate the motivations of Congress, and the executive and judicial branches to further specific economic, political, social, and cultural goals at particular times using certain policies. An interrogation guided by this framework moves one away from claiming that policies result from simple racism, "liberal", or "conservative" politics, and uncontrollable abuses of government power.

Given the current turbulent political times with Congress fastly approaching impeachment proceeding for President Clinton, and the balance of political power resting on the upcoming 1998 congressional and 2000 presidential elections, clearly now is a time for political sophistication--Black and White.

Interestingly enough, history has

afforded me an opportunity to teach collegiate courses in American national government, Black politics, and yes, a course on presidential politics during this "moment in time." If truly America is facing its greatest challenge since the Cold War, a political science class should be the place wherein the pulse of this challenge is tapped daily. Indeed this "moment" should not be missed by reducing the current presidential crisis to mere sexual activity or dismissed as unimportant to one's daily life (save interruptions of the sporting events, soap operas, cartoons, or must-see-television). Nor should we ignore exploring the future implications of differences in public opinion polls concerning job approval and citizens concern with moral character, or the touting of Black leaders (religious and secular-one even previously and publicly scorned) to rally around the President and remind US of his legislative or employment record. An exploration of these implications not only makes a political science course practical, but also produces a more

informed voter.

Lastly, precisely because political knowledge and information is transferable, I continually encourage all students and fellow faculty members to connect their university to their community. Like I continually endeavor to do. What is learned or taught in the classroom is just as important to those Black and White Americans affected by economic marginality, violence, poverty, racialized politics, limited educational opportunities, and spiritual doubt. These people are perhaps not blessed or lucky like those affiliated with ECU, NCCU, UNC-CH or the Howards, A&T's, Spelmans, and St. Augustines of America.

Undoubtedly, the political sophistication that WE collectively cultivate in the current and next generation of voters will determine whether overall empowerment for Black America continues to remain elusive.

Indeed, political science can be used through out a lifetime, and political sophistication can improve the quality of that life.

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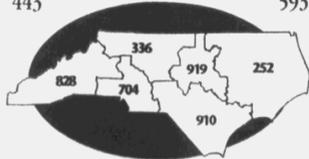
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Where it all comes together

Faces and Places



WOOW GOSPEL AIR PERSONALITY Reggie Price is shown here on a recent trip to Virginia to visit with his cousins, singer-performer and actress, "Sister" Debbie Bell (shown on the left) who performs with Singing star Chubby Checker (shown on the right) while performing at the American Music Festival in Virginia Beach. Also pictured with Reggie is his other cousin "Brother" John L. Sanders (rear) who also attended the Chubby Checker performance. Brother Price can be heard daily on WOOW from noon to six, Monday through Friday.

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From the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye...



Beatrice Maye

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mrs. Mary Taft, a retiree member from East Carolina's District 65, attended the 1998 State Employees Association of North Carolina (SEANC) recently, which was held in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Reverent sympathy is expressed to the Godette, the **Annie Laura Tyson**, and the **Mary Daniels** families.

James and Mildred Williams visited their children in New York and Washington, D.C., recently.

Rayfield and Willie Payton's wives are recuperating at home after being hospitalized at Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Warren G. Barnes is a patient at Pitt Memorial Hospital. A speedy recovery is wished for him.

Congratulations **Dr. Brian Haymes**, a member of the Greenville Toastmasters, who was named best speech and impromptu speaker at the group's recent meeting.

Senior Citizens... you are invited to attend the **RETIREMENT LIVING CLASS**, taught by **Beatrice Maye**, at the Pitt County Council on Aging each Tuesday morning from 10:00 o'clock to 11:30 A.M. Guest speakers are heard at 10:30 A.M., whose talks are centered around health topics: nutrition, foot problems, heart, stroke and cancer concerns as well as spiritual nuggets. Let's keep our brain lubricated. All this is FREE.

Additionally, an exercise class is held each Wednesday and Friday morning at 10 o'clock. You are never too old to keep your muscles in motion. Exercise is an excellent way to ward off arthritis and lose weight. **FREE AGAIN.**

CHILDHOOD INFLUENCE
Parents make the biggest impact on their child's values)

Here are some suggestions to help our children in school:
Examine our family's priorities. We need to put our children at the top of the list and make our lives less hectic. Some changes in the ways families use their time should concern us.

One great time consumer is the television. Our children average 29 hours of television per week, but it takes only 30 hours to do a full time job. How does this impact our children?

The attention span needed for viewing is only three to five seconds. On television children pick up values, such as violence and greed. They also see an unrealistic world where people have everything imaginable. They get depressed when they cannot have all of those things, and they feel like failures. One doctor challenges families to turn off the television sets completely for one week with the assurance that we will get to know each other better during that week. He further recommended limiting television viewing on hour a day and choosing what our children watch.

One priority that we need to include is time to read to our children every day and to let children see us read. Children mirror their parents' behavior. If they see read, they will read also.

All families need a spiritual base on which we build our values and set our family priorities. Through this foundation, we all have a purpose and meaning in life.

Setting aside time for homework is another priority which helps your child in school--15 minutes of reading and 15 minutes of other homework for young children every night.

The way we discipline children also teaches lessons to them. Although it is difficult for some parents, it is fine to tell our children, "NO."

What we do and how we live greatly influences our children much more than what we say. We instill values in all that we do around our children. An encouraging note is that 85% of our children return to their parents' values.

Although most parents have good intentions, we can all benefit from examining our lives and our priorities...indeed, these suggestions extend beyond helping our children in school, they also can help them if life and our families' quality of life.

"Children need strength to lean on, a shoulder to cry on and an example to learn from"

THE CHURCH
The church is the only institutions today that we, as Blacks, are in control of. Today's church is solely a spiritual dimension. (Sunday School, Church, bible study, Prayer meetings) the church has a tremendous responsibility - mentally, socially, recreationally, spiritually, and morally. I see the church's ministry as a multi-faceted ministry - You'd do a survey of the needs of this church or any church in this locale, you'd find perhaps some of these needs;

1. Consumer education/proper improper use of credit cards.
 2. Drug and alcohol counseling.
 3. Weight control
 4. Tutorial programs
 5. Opportunities for our youngsters improving their public speaking skills, leadership skills.
- The most annoying people in

organizations/clubs are usually the most lonely, unappreciated, insecure and unsatisfied. Look for opportunities to give your most troublesome people responsibility-not only do they make a genius contribution but they become happier members of the group. None of us is as smart as all of us. "Never underestimate the importance of each and everyone of your members."

THE BEST ADVICE FROM AN AMERICAN SAGE

Yogi Berra, the former New York Yankee great, demonstrated the linguistic stylings that have earned him eight entries in Bartlett's Familiar Quotations when he addressed graduates at Montclair State University. He had been given an honorary doctorate. His advice included:

- ** "First, never give up, because it ain't over 'til it's over."
 - ** "Second, in the years ahead, when you come to the fork in the road, take it."
 - ** "Third, don't always follow the crowd. Nobody goes there anymore. It's too crowded."
 - ** "Fourth, stay alert. You can observe a lot by watching."
 - ** "Fifth, and last, remember that whatever you do in your life, 90% of it is half mental."
- We'll just add: "When you come to the new year, take it." And our best wishes for a happy one.

SIX TIPS FROM A PRO
I'm an interviewer for a large

agency. Here's what I look for at a first meeting:

1. Be on time. Allow for traffic, etc. Being late makes the interviewer think you will also be late for work.
2. Dress for the position. No shorts, T-shirts with logos or heavy makeup.
3. Be aware that body language and tone of voice tell as much about you as what you say
4. Practice your smile. No gum chewing or smoking. Breath mints help.
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6. Come with your Social Security card, and the addresses and phone numbers of references.

NATURAL DRAIN CLEANERS

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Black Farmers Cultivate Struggle at the White House

Washington, D.C. - A determine looking mule called Struggle munched on the grass at Lafayette Park across from the White House as about 100 Black farmers and their supporters held a prayer vigil there. "We are here to protest the way in which the USDA (U.S. Department of Agriculture) treats folks," said Alvin O'Neal, a Black farmer from Somerville, Tenn.

Held Sept. 10, the vigil attracted Black farmers from as far away as Oklahoma, Louisiana, Tennessee, Texas, and Mississippi. Though they came, many could not afford to make the trip. It is the seventh time the group has come to Washington.

Gary Grant, head of the Black Farmers and Agriculturists Association, one of the central leaders of the Black farmers, cautioned the Clinton administration about the determination of the group. "Tell Dan Glickman, Bill Clinton, and Al Gore; don't be taking us for granted. Take the message to Capitol Hill," he said.

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, long-time civil rights leader and chair of the Coordinating Council of Black Farm Groups - led the vigil. "They can't say Black and billion in the same breath," he told the crowd, referring to the USDA's disbelief at the size of the farmer's suit.

Among the others who pledged their support was Richard Womack,

director of the Department of Civil Rights, AFL-CIO. "We are going to do more than just give moral support," he said, pledging the organization's financial backing.

Bill Christian, head of the predominantly White National Farmer Coalition also voiced his organization's support. "We seek justice. We should not go away until we have justice," he said.

C. T. Vivian, a civil rights leader who worked with the late Martin Luther King, Jr., roused the crowd in a sermon-like presentation. "We are going to be here the next year and the next year, until they restore what they should to the Black farmers."

Other speakers included activist Dick Gregory, Ralph Page of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives, Wade Henderson, head of the leadership conference on Civil Rights, Dr. Yvonne Scruggs-Leftwich, executive director of the Black Leadership Forum and Dennis Rogers, the leader of the Atlanta-based Million Youth Movement March.

Washington D.C. Mayor Marion Barry also declared Sept. 10 Black Farmers' Day in the nation's capital.

Black farmers have filed two major lawsuits against the U.S. Department of Agriculture for discriminatory practices. Denied loans and access to technical assistance,

many farmers have lost their land. The first suit for \$2 billion, Pigford v. Glickman, was filed July 9, 1997 and the second for \$500 million, Brewington et al v. Glickman, on July 8, 1998.

Meanwhile, Grant said, "We believe there are over 2,500 potential plaintiffs who could sign onto the law suit with the removal of the statute of limitations imposed by the racist U.S. Department of Justice."

The lead attorney for the farmers, Alexander J. Piers, told participants that a trial date has been set for February 1, 1999. Next month the group will hold a mock trial in preparation for the court date, he said.

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an actual war, the Marines would deploy from the ship from combat.

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Church News

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Dr. Jon Hurston

church leaders on five continents.

During the past fifteen years Dr. Hurston has been president of Melodyland School of Theology and served as associate pastor of such churches as California's Bakersfield First Assembly and Dallas' Word of Faith Family Church. Throughout this time he has continued to travel and minister in pastor's seminars, in college level Bible school courses, and in churches both in America and abroad.

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DR. RUTH PETERSON, HOST PASTOR

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who seed the clouds of racism to make intolerance rain and then offer us an umbrella."

Despite the outpouring of support for the rebuilding effort, few organizations seem willing to trace the problem of church burnings to the racist roots of American culture. In a sense, the absence of any organized conspiracy to burn churches is more disturbing in an era when individuals, connected to one another or with organized white supremacist groups, consider burning Black churches an act worthy of emulation.

Indeed, the burning of Black churches has historically been a common mode of white supremacist violence. "There have been attacks on Black churches ever since there have been Black churches in this country," notes C. Eric Lincoln, professor emeritus of religion at Duke University and author of the 1996 book, *Coming Through The Fire: Surviving Race and Place in America*.

Since African Americans were allowed few opportunities to exercise autonomy and to affirm their culture, Black churches became centers for activities that were both sacred and secular. Because of their mobilizing and ennobling functions, these churches antagonized many whites.

The first recorded torching of a Black church occurred in South Carolina in 1822, Lincoln writes. In 1829, white mobs torched churches in Cincinnati's African-American ward, and Philadelphia's churches became constant of disgruntled whites during the mid-1800s. In their campaign to terrorize blacks into submission to white rule after the Civil War, the Ku Klux Klan habitually targeted Black churches. Only during the civil rights era, when the nation recoiled at the 1963 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in

Birmingham, Alabama, that killed four young girls, did most of white America learn of this ugly legacy. The motivations for that attack were the same as they have always been: By attacking Black churches, white supremacists were striking at the very heart of the movement for racial equality.

The burning of a Black church has always been much more than a question of destroying its property value; only at the level of symbol can we understand its significance. "This is about more than just bricks and mortar," explains Ron Daniels, executive director of the New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights, an organization enlisted by the National Council of Churches to serve as part of its Emergency Response Team. The council called this group of organizers together to help mobilize support for the affected congregations, to monitor official investigations of the fires and to help catch the culprits. "We are vigorously pushing the issue of prosecution," says Daniels. "The issue is not just rebuilding the churches but also social justice, and we intend to ensure that justice prevails." Daniels says his group is considering adopting Dees' civil litigation strategy in cases in several Southern states.

Daniels echoes others who blame a social climate rife with race-baiting for the upsurge in racist terrorism. "The black community--through the myths of welfare, affirmative action and crime--has become the scapegoat for the pressures and dislocations that are being felt in the larger United States economy. We have a bunch of angry white males who are being told to look for answers in white supremacy and domestic terrorism. We must confront that."

President Bill Clinton has forcefully denounced the church burn-

ings and created a special task force to investigate them, but he has not labeled the fires "domestic terrorism," which would mobilize the additional resources that critics argue are necessary to mount an effective probe. "In New York City, when the World Trade Center was bombed, a piece of scrap metal was enough to indict 10 men--that's how vigorous that investigation was," says Daniels. Similarly, the investigation of the bombing in Oklahoma City yielded two suspects within weeks. "Why haven't we seen those kind of investigations with the church bombings?" Daniels asks.

Federal authorities ought to classify the church burnings as suspected domestic terrorist incidents, argues Tyrone Powers, a former FBI agent who has followed the church burnings closely. "The attorney general's guidelines for terrorism are 'the unlawful use of force or violence, committed by a group or groups of two or more individuals, against persons or property to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof in furtherance of political or social objectives.'"

But Powers, the author of *Eyes to My Soul: The Rise or Decline of a Black FBI Agent*, a memoir of his nine years in an agency he characterizes as pervasively racist, detects familiar political motives in this foot-dragging. If word got around during the 1996 Summer Olympics that the same kind of racist terrorism that characterized the Old South was still at large, he maintains, Atlanta's international reputation as the center of the "New South" would be seriously tarnished. Clinton has been talking tough about "hunting terrorism down wherever it is," Powers says,

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Taking Care of Your Finances

by Robert Williams

Investment planning can be a very intimidating process for various reasons. Some of those reasons are that it forces us to deal with our mortality if we are doing estate planning, or to deal with the numerous calculations if we are doing retirement planning. It may give us the unpleasant reality that we are not making enough money to finance our future or those of our children. Whichever the reason, many times we tend to turn a blind eye to the need to do it. I've read that a majority of people spend more time planning a two-week vacation than time planning their financial future. Planning a vacation is a pleasant task because we all enjoy the aspect of traveling and visiting new places but planning for our future is not always that pleasant because of the unpleasant it may bring. Although unpleasant, its no excuse for not doing it. We must all have a vision of where we are going. The book of Proverbs (30:18) tells us, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." Without a vision, you wander aimlessly through life and many times only

changing directions when the winds of chance and circumstance causes us to change.

Countless people wander through life battling the effects of poor finances rather than battling its source. (Read Ephesians 6:12) Picture from a lovely home with expensive furnishings with no roof on it. A heavy rain comes and floods the entire house and most everything is ruined. It takes days to remove all the soiled and damaged furnishings, draperies and flooring. When the restorations are complete, another storm comes and destroys all the interior restorations. If this occurs again and again, it's only a matter of time before the rain destroys everything and with every down pour the owner's strength and resources are depleted. Discouraged, he eventually stops his work and settles for what he believes is his lot in life.

I know this sound absurd and you are probably thinking why doesn't this person put a roof on the house and be done with it. What a silly person. However, this scenario describes how many of us deal with finances and other aspects of our lives. We constantly do the same thing over and over and expect different results instead of realizing that if we want different results, we must in turn do something different.

This financial column will give you strategies that will enable you to put a roof on your financial house and, once the roof is in place, it will assist in preventing the rains of misfortune and the storms of life from penetrating and ruining the interior of your finances.

Establishing personal goals is at the heart of the planning process because it defines what you want to accomplish. Goals such as "to be successful" or "to live the good life" will not produce efficient results because they aren't specific. Financial goals should be quanti-

fied in dollar amounts and time frames. Because you will have a variety of goals that you want to accomplish (purchase home, car, travel, college, etc.), the goals should be ranked in order of importance. This will establish the order in which to start your plan. There are numerous methods available that can assist during this goal setting process.

Goals provide a vision on where you are going in life and it makes decision-making easier because anything that does not assist in accomplishing your goals is a hindrance to your achieving them and therefore must be "cut loose or severed". That's the definition of decision, which means to cutoff other alternatives. Therefore goals are very essential to any achievement. It provides the commitment, spark, power and drive needed to bring our dreams to reality. We must always remember that the tragedy in life is not in not reaching your goals but it is in not having any goals to reach for.

Dr. Benjamin E. Mays once said, "He who starts behind in the race of life must forever remain behind or run faster than the man in front." I say it's time to put on your running shoes and join this race to spiritual, personal and financial prosperity.

Seek out and consult a competent financial advisor to assist in establishing your financial goals and join us in the next issue when we have further discussion on "Goals: how to identify and implement them."

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... Policies Do MATTER!!!

The US Census Bureau's annual report on income and poverty released last week indicated the American economy's prolonged period of economic good times is beginning to significantly raise incomes and reduce poverty among African Americans and Hispanic Americans.

Indeed, last year, the poverty rate among blacks fell from 28.4% to 26.5%, a record low, as the number of poor blacks dropped by 600,000 to 9.1 million.

For Hispanics, the census tally of 8.3 million poor represented a drop in the poverty rate of more than 2% to 27.1%.

These groups' declines in poverty were primarily responsible for household income rising and poverty rates falling for all Americans for a third consecutive year.

In 1997 13.3% of Americans, nearly 36 million people, lived in poverty, down from 13.7% in 1996, according to the federal agency. A family of four was considered poor if its annual income was \$ 16,400 or less; for a family of three, the poverty threshold was \$ 12,802.

Conversely, household income—again, driven by improvements in economic status among blacks and Hispanics—rose slightly.

The median household income for all Americans—the number of households above the median is the same as the number below it—rose 1.9% to \$ 37,005. That increase was nearly twice the rate of inflation and equaled the historical high water mark it had reached in 1989 before the economy endured a recession.

The median income of black households grew by 4.3% last year to \$25,050. Since 1993, it's increased by 15% or \$3,354, after adjusting for inflation.

For Hispanic-American households the median income rose 4.5% last year to \$ 26,628; since 1993 it's increased by 4.8%.

President Clinton said the good news proved that his economic-policy approach has been the right one.

"Our growing economy is giving more and more families a chance to work their way out of poverty. After six years, it can't be an accident anymore."

The President's entitled to a little boasting. He did lobby hard and successfully for increases in the minimum wage, which took effect in 1996 and 1997. Those increases have made a difference: they protected the earnings of wage earners at the bottom of the wage ladder by keeping pace with inflation.

So, too, has the Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income workers, which he also vigorously championed.

Those three measures likely had a great deal to do with the median income for single-woman headed households increasing by 4.4% even as many single mothers left the welfare rolls. The gains were largest for Hispanic and Black women.

These statistics mean that there were a lot more dollars circulating in the communities where these women live—enough money for individuals and families to now buy



Baltimore, the largest city in Maryland, covers 85 square miles.

a used car to get to that job on the other side of town or in the suburbs, or to give the daycare lady of the block some money, which, in turn, she could use to hire an assistant.

It's those kind of "little" consequences going on in these neighborhoods which can make a significant difference in the status of those at the bottom of the wage ladder.

Yes, this proves that a strong economy with low unemployment (now at 4.5%) and inflation is the best antipoverty program one can devise.

And it undermines that persistent racist myth that poor black and Hispanic workers either can't compete or aren't interested in competing.

But it also underscores that - because a rising tide alone doesn't necessarily lift all boats—progressive policies do matter. Progressive economic and social policies can make a rising tide lift all the boats; they can expand social and economic opportunity to

all of America's citizens.

We need to keep that in mind as we go forward from here for two reasons.

One is that we can't let ourselves be forced into inaction by the seeming deluge of bad economic news from Asia, Latin America, Russia, and right here in the US which has jolted the American stock market, caused some major companies to announce a new round of layoffs, and perceptibly heightened the national economic anxiety.

Despite the worries at the top of the economic ladder, we can't ignore those pockets of poverty that still exist—in Appalachia as well as inner-city ghettos and barrios. Nor that the gap between the wealthiest and the poorest Americans has not changed. Nor that children remained the poorest of Americans, with one in five living in poverty.

Now, more than ever, we must not relax our efforts to use progressive policies to produce more economic good news. Progressive policies do matter.

Clinton Facing Nations Unkindest Cut of All

The relationship between President Bill Clinton and Monica Lewinsky was sinful, wrong and private. But the decision by Kenneth Starr and his Republican allies in Congress to release the testimony was a sinful act of public persecution.

By not, we know that President Clinton wished to keep the details of the "inappropriate behavior" with Miss Lewinsky private. He no doubt wanted to spare both his family and the country of the embarrassment associated with that conduct. The explicit details about the relationship should have only been viewed by the people involved, the grand jury and the Judiciary Committee. Instead, the overzealous Starr, Newt Gingrich, Trent Lott and Henry Hyde unleashed the private documents and videotaped grand jury testimony on the Internet and on television for the world to see. This was their way of embarrassing the President. But what they did was wrong and unnecessary and it undercuts our due process.

Historically, the grand jury process has been private. But the Judiciary Committee didn't vote to cross-examine the information. They voted to release it to the media. It is Kenneth Starr and his allies in Congress who turned secret grand jury proceedings into the stuff of daily headlines and best seller lists. Meanwhile, the judicial process has not occurred. The President is going through a media process, not due process. And in their zeal for the overkill, they have robbed millions of youth of their

innocence. Now, the credibility of the judicial process and committee is under attack. Their actions have weakened the system of justice by opening the door for others to challenge judicial process.

How can they reprimand or condemn the manufacturers of pornographic material when they have readily made explicit material available to all households? The impact on witnesses could be exposed. Instead of participating in the process, they might choose to avoid it.

It is Kenneth Starr and his allies in Congress who seem intent on undermining the due process of law in their quest to topple the president. And while some public decision of sexual conduct was inevitable in this matter, it is Starr, his allies in Congress and their enablers in the media who, having lost all perspective, have become the purveyors of what can best be labeled pornographic material. Someone must stand up for our children. It is becoming abundantly clear that Republicans in Congress and, specifically, on the Judiciary Committee no longer possess the moral authority or necessary judgment to pursue this inquiry in good faith.

The greater offense against society lies in the conduct of those who wish to hound President Clinton from office. It is clear that the President should not be impeached, and he should not resign. He should work with diligence and dignity for himself and his family to restore due process to all Americans.

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but now that the world was coming to Atlanta "he's been hoisted on his own petard."

When Clinton flew to South Carolina in early June 1995 to visit the ruins of the Mount Zion AME Church in Greeleyville, S.C., Republican National Committee chairman Haley Barbour called the visit "shameless, transparent politics." House Majority Leader Dick Army joined in the criticism, and even Republican presidential contender Bob Dole accused Clinton of politicizing the burnings. The Congressional Black Caucus has mildly praised Clinton's efforts to address the burnings—but only by way of countering Republican charges that the president has exploited his visits to torched churches for political mileage. "We think the president was right to take the bully pulpit, to take the high ground on this issue," said Rep. Ron Dellums (D-CA). Polls also indicated that Clinton's action was politically popular.

By contrast, the Republican

Party's reticent reaction to the burnings apparently has hurt its image. Speaking at an Iowa campaign fundraiser, former Housing Secretary Jack Kemp warned GOP leaders that their harsh criticism of the president made them look to the public like "a bunch of grumpy old men," adding cryptically, "I want the Republican Party to come across more like Ronald Reagan that Pat Buchanan." In other words, Kemp urges the GOP to disguise its racist impulses in the puerile evocations of a mythic America that kept Reagan popular. He's not calling for a public repudiation of the race-baiting tactics that promote racial attacks because the GOP owes its present prominence in the South to those very tactics. It's unlikely the arsy would surrender its tactical advantage just for the sake of smoother race relations. In fact, racial tensions are good for the GOP.

Now that these burnings have awakened even the long slumbering conscience of the white

Christian right, a slender opportunity may be opening for more serious attempts at racial reconciliation. Of course, Ralph Reed's expression of contrition might simply be an immediate reaction to the sacrilege of flaming churches. But Reed's strong condemnation of racial animosity may be helpful in tempering the GOP's divisive racial rhetoric and discrediting social policies that are much more destructive to the African-American community than the fires.

Dees doesn't think the fires will stop until large enough rewards are offered to persuade people with information to contact authorities. Thus, as a practical matter, he recently urged governors of nine Southern states to establish substantial reward funds—a minimum \$100,000 in each church arson. And although such practical solutions do little to attack the underlying problem of racism, they'll have to do until the nation is ready to confront the demon at its core.

News Hi-Lights

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determine the cause of death continues, and there was no estimate when all the tests would be completed, a sheriff's spokesman said this week.

Griffith Joyner, 38, died at her Mission Viejo home. A family friend attributed the death to a heart-related problem. Griffith Joyner's husband, Al Joyner, the 1984 Olympic triple jump champion, called paramedics after finding her "unresponsive and not breathing."

DIAHANN CARROLL.... Diahann's in, Gladys out - Gladys Knight is out of the soon-to-start Takin' Chances - and Diahann Carroll is in. "Gladys signed to do a book tour (she has an autobiography upcoming from Hperion)," reports Marc Cayce, who wrote the screenplay and makes his directorial debut with the indie film being produced by Steve Stabler (Dumb and Dumber). "We were going to try to work around her schedule and shoot her in the first few days, but the role kept getting bigger and bigger."

EVANDER HOLYFIELD.... Champ admits infidelity Several days after retaining his IBF and WBA heavyweight titles and only one week after his second wife gave birth to their first child, Evander Holyfield admitted that he has fathered two children out of wedlock in the past year with previous girlfriends. Holyfield now has

nine children, the newborn Elijah Jediah to his wife, Janice; three with his first wife, Paulette, from whom he has been divorced since 1991; and five others born out of wedlock to four women. Holyfield made the admission in an interview published in The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

MICHAEL JORDAN....

relives the moment he lost respect for Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf

and says, "His greed was deeper than his respect for me," in his new book "For The Love Of The Game: My Story".

SINGER BOBBY BROWN, husband of superstar Whitney Houston, is expected to turn himself in and is expected to serve a five-day jail sentence for drunk driving. "He wants to put this behind him," says Attorney Robert Buonaura.

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Public Gas: The People's Choice

This week, Greenville Utilities joins a nationwide celebration of Public Natural Gas Week, October 4-10, 1998. The theme of this observance is "Public Gas: The People's Choice." Like the 900 other community-owned natural gas distribution systems in the U.S., Greenville Utilities provides an environmentally sound natural gas service at competitive rates, good prices and reliable service because we don't have shareholders. Because you, the people, own and control our gas system, it's the people's choice. So please join us this week in celebrating our Gas System.

Our natural gas system has grown dramatically in the past five years alone, the number of Greenville Utilities Gas customers has increased by nearly 50%. It's clear that clean, efficient natural gas has become the energy choice for many people. In observance of Public Natural Gas Week, we'd like to answer some of your more frequent questions regarding gas services.

Q. How do I apply for Natural Gas service?

If you're a residential customer and you're interested in having natural gas service, your first step is to call 551-1488 to find out if natural gas is available in your area. If it is, and you'd like to receive our service, your next step is to fill out an application with Customer Service in our Main Office, 200 West Fifth Street.

Once your application is complete, a Customer Service Representative will assist you in setting up an appointment at your house with a Gas Service worker. Normally, the appointment will be scheduled within two days of the time you filled out your application.

Q. When I apply for Natural Gas, do I pay a fee?

Yes. A summary of fees is as follows:

- To install a residential service with 100 feet of gas line (beginning at the property line), the fee will be \$75.00. For any line over 100 feet, there will be an additional fee of \$2.00 per foot for gas lines less than 1" in diameter, and \$3.00 per foot for gas lines over 1.25" or greater.
- In addition to the installation fee, there is a \$30.00 fee to set the meter and turn on the gas. If the \$30.00 fee is paid at the time you apply for service, the meter will be installed at the same time your service lines are being installed.
- If, at your request, Greenville Utilities' Gas Service worker lights your pilot light when they are in the process of turning on the gas, there is a \$5.00 charge for that service. [Greenville Utilities does not relight pilot lights unless there is a meter changeout, or if routine maintenance has been performed on meter equipment or gas lines.]

Q. Does Greenville Utilities install gas appliances?

No. Greenville Utilities does not install gas appliances. We do recommend that you contact a licensed contractor who is qualified to work on gas equipment. Check your Yellow Pages for listings. Your contractor can help you determine whether you need a two-pound or ounce metering system. Greenville Utilities will need that information when you apply for service.

Q. Will Greenville Utilities locate my gas meter where I want it?

Your new natural gas meter must be located within three feet of the back corner of your house. The meter cannot be installed in any of the following locations:

- Inside fenced areas or areas not accessible to Greenville Utilities employees
- Anywhere the meter would be subject to damage
- Adjacent to carports
- Within three feet of openings in buildings—including crawl spaces, windows and doors
- Within three feet of any ignition source—including electrical connections, electrical meters and furnaces
- Where vehicles may travel or park

Q. Is an inspection required?

Yes. An inspection certificate is required for all new gas piping before the gas can be turned on. If you live in the City of Greenville, contact the City's Building Inspection Office at 830-4466. If you live in the County, contact the Pitt County Inspection Office at 830-6352.

Q. What are Greenville Utilities' Natural Gas rates?

For year-round, residential natural gas customers, there is a Basic Facilities Charge of \$5.00/month. Customers who use natural gas for heating pay a Basic Facilities Charge of \$8.00/month during the winter and \$5.00/month during the summer.

In addition, all natural gas customers pay a commodity charge based on how much natural gas they use. These rates are based on the price per hundred cubic feet (ccf). Complete rate schedules are available through the Customer Service Office at our Main Office.

We hope we have answered most of your questions about natural gas. If you would like further information, please call Greenville Utilities at 551-1587

Greenville Utilities

Executive Director WANTED!!!

The United Way of Pitt County seeks a proven leader in community building, resource development, non-profit management and strategic planning. Interested candidates must have ten years work experience as a senior executive, and five years plus management experience, preferably in a non-profit organization. Candidates must have experience in complex fund raising, a commitment to health, human services, and community building initiatives, in addition to strong computer skills.

A Bachelor's degree is required, while post graduate studies would be desirable. Current salary range is \$55-\$70k.

Salary will be negotiable based on qualifications. Candidates are invited to send resume and cover letter to:

Executiver Search Committee

P.O. Box 811

Greenville, NC 27835-0811.

Screening will begin November 2nd. The United Way of Pitt county is an EEO/AA employee

**ITALIAN PORK CHOPS
MOZZARELLA**

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Bake Time: 25 minutes

8 boneless pork chops
(½ inch thick)
1 packet SHAKE 'N BAKE
Seasoned Coating Mix
Original Pork

1½ cups spaghetti sauce
1 cup Kraft Shredded Low-
Moisture Part-Skim
Mozzarella Cheese

MOISTEN chops with water.
Shake off excess.

SHAKE 1 or 2 pieces at a
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BAKE at 425°F for 15 minutes or until cooked through. Top chops with spaghetti sauce and cheese. Bake an additional 10 minutes or until sauce is warm and cheese is melted.

Makes 8 servings.

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**Little Willie Center Youth Organization
807 West 5th Street
Greenville, N.C**

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HOUSEHOLD SIZE	YEARLY		MONTHLY		WEEKLY	
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1	10,465	14,893	873	1,242	202	287
2	14,105	20,703	1,176	1,673	272	387
3	17,745	25,253	1,479	2,103	342	486
4	21,385	35,613	1,783	2,537	412	586
5	25,025	35,613	2,086	2,968	482	685
6	28,665	40,793	2,389	3,400	552	785
7	32,305	45,973	2,693	3,832	622	885
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**Conerstone Christian Child Development Center
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**Mt. Calvary Free Will Day Care
411 Watauga Ave.
Greenville, N.C**

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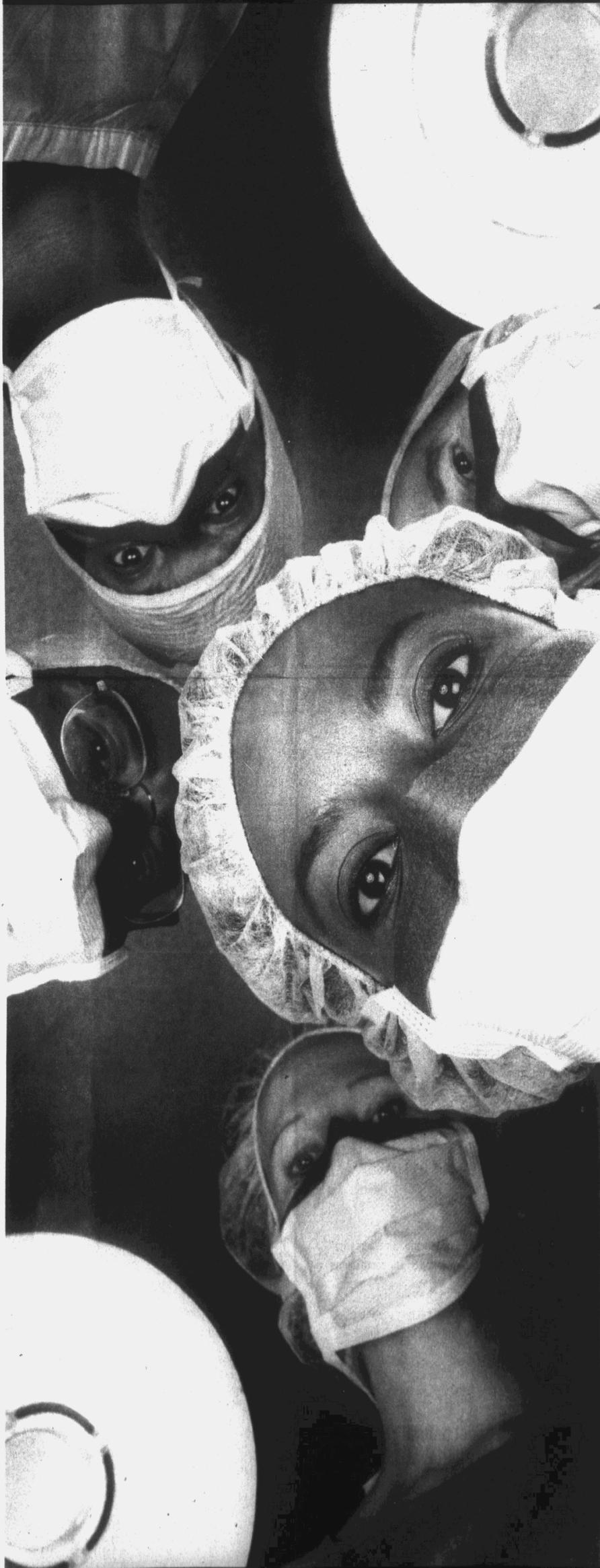
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After careful examination, our new identity has been pronounced fit, healthy and ready to be released.



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