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Those who are too smart to engage in politics are punished by
being governed by those who are dumber... -- Plato

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A Crime Against Humanity

Commentary by: Hugh B. Price

President, National Urban League
Special to the M-Voice Newspaper
Matthew Shepard, an undergraduate at the Univ. of Wyoming, in Laramie, was different.

For one thing, although born in Wyoming, he had lived abroad with his parents, and spoke Arabic and German.

But that's not what made him "different" to the men who brutally tortured and murder him.

What made him different to them was that he was gay--moreover, he was a homosexual who refused to conceal his sexual identity.

To his killers, both those facts made him a target for their twisted, venomous rage. They lured him outside a campus-area bar, kidnapped him and drove him to an isolated rural location. There they pistol-whipped him, fracturing his skull, and tied him to a fence, where he hung for 18 hours before a passer-by found him and called the police.

Matthew Shepard was slain not because his killer wanted to rob him. He died because they wanted to punish him for being a homosexual.

He was slain because he was different, and his difference made all the difference to his murderers.

It enabled them to declare him not human, and therefore, to themselves act as men without scruples, without a shred of decency to their tattered souls; as savages. By declaring Matthew Shepard not human, his killers could slip out of their own humanity in order to act out their murderous rage.

This is the essence of the lynching frenzy. It is essential to the commission of crimes against humanity.

African Americans are well acquainted with this kind of horrific behavior--murder motivated by a bigotry that often includes a strong element of a preserve psycho-sexual desire. It was the foundation of the

base practice of lynching, which took the lives of so many black men, women, and children down through the centuries of America's existence, leaving a bloody stain that has yet to fade.

Lynching was not just a murderous way to impose and maintain an oppressive social control over the lives of black people. It was witchcraft, an act of exorcism, a compulsive attempt on the part of the lynchers to let loose the demons that were haunting them.

But, unfortunately, one need not recall the reign of terror African Americans endured in the American South, or the near-destruction of Native American peoples in the American West, or the Nazis' attempt to destroy European Jewry during the 1930's and 1940's, to find the unbearably sad comparisons to this crime.

There is "enough material" we can draw on from the present: from such foreign territory as Rwanda; from Indonesia, where

ethnic Chinese Indonesians suffered terribly during that country's recent upheavals; from Kosovo and other "killing fields" in the Balkans; and from here in America, where the so-called "skin-head murders" in Denver and the awful murder of James Byrd, Jr., an African American, in Jasper, Texas last June showed--again--that these kind of depraved human beings exist everywhere.

Two men have been arrested and charged with Matthew Shepard's murder. If they are guilty, then by their actions they have forfeited their right to ever again be free.

Their imprisonment, no matter how deserved, will not restore the life of this young man.

But the larger community of human beings does have a responsibility to take action beyond punishing those who committed this evil deed.

The Congress should, as President Clinton has said, amend the current federal law against hate

crimes to make Federal offenses of crimes based on sex, disability, and sexual orientation, as well as race, color, religion, and national origin.

And the Wyoming state legislature should join the 21 states which also have such laws on their books.

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VOTE FOR REV. DAVID MOORE!!!



At the Black Family Rally held this past Sat., in Raleigh, is pictured with Rev. David Moore of Metropolitan AME Church in Washington, NC, is some of the family and members of the congregation, that took 3 buses to the Rally. (Photo - Jim Rouse)

EBRONICS: Leadership Roundtable Sets Agenda for ECU Leaders

GREENVILLE - The faces of cognizant students at ECU are definitely changing. For the first time in years, the African-American student body at ECU is stirring up the water. With the help of a socially conscious freshman class and a core group of dedicated upperclassmen, minority voices are being heard; and they are not entirely happy.

On Oct. 07, Allied Blacks for Leadership and Equality (ABLE) in

conjunction with the Ledonia - Wright African American Cultural Center sponsored a Leadership Roundtable for the African American Student Organizations.

The agenda for the meeting was to provide an opportunity where all of the campus leaders could meet and discuss current campus policies and issues that are of importance to the minority students. There were 17 students in attendance representing 9 organizations. Those

organizations represented included the following: Black Student Union, ECU Gospel Choir, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., ECU NAACP, National Pan-Hellenic Council, Ladies Elite, Muslim Students Organization, New Generation Ministries, Expressions Magazine, and Thespians of Diversity.

Through an open discussion, each representative had an opportunity

to address any issue that his or her organization was addressing this year. However, the issue that gained the most attention was affirmative action. Each organization wants to take a stand in support of keeping programs and scholarships that are funded or backed by state-regulated affirmative action programs.

A committee was formed to help

Walker Named Vice President of Human Resources at PCMH

Tyree Walker
Vice Pres; Human Resource-PCMH

GREENVILLE - Tyree Walker has been named Vice President of human resources. He replaces Charles Fennessy, who retired in August.

"With his years of experience and his understanding of PCMH, we

expect him to serve in an exemplary fashion," said Dave McRae, PCMH president and chief executive officer.

Walker, a native of Flint, Mich., has worked at PCMH for three years as assistant vice president of human resources.

"I am honored by the support and confidence that Dave McRae and the executive team had in allowing me to run the Human Resources Division," Walker said. "My plans are to run the division in a way that will be conducive to meeting the workforce needs of our ever-changing and challenging health care system."

Walker has worked in health care human resources for 17 years. He has a bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of Michigan and a Master's in Human Resources Administration from Central Michigan University.

PCMH is a 731-bed tertiary referral hospital. Affiliated with the East Carolina University School of Medicine, it serves 29 eastern North Carolina counties. PCMH is a constituent of University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina.

African American students.

The Leadership Roundtable will be held monthly to help keep the African American student organizations on the same track throughout the year. However, there is a desperate need for community support and outreach for the minority student population here at ECU. Among the topics discussed was the breakdown of the communication networks on and off campus.

Please contact the Director of the Ledonia-Wright African American Cultural Center, Mrs. Taffye Benson-Clayton at 252-328-1680 for further details on upcoming programs and events from the minority student body.

100 BLACK MEN Honor Cuomo

WASHINGTON - Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo praised members of 100 Black Men Of America, Inc., for donating thousands of volunteer hours to help young people build better lives and for fighting to eliminate racism, and thanked the group for honoring him with its Excellence in Legislative Leadership Award.

"Winning an award from 100 Black Men of America is a special honor -- not just for me for HUD, but for the entire Clinton administration," Cuomo told members of the group at their Fall Leadership Conference in Washington.

"This award says we share your commitment to end discrimination and close the opportunity gap dividing white and black Americans, and we share your

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Dorothy Spruill Redford Recieves Humanitarian Award

Dorothy Spruill Redford
Somerset Place Historical Site

The North Carolina Humanities Council is proud to announce that the 1998 recipient of the John Tyler Caldwell award for the Humanities is Dorothy Spruill Redford, the manager of the Somerset Place Historic Site, near Creswell in Washington County.

As Duke Historian Peter H. Wood noted in his nomination of Redford, she "turned Somerset Plantation into a national landmark of major significance." Once one of the largest antebellum plantations in North Carolina, Somerset Place now is a remarkable site used to educate citizens about the social history of African-Americans and whites in our state.

Born in Columbia, NC, Ms. Redford was reared in Portsmouth, and New York. Returning to Portsmouth as a social worker in the 1970s, Ms. Redford was transformed by the television series based on Alex Haley's seminal work on African-American history, Roots. Inspired, Redford spent the next ten years on her personal path to connect her life with those of her ancestors. Returning to Somerset Place, she organized a family reunion, the "Somerset Homecoming." In 1986, over 2,000 folks from all over the country, both black and white, came to reconnect their ties to the place back to which all of them could trace their ancestry. The next Somerset Homecoming is scheduled for

2000.

As Redford wrote in her 1988 book, Somerset Homecoming: Recovering A Lost Heritage, (title: italics) "we were finding our roots here, connecting with family, celebrating strength and survival. Slavery was horrible... But at Somerset it also was about life... We died here, but also gave birth here. And we grew beyond this place." It was, according to Dr. Wood, "a milestone in the recovery and understanding of the complicated southern past."

The Caldwell Award for the Humanities was inaugurated in 1990 to honor an individual whose work in and for public humanities is exemplary. That year the award went to the person for whom it was named, the late John Tyler Caldwell. Among many other noteworthy endeavors, Dr. Caldwell was a founding member of the North Carolina Humanities Council. He also was instrumental in bringing the National Humanities Center to North Carolina. A distinguished group of award recipients have followed

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Religious Institutions and Black Political Activism

By Frederick C. Harris

EDITOR'S NOTE: Frederick C. Harris is Assistant Professor of Political Science and research associate of The Frederick Douglass Institute of African and African-American Studies at the University of Rochester.

During the modern Civil Rights Movement religious institutions provided critical organizational resources for protest mobilization. As Aldon Morris' extensive study of the southern Civil Rights Movement noted, the Black Church served as the "organizational hub of Black life," providing the resources that fostered - along with other indigenous groups and institutions - collective protest against a system of white domination in the South.

As an institution that is indigenous to African-American communities, Black churches are intricately connected to various kinds and sources of activism. Their communication networks capacity to promote social interaction, provide material resources, and give individuals the opportunity to learn organizing skills are critical elements for successful social movement or political mobilization. Perhaps most importantly, their sustainability over both time and physical space all combine to make churches the only Black institutions consistently promoting the collective resistance to social and economic

inequalities by African-Americans. Black churches have performed these functions throughout several historical periods, shifting political alliances and interests, and vastly differing social and economic contexts for activism. Despite the record of political achievement of the Black Church based on these kinds of resources, some scholars and activists have raised concerns may be displaced as exaggerated at least based on the views of congregation members. Although a 1991 Chicago Area Survey showed that among Black church members more than half reported candidate visits at their churches, a 1980 NBC News/Associated Poll suggests that few ministers, Black or

white, specifically endorse political candidates. Ninety-seven percent of whites (N=2098) and 92 percent of Blacks (N=178) reported that they had not been asked by a religious leader to vote for a specific candidate in that year's fall election. An overwhelming majority of respondents (more than 80 percent of both Blacks and whites) also felt that an endorsement of a candidate by a religious leader would have no effect on their choice of candidates.

On the other hand, both Black parishioners and political entrepreneurs view Black clerics as indigenous leaders. A 1984 USA Today survey asked: "A variety of groups and people occupy leadership roles within the Black community. For

each person or groups I mention, please tell me how effective you think (they) are as leaders - very effective, somewhat effective, or not very effective?" Figure 1 shows the "very effective" responses for six leadership categories mentioned in this order: local Black office holders, national political leaders, the NAACP, the Urban League, Black ministers and clergy, and Jesse Jackson. Jesse Jackson, a minister-politician, ranked first (65%), and Black ministers (40%) as a group ranked second to the NAACP (45%), as the most effective leaders. Black ministers were perceived more effective than national Black political leaders (33%), local Black elected officials (29%), and the National Urban League (26%), a civil rights organization. The clerical leadership category even rivals the oldest and most prominent civil rights organization for African Americans, the NAACP.

Assuredly some commentators do criticize the appropriateness of Black clergy as representatives of Black interests in the American polity; on the other hand, many politicians certainly woo the activist clergy within Black communities as a means to legitimize and garner support for their political goals. Moreover, scholars C. Eric Lincoln and Lawrence H. Mamiya's survey of over 2,000 Black clergy between 1978 and 1984 reveals that Black ministers of the various

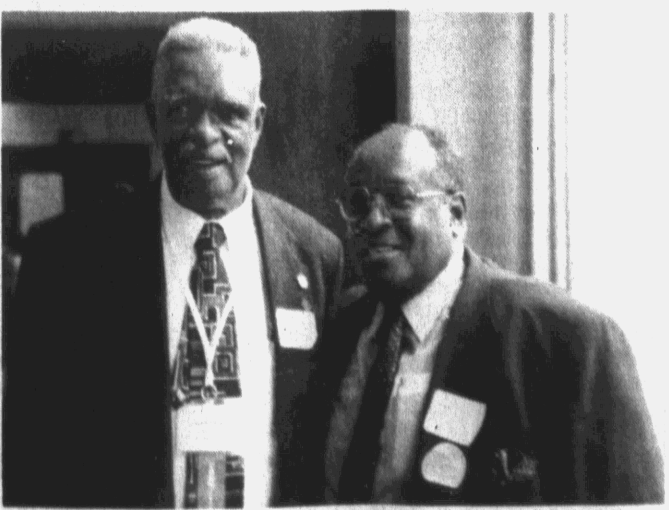
mainstream denominations overwhelmingly approve of an activist ministry.

Over 90 percent of Black ministers, independent of age, education and denominational affiliation, supported cleric involvement in civil rights demonstrations, and religious leaders expressing their

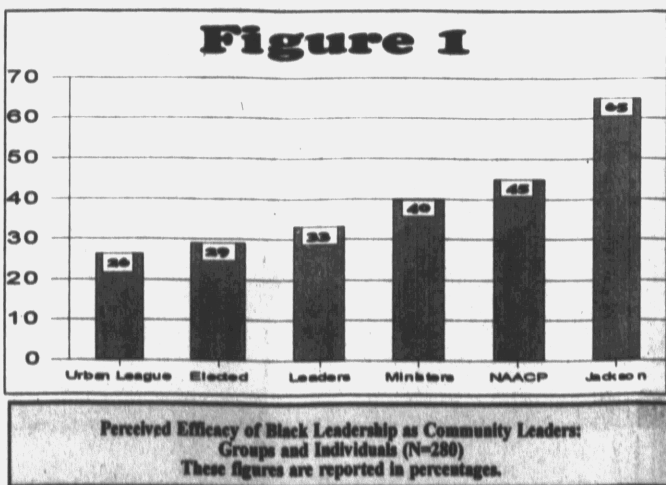
views on social and political issues. Lincoln and Mamiya also cite a Gallup survey on a similar question in 1968 that showed nonwhites more supportive than whites of ministers speaking out on social

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Former Greenville Mayor Ed Carter Focuses on NC House of Representatives



Candidate for the NC House of Representatives, Ed Carter of Greenville. Out campaigning in Edgecombe, Greene, & Pitt Counties, is shown above with Craven County Commissioner Johnnie Sampson, who are encouraging everyone to go out and vote on Nov. 03, 1998. By: M'bula Rouse (Photo - Jim Rouse)



from the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



Beatrice Maye

A WOMAN'S TOP 10 REGRETS

1. Not enough education
2. Wrong career, wrong job, wrong work situation
3. Marrying, marrying too early, marrying too late, marrying the wrong person
4. Having children too early or not at all
5. Not being self-disciplined
6. Not taking risks
7. Not having gotten along better with parents, bothers or sisters
8. Not being assertive enough
9. Not spending enough time with parents or not appreciating them enough
10. Not having been more active in neighborhood or community affairs

From: **PREVENTIVE MAGAZINE**, April 1998

PARENTS

Parents who want their children to be intelligent and upstanding citizens should send them to school every day and teach them through their own example that "family values" are important. The fault of bad parenting causes the lack of values in children.

If the whole world followed you - followed you to the letter - would it be a nobler world, all indecent and falsehood hauled from it altogether; malice, selfishness, and lust, banished from beneath the crust covering human hearts from view... tell me, if it followed you... would the world be better?

FAITH: Three (3) F's: Faith-family-friends: the three most important things on this earth.
RIDING: Never ride with anyone who has even one can of beer. You're risking your life.

REVERENCE: Reverence for God would keep a lot of Dads out of trouble.

TO THE EDITOR

Courtesy costs nothing, yet it buys things that are priceless. There are so many concerns today that too many parents and business owners/managers are neglecting, or things that should become a daily habit in the home, the school, the community and the work place.

I refer to the most important rule of good manners - kindness and consideration of others.

Allow me to cite some specifics: the teller in the bank - "Can I help you?" Do we know if you have the physical strength your question implies? Preferably - "May I help you" or "How may I help you"; the sales person rings up and gives the ticket to the purchaser - nothing is said - Common courtesy and good manners or business ethics is the reply, "Thank you" or "Thanks" as she gives the receipt. Are you aware we can shop somewhere else? The customer is ignored as she looks for a garment while the saleslady/man stands idly behind the counter three or four minutes, who finally yells, "Can I help you?" Could a refresher course on business ethics be profitable or do we need to read some books on etiquette?

If we want our children, leaders,

employees to be courteous, parents, leaders, employers must practice saying "thank you", "please" and "excuse me" habitually, regularly... for more things are caught than taught.

Rules may change but common courtesy and good manners will take us further than money or riches and they buy things that are priceless, I repeat. Even our pets love and respect and respond to requests rather than commands. Mrs. Beatrice Maye

HEALTH FACTS

1. Which is more important, heredity or environment? If undesirable traits are determined by heredity, there is not much you can do to improve human health or performance. Both heredity and environment are important, that how a person turns out depends on a complex interaction between the two.

2. Are you programmed to die at a certain age? Medical advances have increased average life expectancy, but they have not increased the maximum life span. Few live beyond 85.

3. If the genes can control aging, why bother about good health habits? A person can have the hereditary potential to live to old age but accident, illness, or some other environmental factor can prevent realization of this potential.

You may shorten your life if you smoke, fail to control high blood pressure, and eat in such a way as to increase the amount of cholesterol in your blood. You may enhance your chances of a longer life if you keep your weight down, get enough exercise and establish other good health habits. "You can choose not to age rapidly".

4. The 10 systems: Nervous, endocrine, circulatory, respiratory, muscular, digestive, skeletal, reproductive, urinary, and the skin is a

system in its own right—one that covers the outside of the body and provides a lining everywhere within it, including hair and nails.

5. Infectious diseases can be transmitted whether by infected animals or people, or by contaminated food, water or objects.

6. Contagious diseases are spread directly from person to person. Both are germs.

7. What causes insomnia? (Can't sleep) Traffic, noisy neighbors, and battered old mattresses, but among the commonest reasons for insomnia are anxiety and depression. In one study, 70% of the people who had trouble sleeping suffered from emotional difficulties.

8. Why do the elderly remember the past but not the present? The ability to acquire new memories often declines in old age, partly because of physical and chemical changes in the brain.

9. Is intelligence inherited? Intelligence is a product of both environment and genes.

10. Can alcohol kill your brain? Every time you drink, you kill 100,000 brain cells. Years of alcohol can lead to mental disorder, degeneration of the cerebellum—the part of the brain that governs balance and posture, nerve damage.

11. What is Alzheimer's Disease? It is a degenerative brain disorder, whose victims sooner or later come to forget everything—including how to cook, drive, tell time, even tie their own shoelaces. Ultimately, the disease leads to coma and death.

12. What are the dangers of high blood pressure? Severe high blood pressure can cause strokes or heart attacks, even slight elevations— if chronic—can reduce life expectancy. One possible result of long-term high blood pressure is an aneurysm which can be life threatening.

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commitment to build a better future for every child."

President Clinton's One America Initiative and Clinton administration programs to give minorities increased opportunities for better jobs, schools and housing all work for the same goals as 100 Black Men of America, Cuomo said.

"The simple, painful truth is that racism is alive and well in America in 1998," Cuomo said.

"We must work together as partners to reduce discrimination against African Americans, and to make sure the black child born in a city has the same opportunities as the white child born in the suburbs." President Clinton's proposed 1999 federal budget seeks \$22 million in increased funding for HUD to intensify the fight against housing discrimination, said Cuomo.

"We cannot tolerate housing discrimination that prevents minorities from living in any home and in any neighborhood they can afford," Cuomo said.

"Our goal is simple justice, as well as bringing our diverse nation together as part of President Clinton's One America Initiative."

In addition, programs targeted for expansion and improvement in the HUD budget that would have a positive impact on minorities include: 103,000 new rental housing voucher for people needing affordable housing, including those moving from welfare to work; \$400 million in grants for a Community Empowerment Fund to create and retain an estimated 280,000 jobs; funding for 15 additional urban Empowerment Zones to stimulate job creation and economic development in inner cities; expanded

Community Development Block Grants to local communities; and increased funding for programs to train high school dropouts for jobs.

At President Clinton's direction, HUD is also working to reduce the home ownership gap dividing minorities and whites, Cuomo said.

According to the most recent data from the US Census Bureau, in the first quarter of this year the nation's home ownership rate rose to 65.9%. However, while 72.1% of white households owned their own homes, the African home ownership rate was only 46% and the rate among Hispanics was just 44.4%.

Founded in 1963, 100 Black Men of America, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing support to 82 national and international chapters. More than 10,000 dedicated volunteer members have touched the lives of over 120,000 youth. Through programs that emphasize the national focus on mentoring, education, health, and wellness, and economic development, youth are empowered to reach their fullest potential.

"You don't just talk about problems - - - you work to solve them," Cuomo told the group. "You are investing your time, your talents and your energy to help young African Americans overcome centuries of prejudice and claim their rightful share of the American Dream. America owes you its gratitude for all the hard work and all the success you have achieved. Quietly and without headlines, you are transforming lives in a profound and dramatic way that will change the course of our nation's history."

On November 2, 1983 - President Reagan signs legislation to establish a national holiday celebrating the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, life, and achievements. That is just one reason why you should **CAST YOUR VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3rd**. Your vote does Count!! Be sure to cast your vote on November 3rd.....

Our Heritage: Blacks and Columbus

By: LEROY W. VAUGHN, MD.

The original Haitians were called the Ara-waks or Tainos. Christopher Colum-bus wrote in his log that the Ara-waks were well built with good bodies and handsome feature. He also reported that the Ara-waks were remarkable for their hospitality and their belief in sharing. He said that "they offered to share with anyone and that when you ask for something they never said no."

The Ara-waks lived in village communes with a well developed agriculture of corn, yams, and cassava. They had the ability to spin and weave, as well as being able to swim long distances. The Ara-waks did not bear arms nor did they have prisons or prisoners.

Columbus wrote that when the Santa Maria became shipwrecked, the Ara-waks worked for hours to save the crew and cargo and that they were so honest that on one thing was missing. Ara-wak women were treated so well in early Haitian society that it startled the Spaniards. Columbus said that the Ara-wak men were of great intelligence because they could navigate all of their islands and give an amazingly precise account of everything.

The chief source, and on many matter, the only source, of information about what happened on the islands after Columbus arrived was noted by a Catholic priest named Bartolome De Las Casas who lived during the time of Columbus. He transcribed Columbus's journal and wrote a multi-volume "History of the Indies." Las Casas says that Columbus returned to America on his second voyage with seventeen ships and more than 1,200 heavily armed men with horses and attack dogs.

Las Casas said their arm was clearly to obtain as much gold and as many slaves as possible. Columbus went from island to island in the Caribbean, taking Ara-waks as captives. He ordered everyone over the age of 14 years to produce specific quantities of gold every three months, and if the Ara-wak could not produce his quota, Columbus then had his hands cut off, and left them to bleed to death.

If the Ara-waks ever tried to escape, they were hunted down by the attack dogs and either hanged or burned alive. Within just two years, half of the three million Ara-waks of Haiti died from murder, mutilation or suicide. Bishop De Las Casas reported that they refused to walk any distance, and either rode the backs of Ara-waks or were carried on hammocks by Ara-waks who ran them in relays.

In other cases, the Spaniards had the Ara-waks carry large leaves for their shade and had others to fan them with goose wings. Women were used as sex slaves and their children were murdered and then thrown into the sea. The Spaniards were so cruel they thought nothing of cutting off slices of human flesh

from the Ara-waks just to test the sharpness of their blades. Bishop De Las Casas wrote, "My eyes have seen these acts so foreign to human nature that now I tremble as I write."

Christopher Columbus started the transatlantic slave trade by taking 500 of the healthiest men back to Spain to sell into slavery, and the

proceeds from the sale helped pay for his third voyage. The massive slave trade moving in the other direction, across the Atlantic from Africa to the Americas, was also begun in Haiti and was started by the son of Christopher Columbus in 1505. On his third voyage to Haiti, Queen Isabelle's new governor, Francisco De Bobadilla, had Christopher Columbus and his two brothers arrested and sent back to Spain in chains as prisoners for their crimes against the Ara-waks.

I wonder if we would still celebrate Columbus Day if the real history of Columbus was told from the viewpoint of his victims.



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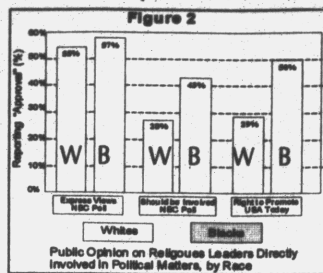
Religious institutions and Black political activism.....

and political issues. Finally, they found in a 1986 survey of African Methodist Episcopal Church leaders that nearly 90 percent supported cleric involvement in social issues while only 3 percent agreed that churches should keep out of political matters altogether. Lincoln and Mamiya conclude from these surveys that "there is broad support and consensus in the Black community, both within and without the church, among clergy and laity, for a social prophecy role for Black churches. The attitude is pervasive that churches should be involved in and express their views on everyday social and political issues." They further conclude, "It is also clear that Black people generally support a much more activist role for their churches than do whites."

Although Lincoln and Mamiya's extensive survey reveals a consensus among Black clerics in the post-civil rights period, they may overstate the case by extending this consensus to African

Americans as a whole. Two surveys at approximately this time measured popular attitudes toward church-based political activism. The NBC/Associated Press survey previously mentioned asked two questions: "Should the churches and members of the clergy express their views on day-to-day social questions, or should they keep out of social matters?" and "What about politics? Do you think the churches and members of clergy should be involved in politics, like backing a candidate for public office, or don't you think so?" The September 1984 USA Today Poll of over 1,200 registered voters also posed: "In general, do you think it is right or wrong for religious leaders to promote a particular political point of view during religious services?"

Figure 2 shows affirmative responses to all three questions by race. Blacks and whites equally approved of churches and clergy expressing their views on social



issues, although Blacks approved.

Involved In Political Matter, By Race slightly more than whites (57% compared to 55%, with about a third of both Black and white respondents stating that churches and clergy should not express their views on social issues). However, Blacks and whites differed more dramatically in regard to the explicit involvement of religious institutions in politics. While less than a third of whites thought that churches or clergy should be able to back political candidates (28%) and that religious leaders had a right to promote a particular point of view

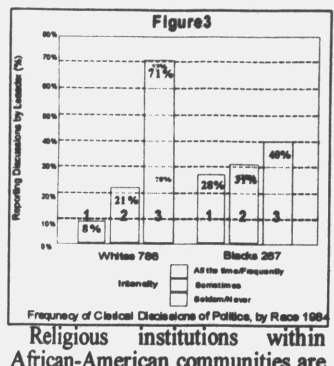
during religious services (29%), more than two-fifths (43%) of Blacks approved of such involvement and half (50%) approved of clerics promoting a political point of view during religious views.

THE EFFECTS OF BLACK CHURCHES ON DIRECT MOBILIZATION

The Black-white differences in approval of church-based political activism may simply reflect racial differences in the incidence of that activism. Those differences in approval may also reflect racial differences in the actual effect of church-based stimuli on political participation. The 1984 USA Today Poll asked about the frequency of political discussions during religious services: "How often does your (minister/priest/rabbi) discuss political issues as part of the service?" Figure 3 reveals striking racial variations among churchgoers. Blacks were three times more likely (28%) than whites (8%) to report

that their religious leaders discussed politics all the time or frequently. They were also more likely than whites (31% compared to 21%) to report that such discussions took place "sometimes." Nearly three-fourths, or 71%, of whites reported that their clerics seldom or never discussed political issues during religious services compared to only two-fifths (40%) of Black respondents.

CONCLUSION



Religious institutions within African-American communities are

important resources for Black political mobilization. These resources include cleric appeals, candidate contacts at religious services, church-sponsored political forums and rallies, group endorsements by ministers and religious groups, and fundraising for political candidates. These sources of information and activism have deep historical roots. Black religious institutions also serve as resources for political entrepreneurs by providing campaign funds and workers and a mobilizing source of voters. Although the direct involvement of Black religious institutions produces some ambivalence in the Black population, by and large, Black clerics have a strong commitment to political activism and Black churchgoers generally approve of that commitment.

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Slavery a Laughing Matter to UPN

by Earl Ofari Hutchison, Ph. D.

As the Civil War raged in July, 1862 President Abraham Lincoln told a group of black men at the White House, "I think your race suffer greatly, many of them by living among us, while ours suffers from your presence. It affords a reason at least why we should be separated."

This wasn't the first time that Lincoln publicly advocated racial separation. In countless speeches he made it clear that if he could save

the Union without freeing any slave he would do it. Ultimately he grudgingly freed some slaves, but only as a war time measure. And even then he was careful to remind whites that he did not believe in social equality for blacks, and that if he had his way he would ship the whole lot of them to Africa or an island in the Caribbean.

Yet in the comedy, "The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer" we are asked to believe that a black man sits in the big chair at the White House as a principal advisor to Lincoln. Keep in mind this is BEFORE the passage of the 13th Amendment in 1865 which formally abolished slavery.

The UPN farce not only stands history on its head, it dismembers it. The producers trot out two shopworn lines to justify this historical absurdity. They claim that it's only comedy, and that history, even its painful episodes, are fair game of parody. The other claim is that many blacks who have seen the tapes of the pilot find nothing wrong with it. Both are serving, if not outright ridiculous, claims.

There is nothing wrong with satirizing historical events. There is everything wrong with falsifying them. There is not a fig of historic truth that Lincoln during the rigid system of Jim Crow segregation in

the years after the Civil War, socially fraternized with African Americans, let alone sought their make a Jewish prisoner in a concentration one of his trusted advisors.

UPN producers also defend their actions by comparing "Pfeiffer" to the comedy "Hogans Heroes." This won't fly either. The fact is that there were American POWs in Nazi prisoner of war camps during World War II. They were mistreated. Some were beaten and killed. But when the war ended they were released, and returned to their former lives. Blacks had no such luxury. They were totally stripped of their languages, cultures, and humanity, and bought and sold like cattle.

What about the claim that some blacks approve of "Pfeiffer"? Many blacks also mobbed theaters and laughed at the ancient stereotypes of crime, dope, guns, freaky sex, cartoon caricatures, and human wrecks that are paraded across the screen as the realities of black life in the black themed movies of the 1990's. So it's hardly surprising that many blacks do not understand that the monstrous violence, brutality, pain, suffering and degradation of slavery can and should not be the subject of humor.

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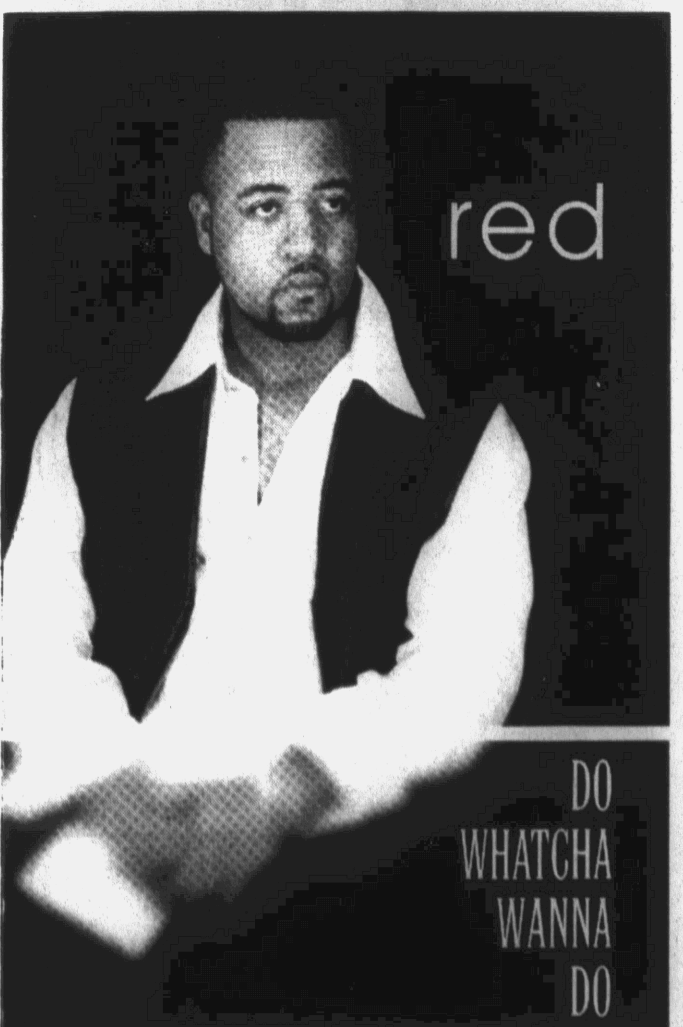
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Symposium on 1898 Wilmington Racial Violence -- Democracy Defied

Dr. John Hope Franklin, chairman of President Clinton's One America Committee on Race Relations, is among respected scholars from across America who

will lead discussions at a free symposium on the effects of the 1898 Wilmington race riot Oct. 23-24 at UNC-Wilmington.

Sponsored jointly by UNC-Wilmington and the NC Division of Archives and History, *The 1898 Wilmington Racial Violence and*

Its Legacy symposium will present an overview and recent findings on the racially motivated violence in Wilmington in 1898. Dr. Franklin

will deliver the keynote address on Friday night.

"The events in Wilmington, in concert with the 1898 and 1900 white supremacy campaigns, marked a watershed in North Carolina history," explains NC Division of Archives and History Director Jeffrey J. Crow. "Disfranchisement of African American and poor white voters as well as the legal separation of the races followed the violent political campaigns and riot."

That rioting included as assault on the town's burgeoning black middle class and an overthrow of the democratically elected Republican city aldermen at a time when many blacks were Republicans. The town's daily black newspaper, then the only black daily in the country, was destroyed. Many African Americans fled the area.

In a centennial observance of the incident, the symposium will examine four areas: the conflict's roots; sex and community; literary legacies and the problem of race in American history. Among the participants are professors William Chafe, Duke University; Glenda Gilmore, Yale University; David Cecelski, UNC-Chapel Hill, Leon Prather, Tennessee State University; LeAnn Whites, University of Missouri-Columbia; John Haley, UNC-Wilmington; Beverly Washington-Jones, NCCU and others. Tyson-Cecelski are co-editors of "Democracy Betrayed: The Wilmington Race Riot of 1898 and Its Legacy," recently published by UNC Press.

The Division of Archives and History is an agency of the NC Dept. of Cultural Resources. For additional information about the conference, please call DR. Melton McLaurin, UNC Wilmington, at 910-962-3137.

The Temptations, Their Life Story..A TV Mini Series

NBC's (WITN-TV) "Must See TV" is scheduled to air a Movie Mini-Series on the life and time of the Temptations.

Legendary producer Suzanne de Passe (Lonesome Dove, The Jacksons: An American Dream) returns to her roots to tell the story

of five talented young singers from Detroit who came together to create some of the most memorable music of the last 40 years.

When it comes to the Motown sound, no producer knows the material better; de Passe began her career as creative assistant to

Motown's legendary Berry Gordy and rose to become one of the company's top executives.

This four-hour miniseries explores the never-before-told story of the men and the music behind The Temptations, and the real-life "ball of confusion" as the group struggles

first to find fame, and latter battles with the pressures of ego, alcohol, illness and personal disputes. First, "The Elgins" -- Otis Williams, Melvin Franklin, Eddie Kendricks, Paul Williams and Al Bryant--are transformed by Berry Gordy into The Temptations.

With a new lead singer, David Ruffin, the group becomes a hit factory with singles including "My Girl," "I Wish It Would Rain," "Get Ready" and "Ain't Too Proud to Bet." But even as the hit records keep piling up, troubles begin to appear. The embattled group splinters, battles among itself and reforms again and again to sing the music America loves.

Ultimately, only one of the original five survived to tell the story behind the great legends of American music.

Featuring some of the best-known original recordings from the 1960s and 1970s, The Temptations is filled with equal measures of joy and heartache. It's one miniseries sure to leave viewers on "Cloud Nine."

The cast includes Leon as David Ruffin, Terron Brooks as Eddie Kendricks, D.B. Woodside as Melvin Franklin, Christian Payton as Paul Williams and Charles Malik Whitfield as Otis Williams.

Along with Suzanne De Passe, other executive producers include Suzanne Coston, among whose credits include Motown 40: The Music is Forever, and Buffalo Girls and David Picker.

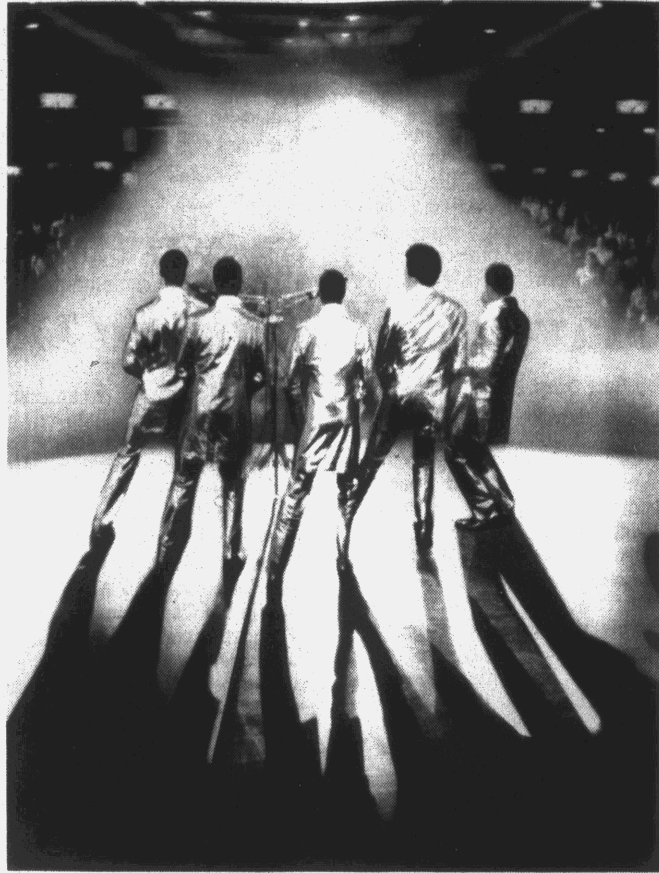
The movie mini-series is scheduled to air November 1st

Faces and... Places



"DID YOU KNOW.....?"

.....Father Bo Nobles who was born and reared here in Greenville, has been writing music for stars like Jackie Wilson, and many others. Shown with Father Bo Nobles is Brother Jim Rouse and Captain Cecil Hardy of the Greenville Police Dept. (Photo - Jim Rouse)



First Born Community Center Sponsors "Old Fashion Grocery Round Up..."

The first Thanksgiving was a celebration of the sharing of cultures and sustenance. Food continues to be a focus of this autumn holiday and many people associate Thanksgiving Day with overladen plates and houses aromatic with the smells of roasting turkey and baking pies.

However, not everyone can look forward with certainty to such abundance. In fact, on the day when most of us give thanks for what is taken for granted most of the year, some residents of eastern North Carolina pray for any food at all on the table, let alone the bounty of traditional holiday food.

The First Born Community Development Center is trying to answer those prayers and Dr. Bruce McCrea, of Greenville Pain Relief

& Prevention, wants to help. Dr. McCrea is planning an "Old Fashion Grocery Round-up", a special fund raising effort to benefit the First Born Community Development Center.

Dr. McCrea had a similar food drive last year with excellent results. "We were able to raise enough money to buy about 1100 cans of food; I would like to raise more than that this year. We will really need the community's help for this to happen."

The Center provides food for those in need throughout the year and special fund raisers like that

planned by Dr. McCrea are important to its operations.


For \$26 in cash or nonperishable food donated during the week of November 9-13, Dr. McCrea, a chiropractor, will provide an initial consultation, examination and x-rays, if needed. Dr. McCrea will also include the next day's follow-up consultation and report of findings. The donated cash and food will be given, in its entirety, to the First Born Community Development Center.

The Center, which serves individuals and families in Eastern North Carolina, plans to distribute

the contributed food in time for Thanksgiving Day.

For additional information about the Center, please contact Mrs. Carolyn Spencer, Executive Director, at Post Office Box 308, South Chicod Street, Grimesland, North Carolina 27837 (252) 758-6160.

For information about the food drive, contact Dr. Bruce McCrea at Greenville Pain Relief & Prevention, 402 South Memorial Drive, Greenville, North Carolina 27834 (252) 757-0004.




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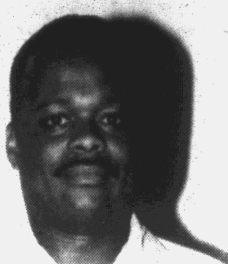
THE PROGRAM IS GEARED TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN PARENTS, AND IS BEING LAUNCHED AT THE GROUP'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE THIS WEEK IN CHICAGO. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM, CALL THE N.B.C.D.I. AT 1-800-556-2234.

SOUP KITCHEN TEMPORARILY RELOCATES

GREENVILLE - The Greenville Community Shelters and the JOY Soup Kitchen will work together during the month of November to serve lunches to the hungry. From November 2 to November 25, the JOY Soup Kitchen will be temporarily located at the Greenville Community Shelter, 1600 Chestnut street, Greenville, NC. Lunches will be served Mondays through Fridays from 11 AM to 12 noon to

all who come. The lunches are prepared and served by volunteers, coordinated by Mrs. Barbara Blount Taft. Service from York Memorial AME Zion Church's Luther Brown Fellowship Hall, 201 Tyson Street, Greenville, NC, will resume on December 1, 1998. For more information, contact Mrs. Barbara Blount Taft, Soup Kitchen Coordinator, at 758-6077 or 756-8875.

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Frederick A. Merritt, Jr. First-Class Petty Officer, USN by Robert Fredericks, Navy-Public Affairs, Norfolk RECRUIT TRAINING CENTER, GREAT LAKES, Ill. ---

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"I joined the Navy because of tradition, travel and to further my education," he said. "I wanted to travel and experience the different

cultures for myself. Both my uncle and grandfather served in the military."

Now a 36-year-old first-class petty officer, Merritt is helping to shape future generations of Sailors with hard work and dedication.

"Currently I train recruits on small-arm weapons and small arms safety," he said. "I like knowing that I am a role model for our Navy's future. Just knowing that the recruits pass the course without injury show that our instructors have reached the recruits."

A 1980 graduate of Strawberry Mansion High School on Philadelphia, Merritt said serving his country has turned out to be quite an educational experience.

"I have learned that although everyone is an individual, everyone must learn to work as one," he said. Also on a gunmount, everyone must work as a team or someone will get hurt.

Merritt, hope to continue on with his education and has definite plans for the future.

"After the Navy, I would like to seek employment in electronics or lock smithing," he said. "I would like to work for a major company or phone company."

Whatever direction Merritt's future takes him, he knows he will always be able to look back on his time in the service and be proud. Perhaps it's because he knows how valuable his service was to the rest of America.

Local Educator Crowned

GREENVILLE - Mrs. Elaine Hopkins, a recently retired kindergarten teacher, has been crowned "Miss Alumni" of the Elizabeth City State University. Eva J. Lewis, local alumni Chapter ECSU sponsored Mrs. Hopkins in their annual Miss Alumni Contest, which was also national in scope.

The Miss Alumni crowning was done during the homecoming coronation at the University on October 9th. First, Second and Third runner ups were named in addition to numerous presentations.

Other homecoming activities include a Sports Hall of Fame Banquet, a parade, a concert and different class reunion functions.

Many Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter members were in attendance for the event scheduled and they wish to thank the Greenville community for their support during the fund-raising process.

They would also like to

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Dorothy Spruill Redford Recieve Humanitarian Award

Franklin; 1992-Doris Betts; 1993-Samuel Ragan; 1994-Anne Firor Scott; 1995-John Ehle; 1996-William Finlator; 1997-Charles Bishop Kuralt, awarded posthumously.

The award is to be presented at a dinner co-hosted by the North Carolina Humanities Council (NCHC) and Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources Betty Ray McCain and Dr. John L. McCain. The dinner will be held October 24, 1998 at The Gateway

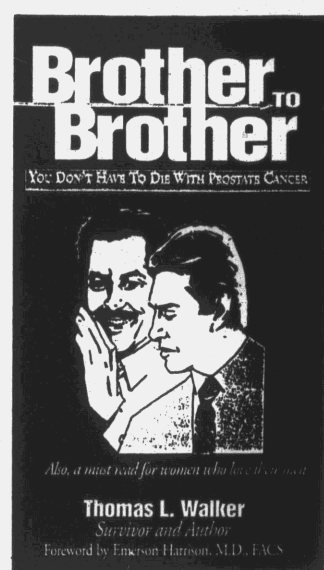


Mrs. Elaine Hopkins

encourage ECSU graduates to join them in their effort to continue providing scholarships for youths, including youths in this area. For more information you may contact Ms. Mary Cates, President of the Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter.

Center in Rocky Mount. Randall Kenan, author, and 1997 Southern Writer-in-Residence at the University of Mississippi, will be the evening's keynote speaker. Join us and celebrate Dorothy Redford's achievements! Reception begins at 6pm, dinner at 7pm. Cost of the dinner is \$35.00/person. Reservations are REQUIRED and MUST BE RECEIVED by October 19th. Call 336.334.5325 ext. 6 for more information.

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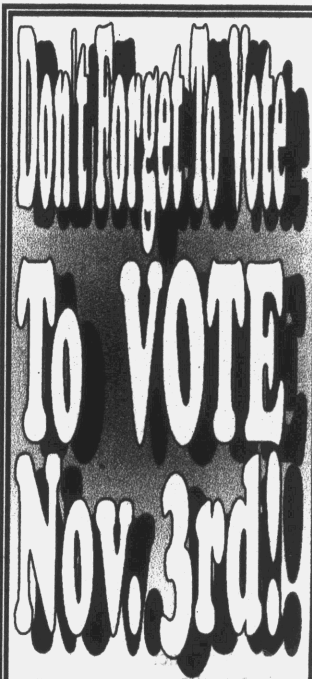
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Editorial Commentary

ACLU Stands Firm On Reproductive Rights...

By Claire Wachsmen

The long hard struggle continues and we are from its end. Accessible, safe reproductive health care for women remains under the threat of violent targeting and attacks. The American Civil Liberties Union has long been a fierce defender of free speech and the constitutional right to reproductive choice. We defend the rights of women seeking abortions as well as those of anti-abortion protesters. We do not, however, (nor does the US constitution) condone or provide refuge for violence; violence against people and property is illegal.

The recent attacks on two women's health clinics in Fayetteville, NC simply bring closer to home the struggle between women who are seeking reproductive health care, including abortion services, and people who take up arms to see to it that they can't. It doesn't matter where one stands on the issue of abortion; everyone ought to find violence at any health care facility absolutely intolerable.

The violent tactics of these lawless anti-abortion activists actually undercuts their cause. More

appropriate to their avowed interest in human life is advocating the safety of already existing, living, breathing, children. It is a constant uphill battle to make the welfare of these children anyone's business other than their abuser's. Why is "none of my business" coined in defense of doing nothing on behalf of abused children but it becomes everyone's business to interfere with a woman's right to seek health care?

The hypocrisy of such violent attacks is glaring. The anti-abortion argument usually goes something like this: human life is sacred, to threaten/end a human life is morally wrong, abortion threatens/terminates "human life," therefore abortion is wrong. Substitute "attacking health care clinics" for "abortion" and you have the very same logic condemning the rash of violence targeted at reproductive service providers and their clients. Keep in mind I use the term "reproductive service providers" because abortions are not the sole nor primary function of these clinics.

The ACLU stands firm in defending the right of women to reproductive health care. We fought

for the enactment of the Freedom of access to Clinic Entrances Act, a federal law which was passed in 1994, and in 1997 our North Carolina affiliate filed a successful amicus brief defending its constitutionality along with the North Carolina No Obstruction of Health Care Facilities Act. These laws provide tools to counter clinic blockades, shootings and bombings of North Carolina's health care facilities while maintaining the rights of free speech and expression of those who decide to peacefully demonstrate their views opposing abortion.

We urge the public as well as federal, state and local authorities to join us in condemning all acts of violence such as the recent attacks in Fayetteville. No one anywhere can plausibly defend brutality against women seeking health care and against health care providers. The safety of all individuals seeking health care services demands rigorous protection.

Claire Wachsmen is the Public Education Coordinator for the American Civil Liberties Union, and can be reached by writing Post Office Box 28004, Raleigh, NC

Tough Times at the Apollo

"The 'fit has hit the shan' at the world famous Apollo Theater in Harlem. The New York State Attorney General Dennis Vacco filed a lawsuit in Manhattan Supreme Court, seeking to oust seven of eleven Apollo Foundation Board members, including board chairman, Congressman Charlie Rangel.

Totally confused? Pay attention. The Apollo, where some of the

world's greatest Black entertainers have performed, and where the hit syndicated show "It's Showtime at the Apollo" is taped, is managed as a nonprofit enterprise by the foundation board. But Rangel, who represents Harlem and upper Manhattan, has close ties with Percy Sutton, chairman of Inner City Broadcasting, which produces "Showtime." That relationship is the reason why millions of dollars

owed the Apollo Foundation has never been collected, alleges the state attorney general, which is why he wants to dump all but four members.

Sutton, in defense, has always denied any wrongdoing, or that any monies are owed to the foundation. Rangel announced last week that he will countersue Vacco for false allegations. Meanwhile, the dollars aren't exactly flowing at the Apollo Theater, which is in serious need of a rehab.

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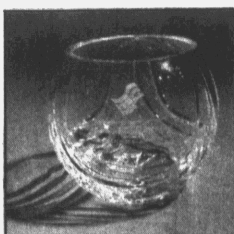


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Places and Faces Extending a Warm Invitation.....



"History of The Black Church..." Shown assembling with Pastor George of York Memorial AME Zion Church in the above pictures are family, friends and members of his congregation. They want to extend an cordial invitation to the readers of the M-Voice to join them in Sunday morning worship at their church for a spirit filled companionship and fellowship. The church is located 201 Tyson Street in Greenville. For more information (252) 758-6077. (Photo - Jim Rouse)

The CD "Been Found" is a Must for Everybodys Collection



Thanksgiving not long ago: Maya Angelou's (pictured above) house in North Carolina. In her basement Nick was playing around the piano and inviting Maya and Val to join him. Val took over the piano and Maya began to talk to the music at Nick's suggestion, with Nick adlibbing vocals. A cassette captured the moment and that was the beginning of the first song for the album: "I Remember All".

Who's on the record: Seven of the eleven songs on "Been Found" feature Maya Angelou speaking. Ashford & Simpson singing. The other 4 songs are Ashford & Simpson. Featured performers on the album are Nile Rodgers (guitar), also co-produced track #4), Jeff Golub (guitar), Ralph MacDonald (percussion), and Joseph Joubert (arrangements and keyboards). Jimmy Simpson (Val's brother) and Herb Lane co-produced and co-wrote

tracks #5 and #8. Ashford & Simpson produced the remaining nine tracks.

Maya Angelou is the author of the bestselling "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings", "Gather Together In My Name" and "The Heart of a Woman", as well as five collections of poetry and the inaugural poem "On the Pulse of Morning", which was read by her at the inauguration of President Clinton on January 20, 1993.

In theatre, she produced, directed and starred in "Caberet for Freedom" in collaboration with Godfrey Cambridge at New York's Village Gate; starred in Genet's "The Blacks" at St Mark's Playhouse; and adapted Sophocles "Ajax" which premiered in Los Angeles in 1974. She wrote the original screenplay for "Georgia, Georgia" and wrote and produced a ten-part TV series on African traditions in American life.

In the sixties, at the request of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., she became the northern coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and in 1975 she received the Ladies Home Journal Woman of the Year Award in communications. She received numerous honorary degrees and was appointed by President Jimmy Carter to the National Commission on the Observance of International Woman's Year and by President Ford to the American Revolutionary Bicentennial Advisory Council. She is on the board of the American Film Institute and is one of the few female members of the Director's Guild.

Maya Angelou is currently Reynolds Professor at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Poem of the Week

"LIVING IN EARTH AS LOVE"

(Written For ALL The WOMEN Of The World. A Reminder to MEN, Love, Cherish & Respect God's Gift of WOMAN TO MAN.....)

Just behold with me my love, for "my love" will come like the judgment of the Lord.

Your present of being a woman in my life is very special to me. Everyday without you is like a body without water something I must have to live on.

You're a source of strength in my heart and mind.

The times I'm weak, my God gives you the strength to comfort me and nourish me.

For I love God for bringing you forth to me.

I'll give you all my love, just as God gives his, all toward us.

We lie and cheat ourselves sometimes but that's just a simple test we take when we're feeling lost about things.

For you are Wisdom and I am Knowledge.

Wisdom supports Knowledge.

Just like You will support Me, as Caring will support Feelings, as, God will support Us, as parents will support their children.

You're like 120 Degrees in my circle and I'm another 120 Degrees, which forms 2/3 of a Circle of Love.

Beware my love of the Evil that lurks on Our Love, to try and destroy something that is Good towards ME and You.

Like a kidnapper, plotting to take away from US, Our Children.

I need your full cooperation of LOVE, in order to live a sound and prosperous Rooted Life.

For I AM LOVE and you're MY PEACE that I hold on the inside of me.

The Child that We bring in This Life will be HAPPINESS.

Which will bring a Full "LOVE", "PEACE", and HAPPINESS to Our Lives!

As YOU and I add up to 240 Degrees, OUR CHILD will make another 120 Degrees, which will make a complete Life Of Love, Being 360 DEGREES.

ME=YOU=CHILD
LOVE=PEACE=HAPPINESS
120+120+120
360 DEGREES OF LOVE

By: Abdul Rouse aka "Vocal Don"

Clayton Announces School Summit Safety Plans.....

Congresswoman Eva Clayton (D-NC), today announced that she will host a Summit on School Safety. This announcement comes on the day President Clinton hosted the White House Summit on School Safety. Following the White House model, Clayton plans to bring together teachers, principals, parents, ministers, law enforcement officers, superintendents, state legislators and federal representatives to discuss ways to improve school safety. After the Summit, Clayton will prepare a report, with recommendations that she will present to Education Secretary Riley.

"Each day, across our television screens and in our newspapers, played out at places like the playground of our schools, shockingly, in ever increasing numbers, children are killing children," said Clayton.

"In serene and pristine Springfield, Oregon, in friendly and congenial Peduca, Kentucky, even in the home state of our President, in Jonesboro, Arkansas, children are killing children," said Clayton.

Since last October, there have

been six major school shootings that took lives of fourteen students and teachers and injured forty-seven others. According to the Department of Education, 6,093 students were expelled last year for bringing a firearm into their school.

"A church is bombed where children went to worship, in Illinois, and apparently, the bomb was placed in such way that it was intended to harm the children attending Sunday services. And, we learned with dismay that two

high school seniors had plans to set off a bomb during graduation exercises," said Clayton.

The Clayton Summit will take place on January 11, 1999, in Edgecombe County.

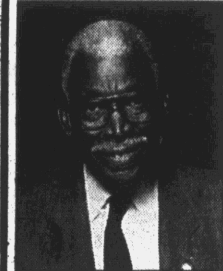
"Although schools are generally safer today than they were just a few years ago, there is still much more that can and must be done to improve school safety. That is why I am hosting this Summit. Our schools must be places where teachers can teach and children can learn," concluded Clayton.

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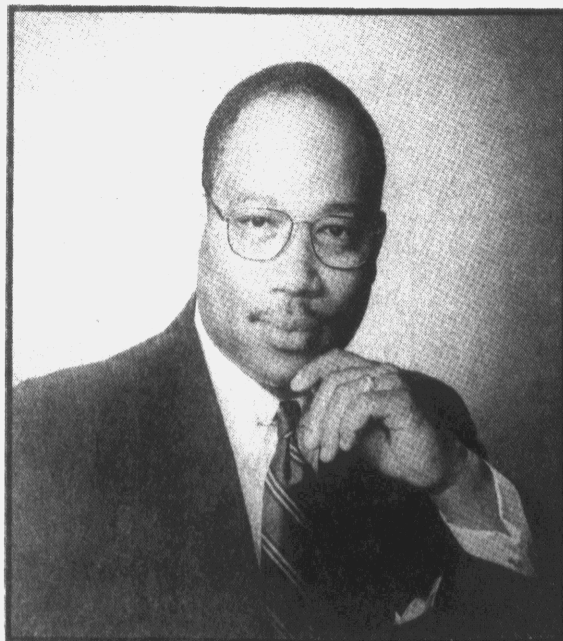
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October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

by M'Bulu Rouse

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I want to bring this disease of domestic violence to the attention of women, or to others who know may know woman who are being victimized by acts of domestic violence and feel helpless to exert control on their circumstances, and thinking that there is no one able to help

them, I have news for the, there is help.

Some years back, I saw my "Stepfather," victimized my mother on numerous occasions. Frankly this went on for so long I too, began to consider myself a victim of domestic violence. Vicariously experiencing these situations effected me deeply as well. Generally,

as a results of those experiences I had developed a tendency to began to treat men with an indifference.

However, after being educated on the dynamics of domestic violence many questions regarding this social phenomena and my confusion were finally answered.

When a child grows up in a violence and negative household it

almost goes without saying that chances are, that child, as an adult is going to behave in the same manner in responding to what they may have experienced in their childhood.

That behavior compounded by the pressures of today's society, the lack of employment, or decent employment, wages, chronic pov-

erty, etc., especially within the black community builds up a lot of tension and anger within black men, and dramatically impacts upon the act of domestic violence.

But that still is no excuse to attack someone they may profess to love. That does not give the right for a man to hit a woman (or vice versa)!

Therefore as a hardworking single black mother of four beautiful daughters once again, in expressing myself, any victim of domestic violence, or if you or someone you know lives in a domestically vio-

lent environment, please tell them they do not have to stay.

I am tired of hearing the excuse that I can't leave him because of the kids. That's bull!! The Pitt County DA's office has programs for those in a domestic violence situations.

Call "New Directions at 752-3811 or the REAL Crisis Center at 758-4357. Someone will be glad to help you. If you are frightened and would like for someone to go with you, call me here at Joy 1340 AM, I'll help in any way I can.

REMEMBER- no one deserves to be abused, verbally or physically!!!

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Crimes Against Humanity.....

Hate crimes laws do not give some groups "special rights", nor do they curtail freedom of thought or speech.

They do penalize actions that spring from a particular attitude. They do warn bigot that society has declared that crimes motivated by prejudice are unacceptable and will bring a punishment tailored to the crime.

Beyond that, we in the larger American community must work to make the ties of tolerance between us stronger.

For how to do that, perhaps we can look to Jasper, Texas, the town where James Byrd, Jr., was slain.

At the time the world's spotlight focused them, its citizens said that heinous act did not represent life there. Well, now, according to a recent Wall Street Journal story, they're proving it. In large ways and small, Jasper's citizens are grappling with its racial past and more importantly, its present and future. They're trying to close the distance difference has created among them.

In doing so, they invite us all to

move beyond the mere--and often empty--expression of tolerance to an honest acceptance that others

who are different have as much right to inhabit the earth as we do. Committing ourselves to that

goal will enable us to make sense out of the senseless death of Matthew Shepard.



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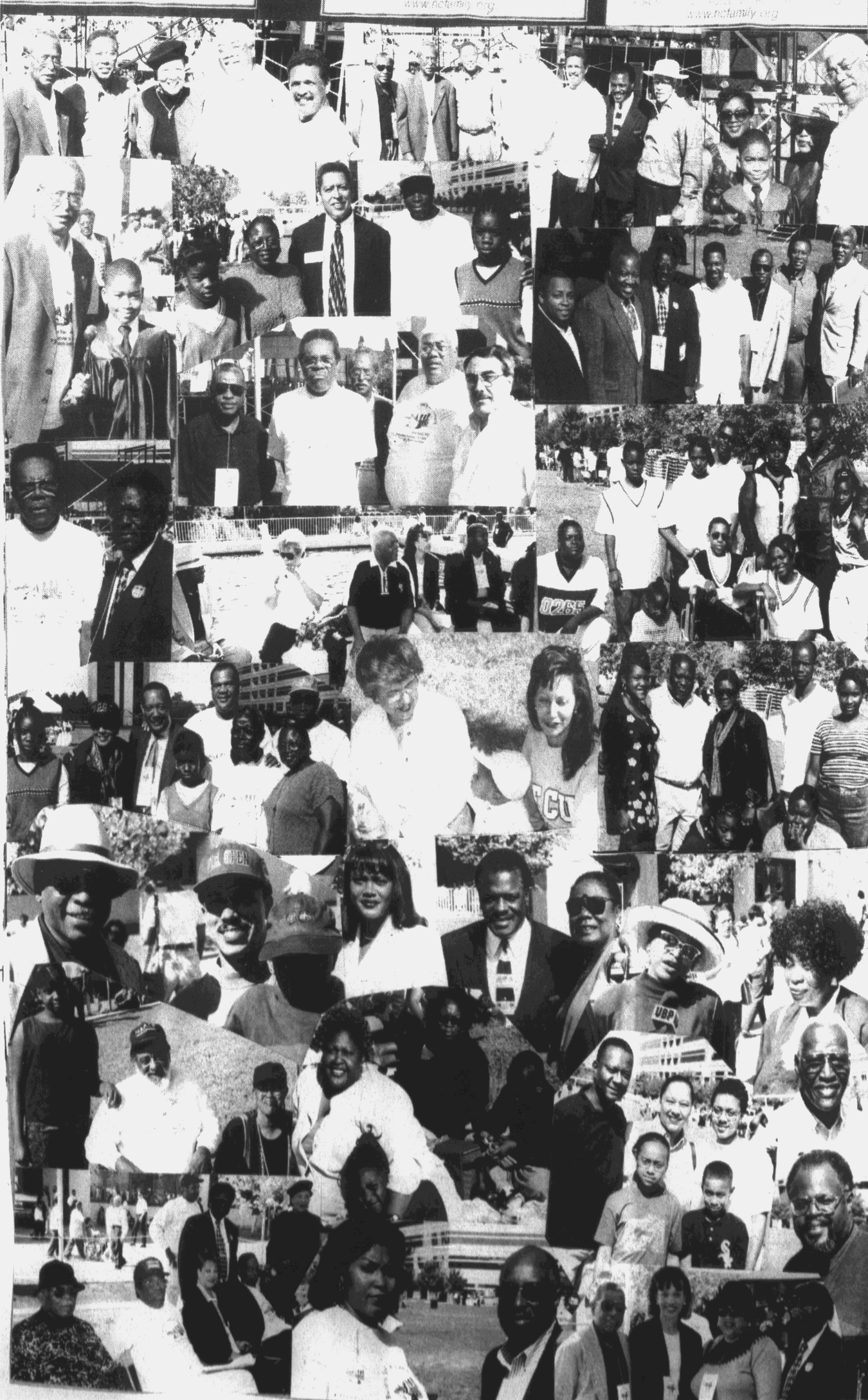
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