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Hampered by Impeachment Hearings... The "Comeback Kid" Rebounds with Policy Push

By Randall Mikkelsen
WASHINGTON - U.S. President Bill Clinton, once again living up to his "Comeback Kid" nickname, charged back from months of pummeling over the Monica Lewinsky sex scandal to say mid-term elections vindicated his policies.

After the elections, Clinton said, "I think the message the American people sent was loud and clear. They want progress over partisanship and unity over division," before a meeting with his economic team to discuss a planned December conference on Social Security reform.

The president said Social Security was the top priority of his



post-election agenda, which was also packed with renewed pushes on education, health care and an

increased minimum wage.

The comments were Clinton's first to the public after the mid term elections, in which the Democrats gained five seats in the House of Representatives and held their own in the Senate. The outcome confounded speculation that voter disgust with the Lewinsky scandal would fuel strong Republican gains.

Clinton brushed aside questions about the future of the Republican-led impeachment inquiry into perjury and cover-up allegations in connection with his affair with Lewinsky.

"That's a decision for them (Republicans) to make. I'm not involved in that and I'm not going

to comment on it," he said.

The president attributed the Democrats' election performance to a focus on policies of the sort he has hammered away at continuously.

"If you look at all the results, they're clear and unambiguous. The American people want their business, their concerns, their children, their families, their future addressed here," he said.

He made overtures to Congressional Republicans, who have been put on the defensive by the election results.

Clinton said he had spoken with House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, along with Democratic leaders, and

Prostrate Cancer Claims the Life of Black Power Advocate

By Gaius Sims, Sr., Managing Editor, M-Voice Newspaper

Prostrate Cancer one of the greatest killers of black men has prematurely claimed the life of "Black Power" Pan-Africanist and activist Kwame Ture, formerly known as Stokely Carmichael. Stokely, died on Sunday, November 15th. Ture passed on in the capital city of Conakry in the west African country of Guinea, where he had lived for the last 33 years. The Rev. Jesse Jackson visited with Ture three times during his trip to Africa last week.

"In many ways he was at peace with himself," Jackson said. "He wanted for his last days to be in Guinea. He wanted to be amongst the people of Africa." He was 57 years old.

Carmichael, born in Trinidad,



Kwame Ture a.k.a., Stokely Carmichael 1941 to 1988

in Atlanta and is known as Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin. Subsequently, Brown political activities effectively erased the word "nonviolent" from the SNCC's name.

In 1968, Carmichael became prime minister of the militant Black Panther Party. He called for

unity among the Black Panthers, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, NAACP and the Nation of Islam.

Recently, when being compared to Martin Luther King regarding his radical transformation from SNCC's chairman to becoming the Panther Party's prime minister, he said that the difference between him and King was that King saw nonviolence as a "way of life" where he viewed it as a "tactic" and that if it didn't tactic work you had to resort to other "means."

While a student at Howard, Carmichael, as a fearless, dedicated and determined front line social and political reformer, was active in civil rights protests, sit-ins, freedom rides, voter registration drives and numerous life threatening demonstrations of civil disobedience throughout the South. His dedicated involvement, especially in Mississippi, led him and his

followers being arrested dozens of times during that turbulent era.

He was reported to have said while laying in a hospital bed at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, with cancer beginning to ravish his body just eight months prior to death, that he was arrested somewhere between 29 to 36 times

(he's unsure of the precise number) in addition to being pursued by armed whites in high speed chases, and on foot, he had been beaten, gassed, surveilled and expected a bullet at any time. James Meredith, himself had been shot dead just weeks before he shouted "Black

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"Hey, Why Wasn't I Invited to the Party!?"



Former Greenville Mayor Ed Carter's (second from left) message of affordable health care, cooperative intra-county economics, youth oriented technical training programs, etc., apparently wasn't a strong enough message to get party line voters to break ranks send the independent candidate and former Army officer to State Senate, despite statewide support from the black caucus and other local politicians. But Brother Carter is still a winner in the eyes of his community because he chose to challenge protocol, while a lot of people stood on the sidelines and did nothing. His message might sink in as Greenville continues to grow and for some reason the black community seems to find their fair share of the prosperity alluding them. Photo: Jim Rouse

Governor Hunt Signs Misplaced Homemakers Bill

RALEIGH - Governor Jim Hunt signed the Fund for Displaced Homemakers Bill on Wednesday, Nov. 4. This legislation will increase funding for existing displaced homemaker (DH) programs and initiate new programs by adding an additional \$20 to the divorce filing fee. An additional \$740,000 is expected to be generated annually for the Fund for Displaced Homemakers.

The majority of displaced homemakers experience their financial problems as a result of divorce or separation from a supporting spouse. They have worked primarily without remuneration to care for the home and family and, for that

Congressional Roundup...

By James Wright, Afro-American

Dellums to Write Book....
RONALD DELLUMS, who served in Congress from 1970-1998, will be writing a book on his experiences as a representative for Beacon Press. The book is scheduled to be published in the Fall of 1999 and will be co-written by H. Lee Halterman, a former chief of staff for Mr. Dellums. More than a memoir, Mr. Dellums will write of his status as an "outsider on the inside," an activist who took radi-

News from Around the Nation...

Friend Says He Warned Espy of Ethical Pitfalls
WASHINGTON - An old friend of former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy testified he worried that Mr. Espy would be judged by stricter ethical rules than previous officeholders because he is Black.

Richard Douglas, a former lobbyist and self-described Washington operator, said he warned Mr. Espy to look out for ethical pitfalls when he took office as President Clinton's first agriculture chief in 1993.

Testifying Oct. 30 at Mr. Espy's federal corruption trial, Mr. Douglas likened Mr. Espy's nomination as the first Black agriculture secretary to Jackie Robinson's breaking the color barrier in major league baseball.

If Mr. Espy stumbled, it would be a setback to Blacks such as himself who hoped for top jobs in

Washington, Mr. Douglas testified. "White folks wanted Jackie Robinson to fail," Mr. Douglas said in a soft voice, as the mostly Black jury listened intently. "He didn't fail, so that opened the doors to Black folks to play baseball."

Mr. Douglas is a key witness for both sides in Mr. Espy's trial on 38 charges he took gifts from companies he regulated and tried to cover it up. Mr. Espy pleaded innocent.

Black Man Burned Alive...
Jury Pool Nearing Completion
INDEPENDENCE, Va. - The pace of jury selection picked up Oct. 29 in the murder trial of a White man charged with burning a Black man alive, and attorneys said there's a fair chance of keeping the case in Grayson County.

"I think we're proceeding at a decent pace for selection," defense attorney Jeffrey Dorsey told Circuit Judge Colin Campbell.

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Black Voters Saved the Day... Nationwide Turnout Helped Democrats Gain Control



First Souls to The Polls

African Americans played a key role in determining the outcome of many statewide and congressional races; and three gubernatorial elec-

tions (Alabama, California and South Carolina).

The Congressional Black Caucus maintained its membership of 38 in the House of Representatives. Stephanie Tubbs Jones is the only newly elected member of the CBC. She hails from the 11th Congressional District of Ohio, replacing retired Congressman Louis Stokes.

African American turnout made a difference in key state-wide races in South Carolina, North Carolina, New York, Nevada, California, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Maryland,

Alabama and Georgia.

89% of African American voters supported the Democratic Party, an 8% increase over 1994 elections. This was their biggest turnout to the polls in 10 years.

Mosely-Braun Loses Senate Seat....
CHICAGO -- Carolyn Mosely Braun lost to her republican challenger, State Senator Peter Fitzgerald by a small margin of 2 percent. In spite of large African American voter turnout Braun could not overturn the numerous

attacks on her record and criticism of her 1996 visit with a Nigerian dictator. Braun also could not sustain attacks on her controversial campaign spending record. Senator Carol Mosley Braun had received strong support from Hillary Rodham Clinton who visited Chicago a couple times on her behalf.

Carol Mosley-Braun was the first African American woman to be elected to the United States Senate in 1992.

RALEIGH--Americans, to include North Carolinians like to

(See Black Voters - Page 6)

New DNA Evidence Confirms that Jefferson Fathered Black Children

by Huge B. Price, President National Urban League

NEW YORK -- There's no denying the truth. One may not see at first glance what the scientific confirmation of Thomas Jefferson's long liaison with Sally Hemings, a slave at his Monticello plantation, and an article extolling life in a southern Black community during the era of legal segregation share.

But, in fact, the controversy surrounding Jefferson and Sally Hemings and writer Russ Rymer's assertion in his article in the New York Times Sunday Magazine that "Segregation helped Black business; Civil rights helped destroy it" have a great deal in common.

They both illustrate how powerful the dynamic of denial in America about the realities of race has been.

No single controversy of American history has better illustrated how denial has worked among many whites than their refusal to contemplate what many African Americans have long accepted: that Jefferson and Sally Hemings were lovers. Now, the DNA tests confirm that he fathered not just one, but four or five of her children.

Why was there so much resis-

tance for so many years to that possibility?

Did it stem from a refusal to accept that Jefferson embodied the great contradiction of the founding of the United States: A nation which wrapped itself in the rhetoric of freedom and professed allegiance to the inalienable rights of man excluded all but a relative few white men from the enjoyment of those rights, and depended for its prosperity upon the stolen labor of Black slaves.

Thomas Jefferson's public role in justifying slavery helped set the country on a course that has long borne bitter fruit.

Nonetheless, the confirmation that Thomas Jefferson's direct and indirect descendants include Americans on both sides of the color line should not be regarded as a matter for African Americans to jeer "we told you so" or to play the "racial dozens."

Instead, all of America ought to accept this news as apparently many of Jefferson's white descendants have -- as a profound addition to the accumulating evidence of how intertwined are the bloodlines and the destinies of Americans all along the spectrum of color, race and ethnicity.

Such a clarity of vision is what Russ Rymer's article, astonishingly titled, "Integration's Casualties," lacks most of all.

The best one can say about his

Congresswoman Clayton Heads Back to Capitol Hill



Congresswomen Eva Clayton shown being congratulated by Ted Tyler, her Republican challenger after his defeat. (Photo: Jim Rouse)

assertion that Black businesses thrived under segregation and that the civil rights victories of the 1960s caused the collapse of "the

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GREENVILLE-- Eva Clayton, the first black elected in a hundred years to represent North Carolina in Congress, is going back for her fourth term from the now newly defined First District, as is Mel Watt, who's 12th District was also redrawn during the summer and ended up with significantly less black voters and more white Republicans.

Both incumbents finished strong against the GOP challengers.

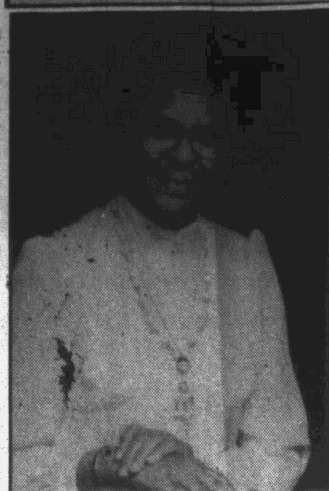
Jesse Jackson Pulls Out The Black Vote
LOS ANGELES -- Rev. Jesse Jackson criss-cross the country uniting Black Churches and urging congregations to take election day off and help get the vote out. Jackson's last stop on his 'get out the vote' tour was Baltimore. Jackson's efforts apparently worked. Some cities reported African American voter turnout as high as fifty percent.

The War for Equality Ain't Over Yet!?



It's Not The Statue of Justice and It's NOT Ms. Liberty: Most African-Americans can't help but notice with mixed feelings and a sense of irony the statue of a Confederate soldier in front of the Pitt County Courthouse. During the Reagan presidency Lenin's statue and everything it stood for was ripped from its foundation to include political tradition, but this statue stands as a constant reminder, especially to the many blacks entwined in the justice system, how they got there in the first place. Jim Crow "must" go! (Photo by Jim Rouse)

from the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



HOW CAN PARENTS MAKE SURE THEIR CHILDREN BEHAVE?

How your child behaves at school is an extension of the discipline he has learned at home.

So, if the teacher reports your child is having a discipline problem at school - it could be a problem at home, too.

Doing these things will help ensure your child exhibits the best discipline at home and at school:

****Set a good example.** If you want your child to believe that hitting and other forms of physical violence are not the way to resolve conflict - then don't rely on physical punishment.

****Set clear and reasonable family rules.** Don't have too many rules to enforce.

****Make sure your child knows there are consequences for breaking the rules.** Be consistent in enforce-

ing consequences.

****Know and support school rules.** Tell your children they're expected to follow school rules.

****Encourage good work habits and problem solving.** If your child has a problem at school, talk with the teacher and work out a solution.

****Catch your child being good.** Praise your child's good behavior and accomplishments.

****Be positive when giving suggestions.** Criticism and scolding build resentment and lower self-esteem - not cooperation.

SOME PERSONAL PRINCIPLES TO LIVE BY

(These are President James A. Garfield's cherished personal principles:)

1. Never be idle
2. Make few promises.
3. Always speak the truth.
4. Live within your income.
5. Never speak evil of anyone.
6. Keep good company or none.
7. Live up to your engagements.
8. Never play games of chance.
9. Drink no intoxicating drinks.
10. Good character is above everything else.
11. Keep your own secrets if you have any.
12. Never borrow if you can possibly help it.
13. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife.
14. When you speak to a person, look into his eyes.
15. Save when you are young to spend when you are old.
16. Never run into debt unless you see a way out again.
17. Good company and good conversation are the sinews of virtue.
18. Your character cannot be

essentially injured except by your own acts.

19. If anybody speaks evil of you, let your life be so that no one believes him.

20. When you retire at night, think over what you have done during the day.

21. If your hands cannot be employed usefully, attend to the culture of your mind.

"COMMON SENSE, WIT AND WISDOM FOR A BETTER MARRIAGE"

From: A HUSBAND'S LITTLE BLACK BOOK by Robert J. Ackerman, Ph.D.

1. Share the TV remote control.
2. Shampoo hair for her birthday.
3. Don't eat potato chips in bed.
4. Don't take more out of your relationship than you put in.
5. Go for a walk and hold her hand.
6. Send her flowers on an ordinary day.
7. Take turns driving the new car.
8. Fix household appliances without muttering about how they broke.
9. If she wrecks the car, ask her if she is all right before you ask about the car.
10. Write down her telephone messages correctly.
11. Go grocery shopping with her.
12. Do the grocery shopping together.
13. Help her wrap the Christmas presents.
14. Buy the holiday and birthday cards you send to your parents.
15. Marriage is our last, best chance to grow up.
16. Listen when she talks about her friends.
17. Visit her relatives, too.
18. See a movie of her choosing.

even if you don't want to see it.

19. Take her to bed and just hold her.

20. When you're wrong, admit it.

21. Cook for her when she is sick.

22. Laugh at her jokes.

23. Be honest, but don't tell her things that might hurt her feelings.

24. Share the last bottle of soda.

25. Pick up your dirty clothes.

26. Get out of bed first on cold mornings and turn up the heat.

27. Rinse the sink after your shave.

28. Help decorate the Christmas tree.

29. Do the laundry - and don't mix the whites with the darks.

30. Start a fire in the fireplace on cold winter nights.

31. Only the strongest men are gentle.

32. Take her away overnight without the kids.

33. Take turns taking the children to the doctor when they are sick.

34. Don't put your wife on a pedestal, she doesn't want to be that far away.

35. When you are sick, go to the doctor.

36. When you are lost, stop and ask for directions.

37. "I can live for two months on a compliment." - Mark Twain

38. Remember her favorite color.

39. Give her praise.

40. Take turns.

41. Talk to her calmly.

42. Be polite.

43. Don't bring up her old boyfriends.

44. "Rudeness is a weak man's imitation of strength." - Eric Hoffer

45. Call her in the middle of the day, just to say "Hello".

46. Talk with her when you're

worried about money.

47. Help her put her clothes back on. Many people will help you take your clothes off, but only a few will help you put them back on.

48. Go into the delivery room with her and be part of the birth of your children.

49. Make Mother's Day a special day for her.

50. Find a moment alone with her on New Year's Eve.

51. Learn to argue fairly. Don't use phrases that begin with "You always", or "You never".

52. If you feel empty when she's away, tell her when she gets back.

53. Be on time for dinner.

54. Take turns balancing the checkbook.

55. Discuss your children's requests with your wife before you give them an answer.

135th AME Conference Set to Convene in GREENVILLE

The 135th session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the AME Zion Church is scheduled to convene on Monday, November 23 through Sunday, November 29th at the York Memorial AME Zion Church located at 201 Tyson street at the corner of West Third Street in Greenville. The public is cordially invited to attend. The right Reverend George E. Battle is the presiding pastor and the conference will be hosted by Rev. Joseph George.

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Community Bulletin Board Finds the Road to Success on the Web...

WASHINGTON, NC -- If you are undecided about your career path, want to find out more about your career choice, or just want tips on interviewing for a job, the road to success is now on the web. Mandy Jones and Rhunell Boyd, the Career Center staff, invite you to visit the Career Center web site at www.beaufort.c.c.nc.us/stdserve/career/career.htm. Whether you're just beginning in the career planning process, self-assessment and career exploration, or ready for job placement, the Beaufort County Community College web site has resources and links to guide you.

On the Self-Assessment and Career Exploration site find out about the computerized career exploration program, Choices CT, on campus. This program can assist users in assessing their interest areas and skills acquired through past work experiences and identify related occupations for further exploration. For users who already

know their major interest areas, the program has the ability to search for occupations, program/majors, schools, and financial aid based on the user's personal criteria. In other words, if the user wants to become a veterinarian, the program can identify all schools that offer veterinarian training programs and link the user to a selected school in order to request information.

For BCCC's virtual visitors, there is a link to The Career Key, a quick and free interest inventory developed by Dr. Lawrence K. Jones at NC State University. The Career Key is a matching tool that helps users to measure their interests and identify jobs which may best fit those interests. The key can be taken on-line or printed for personal use.

Visiting the Job Search site will provide links to Kaplan Career Center where users can take an interactive on-line mock interview, The Hot Seat. Also Kaplan's site

offers insightful tips on interviewing and writing resumes. Lastly, link to the Employment Security Commission, America's Job Bank, and Carolinas Career web for up-to-date regional, state, and national job listings and the opportunity to file your virtual resume on-line.

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New State Law will Provide Unemployment Benefits for Some Victims of Domestic Violence

By Rob Schofield
RALEIGH -- A new law passed by the North Carolina General Assembly in the final days of the 1998 session may provide important new assistance to workers who are forced to leave their jobs because of domestic violence. While it may take some time for government officials and the courts to fully interpret and implement the change, it is clear that many victims may now seek unemployment insurance benefits.

THE PROBLEM - As society has become increasingly aware,

domestic violence is not just a problem for victims and their families. It can also be a serious problem for employers and co-workers of domestic violence victims. If an abuser goes to the victim's workplace and attempts to attack his or her victim there, many other people might be placed at risk. Many employers have been forced to fire good employees because of the danger that is posed when victims of domestic violence are contacted at work by their abusers. By the same token, many happily employed victims have

been forced to quit their jobs in order to protect their friends and co-workers or because they are compelled to flee their home towns in order to escape continued abuse. Until now, North Carolina law offered no financial help to such victims. Because they were fired "for cause" or "voluntarily quit" their jobs, they could not receive North Carolina unemployment insurance benefits during the time they tried to put their lives in order and search for new employment. In the past, many domestic violence victims have faced no other alterna-

tive than to apply for welfare benefits. **THE SOLUTION** - Under the terms of the new law, any otherwise eligible person who leaves a job or who is fired, as a result of domestic violence, will now be entitled to unemployment insurance benefits. Such a person must be "adjudged an aggrieved party as set forth in by Chapter 50B of the General Statutes." While it is not yet clear how generously this language will be interpreted, it is clear that if a person loses a job or must quit because of domestic violence committed against her or him (or his or

her child), that person can get unemployment insurance benefits after they take two steps. First, the victim should get a domestic violence protection order (sometimes referred to as a "50-B order"). Such orders are obtained by filling out a complaint with the Clerk of Court's office. A judge, or in some cases, a magistrate, must then issue the order. While it is better to be represented by an attorney when seeking a 50-B order, the law provides a mechanism for victims to obtain them for their own. Similarly, if a victim

cannot afford the filing fee, she or he should be able to obtain a waiver of that fee. A victim may wish to contact the local Legal Services office or domestic violence program for more information and possible assistance.

The second step for the victim should be to contact the local Employment Security Commission office. As with domestic violence orders, an attorney is not needed to apply for benefits. The commission will verify an applicant's eligibility for benefits. Once a person is found eligible, he or she will receive a portion of their previous pay (usually around half) while they look for new employment. Applicants who are denied benefits have a right to appeal that decision. The local Legal Services office may be able to assist individuals who run into problems in obtaining benefits.

As the new law regarding benefits for victims of domestic violence was just passed into law on October 28, it will take some time for government officials to get used to it. If you have been victimized by domestic abuse and run into problems obtaining benefits for which you think you are eligible, don't give up. A private attorney or, if you cannot afford one, your local Legal Services office, may be able to help. See your phone book for the number of your local Legal Services office or call (919) 856-2564.

(NOTE: Rob Schofield is a lawyer and lobbyist for the North Carolina Justice and Community Development Center in Raleigh, N.C. "The Law and You" addresses general legal issues. For answers to your specific questions, contact a private lawyer or call Legal Services of North Carolina at (919) 856-2564, where you will be directed to the Legal Services program serving your area.)

Opinions & Comments

By Kisha Harris
GREENVILLE -- In the early years, we were taught in American society that women should stay home while men went out and found jobs to take care of the family. Society was not accustomed to women working and because of that, they were discriminated against. Fortunately, society's views have changed, but women are still being discriminated against when it comes to salary, appearance, and age.

For example, a woman working in a company, doing the same job that a man is doing, performing

Discrimination Against Women in the Work Force

just as well as he, often receives less pay. The cost of living is the same for women as it is for men; therefore, the wages should be the same. Women refuse to live in a male dominated world. Whether women are waitresses, housekeepers, or doctors, women shouldn't have to receive less pay because of our gender. Come on women, let's take a stand. The problem won't disappear until women fight back. In "Fighting Back", Stanley L. Wormly Jr. says, "sometimes it seems that fighting back is the only way to command respect in this world." (383)

On the other hand, a woman's appearance sometimes stands in the way of her getting a job. For instance, a flight attendant has to be an attractive, slender-built person. It shouldn't matter if a person weighs 150 pounds or 350 pounds, qualifications should be the main focus. People tend to judge the book by its cover. It has been said that a person can dress inappropriately when appearing for a job interview. They may show up for an interview at the largest law firm in town, and because the person didn't wear appropriate clothing, they were turned down for the position. Scott Russell Sanders says in "The Men We Carry In Our Minds", "Women...earned for a say over their future, for jobs worthy of their abilities, for the right to live at peace, unmolested, whole." (381). Employers must accept women for their abilities, not for their beauty.

In addition to other factors, age plays a part in discrimination against women in the work force. After a certain age it becomes more difficult to find jobs; consequently employers tend to limit the salary of elderly employees. They also consider the fact that advancing age renders them less time to

remain in the work force. For instance, a sixty-five year old school teacher who was in the best of health, applied for a job as a college professor. She was turned down because the college instructor felt that she was too old for the job.

Employers need to concentrate on women's competencies rather than their ages.

Because of the changes in American society, women should

COMMENTS & OPINIONS continues on Page...

Faces and Places... Womens Conference - 1998



These smiling faces were among the many women who attended The Anointed One's Church Annual Womens Conference which took place from November 5th through the 8th and hosted a number of well known women ministers who spoke and lectured at the event. The topics that were covered were childcare, health care and raising children. The Anointed One's Church is located in Ayden and is under the direction of Dr. Ruth Peterson (shown on the right).

Local Religious Talk-Show Scheduled to Air on WOOW Radio

GREENVILLE -- Soon, Ms. Oona Roberts will begin her religious talk show on WOOW Radio here in Greenville. Roberts, a native of Creswell, NC is the daughter of Addie J. Roberts of East Hartford, Ct., and Thurmond Owens of Poughkeepsie, NY.

According to Ms. Roberts, her "greatest accomplishment was receiving Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit and among the inspirations for her directions in life was her

grandmother, the late Ethel Mae Moore Roberts."

"Healing" began for her after her grandmother passed. Her death, Ms. Roberts indicating that her grandmother helped raise her, "was the first time I'd experienced someone close to me--dying" and leaving her. The grieving process following her death was arduous and very painful path, but "spiritual one" Roberts stated.

"She didn't know a lot of

scriptures, but what she did know she showed through her loving actions. I thank God for allowing her to be an influence in my life," said Ms. Roberts. "I now have a different outlook on people who have lost their love ones," she remarked. "I've realized even more so, not look to others to be there all the time -- because they can't."

"I am learning to look to God for strength, guidance and love. Little did I realize that God was using my situations and my struggles for a ministry," she added.

She strongly feels that "God will" lead her to where he wants her "to be."

"He said, 'in these last days that he would pour out his spirit upon all flesh...'" Roberts quoted. "He didn't say some flesh. He said 'all,'" she added.

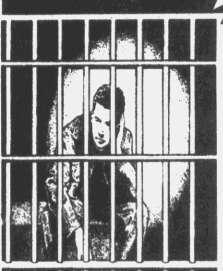
Robert's topics of discussion will primarily focus on what religion to the black community.

As Ms. Roberts said, "We attempt to change our outward man and we ignore the inner man." She added



Ms. Oona Roberts
 that God wants us to heal inwardly. Her program will be called **HEALING BEGINS 'WITHIN' MINISTRY** and is scheduled to begin early December. Join her with your discussions and questions.

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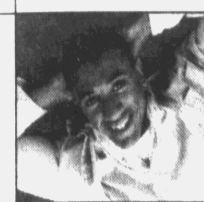
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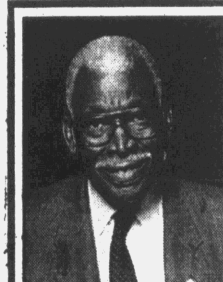
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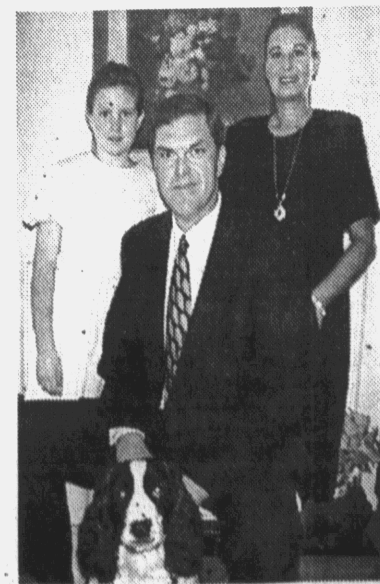
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Prostrate Cancer Claims the Life of Black Power Advocate

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Power." "We were aware of the fact that death walks hand in hand with struggle. So sustaining myself in this period is not difficult... When you're trained that way in your youth, then in your elderly days it just becomes habitual," and as he said in retrospect, "The secret of life is to have no fear; it's the only way to function, you just wipe it out." Laying in his hospital bed, according to the writer, "he was

talking about another time and a different threat, about registering black voters in such near-war zones as the Mississippi Delta and rural Alabama in the 1960s, when he was still known as Stokely Carmichael, "he was not referring to the prostate cancer" which was at that time diagnosed more than two years ago."

It was reported that others who encountered this "lanky undergraduate" from Howard University described him as "brash" and "brilliant" individual.

The battled tested "Freedom

Rider" who with his SNCC cadre registered close to 4,000 black voters in Alabama's murderous Lowndes County, where not one had been on the rolls before the "Freedom Riders" arrived, also spent 49 days Mississippi's brutal Parchman Penitentiary.

As Cleveland Sellers, one of a nucleus of activist students that turned Stokely's Washington apartment on Euclid Street into a hangout and headquarters, witnessed a furious and bitterly frustrated Carmichael upon posting bond and getting out of jail in Greenwood, Mississippi, promptly rejoined the rally and began shouting to his audience, "What do you want?" and the audience, being orchestrated by a fellow SNCC activist, Willie Ricks, responded, "Black power!" and Stokely keep shouting until the responses became a crescendo, "What do you want?" "Black power!" And then everyone cheered and embraced him."

Although Carmichael did not invent that phrase, "Black Power," it became the "rallying cry" that energized the entire civil rights movement and catapulted him into national prominence, making Carmichael a fixture on front pages of newspapers and news broadcasts worldwide.

It was also during that tumultu-

ous chairmanship, in which non-violent tactics would induce serious and often violent confrontations with the police, that shifted SNCC's policy from that of non-violence to one of Black Power, a concept that became known as one of political and cultural empowerment.

During his time with the Panther Party, Carmichael as well as many other blacks became disenchanted with the Party after they began forming alliances with other 60's politically radical white groups wanting to overthrow the government, saying that history showed such alliances only "led to complete subversion of the blacks by the whites."

Leaving the Panther Party in the late 60's, Ture moved to Guinea with his former wife Marian Makeba, the famed South African singer (the "Click Click" song) and political activist and founded the All African People's Revolutionary Party and eventually became known as Kwame Ture and later became an aide to that country's Prime Minister and President, Ahmed Sekou Ture and continued to promote economic and political partnerships between Africa and civil rights institutions in America.

As Jesse Jackson said, "He was one of our generation who was determined to give his life to transforming America and Africa,"



Carmichael Speaking At Mississippi Rally
SNCC leader Stokely Carmichael speaks to the crowd during the final rally of the March Against Fear at the Mississippi State Capitol. During the speech Carmichael introduced the slogan "Black Power" to a wider audience, exposing the rift between him and Martin Luther King Jr. Photo: Schulte/Corbis

and "He was committed to ending racial apartheid in our country." He helped to bring those walls down," Jackson said.

Similarly like Jackson, but too a much greater extent, he was accused of being anti-Semitic, a charge which he denied, but his condemnations of Israel and Zionism activities, particularly before U.S. campus audiences in the early 1990s, led the Anti-Defamation League to say, "He remains a disturbing, polarizing figure."

For much of his life, he gave speeches around the world to mostly black audiences, preaching black power and championing socialism while condemning America, capitalism and Zionism.

In responding to those who called the slogan "Black Power" racist and inflammatory, he wrote that by black power he meant political and

economic empowerment. "We want control of the institutions of the communities where we live and we want to stop the exploitation of nonwhite people around the world," he said. Carmichael also co-authored the book "Black Power: The Politics of Black Liberation."

As Rep. Maxine Waters, D-California said, "He changed the way African Americans are viewed in this country", Waters further went on to say that, "He was bold, he dared to confront the establishment and fought for the right for African Americans to have justice. He was part of the 'black is beautiful' movement and captured the imagination of young people."

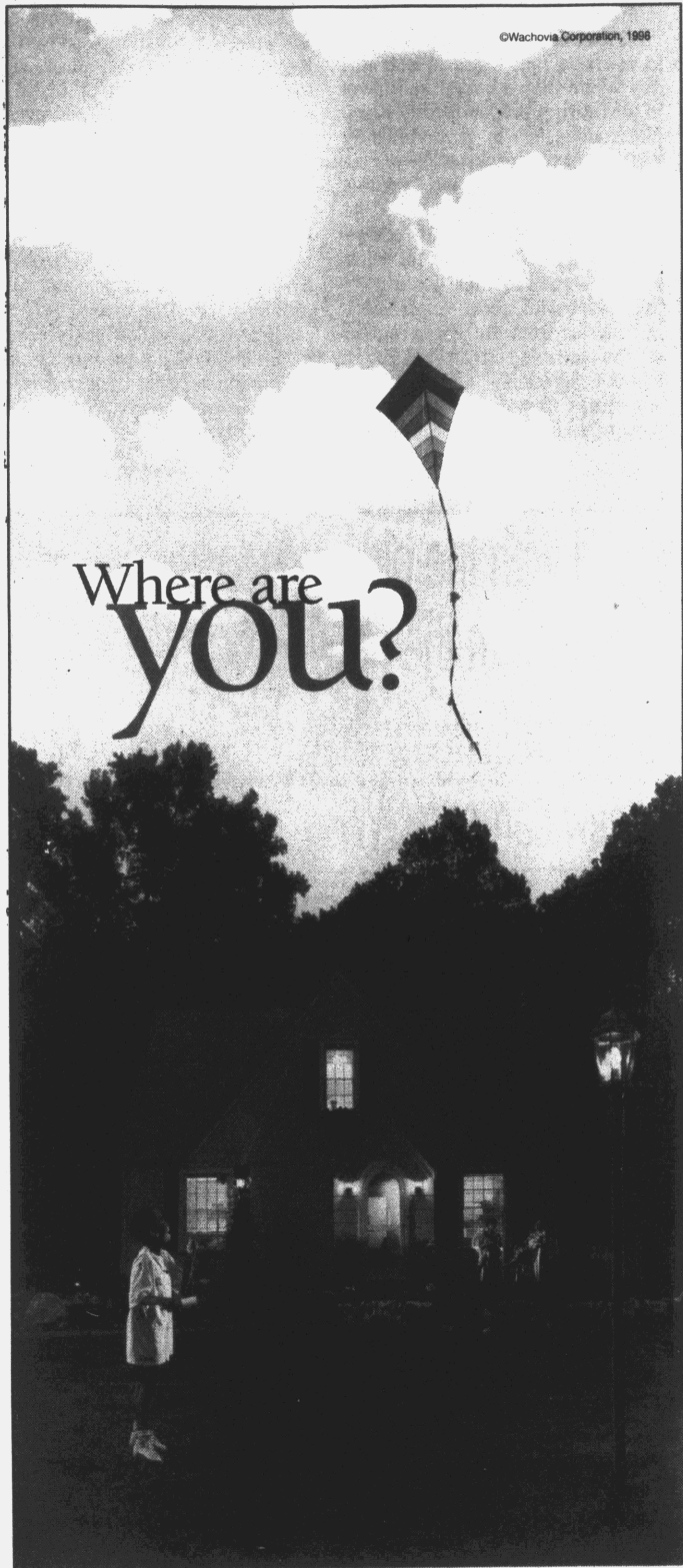
After he was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 1996, Ture had sought treatment in Cuba and had received financial help for his medical care from Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

Kwame Ture, a.k.a. Stokely Carmichael has passed on, but his light is survived in his mother, three sisters and two sons.

The preceding commentary of Stokely Carmichael's life as one of the nations most prolific civil rights activists were compiled from various news sources, discussions and personal recollections

Prostrate Cancer is the Second Leading Cause of Death Among Black Men

Actor Harry Belafonte, now deceased political activist Stokely Carmichael, and Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, all have had to confront prostate cancer. The disease is the second leading cause of CANCER deaths among African American men, and occurs more frequently among black men in this country. The American Cancer Society expects 34,000 cases to occur in this group each year. The problem is that there is no one treatment plan for prostate cancer, since the disease varies, depending on age and race, and scientists don't know exactly why. NPR's Wendy Schmelzer reports.



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Black Voters....
win. It's so much a part of our psyche and culture that it almost seems instinctive. Democrats won big election day.... The Democratic "straight party" ticket voting strategy coupled with a recording from President Clinton galvanized the African American community and gave the party a desperate comeback.

Most African Americans were not interested in running for office....they were interested in rebuilding our democracy. Blacks saw this election day as an opportunity to use the Democratic Party to win back our country, for all its people. That, after all, is the only really worth winning. Since African Americans are largely responsible for a voter turnout that enabled Democrats to claim victory on Tuesday. Should not Blacks urge Democrats to apply the principles of affirmative action within the party?

I believe we can and must. The presence of minorities in Democratic party is not simply a good thing.... it is right, proper and just. No political party calling itself a party of the people could be anything but racially diverse. This last election was an historical drive for equal protection. If we as Democrats use all our forces to help propel the kinds of changes that would open the door to a new way of doing politics in America, we should be able to walk through that door together and reclaim our country.

This writer used my resources and time to organize a phone bank to help get out the black vote. I know that this made a great difference. Blacks came out in record numbers. Never have I seen voters standing in line at 7:30 pm to vote. Believe it or not there are candidates who won, already discounting the Black vote but phone banks can always work two ways. In my opinion now is the time for inclusion "across the board." There are judgeships to be filled, appointments to be made and even a Speaker of the House to be chosen.

In conclusion, the Black community should be handsomely rewarded for its' loyalty to the party and its leadership.

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The "Comeback Kid" Rebounds with Policy Push

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vindication from scandal.
"If Washington continues to be consumed by investigations, that would clearly contravene the public will," said one White House official.

Vice President Al Gore remarked that election night results were a "a good night for America and also a good night for the Democratic party" and that he was "proud of that," as he welcomed the opportunity to answer a press question at a White House event.

Although the White House hopes the election will help make the Lewinsky scandal go away, it remained unclear how that would happen, with a House Judiciary Committee impeachment probe pending.
One thing Clinton backers will

be watching for is the emergence of a Republican who takes a public lead in calling for the issue to be quickly resolved - not unlike the role Sen. Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut played in voicing Democratic concerns about the president's actions.

"The Congress has to digest what happened, and they'll make their determinations about how to go on," White House Chief of Staff John Podesta told reporters as he mused about the election results.
The House Judiciary Committee has scheduled a hearing on histori-

cal precedence for impeachment, and the White House hopes to press its case there for standards to judge what is an impeachable offense.
For Clinton, who kept largely out of "press-the-flesh" retail campaigning this season, the fall election was the last one directly related to his political prospects.
Now, his long-term project is helping Gore to succeed him.

New DNA Evidence Confirms that Jefferson Fathered Black Children

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whole economic skeleton of the Black community" is that it displays a breathtaking commitment to denial.
One does not have to examine the ugly moral premise of such an assertion: That for Black business men and women to prosper, they had to have Blacks, as Rymer himself so revealingly puts it, "captive clientele. By destroying the injustice, integration destroyed the Black business' raison d'être."

In purely economic terms, this is nonsense.
In fact, most Black business districts in the South during the decades of legal segregation lived a hardscrabble existence precisely because Blacks lacked freedom.
Black workers were grossly underemployed and exploited. The Black middle class was tiny and limited to preachers, teachers, doctors and a few lawyers.
And the Black merchant class was severely crippled. Without the right to vote, Black merchants had no way to influence the local and

state political decisions that were so crucial to business development.
In other words, Black business districts were deeply dependent upon white goodwill, or at least indifference, just to literally survive. The 1921 white riot which completely destroyed the Greenwood district of Tulsa, Oklahoma — the "Black Wall Street" of its time — provided a stark example of that.
Furthermore, the vitality of Black business districts in the North as well as in the South began to fade in the late 1940s, not the 1960s.

The continued discrimination in lending by white banks wasn't the only problem. The change of the American economy away from localism and regionalism to nationalism and internationalism severely reduced the number of blue-collar jobs and the wages of Black workers — whose patronage was the real backbone of Black businesses during segregation.
No one can deny (who would wish to?) that even during the harshest times of legal segregation, many Black communities were wonderful places to live and grow up.

But segregation didn't produce this. It was the Black response to segregation their determination to take their chances in the modern, complex world as free men and women that made these communities so valuable to those who lived in them.
African Americans' task today is to re-create that sense of community where they are now, be it deep in the heart of predominantly Black inner cities or in predominantly white suburban enclaves.
Despite Rymer's claims, that, too, is happening.

His nostalgia for a misremembered past is a product of not being able to separate what has always been wonderful about being Black in America from the larger context of the terrible circumstances in which Africans and African Americans found themselves for most of their history here.
Elections can be a good moment to take a serious look at how and what a political organization is doing. Whether its activity is true to its view. And whether its vision is being adequately expressed by its leadership. In this case the Democratic Party has a lot to consider. While Republicans were foaming at the mouth it took a larger than expected Black voter turnout to turn back the Republican conservatives. African Americans put the Democrats first, now they anxiously await to see whether they [Democrats] will return the favor.
Gore brushed off a question about a possible match up with Republican George W. Bush, who was reelected governor of Texas.
But at a White House event, where he announced a measure to ease the process for abused women to change their Social Security numbers, Gore was highlighting an issue that political advisers have said he is likely to make a theme of his 2000 campaign-personal privacy in a high-tech era.
Clinton also will quickly return to the political fundraising circuit, pumping donors for cash needed by the Democratic party to pay debts and prepare for the next round.

Blacks Want Blue House Speakers Job Gaining Focus.....

RALEIGH --- Citing the strong African American vote as the contributing factor in the November Democratic coup in taking back the House of Representatives from Republican control, many of the State's leaders say that the Black community should be handsomely rewarded for its loyalty by electing an African American Legislator as House Speaker.
Over the next two weeks Democratic Legislators will be jockeying for the position to select a new speaker.
Rep. Dan Blue (D-Wake) has emerged as a desirable choice but would likely be challenged by Rep.

James Black (D-Mecklenburg) for the post. Blue is black and Black is white. African Americans say they are responsible for a voter turnout and they expect something tangible in return. Senator-Elect John Edwards' strong showing among Black voters in North Carolina unquestionably was the margin of victory. Incumbent Lauch Faircloth out-distanced Edwards among white voters by 230,000, but a potent turnout of 310,000 African American voters put Edwards in the win column by a 80,000 vote advantage. Suffice to say, our new Senator knows who put him over the top. "This election emerged as an excellent opportunity to bring

the key components of the Democratic Party together. This demonstrates how successful the Party can be when we all work together," commented Rep. Milton F. "Toby" Fitch, (D-Wilson "I have received numerous calls from across the state....Black voters are very clear about what they want....They desire to see Rep. Dan Blue (D-Wake) back in the Speaker's seat,"). Rep. Fitch further stated. "African American voters literally saved the Democrats butts....and it is only fair that we share in the fruits of this victory. I fear a very serious backlash against incumbents Democrats if they fail to support the wishes of the people.

Supporting Rep. Blue for Speaker is a fair and sensible thing to do in this case." Rep. Fitch concluded.
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Governor Hunt Signs Misplaced Homemakers Bill

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displaced homemaker centers receiving \$375,000 in state funds through the N.C. Council for Women (CFW). More than 18,000 participants, both women and men, have been served since the project inception in 1993-94, with an overall job placement rate of 70 percent.
"Get the Skills to Pay the Bills" is

our [Displaced Homemaker Program] slogan that we will use as we continue to assist low-income women and men to secure permanent employment at a 'liveable' wage through providing job training and search strategies," said Juanita Bryant, executive director of the N.C. Council for Women.
"Senator Beverly Perdue and

Representatives Alma Adams and Wilma Sherrill were very instrumental in passing this legislation." In 1996-97, the programs served 4,200 participants, providing them with job counseling, job training and placement programs, health education, financial management, educational services and information about employment in the

public and private sectors.
The CFW is a division of the N.C. Department of Administration and is the official state advocacy agency for women and families in North Carolina. It supports state and federal efforts to reduce the economic burdens of displaced homemakers through comprehensive local programming. The CFW is statutorily mandated to serve displaced homemakers.
For more information about the DH programs, contact Elaine Monaghan, state displaced homemakers coordinator, or Vicky Young, special projects director, at the CFW, (919) 733-2455.

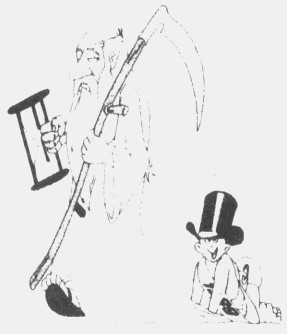
The Congressional Roundup.....

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seven states; Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Mexico, Tennessee, Washington, and Wyoming, one in four Black men cannot vote. In two states, Alabama and Florida, one third of all Black men cannot vote. If current trends continue, in a dozen states as many as 30-40 percent of the next generation of Black men will permanently lose the right to vote.
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Africare annual dinner held on Oct. 30.
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The Muhammad Ali Boxing Reform Act of 1998...
THIS BILL would reform the boxing industry, including protections for fighters against unscrupulous promoters, will have to wait

till next year, according to sponsor U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.). The bill, in name of the legendary heavyweight champion, passed the Senate but did not get through the House for lack of time. Mr. McCain said that he was "confident" that the bill will be passed.
Former Houses Speaker Praises Center
THE JOINT CENTER FOR POLITICAL STUDIES was recently praised by House Speaker Newt Gingrich (R-Ga.) for its study that said that Blacks praised the work of Congress. The survey found 40 percent of Blacks rated Congressional job performance in 1998 as "excellent or good", compared to 22 percent in 1996.
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After two days in court, Judge Campbell has qualified 13 of 24 prospective jurors needed in the preliminary pool, including one Black woman. Twelve jurors and two alternates will be selected to hear the capital murder trial of Emmett Cressell. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.
The high profile of the racially charged trial and the large number of people who knew the victim or his family in the mountainous, remote region of Southwestern Virginia has made jury selection a slow, tedious process that lasted well into the evening.
Prosecutors say Mr. Cressell, 37, and another White man, Louis Ceparano, killed Garnett P. Johnson after a night of binge drinking at Ceparano's trailer. The 40-year-old handyman was doused

with gasoline and set on fire, and after he died his head was chopped off.
University Of Arkansas Chancellor Leads Diversity Task Force
FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. -- John A. White, Chancellor of the Fayetteville campus of the University of Arkansas, says he'll lead a campus task force to examine diversity among students and members of faculty and staff.
During a presentation to faculty Oct. 29th, Mr. White said the task force will have its first meeting after Nov. 15, the deadline for groups across campus to complete diversity plans.
Mr. White said increasing diversity is one of his primary goals for the campus.
"This world is changing so rapidly, our students, as part of their education, should learn to live

and work with students who don't look like themselves," he said.
He said diversity among a community of scholars would stimulate discourse.
He said the campus' student population looks less "like the state" than many other institutions of higher education in Arkansas.
University figures show the number of Black freshmen declined by 10 percent this fall.
Former Employees Received \$2 Million Bias Award
ATLANTA -- A federal appeals court Oct. 30 upheld a Georgia law requiring candidates to win more than 50 percent of the vote in primary elections, which was challenged in a lawsuit by Blacks who claimed the law was discriminatory.
A three-judge panel of the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a 1996 ruling by U.S. District Judge Richard C. Freeman, who said the plaintiffs failed to prove race was lawmakers' primary reason for passing the law in 1964.
"Georgia's majority vote requirement does not venerate the ability of minority voters to elect their candidates of choice," said the three judges, Stanley Marcus and Joel A. Dubina of the 11th Circuit and U.S. District Judge Robert B. Propst of the Northern District of Alabama.
The panel could have forced the state to lower the threshold of votes needed to win future elections. Now, if no party primary candidate wins 50 percent plus one vote, the top two finishers meet in a runoff.
A 1990 suit by 27 Black voters claimed that diluted Black voting strength. The appeals court said Freeman was correct in ruling that the plaintiffs had not established that the majority vote provisions were racially motivated.
Attorneys for the state had argued that the majority-vote requirement was passed as part of Georgia's first uniform elections code. Before 1964, counties were allowed to make up their own election rules.

Since 1994, Georgia lawmakers have lowered the election threshold to 45 percent in general elections for all statewide offices, such as governor and lieutenant governor. Elections for Congress and the state Legislature also fall under the 45-percent rule.
National Baptist Convention Endorses Crown Boycott
BALTIMORE -- One of the nation's largest Black churches is backing a boycott of Crown Central Petroleum Corp., saying the company has rebuffed good faith efforts by union workers to end a long-standing labor dispute.
Joseph Coale, a spokesman for Baltimore-based Crown, meanwhile, termed the church's action "economic McCarthyism."
The National Baptist Convention is one of the largest Black denominations in the country with an estimated 8.5 million members.
The group adopted the resolution at its September 1997 general session in Denver, Colo.
However, the convention withheld it until recently, in case there was progress between Crown and the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers union to resolve the dispute.
The resolution is "asking all Baptist churches and their members not to buy products from Crown," said the Rev. Bennie Mitchell, a director of the National Baptist Convention's Office of Labor Relations.
"Nobody wants a boycott, but when you refuse to meet with people and discuss things in a rational and equitable way, you have to use some means to get people's attention."
About 250 workers at Crown's Pasadena, Texas, refinery have been locked out of work since Feb. 5, 1996, when contract talks broke down over a company proposal to save \$2.5 million a year in labor costs.
In Maryland, about 200 churches are affiliated with the National Baptist Convention.

and conventions around the world to actively confront issues of racism and ethnic hatred within their areas.
Mrs. King said, "There is no problem we can't solve if we corral our resources behind it. That means people; that means money; that means the good will and cooperation of a large segment of people."
Rev. Graham said, "Racism may be the most serious and devastating social problem facing our world today... Racism is also one of the greatest barriers to world evangelism."
The purpose of the summit is to "help every individual who attends this summit to return home committed to work for racial and ethnic reconciliation" and "to make a positive statement to the Baptist world, the wider Christian community and the secular world that Baptists are totally committed to oppose racism and the ethnic conflict in the name of Christ."
Among the workshops will be Resolving Tribal and Ethnic Conflict; Economics and Racism; Indigenous Peoples; Struggle for Dignity in the South Pacific; Toward a Theology of Racial Harmony; The Role of the Congregation in Reconciliation; Indigenous People and Struggle for Dignity in Latin America.
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Clark Attackers Given Probation
NEW ORLEANS --An African American boy who wandered into a Chicago Suburb was beaten unconscious last year when attacked by three white men. The men Victor Jassas 18, and Michal Kwidzinski 21, both pleaded guilty last week in court to reduced charges and received probation and community service. A third man Frank Caruso 19, was found guilty last month of aggravated battery and a hate crime. He was sentenced to eight years in prison. Lenard Clark the 13-year old victim suffers from brain damage.


violating his oath of office. Each office carries five to 15 years in prison.
NYC Council Votes Alleged Haitian Terrorist Out of Country
NEW YORK CITY -- A majority of the 51-member New York City Council has voted to extradite or deport an alleged terrorist back to Haiti. The council unanimously voted to send Emmanuel "Toto" Constant, who has been living in Queens since 1996, back to Haiti where he can be tried for ordering the murder of thousands of Haitians during the coup there from 1991-1994. Constant was one of the most notorious leaders of the Front for the Advancement of the Haitian People (FRAPH). His followers were instrumental in destroying the Lavalas movement, which support President Aristide, sources said. The council's actions were promoted by an ongoing campaign by the Center for Constitution Rights (CCR), which has represented many Haitian victims of FRAPH violence in federal lawsuits.
Civil Rights Museum Begins Expansion

Tri-State Defender
MEMPHIS -- Bulldozers have begun clearing land at the back of the historic building on South Main Street in Memphis where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s assassin James Earl Ray, allegedly shot and killed the famed civil rights leader. The move marks the beginning of the expansion of the National Civil Rights Museum. After the expansion, visitors will be able to see the window where Ray allegedly fired the fatal shot from the balcony on which Dr. King died. The abandoned boarding house was purchased by a family foundation, and donated to the museum. It will reopen with a multipurpose theater and exhibits about King's shooting, as well as the controversy that still surrounds it. Another campaign, that is part of the museum's expansion project, is a push to raise a significant amount of money from Memphis' African-American community. Led by Herb Hilliard, a Bank Tennessee bank executive, organizers hope to form "The Dreamers Club," named after Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech. Hilliard will enlist pledges from at least 50 Black donors, who will form the core of the Club, sources said.

Baptists Set Summit on Racism
ATLANTA -- An International Summit of Baptist Against Racism will be held Jan. 8-11, 1999 at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church where both Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. and Jr. preached.
The summit, chaired by Coretta Scott King and the Rev. Billy Graham challenges Baptist Unions

Civil Rights Leader Son Indicted
ATLANTA -- Robert Abernathy III, the son of the late civil rights leader, Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, Jr. was indicted for filing false expense forms as a state legislator. The state legislator could not run for re-election because his filing fee check bounced. He now faced 35 counts, which include forgery, theft and


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News from Around the State...

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NAACP Leadership Passes from Local Family
CHARLOTTE -- For the first time in the history of the local NAACP the family name of Alexander will not hold the leadership position. The past election saw the state organization elect without opposition, DeWayne Collins, founder of the Citizens for Justice Organization. Former President Kelly Alexander was removed

among controversy over the misappropriation of over \$700,000 of the organization's funds. The national office of the NAACP is reportedly seeking return of a portion of \$700,000. Kelly Alexander has focused on running the family's funeral business.
Construction Worker Awarded 2 Million
DURHAM -- A former construction company employee received a \$2 million award from jurors agreeing with the worker's accusation he had been fired because he was Black.
Benjamin Harris Smith, a foreman trainee at Nello L. Teer Co., said he and three other Black workers were laid off in 1995 and told the company was shutting down its curb-and-gutter operation. Smith found out later the company had bought a new curb-and-gutter truck and hired White and Hispanic workers to take his and

his former co-workers' places, his lawsuit said.
"I wouldn't have filed the lawsuit until they called and asked me if I would come back and help the White guy who I had trained," Mr. Smith said after Oct. 30's jury verdict. "They didn't close the operation down; they just got rid of the Blacks."
After six hours of deliberations, the jury decided to award Mr. Smith \$20,702.67 in back pay, \$180,000 in compensatory damages, and \$1.8 million in punitive damages. The company has not decided whether to appeal the ruling, said Fran Burke, vice president and regional manager of Nello Teer in Durham.
"All I can say at this point is that we are very disappointed with the outcome," Mr. Burke said.
The lawsuit contended that Mr. Smith's dismissal was a violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the North Carolina Equal Employment Practice Act. The jury consisted of four Blacks, seven Whites and one American Indian.
Stewart Fisher, one of Mr. Smith's lawyers, told jurors during closing arguments that they could "move a mountain to the sea" with a hefty verdict against Nello Teer.
Pitt County Wants Piece of Tobacco Deal Money
GREENVILLE -- Pitt County commissioners are hoping Pitt County will get a large portion of the five-billion-dollars North Carolina is expected to receive from the tobacco settlement.
Pitt County is the largest tobacco producing county in the state.
County commissioners have decided to send a letter to the governor, attorney general, and state secretary to remind them of this fact.
The commissioners want to make sure farmers are treated fairly, if and when deal is sealed.

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-- Robert Louis Stevenson, A Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Booker File....

By James E. Booker

NEW YORK-ROCK and ROCK PIONEER FATS DOMINO will receive a National Medal of Arts Award, and scholar Dr. Henry Louis GATES got a National Humanities Medal when he, President and Mrs. Clinton honored artists and educators in White House ceremonies Nov. 5.

WITH NEW DNA EVIDENCE CONFIRMING that Thomas Jefferson fathered a child with Sally HEMINGS, his "slave" and lover, historians are scrambling to write new history. Meanwhile, the new announcement has several Black descendants of Hemings announcing that they want to be buried in the Jefferson family graveyard at his Monticello estate in Virginia. (I wonder if he ever had to pay child support? Well I leave that one up to the Historians.)

A SPECIAL MESSAGE CAME from President Clinton and a bouquet of roses was presented by Rep. Charles RANGEL, but it was the presence of more than her close relatives that was the highlight for Mrs. Nissa LLEWELLYN's 100th birthday celebration at New York's plush Tavern-On-The-Green Oct. 30. Her children -- nationally prominent businessman, J. Bruce LLEWELLYN, chairman and CEO of the Philadelphia Coca Cola Bottling Company, and New York State Supreme Court Justice Dorothy L. CROPPER -- were there with their families, as were two of her well-known nephews, retired 4-star Gen. Colin POWELL and Senior U.S. Court of International Trade Judge James L. WATSON, and a number of other relatives who have also attained prominent positions in government and industry.

FAMED ENTERTAINER STEVIE WONDER and Dr. Ruth J. SIMMON, president of Smith College, were among the honorees at the National Urban League's Annual Equal Opportunity Dinner Nov. 10 at the New York Hilton.

WITH AFRICAN-AMERICANS NOW accounting for more than half of new HIV infections, the federal government last week launched a \$156 million program to create HIV prevention campaigns and combat the epidemic in the most vulnerable neighborhoods.

TO HIGHLIGHT WORLD AIDS DAY on Dec. 1, national African-American religious leaders, led by AME Church Senior Bishop John Hurst ADAMS and TV evangelist T.D. JAKES, will join in a special program at Harlem's Mother AME Church to help raise awareness of the AIDS menace, under the sponsorship of the Balm of Gilead.

HOUSING AND REAL ESTATE groups across the nation this week were applauding the Richmond, Va. Circuit Court jury decision awarding \$110 million to a fair housing group that had accused the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company of redlining against Blacks in issuing policies in the Richmond area.

SEEKING TO FOLLOW the lead taken against tobacco giants, the Mayor of New Orleans, Marc

MORIAL, last week filed a lawsuit against the handgun industry, accusing them of being responsible for the violence, police costs and medical expenses in the city.

AFTER 8 1/2 YEARS of probing, the independent counsel investigating favoritism in the federal Housing and Urban Development during the tenure of Samuel R. PIERCE Jr., the first and only Black cabinet member in the Reagan administration, made its report to the courts last week, after spending more than \$28 million. Pierce was never charged with any criminal wrongdoings, although there were 17 criminal convictions in the probe.

That was Washington Mayor Marion BARRY and his wife, Cora, and New York labor leader Dennis RIVERIA at the White House state dinner for Colombian President Andres ARANGO

Attorney-in-Chief Archibald R. MURRAY, who is retiring after more than 20 years with the agency because of failing health. The popular 62-year-old lawyer on several occasions turned down offers of a judgeship, preferring to remain with the non-profit agency.

FRED W. BEAUFAT, a former dean at Wayne State University in Detroit is taking over new duties as the president of the Brooklyn-based New York City Technical College, replacing Charles W. MEREDITH, who was forced to resign in 1996.

Over on the New Jersey side **SERVICES WERE HELD OCT. 31st** in East Orange, N.J. for William R. GILES, 72, founder of EPC International, advertising specialty firm and a longtime supporter of the United Negro College Fund.

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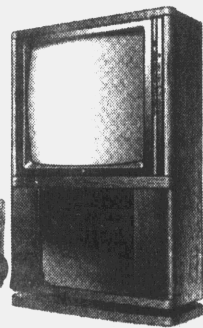
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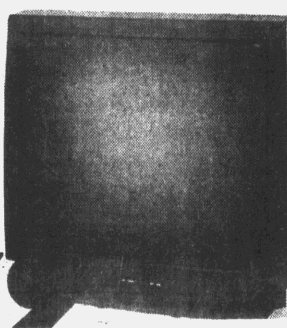
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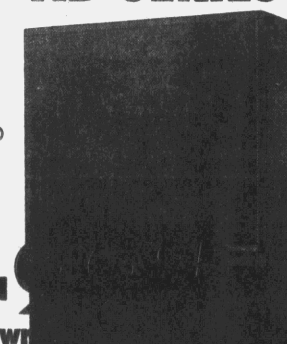
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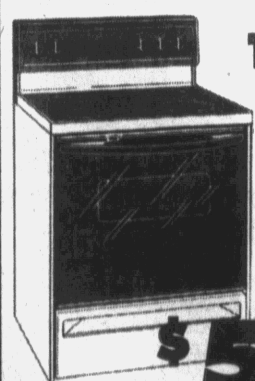
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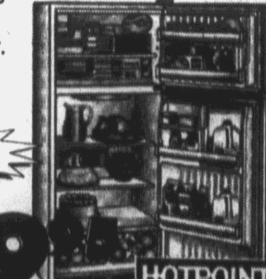
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Spiritual Thoughts...

by Dr. George Hawkins

the "marriage contract". This contract is a union of heart, interest, love, and devotion. Any breaking of this covenant would be a serious matter and of the Bridegroom. The Apostle Paul assures us: Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

As we come to the end of this Age, our Lord comes as the Bridegroom to receive the Bride, but he will accept only the "wise virgins" - those who have made a covenant with him. Those who have lived foolishly and carelessly will not be counted worthy of

acceptance. They will not be known in connection with the marriage. The door will be shut against them as shown in the parable (Matthew 25:1-12). They will be shut out from the great privileges and blessings they might have enjoyed had they been faithful. But thank God (the God of a second chance) the light of his word is shining more clearly now. Repentance is at hand, and the loss of such blessings will be only a small punishment compared to the great and eternal riches of grace to those who shall attain.

The Law and You....

The Scene of the World is Changing

by Barbara Gorham

The roles of men and women are changing in family life. What was viewed as normal or traditional 40 or 50 years ago is often not accepted today. An example of family life then was the man as breadwinner for his family and his wife as homemaker. But today's technological era has forced both husband and wife to work outside the home, to such an extent where one or both may have two jobs. Some 1900 years ago, the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians saying, "the scene of the world is changing." (1 Corinthians 7:31) and how true those words are today. The world is changing, and the roles of men and women are also changing. Unfortunately, many people continue to view men and women in terms of traditional, yet unrealistic stereotypes.

Men have traditionally been viewed as the breadwinners or the sole income earners in the family. Their roles also include coming home after work, reading the paper, watching the 6 o'clock news and drinking beer. In the American Culture a man is not considered a real man unless he is married. Even Sanders stated in his essay, "The Men We Carry In Our Minds", that, as a boy, he knew only about the

wretchedness of lone men (339). Before the sexual and feminist revolutions, men were considered fathers without giving a great deal of concern for their children's upbringing, other than providing food and clothing. But the 90's man is displaying concern about his children's lives by having an active voice in their upbringing and their career choices.

Also the 90's man will delegate himself to the chores of the home. Many husbands are beginning to display affection openly to their wives and children. These are the positive and encouraging facets of the changing roles of men. Likewise, mothers have traditionally been the mainstays of home life. Until the 70's, the typical woman got married and had children. She did not have to dress up; she was not visible. But as women began to work outside the home, they had to compete for acceptance, responsibilities and promotions - and - appearance counts. Instead of working for economic factors only, she must now spend a part of her income on cosmetics and a fashionable wardrobe. This struggling under the load of two major jobs - one at home and one at work, she found to be both stressful and burdensome. In the meantime, her children are being given all the modern gadgetry but not the love and attention needed from their mothers. While the mother may not be dependent on her husband's income, her children are dependent on her for stability, guidance, and options for problem solving. Consequently, the mother's role has been reversed negatively, and she must now reevaluate her priorities.

There are times when we are not inclined to think in terms of the nontraditional single parent homes. But they do exist and we must acknowledge their existence as a

part of American culture. The single parent families have been the fastest growing family style in the U.S. A record number of divorces, desertions, separations, and illegitimate births are contributing factors, and the consequences have been far reaching for millions of parents and children. Prior to attending college, Sanders acknowledged that he knew little about the single parent homes by stating that he did not know about the wretchedness of abandoned wives, single mothers, and widows (339). These children of single parent homes may experience hardships and persecution about their clothing, their homes, or the family car. Unfortunately, these parents must bear the sole responsibilities for every aspect of their family's life; this includes financial, emotional and physical needs and this can be taxing.

Change is inevitable, and the roles of men and women have changed because the pressure of this system has forced the family to work harder and longer hours to provide the necessities and wants in life. Meanwhile our children are being neglected and abused by family members. Yes, families want to be the traditional type, even stereotyped, if it means being accepted by their peers. They do this by pretending that everything is normal and by hiding behind the power to purchase. The reality is that mankind's role as loving and nurturing creatures has been diminished and replaced with the love of money and material possessions. So we need to be vigilant to the issues that are most important to our families, realizing that relationships are tangible and must be maintained. Therefore, all must put in a concerted effort. Changes are going to occur but the question is how are we going to deal with these changes?

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Southeastern Center For Contemporary Art Awarded National Grant

WINSTON-SALEM, NC -- The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art was recently awarded a \$112,500 grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to support general operating expenses. The museum was one of only 186 museums selected from the 942 applications received for the grant.

Acting Director, Vicki Kopf, commented "this is a very prestigious grant for us to receive and we are very proud to have once again been awarded an IMLS grant."

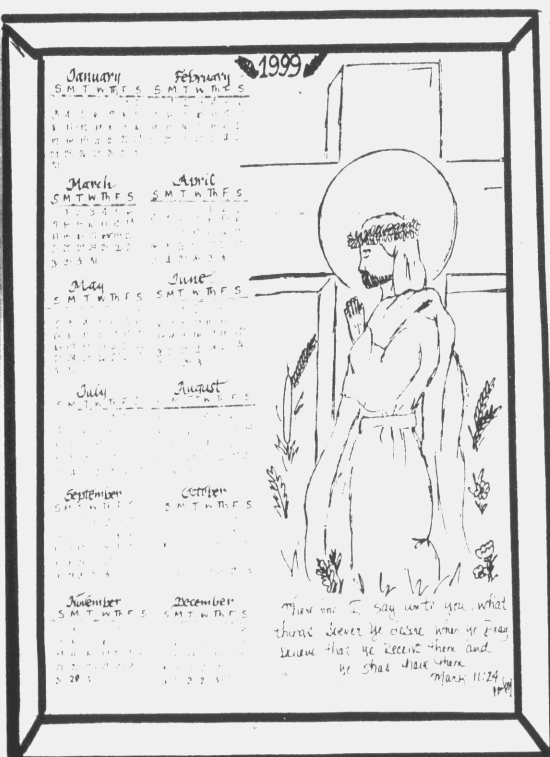
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help recipients leverage other funding.

Diane Frankel, Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, commented, "Since 1978, IMS General Operating Support has taken a substantial role in encouraging the best in museum practice. The grant provides national recognition for museums that have the highest approval of their peers. It is a stamp of achievement that sparks vital public-private partnerships. Museums will use these awards to do what they do best: educate, fascinate, inspire, illuminate, inform, enhance and enrich the lives of hundreds of thousands of visitors each year."



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LATE TICKET -- DEF JAM Records prexy Russell SIMMONS and his longtime girlfriend, Kimora LEE are planning a Dec.

20th wedding in the Caribbean.

FUNERAL SERVICES held last week in California for Marvin P. GAY Sr., 84, father of Grammy-Award winner Marvin GAYE. The elder Gay shot his son 14 years ago in a family argument and was given five years probation.

FRESH FROM their nationally-televised special, the Temptations

are due to headline in Atlantic City Nov. 27-29, in the post Thanksgiving shows.

ATTORNEYS FOR the Apollo Theater Foundation due in New York County Supreme Court Nov. 10 opposing State Attorney General Dennis VACCO's attempt to place the theater into receivership and replace six members of the board.

Eulogistic Services Held for Mrs. Sammy Novella Clark

Samuel Novella Moore Clark, daughter of the late Samuel Moore and Pearl Moore Mitchell, was born August 23, 1925, in Greenville, North Carolina. She received her education in the local public schools.

Sammie was united in marriage to William Bruce Clark. This union was blessed with three children: Faye, Billy, and Butch. She had resided in Philadelphia since 1950, where she was employed as a seamstress in the garment industry. A member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, she served as treasurer of the Unity Club.

A loving mother and devoted grandmother, Sammie cherished her family. Though fiercely independent and a very private person, she was also very caring and generous. If at any time she could help someone, she did so willingly and cheerfully.

In the early morning hours of Monday, October 26, 1998, Sammie

experienced her transition from this life. She leaves a legacy of love to her children: Faye Clark White of Greenville, N.C., William A. Clark and Samuel B. Clark, of Philadelphia, Pa; two grandsons, Alexander Wilcox and Rashawn Clark of Philadelphia; one great-granddaughter, Christina Wilcox of Lillington, N.C.; a sister, Lillie Moore Aldridge, of Greenville, N.C., special friends, Joan Beatty Eaton of Greenville, N.C., and Flo Elkins of Philadelphia; several nieces, nephews, and a host of other relatives and cherished friends.

The family received friends at the Bruce Hawkins Funeral Home in Philadelphia from 9:00 - 10:00 AM, the funeral followed at 10:00 AM, Saturday, October 31, 1998. Rev. Benjamin Hackett, Associate Pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church, delivered the eulogy. Interment followed in the Mt. Peace Cemetery



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During an asthma attack, the muscles that wrap around the airways leading to the lungs tighten. At the same time, the linings of these airways become swollen and congested, blocking them even more. Breathing becomes very difficult. Asthma is the number one chronic childhood disease and there is no cure.

The symptoms leading to an asthma attack, however, can be controlled. And the Pediatric Asthma Program at University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina helps asthmatic kids and their families do just that. On a case-by-case basis. Helping doctors develop detailed asthma action plans for each child, so that those kids can grow up as healthy and happy as their friends.

The results, so far, have been dramatic: Fewer hospital visits, lower school absenteeism and shorter hospital stays. And as part of this program, University Health Systems shares its expertise on asthma prevention with community hospitals, schools and physicians throughout the eastern part of the state.

But because the health of all children in the region is important to us, University Health Systems' Children's Hospital offers

many other outreach programs as well.

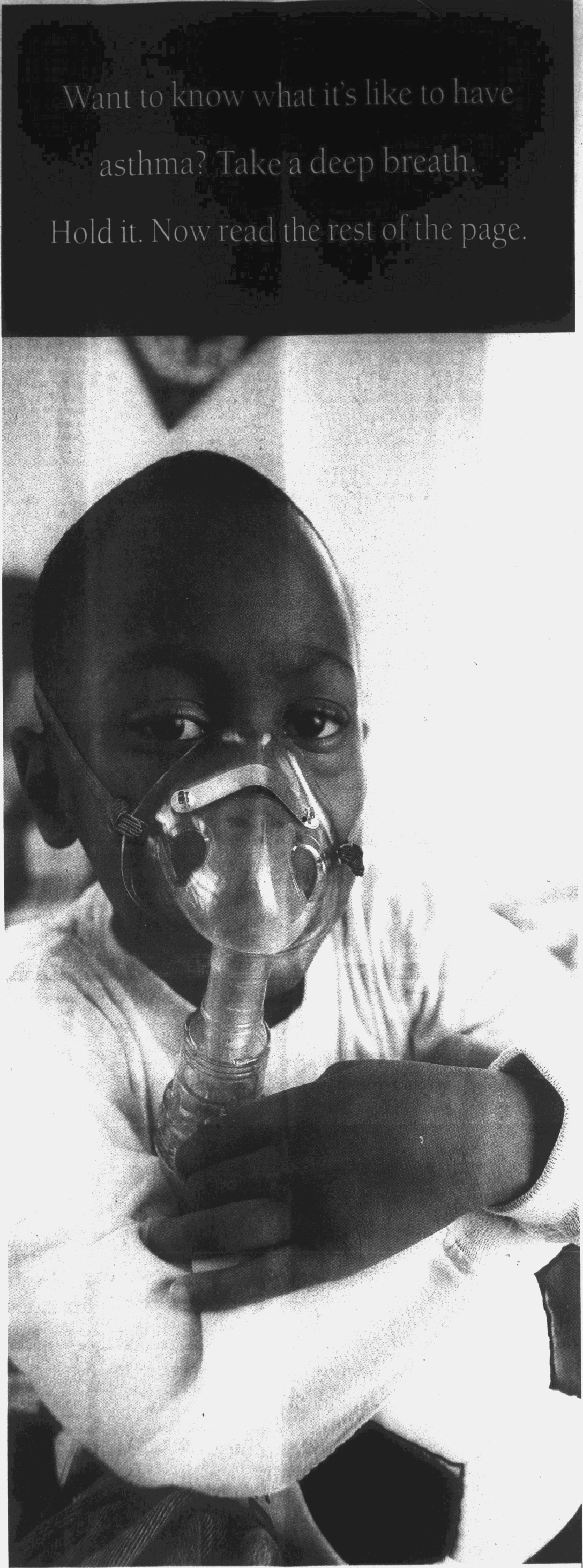
Education Nurse Specialists, for example, visit schools, emergency rooms and daycare centers to teach people about CPR, pediatric emergencies and traumas.

The care needed by a child is very different from that given to an adult, so this training helps make sure children get the right treatment when they are sick or hurt.

The Children's Hospital also provides the only Level III neonatal intensive care unit in the region, as well as a pediatric intensive care unit. Special pediatric programs include surgery and services for children who have cancer or diabetes, or who need care for heart, kidney and neurological problems. It's all part of a dedication to excellence at University Health Systems and a commitment to providing the right care at the right place through a network of outstanding hospitals. For more information on the

University Health Systems hospital nearest you, Pitt County Memorial in Greenville, Roanoke-Chowan in Ahoskie, Heritage in Tarboro, Bertie Memorial in Windsor or Chowan in Edenton, please call 252-816-4526. Or visit us at www.uhseast.com.

Oh, almost forgot, you can breathe now.



Want to know what it's like to have asthma? Take a deep breath. Hold it. Now read the rest of the page.

HEALTH TIP

Learn to recognize early signs that your child may have asthma and seek medical advice from your physician. Early symptoms include frequent respiratory infections, coughing episodes at night, wheezing, tightness in the chest, an itchy, sore throat, watery eyes and dark circles under the eyes. Many of these symptoms resemble allergies and may occur after exercise.

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