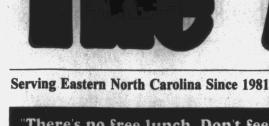
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There's no free lunch. Don't feel entitled to anything you don't sweat and struggle for." - Marian Wright Edelman, child advoc

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For Generation X

d WINSTON-SALEM-- Daniel A. Piggott, the 1999 Wachovia Principal of the Year, has one rather simple, but powerful, message he would like to get across to his students at Carver High School in Winston-Salem -- "education can be an equalizer."

"Education levels the playing field," says Piggott, who was selected last month as the state's top principal. "It's my job to impress upon our students the importance and significance of education. If you have the education and desire, it can be achieved, here at Carver High School, in Winston-Salem, in the state of North Carolina and in the United States."

Piggott also sees it as his job to live the message and be a model of

He grew up in Whiteville as the son of sharecroppers -- a father, Silas, who had a third-grade education, and a mother, Roena, who

completed seventh grade. Material possessions were scarce, but Piggott had plenty of love and encouragement.

"My parents may not have had much formal education, but they are two of the smartest people I know. They taught me two things. You need as much education as you can possibly get. And you have to establish a personal relationship with God," he says.

Education is an equalizer, says Piggott

Piggott got further positive reinforcement from teachers along the way, including Docia G. Jones, his godmother, and a high school guidance counselor, Louise P. Turner, who he describes as a "pillar" in his life. Piggott graduated from Whiteville's Central High School in 1967 as its valedictorian and was awarded a scholarship to North Carolina A&T University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics education in 1971. The same year, he took a teaching position at Atkins High School in Winston-Salem, turning down two higher-paying non-teaching positions.

Over the years, he completed two master's degrees at A&T and obtained an educational specialist degree from Appalachian State University. And along the way he also decided that he "could do more

from the principal's office than from the classroom" to create the vision and the environment for his message.

He served as assistant principal at two-high schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System before becoming principal at Independence High School -- a school of "last chance," as Piggott describes it, a school for drop-outs and expelled students -- in 1990. At Independence, he began what has become a tradition of doing sometimes untraditional things to foster the education of students. He dramatically expanded the school's nursery and started a special busing system that provided infant seats so young mothers could bring their children to school.

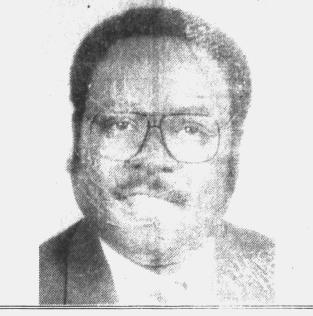
Piggott named 1999 Wachovia Principal of the Year

Since assuming the principalship at Carver in 1993, Piggott has expanded innovative programs at the school-such as the "Dog Deeper' and "Academic Team" -that provide incentives for students to achieve academically. "It's My Call," a drug testing and prevention program, provided a model that was adopted by all Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools.

Piggott has worked closely with Sara Lee Corporation, the school's business partner, to develop programs to inspire student motivation

and achievement.

"Dan approaches his work emotionally charged and ready to make a difference," says Charles W. Chambers, recently retired chief executive officer of Sara Lee Dirct. "The level of leadership I have witnessed at Carver through Dan Piggott is uncommon in business and elsewhere."



Daniel Piggott has been named the Wachovia Principal of the Year. The Whiteville native is an innovative school leader who puts the needs of his students first. (photo by Wachovia)

Under his leadership, Carver earned exemplary status under the state's ABCs accountability plan for the 1997-98 school year.

The school's successes in the past year have been, Piggott says, a year of "mountain-top experiences," including his own selection as the state's principal of the year. The selection, however, simply mirrors the hard work of the school's students, teachers and parents, he says.

For that reason, Piggott this week used part of \$3,000 grant he personally received for winning the award to give an ice cream bar to each student. "That the students be recognized for the significant part may have prayed in the year we have had at Carver." That year-which included a state championship season for the school's football team-has shown just how effective his message can be when all participants "come together for the cause of education," Piggott says.

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Or as J. Walter McDowell,

executive in charge of Regional Corporate Financial Services for Wachovia, put it when presenting Piggott with the award last month: "Dan Piggott is an exceptional school leader who gives tirelessly of himself in his roles as principal, teacher and mentor. By setting high expectations for himself, the staff and students, he has instilled a renewed sense of pride and unity wrthin the school and surrounding community."





Yolanda Burwell, a community and mental health activist, was honored for her volunteer work. (photo by Stephen Johnson)

volunteers to assist in new mediator training, board and staff development, and strategic planning for the center

Many have had the pleasure to witness her almost magical ability to bring calm to chaos and help groups move to common ground..

The Mediation Center of eastern Carolina is a regional dispute center. The Center serves the counties of Carteret, Craven, Edgecomb, Nash, Pitt and Wilson. The Center was established in 1989 with the goal of helping individuals and groups in the community develop the capacity to resolve conflicts respectfully. This goal is reached through a variety of programs: In schools, teachers and administrators participate in conflict resolution training and students act

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The Million Man March: Rediscover the energy of this awe-insoring event from the perspective of a man who was there!

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From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye: Mrs. Maye gives excerpts from one of her favorite books, and shows how the rules of English can become the rules of life

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Greenville--Dr. Yolanda Burwell recently received the Volunteer of

recently received the Volunteer of the Year award from the Mediation Center of Eastern Carolina. Dr. Burwell, currently an

Associate Professor at East Carolina University, has taught in undergraduate social programs throughout the southeastern United States for the last 20 years. In the process, she has contributed hundreds of hours to the communities where she has lived.

In addition to conducting training seminars, group facilitation, and her research, she has served in several directive capactities. In Pitt County, she has worked with the Pitt County Domestic Violence Center, and most recently provided critical leadership as the Board chairperson of Pitt Mental Health. In addition, she is a member of the Mental Health Association in Pitt County.

Dr. Burwell has contributed to the programs of the Mediation Center in many ways. After completing mediation training with the Center in 1992, she quickly became a skilled mediator and has been called on to work with the most difficult cases. She has given her time to numerous groups and organizations in need of guidance to move out of conflict and into management Finally, Dr. Burwell as peer mediators, assisting their classmates in settling conflicts through talking and negotiating.

The center also provides mediation, negotiation and conflict resolution training programs customized for groups who want to use constructive effective techniques.

At the core of all the Center's programs is the belief that it is critically important to shape the attitudes and skills of individuals at all levels of society in order to help our community begin to make decisions that reflect the needs of all its members. As communities learn to respect and honor differences in decision-making, they begin to undertake the creation of peace.

by Trey Bankhead

Rocky Mount--The 10th Annual Harambee Festival & Jazz Concert was a smash hit in Rocky Mount the last weekend in April. On April 30, a Candlelight Jazz Concert was held in honor of a native jazz musician, the late Theolnoius Monk. The next day, a festival took over the streets as hundreds thronged to the rides, food, games and vendors. (*Photos continue* on page 2)

The Harambee Festival has long been a Rocky Mount tradition, consistently drawing record crowds each year who come for the food, the fun, and of course, the music. (photo by Jim Rouse)

Kid's author Shel Silverstein dies

By Patricia Maldonado

MIAMI (AP) -- Shel Silverstein began as a writer and cartoonist for Playboy magazine. He was an Oscar-nominated composer, creating popular country, pop and folk music.

But it was his poetry collections and silly characters that thrilled children and brought him the most fame.

The author of *A Light in the Attic* and *Where the Sidewalk Ends* was found dead in his apartment May 10 in Key West, where he had lived since 1978. He was 66. An autopsy showed he died of a massive heart attack, possibly as early as May 9. Sheldon Vidibor, a longtime

friend a lawyer, described him as "the sweetest, brightest man that I know, good to everybody, loyal, loving. He's a wonderful person, a wonderful human being. It goes without saying incredibly talented." Silverstein's self-illustrated

books are packed with colorful characters like walruses with braces and camels in brassieres. His light, irreverent poetry entertained children and adults.

But adults only were his first target. He began as a cartoonist for the Pacific Stars and Stripes while in the Army in Japan and Korea, and then wrote and drew cartoons for Playboy magazine in the 1950s.

His sardonic humor appeared in Silverstein's music, which included "Cover of the Rolling Stone," recorded by Dr. Hook, the Johnny Cash hit "A Boy Named Sue," and "I'm Checkin' Out," written for the Meryl Streep film "Postcards from the Edge," which was nominated for an Academy Award and a Golden Globe in 1991 as best original song in a motion picture.

But his children's stories were arguably his most popular work. The books included *The Giving Tree* (1964), *Falling Up* (1996), *Where the Sidewalk Ends* (1974), *A Light in the Attic* (1981) and *The Missing Piece* (1976).

The Giving Tree celebrates 35 years in publication this fall. Silverstein won numerous awards for his work, including the Michigan Young Readers Award for Where the Sidewalk Ends.

"I would hope that people, no matter what age, would find something to identify with in my books, pick up one and experience a personal sense of discovery," Silverstein said told *Publisher's Weekly* in 1975.

Honoring the best of us



Raymond Leon Carney, who recently retired as the Chief of Greenville Fire and Rescue, is shown here with his sons at a banquet held in his honor. Carney, who served the City of Greenville Fire and Resue for thirty years, served as Chief for eight years. In addition to serving as the Chief, he also found the time to serve as the Board Director for Millenia Community Bank, attend Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, serve on the Board for the United Way of Pitt County, and serve on the Public Outreach Committee for East Carolina University. Do you get the feeling that his "retirement" might not really last all that long? (photo by Stephen Johnson)

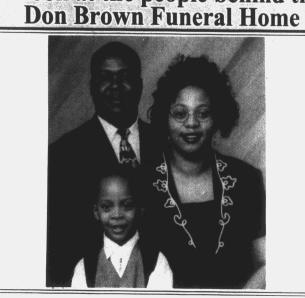
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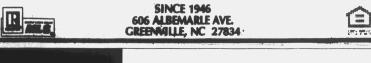






Don Brown is the owner of the Don Brown Funeral Home, and is a licensed mortician with fifteen years of experience. He is a graduate of Fayetteville Tech Community College of Funeral Services in Fayetteville, N.C. He is formerly associated with Norcott & Company Funeral Home of Ayden, N.C.

Clarissa Brown is the co-owner, bookkeeper, and advisor of the Don Brown Funeral Home. She is a graduate of Pitt Community College. Clarissa has five years of experience in nursing and is employed at Howell Child Care as a registered nurse. She is caring, patient, and knowledgeable in dealing with people and responding to their needs. She is active in church and loves working with children.



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Something to think about.....

By now it's over, if you are reading this my mission is complete. I have finished revolutionizing the necesphoric infliction of my internal terror. Your children who have ridaculed (sic) me, who have chosen not to accept me, who have treated me like I am not worth their time are dead. THEY ARE (expletive) DEAD. Surely you will try to blame it on the clothes I wear, the music I listen to, or the way I choose to present myself - but no. Do not hide behind my choices. You need to face the fact that this comes as a result of YOUR CHOICES. Parents and Teachers, YOU (expletive) UP. You have taught these kids to be gears and sheep. To think and act like those who came before them, to not accept what is different. YOU ARE IN THE WRONG. I may have taken their lives and my own - but it was your doing. Teachers, Parents, LET THIS MASSACRE BE ON YOUR SHOULDERS UNTIL THE DAY YOU DIE. Am I insane? Maybe, Is it my fault? No. I did not choose this life, but I have indeed chosen to exit it. You may think the horror ends with the bullet in my head - but you wouldn't be so lucky. All that I can leave you with to decipher what more extensive death is 40 come is "I2Skizto." You have until April 26th. Goodbye.

Eric Harris, April 19th.

The above letter was sent via e-mail to the police in Denver, CO, on April 24, and was later printed in the *Denver Rocky Mountain News*. At first, authorities said it was being taken seriously, but they later said there was little reason to believe that was written by either Eric Harris or Dylan Klebold, the gunmen in the massacre at Columbine High School in Littleton.

That is hardly the point.

No matter who wrote the above letter, it is a reflection of the true nature of our society. We pretend to be a civilized society. We speak of our accomplishments, and celebrate our superiority over all other creatures of this planet. Yet, unlike the supposedly "inferior" animals, we utterly refuse to accept the reality that we have turned our apparent paradise into a living hell.

Read the letter again. Imagine, if you can, the mind that created it. Abused, ignored, in great pain.....the words don't even come close to describing the depth of emotional suffering displayed.

Yet, as the author predicted, the so-called "experts" have, once again, ignored the true horror of the Littleton tragedy. They have, as usual placed the blame on the brand of clothes the kids wear, or the music they listen to, or the movies they watch, the games they play....anything to avoid that, ultimately, it is their fault.

Or, perhaps, it might be more honest to say that it is your fault. My fault. Every time it has been suggested that taxes are raised to support teacher salaries, to support early intervention programs, to support lowering class sizes to enhance learning......each and every time, these bills are defeated by the taxpayers: US!

If a cat sees a threat to it or its young, it will act upon that threat the very *moment* it is perceived. It will not waste time dithering while the threat grows, failing to take action until it is far, far too late.

In comparison, the supposedly superior *Homo Sapiens* will waste time in pointless debate and superfluous argument. And while they talk and talk and talk, people maim and kill and die. Teachers. Students. My first child will be born in a few months. I have no desire to bury

My first child will be born in a few months. I have no desire to bury her because of the narrow-minded cowardice of the "gears and sheep" who "think and act like those who came before them."

What will it take for everyone-- parents, community leaders, elected officials-- to wake up to the threat surrounding us? Given the fear of change that our society has, it will likely take a repeat of the Littleton disaster. Everyone thinks "It won't happen to me."

I'm sure the parents in Littleton thought the same thing....until their children were dead.

Do we want to suffer the same?

Trey Bankhead, a syndicated columnist and former educator, is the Editor of The Minority Voice newspaper.



"Ironically, White supremacists are living proof that the human race is in need of purification."

-- Hal Brognola, US Justice Dept.

A question to readers of The Minority Voice: Are polls such as the one below carefully worded to gain the very results the authors of the poll are looking for? Does the wording subliminally suggest to the reader what their opinion should be? If this is true, is this type of manipulation ethical?

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Reading Between the Lines Your Wa

Send your responses to The Minority Voice, "Telling It Like It Is," 405 South Evans Street, Greenville, NC 27835. Or fax in your answers to (252) 757-1793.

Recently, America Online conducted a poll related to American foreign policy. The following is the poll, along with posted responses:

Rev. Jesse Jackson left Belgrade on May 1 with the three U.S. servicemen who'd been held captive and a message from Milosevic to Clinton. Do you think Jackson's trip was a humanitarian mission or a political one?

Humanitarian	2758	33.4%
Political	4937	59.7%
Other	571	6.9%
Total votes:	8266	

The Clinton administration had urged Jackson not to go to Belgrade. Do you think his trip might be helpful in ending the conflict, or was it a distraction?

Helped the cause	2582	31.1%	
A distraction	3559	42.9%	
Other	795	9.6%	
Not sure	1356	16.4%	
Total votes:	8292		

HEALTH TIP

Strokes are a major health concern, particularly as

people get older. Get help immediately if any of these

warning signs occur: sudden weakness in the face

or in the arm, hand or leg, especially on one side of

the body, blurry or double vision, severe headache,

memory loss, dizziness or not being able to talk.

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"Young men, do you really want the prisoners or jail inmates to be your role models? Prisoners and inmates cannot wear belts in jail. *That* is where the baggy pants fad comes from." ----Mrs. Beatrice Maye

PARENTS MUST LISTEN TO CHILDREN

Too many children are troubled, outcasts, insecure, not getting what they need, parents aren't around, teachers and friends aren't paying enough attention, listening to wrong messages. Observe the isolated child, the withdrawn child, the child who never responds in class, poor communication between parent and child (or husband and wife), the unattractive and poverty-stricken child.

Parents whose children have their own television in their rooms who are free to view any program they want, the undisciplined home and child, parents' who don't know their children friends or where they are, and misuse of money and allowance.

Children too often aren't accountable for their deeds, too little praise and encouragement from their parents and teachers, no God in the home, little or no attendance of Sunday school and church, poor supervision and the mighty dollar comes first.

So many children wish for time with their parents. Children need paternal love and guidance. Where are the parents when children view R-rated movies, wading through the Internet, watching questionable prime-time television? It's the parents' responsibility to raise their children, spend time with them, teach them, and nurture them toward a happy, productive livelihood. Make your children your first priority.

Over 400 years ago, Martin Luther warned that, if God were removed from education, schools would prove to be the gates of hell. Do you agree?

Violence solves no problems. Hate and fear bring pain and hurt. Shall we let the Columbine High School tragedy challenge us to activation?

Mrs. Beatrice Maye is a community leader in Pitt County, as well as serving as a columnist for The Minority Voice.

Wake Up, Adults: Stop The Violence

How can we stop the violence in our schools, our neighborhoods, our homes? That is the big question, all over the world.

As I look at many news stories of how many young people have died, it just scares me so. I am twelve years old, and don't know if I'll see another year.

You never know when your life can come to an end. All the violence that I see on the television or read in the newspaper can be me.

I see that adults ask many questions of the young: "How can we stop the violence?" But I have a question for the adults: "How many children have to die before you realize what *you* have to do?

Children are not bringing the guns in....WAKE UP, ADULTS! Children are not bringing in the drugs...WAKE UP, ADULTS!

How can we start to stop the killing among the young when the adults are the ones supplying the weapons? WAKE UP, ADULTS!

They want children like myself to sit down and find a way to stop the killing.

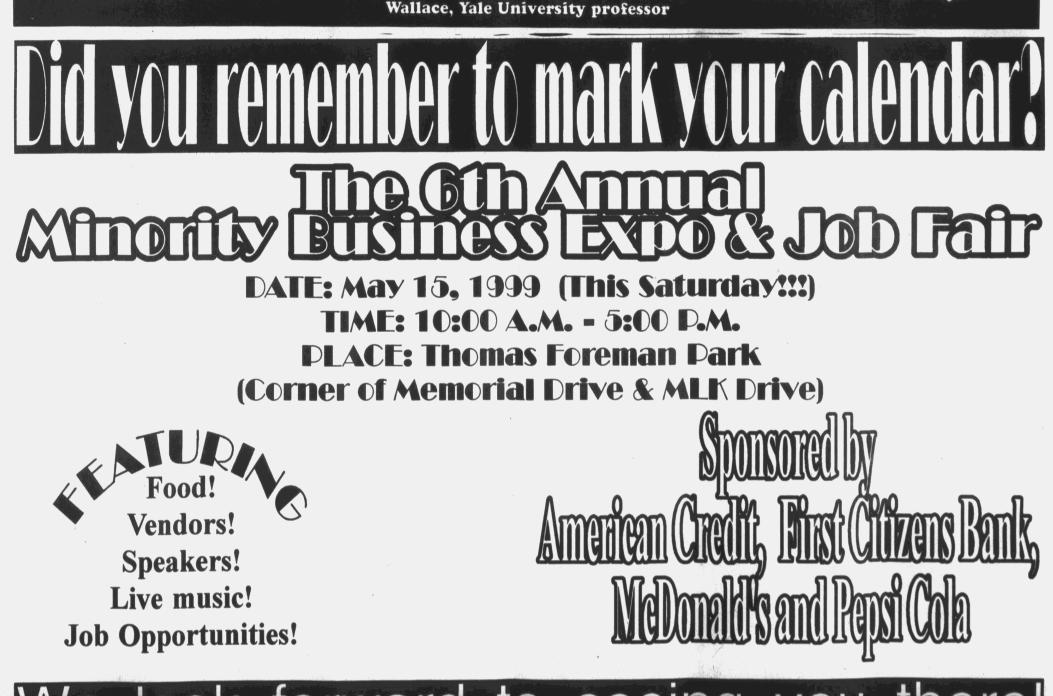
I say sit down with the ones that are bringing them in!

How many more children have to die?

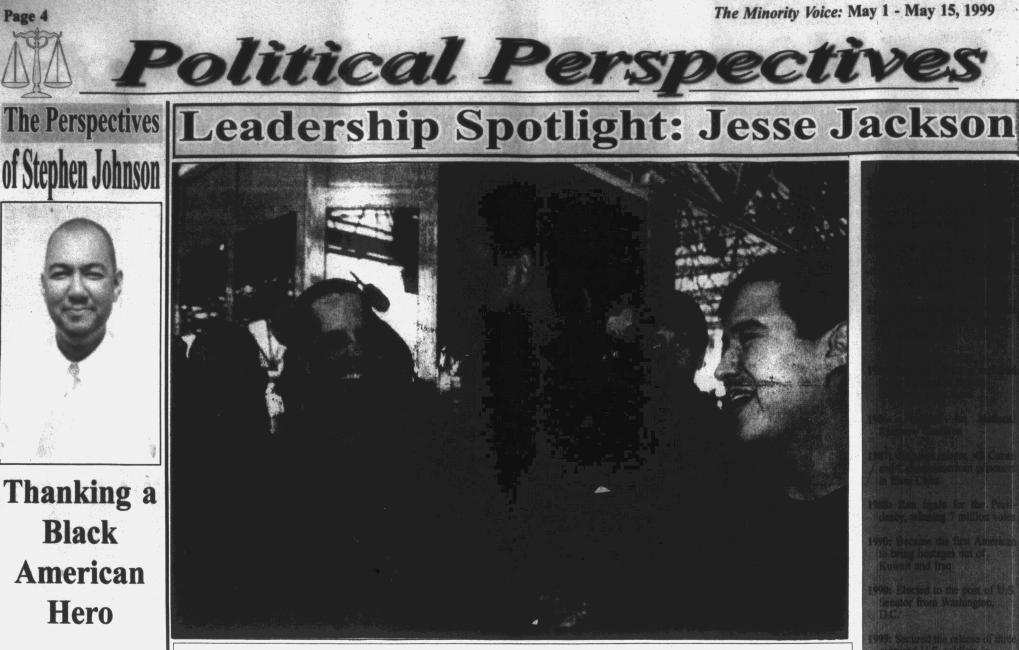
WAKE UP ADULTS!

Jermaine L. Harrison wrote this poem six years ago. Currently, he is a published author and will be graduating from J. H. Rose High School next month.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If a 12-year-old boy can be so perceptive as to recognize that more children will die until adults get their act together, then why can't WE see the same thing?



We look forward to seeing you there!



I would like to thank you, Jesse Jackson, for your courage, conviction and ability to accomplish feats

that everyone else thought impossible. Because of you, our soldiers are free, and I felt it was my responsibility to document your accomplishment so that future Americans will know why you are a Black American hero.

Thanks to you, America once again understands the power of free speech and negotiation. We once again see the intelligence and savvy that exists in Black America and, hopefully, Black America sees it as well. Reverend Jackson, you have shown the rest of the world, as well as myself, just how powerful the voice of one man can be. You have transcended the limitations of a civil rights leader and have made a world-wide impact

Yo ur accomplishments will affect the lives of many people for years to come.

I hope and pray that you will receive the recognition you truly deserve: not only for your present accomplishments, but past and fu-ture ones as well. I hope that the history books will praise your name as one of the founders of the 21 century, as they havent done for the Black Americans who founded the

19th century. Still, I am all too aware of the reality of life. I am all too aware that your name may not even be hispered into the ears of children. I am equally aware the future may try to color you as a trouble maker instead of a political leader who fixed the problems everyone else could not. However, always know that Black America supports and respects you. We understand that a man must take a stand, regardless of the consequences. Most of America fears the impact you are having on this country, as well as the rest of the world. We realize just how important of a person you are in shaping the future of America, and in what that future will mean to Black Americans. Three young American soldiers and their families also

Having successfully negotiated the release of three captured American soldiers in Yugoslavia, the Reverend Jesse Jackson (second from right) escorts them across the border, where they were transported for a happy reunion with their families. The three soldiers -- Spec. Steven M. Gonzales (left), Staff Sgt.. Christopher J. Stone (second from left), and Staff Sgt.. Andrew A. Ramirez (right) -- were captured during the NATO attacks on Yugoslavia. (Photo by The Associated Press)

Is Jesse Jackson?

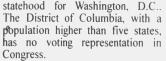
Jesse Louis Jackson, President of the National Rainbow Coalition, is one of America's foremost political figures. Over the past three decades he has played a major role in virtually every movement for empowerment, peace, civil rights, gender equality, and economic and social justice

HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Reverend Jackson has been called the "conscience of the nation" and "the great unifier," challenging America to establish just and humane priorities, and bringing people together on common ground across lines of race, class, gender, and belief.

Years before they were common positions, Reverend Jackson was advocating national health care, a war on drugs, dialogue with the Soviet Union, and negotiations in the Middle East. His strong stand against apartheid in South Africa in 1984 made it an issue on the national conscience.

In 1986, Jesse Jackson founded the National Rainbow Coalition of millions to join the political procwhich he is President. The Rainbow Coalition is a national social justice organization devoted to empowerment, education and mobilization. Jesse Jackson's two presidential campaigns broke new ground in U.S. politics. His 1984 campaign 3.5 million votes, registered won over a million new voters, and helped the Democratic Party regain control of the Senate in 1986. His 1988 candidacy won seven million votes and registered two million new voters. Reverend Jackson won a historic victory, coming in first or second in 46 out of 54 contest. His clear progressive agenda and his ability to build an unprecedented coalition inspired



Finally, on May 1, 1999, Jackson completed a "journey of faith" to war-torn Yugoslavia, where he successfully negotiated the release of three captured American soldiers. A hallmark of Reverend

Jackson's work has been his commitment to the youth. He has visited thousands of high schools, colleges, and universities, encouraging excellence, and challenging your people to stay in school and away from

drugs. Jesse Jackson has also been a major force in the American labor movement. He has worked with unions to organize workers, mediated labor disputes and he has probably walked more picket lines and spoken at more labor rallies than any other national leader.

He has visited prisons, bringing comfort to the abandoned and discouraging recidivism.

Reverend Jackson has received numerous honors for his work in human rights and social justice. In 1991, the U.S. Post Office put his

realize how important you are and they also thank you. I believe you to truly be an example of Black leadership-- a true role model for Black and White children worldwide

And, just in case no one has told you.

Thank you for being a Black American Hero.



As a highly respected world

The Rev. Jesse Jackson speaks

with President Clinton following

the release of the hostages. "I've

received the prisoners and we're

departing Belgrade," he said.

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leader. Jesse Jackson has acted many times as an international diplomat in sensitive situations. In 1984 Reverend Jackson secured the release of captured Navy Lieutenant Robert Goodman from Syria, as well as the release of 48 Cuban and Cuban-American prisoners in 1987. He was the first American to

bring hostages out of Kuwait and Iraq in 1990. In 1990, in an impressive victory, Jesse Jackson was elected to the post of U.S. Senator from Washington, D.C., a position also known as the Statehood Shadow Senator." The office was created to advocate for

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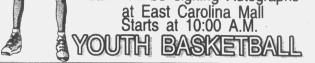
likeness on a pictorial postal cancellation, only the second living person to receive such an honor. He has been on the Gallup List of Ten Men Most Respected by Americans for ten years. He has also received the prestigious NAACP Springarn Award. Reverend Jackson has been awarded over 40 honorary degrees.

Reverend Jackson is also the author of two books: Keep Hope Alive (South End Press) and Straight from the Heart (Fortress press, 1987).

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Many graduates taking ethical pledges

By J.R. Ross (The Associated Press)

NORTH MANCHESTER, Ind. --When Christine Miller graduated from Manchester College nine years ago, she signed a nonbinding pledge to be socially and environmentally responsible.

So when the company where she worked as a chemist was offered a government contract, she gave it a second look -- and didn't like what she found. She wouldn't give details, but said it involved a product that would be poisonous. She voiced her concerns --

She voiced her concerns -exactly what sponsors of the pledge would want her to do -- and the company turned down the project. The pledge sponsored by the

The pledge, sponsored by the Graduation Pledge Alliance based

at Manchester College, is intended to encourage college students to find socially responsible jobs and stick to their convictions.

It's also an indicator, experts say, that some graduates entering the workforce today are placing more emphasis on ethics than their bottom line.

"I look at it like you have a job for a while ... but you have to live with yourself forever," said Miller, who left the chemical company last year because she was unhappy with its business.

"I would rather make a decision that I could say, 'Yeah, I made that decision' and be proud of that decision, rather than going against what I truly believe in because I might make some extra money doing it," she said. The pledge was started at Humboldt State University in California 12 years ago, then spread across the country but declined in the early 1990s. Manchester College, a small liberal arts school 40 miles west of Fort Wayne, took over the program in 1996 when only a handful of chapters were still active.

It has now spread to more than 30 campuses.

The pledge asks students to "explore and take into account the social and environmental consequences of any job I consider or any organization for which I work."

Don Nagy, who oversees a biannual survey of MBAs conducted by Duke University, said students' attitudes have taken a 180-degree turn over the past decade. In 1989, students responding to the survey ranked power, prestige and money near the top of their lifetime goals.

Beginning in 1991, successful relationships, a balanced life and more leisure time became more important, and in the last survey the list was topped by marriage, health and ethics.

"We certainly have our fair share of Wall Streeters whose No. 1 inspiration out there is to make money, but there are a lot of Wall Streeters also who have these same values," Nagy said.

Professor Neil Wollman, who heads the program at Manchester, said there is only anecdotal evidence to suggest that graduates stick to the pledge, and participation at the 30 campuses varies. At Manchester, more than 60 percent of the school's 220 graduates enrolled, while some schools report only a handful of students involved.

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only a handful of students involved. Still, he hopes the pledge helps people consider the impact of their actions.

"It's not that you're going to turn down a job. It's that you're going to consider that and maybe you work for a company that isn't that great, but when you get on the job maybe you're going to make a change," Wollman said. "If you're there, you can still make the place you are a little bit better."

Miller now works for Abbott Laboratories in Sturgis Mich., developing baby formula and medications.



Born: April 10, 1981

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Activities: ROTC (Batallion Commander)

Hobbies: Music, Basketball

Awards: Award by *The Daily Reflector* for an essay titled "What It Means To Be An

African American;" 1993 Young Citizen of the Year; numerous awards and commendations for volunteering at different youth and senior-citizen programs

Don't Let It Be Too Late by Jermaine L. Harrison

Please don't let it be too late to tell that loved one today that you care. No one knows what tomorrow may bring. You may go look for them and their life is gone. Please don't let it be too late.

Can't you tell your loved ones today, "I love you?" For time is so short, and death comes so quick, and all you have is "I wish I could have told them that I loved them." But, that was yesterday and their life ended today. Please don't let it be too late.

Let the ones that you love know today. Give them a hug or a kiss or just say the words "I love you." When the tears begin to roll down your face because your loved one is no longer with you, replace those tears with sweet memories of you letting that loved one know that you watch the Electric Company. and the Reading Rainbow. Friendship bracelets were ties you couldn't break and friendship pins went on shoes - preferably high-top Velcro Reebok - and pegged jeans were in, as were Units belts and layered socks and jean jackets and jams and charm necklaces and side
y ponytails and just tails.

Rave was a girl's best friend;

braces with colored rubberbands made you cool. The backdoor was

always open and Mom served only red Kool-Aid to the neighborhood kids- never drank New Coke. Entertainment was cheap and lasted for hours. All you needed to be a princess was high heels and an apron; the Sit'n'Spin made you dizzy but never made you stop; Pogoballs were dangerous weapons and Chinese Jump Ropes never failed to trip someone. In your Underoos you were Wonder Woman or Spider Man or R2D2 and in your treehouse you were king.

In the Eighties, nothing was

wrong. Did you know the president was shot? Star Wars was not only a movie. Did you ever play in a bomb shelter? Did you see the Challenger explode or feed the homeless man? We forgot Vietnam and watched Tienneman Square on CNN and bought pieces of the Berlin Wall at the store. AIDS was

not the number one killer in the United States. We didn't start the fire, Billy Joel. In the Eighties, we redefined the American Dream, and those years defined us. We are the generation between strife and facing strife and not turning our backs. The Eighties may have been (scratch that) The Eighties may have made us idealistic, but it's that idealism that will push us and be passed on to our children the first children of the twenty-first century. Never forget: we are the children of the Eighties. If this is familiar, you are one of us... pass it on to all the others. AKRON, Ohio (AP) -- Police in stra riot gear fired tear gas to disperse bottle-throwing students and arrested 77 people during an annual celebration for the end of classes at the University of Akron.

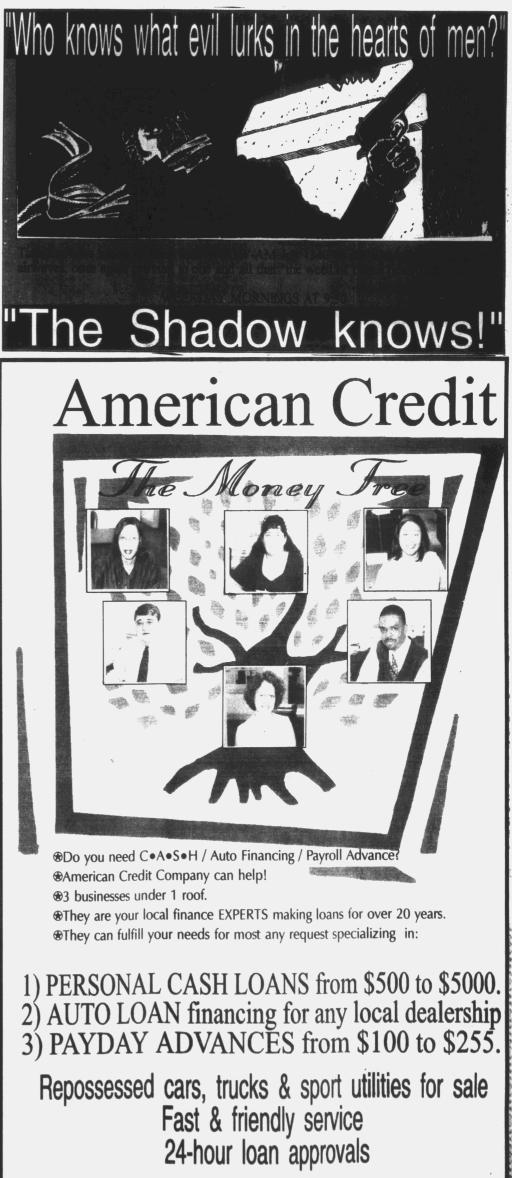
More than 2,000 students filled

streets near campus late May 9 and early May 10 and some threw bottles at 150 police officers and their cruisers. Others ignited furniture and cheered as firefighters put out the flames.

Police said they arrested 71

adults and six juveniles, mostly for disorderly conduct and underage drinking.

Celebrations in the past two years have been more subdued because of rain. The weather May 9 and 10 was clear.





(Original source unknown)

We are the children of the Eighties. We are not the first "lost generation" nor today's lost generation; in fact, we think we know just where we stand - or are discovering it as we speak.

We are the ones who played with Lego Building Blocks when they were just building blocks and gave Malibu Barbie crewcuts with safety scissors that never really cut. We collected Garbage Pail Kids and My Little Ponies and Hot Wheels and He-Man action figures and thought She-Ra looked just a little like I would when I was a woman. Big Wheels and bicycles with streamers were the way to go, and sidewalk chalk was all you needed to build a city. Imagination was the key. It made the Ewok Treehouse big enough for you to be Luke and the kitchen table and an old sheet dark enough to be a tent in the forest.

Your world was the backyard and it was all you needed. With your pink portable tape player, Debbie Gibson sang backup to you and everyone wanted a skirt like the Material Girl and a glove like Michael Jackson's.

Today, we are the ones who sing along with Bruce Springsteen and The Bangles perfectly and have no idea why. We recite lines with the Ghostbusters and still look to The Goonies for a great adventure. We flip through TV stations and stop at the A Team and Knight Rider and Fame and laugh with The Cosby Show and Family Ties and Punky Brewster and what you talkin' 'bout Willis? We hold strong affections for the Muppets and The Gummy Bears and why did they take the Smurfs off the air? After school specials were only about cigarettes

loved them each and every day.

Please, don't let it be too late.



and stepfamilies, the Polka Dot Door was nothing like Barney, and aren't the Power Rangers just Voltron reincarnated?

We are the ones who still read Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys, the Bobbsey Twins, Beverly Clearly and Judy Blume, Richard Scary, and



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by Trey Bankhead

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A QUICK HISTORY LESSON

Unless they've been living in a vacuum, everyone in America knows that there is a serious problem with American schools. The problem, that of violence erupting without warning, has become so widespread that school officials and legislators are now scrambling to enact new laws that supposedly will protect children from further outbreaks, as well as legally insulate school officials from blame should the protective efforts fail.

This issue of school violence has been in existence for decades. However, prior to 1997, the large majority of the incidents involved inner-city schools with high minority populations. In many of those cases, the deaths and injuries brought about by the violence were dismissed by authorities as "gang-related" or "drug-related." As a result, after the "War on Drugs" ended in the early '90's, the media didn't focus as much on such incidents in the schools systems.

STARTING A BODYCOUNT

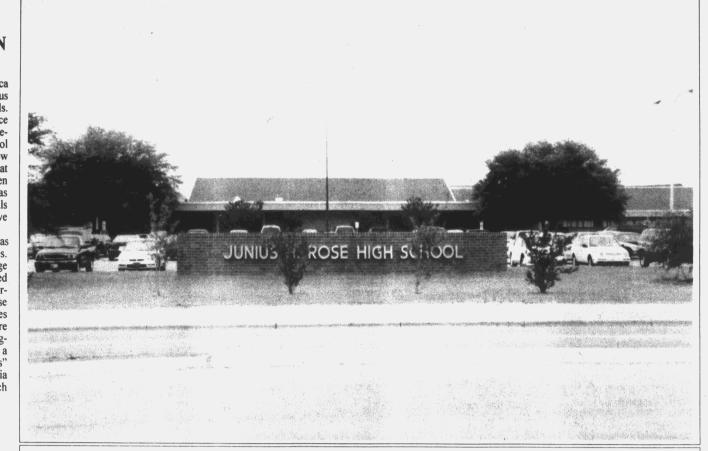
That is, until October 1, 1997. On that day, a 16-year-old boy in Pearl, Mississippi, killed his mother. He then proceeded to go on a

shooting spree at his school, shooting nine of his fellow students, two them fatally. The media exof ploded, focusing on the incident, scrutinizing every clue as to why the child would have done such a thing. Legislators and school officials declared the shootings "a tragedy," and, in two months, the furor had died down.

Until the next occurrence: December 1, 1997. In West Paducah, Kentucky, a 14-year-old shot three of his fellow students to death, and wounded five others, at Heath High School. Again, the media jumped on the event, this time comparing it with the similar event from merely two months prior. The event was dismissed from the national conscience as "an aberration.....a copycat crime."

That attitude lasted until two boys, 11 and 13, issued a false fire alarm at their Jonesboro, Arkansas, school. As students and teachers evacuated the building, the two boys, who had taken up positions on a wooded hill overlooking the school, opened fire on the crowd, killing four girls and a teacher.

To date including the incidents previously mentioned, the body count from such acts of violence is 32 dead, 69 wounded. This figure, of course, includes the April 19 killing spree in Littleton, Colorado, where two students killed 12 stu-dents and one teacher before appar-



The questions on the minds of many parents are: "Are my kids safe? Will my child's school be another Columbine?"

matic increases in both homicide here." victimization and offending rates Another student, a freshman at

were experienced by young males, particularly young black males, in the late 1980's and early 1990's."

However, during the past few years, homicide victimization rates have dropped for all groups. Homicide victimization rates for both black and white male teens and black female teens showed similar patterns of an increase in the late 1980's and a more recent decline.

Interestingly enough, the violence rates for white male teens sharply increased several years later than those for black male teens, and have not declined as rapidly as the rates for black male teens and young adults.

The Dept... of Justice also reported that the while the "homicide offending rates for adults (ages 25 and over) declined considerably for all racial and gender groups," it was also true that rates for young adults (ages 18-24) are the highest among all groups. Also, young males, particularly young black males, are disproportionately involved in homicide compared to their share of the population

WHAT'S **HAPPENING LOCALLY?**

Although the national statistics

D.H. Conley, points out that "the

teachers are more paranoid than usual. They're more worried about what we wear and what we have in our jackets and backpacks.'

Indeed, such incidents are happening all over the country.

Students complain that teachers and school officials are trampling the rights of the innocent in an effort to catch the potential guilty. In some cases, students are having perfect academic record ruined.

"It is a tough situation because administrators charged with keeping schools safe are not taking any chances," said Doug Bruenlin of the

Family Institute at Northwestern University. "But they are doing a

fair amount of damage to kids who had no intention of doing any harm to anybody.

THE WITCH-HUNT

The American Civil Liberties Union agrees. Across the nation, ACLU offices say they're being swamped by complaints that nervous school officials are trampling students' constitutional rights since the April 20 shootings in Littleton. Colorado.

"It seems to have become a witch hunt. I'm sure we've gotten hun-

dreds of phone calls," said Ann Beeson, a staff attorney at the ACLU's national headquarters in New York. "Most school officials are not aware or not focusing on the fact that students are citizens, too."

Some of the more extreme cases they're investigating include eleven students who were suspended for putting a satirical essay on their personal Web site, a teen-ager who was sent to the police station for wearing black clothing, and another student who was interrogated about the chemistry book he was carrying. In addition, the following cases

have also surfaced:

A 13-year-old Arizona boy was given in-school detention for carrying an electronics magazine with ads for guns. The boy was arrested when he drew a cartoon showing the school blowing up. A 14-year-old Pennsylvania girl

was suspended for telling a teacher in a class conversation on the Littleton shootings that she could understand how someone who is teased endlessly could snap.

An Illinois student was questioned by a psychiatrist for 1 1/2 hours about the video games he plays and asked if he ever looks for bomb-making instructions on the Internet.

"It really scares me. Anybody who doesn't fit into a specific category or dresses differently or is considered a nerd or a geek, all of a sudden they're a suspect. The students are losing their constitutional rights," said Andy Brumme, staff counsel for the ACLU in South Carolina. "People are reacting instead of thinking," Brumme said."

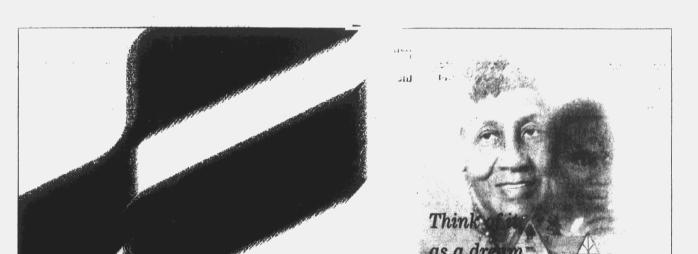
Although there have been many cases of officials perhaps overreacting to threat of violence, school officials point out that there are still very real concerns that must be addressed. A consultant on school security notes that the heightened degree of awareness may be uncovering real threats that predate Littleton, as well as 'spinoff-type incidents."

"We keep getting asked the question, 'Is Littleton a wake-up call?' My question is, are we going to hit the snooze button and go to

sleep?" said Kenneth Trump, president of National School Safety and Security Services in Cleveland, Ohio.

"Firm, fair and consistent enforcement of school rules and the law" is the only recourse for school administrators, Trump said in a May 7 interview with *The Cleveland* Plain Dealer.

To be continued next issue, with a look at the causes of teen violence and a look at whether agencies such as Pitt County Schools and Pitt County Mental Health can prevent future acts of violence



ently committing suicide.

Although those figures only take into account incidents at American schools, the problem is not confined to American soil. In Canada, a 14-year-old was charged with murder and attempted murder on April 29 after one boy was slain and another seriously wounded in a high school shooting with disturbing echoes of the massacre in Littleton, Colorado. The shooting, which took place at W.R. Myers High School in Taber, about 110 miles southeast of Calgary, Alberta, stunned the quiet farming community of 7,200 people.

HOW BIG IS **THIS PROBLEM?**

On May 2, United States Surgeon General David Satcher was interviewed on NBC's Meet the Press about violence in schools. His comments came almost two weeks after the events at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.

Violence is a major public health problem in this country," Satcher said. "It is a major cause of death among children in this country. It is the second-leading cause of death for the age group 10 to 24. In African-Americans, it is the number one cause of death in that age group.

Satcher also pointed out that the efforts that have been made to stem the tide of death in schools --- past and present-- is insufficient. "At least 13 children die every day from violent behavior, so if we're serious about protecting our children we must deal with violence as a public health problem," Satcher said. He pointed out that the U.S. needs to invest more money in "prevention research" in order to stop such acts

of violence before they happen. According to the US Department of Justice's Homicide Trends in the US: Age, gender and race, "drainvolving young people are terrifying, it is the local statistics for Eastern North Carolina that has local parents and educators nervous.

Since the Columbine High School incident, there has been an unprecedented number of bomb threats to NC schools, forcing many of them to close until the veracity of the threat can be assessed. Schools in the city of Charlotte have been evacuated multiple times. In Pitt County Schools, J.H. Rose High School was evacuated after a caller to 911 made a bomb threat on May 3. Local police searched the school, and later cleared the students and staff to return to the building after a sweep of the school turned up no

evidence of a bomb.

"We have several new security measures in place now," said Len Barber, an assistant principal at Rose High. "I think that are students are more confident about their safety." He noted that, since the incident at Columbine High School in Colorado, many parents have been more tense about school safety.

There's been a lot of rumors in the community about the schools receiving threats, and that's made a lot of parents nervous," he says.

Barber noted that parents need to take the rumors they hear with a grain of salt. "Most of the rumors I hear can't be substantiated." He points out that many of the rumors start in the community before finally being heard at the school, rather than the opposite happening.

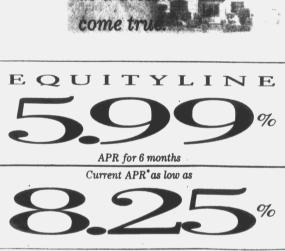
Students in the community, however, tell a different story. While none of the students interviewed were willing to give their names for publication, many students claim to be aware of bomb threats received at D.H. Conley High School and North Pitt High School.

"No one's talking," said one student, a junior at North Pitt. It's as if they're scared that simply saying the word 'bomb'' means that what happened in Colorado will happen





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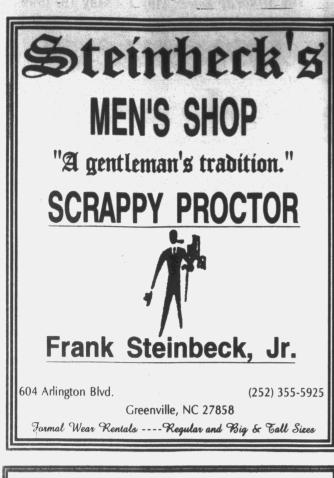
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To Our Community:

The tragedy in Littleton has raised questions

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The History of Black America The Million Man March

"Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come; you have to get up and make them."

-- Madame C.J. Walker, first Black American millionaire

by David C. Ruffin

Unlike most of the other Black men who came to Washington on October 16, for me, travelling to the Million Man March meant taking a short walk from my apartment on Capitol Hill. As I walked, I recalled travelling to Washington three decades ago to take part in the Civil Rights March of 1963. I was 18 then, at home in Pittsburgh on leave from the Air Force before taking a duty assignment in Japan. A delegation from my hometown left for the capital on a special train the night before the march. As the train sped through the darkness, I noticed a man from my neighborhood.

Why We Marched

"Why are you marching?" I asked him. It wasn't because he had been a social activist or because Martin Luther King, Jr., was one of the march's leaders. It turns out that while serving in the late 1940s on an Army post in the South, he'd been on a bus where another Black soldier refused the demands of the White driver to move to the rear. When the other soldier stepped off the bus at his stop, the driver produced a revolver and shot him in the back. Then he closed the door, turned the gun on my neighbor, and

said, "Now nigger, what are you gonna do about it?" "Nothing," was his reply. The driver continued on his route, leaving the other soldier's still body where it fell.

Unmarked murders of Black men were common in the South in those days. Attempts by my neighbor to get the U.S. military authorities to do something were in vain. But participating in the March on Washington was his way of finally standing up against the vicious slaying of a Black man he never knew.

Then, we marched to end an American system of apartheid in which demeaning segregation, job discrimination, disenfranchisement, brutalization of Black and Americans were openly practiced, primarily in the South, but in other parts of the country as well. In the '63 march, men and women, Blacks and Whites, entertainers, trade unionists, and clergy marched hand-inhand. Since there were only five Black members of Congress and fewer than 300 Black elected officials nationwide, a march was one of the few ways to have our voices heard. Most of the manifestations of overt racism that we green, blacks and red nationalist

marched to abolish three decades ago have been eliminated by the enforcement of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

So why did Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam, Rev. Benjamin Chavis, and other Black leaders call for a million African-American men to march on Washington in 1995? And why was the response so overwhelmingly positive? At the Million Man March, I found myself asking the same question I asked my neighbor on the way to the Civil Rights march 32 years ago: "Why are you marching?" Marchers frequently an-swered that they came to Washington as an act of solidarity with African-American men from other parts of the nation. The march was a spiritual pilgrimage too. I saw men weep at the conclusion of Minister Farrakhan's sermon on atonement and pledge for wholesome behavior.

Some came to serve. Two paramedics from East Orange and Plainfield, New Jersey, supported the march by volunteering to staff an emergency medical station at the march site. Many marched to affirm their stake in this country and to express outrage at a Congress that cuts funds for Head Start and financial aid to college students while committing billions of dollars

to prison construction.

Indeed, a resurgent right-wing Republican Party that now controls the Congress and many state legislatures has launched an assault on affirmative action, and is working to dismantle valuable social programs. Even though the number of Black elected officials has risen to 8,000 in the last 30 years, the political clout African-American political leaders once enjoyed through the conventional political process has waned. Thus, as in 1963, the Million Man March was a way for Black Americans to assert themselves through a less conventional

form of advocacy. Yet, I saw no clenched fists. Instead, many hands were open and extended welcome and friendship. I met an engineer from Rochester, a Republican political consultant from California, an educator from Gary, Indiana, two businessmen from Seattle, and a subway conductor front Manhattan. Members of the Nation of Islam[®] stood erect in their white shirts, bow ties, and blue or tan uniforms or dark suits. There was a story in flags. Men walked under the stars and stripes; the

flag; flags with a white star and crescent on a red field; Jamaican flags, Dominican flags, and flags I've seen hanging in Episcopal churches. There were Alphas, Kappas, and Ques in colors. I didn't get to meet the men who walked from Philadelphia.

Critics who charged, while the march was in the planning stage, that it would have an anti-Semitic focus were proven wrong. No one can induce a million Black men in this country to come to Washington from all those distances at their own expense to express anti-Semitism, race hatred, or separatism. Women and White people who came to the march, though not invited, were made to feel welcome. I saw no. displays of hostility or sidelong glares.

A local businessman who was there with his two sons, 11 and 8, said, "The majority of us are positive men with good values whose families are foremost in their lives. We are not the drug dealers they show on TV. Throughout history, we have helped build and sustain this nation." Some arrived at the Mall the night before, like one man wearing denim pants and jacket and carrying a small shoulder

October 16,

bag who said he was from Harlem, had just gotten off the train, and would look for a park bench to spend the night on. A number of men bedded down on the eve of the march in sleeping bags and blankets on the grass near the monument to Ulysses S. Grant.

Many marchers were wise enough to bring young people. Kevin Parson, a teacher at St. Catherine's Middle School in Baltimore, brought 35 boys from Mentorship-tothe school's Manhood program. He wanted the young men to carry the experience of the historic event with them for the rest of their lives. Other men brought their own sons, some small enough to carry on their shoulders.

Fully a third of the marchers were in their teens and early twenties like the handsome collection of high school students in black suits who drove up from Mobile, Alabama with their teachers. Hundreds of schools were represented--revered historically Black colleges, the Ivy League, and colleges and universities throughout every region of the country. Not all the youth at the march were wearing school colors; some had recently worn gang colors. I was personally moved by gang leaders who pub-licly asked forgiveness for the harm they had done to Black communities and vowed to offend no more.

What We Learned from the March

Despite all the media attention the Million Man March received, many in this country, Black and White, are still trying to grasp its full significance for the future of Black people in this country. First, although much has been written about the pathologies of the Black male, the one million African-

American men who came to Washington on October 16 were mostly mature, middle-class, and well educated. And they undeniably represent a potent political and economic force. To gauge the full size of that force, their numbers should be multiplied several times to include the men who stayed home and the women who weren't invited. This force has never been fully mobilized.

Second, the march's success demonstrated (for anyone who didn't already know it) that a force of a million Black people can be mobilized to take political action without any assistance from outside organizations, as was the case with the 1963 march, which was largely

underwritten by labor organizations. The Nation of Islam has shown that it has the infrastructure to carry out such a mobilization today

Third, the Million Man March, followed by the selection of dynamic Maryland Congressman Kweisi Mfume to head the NAACP just two months later, indicates that Black America will not acquiesce to the assaults on hard-won gains in civil rights and social policy. Indeed, these events bespeak a resurgence of Black activism that could redirect the nations focus back to racial inclusion and economic justice.

And fourth, the large number of young men in their teens and twenties who attended the march was impressive. If Black America is indeed beginning a new movement of political activism, as in the civil rights era of the 1950s and '60s, the participation of young people with their energy, enthusiasm, and creativity will be essential if that movement is to succeed. From now, and into the next century, many of the political battles will take place in cyberspace, the turf of young people. We should arm them with computers and let them wire the movement and put it on-line.

The Million Man March brought hundreds of thousands of men to Washington, at their own expense,

to assert that they are part of this nation, are the descendants of its builders, and have a stake in its destiny. These were good, strong men who contribute to their communities. Over 86 percent of them arrived in Washington already registered to vote and politically active. To be among them was one of the most affirming experiences of my life. The marchers represent a potent, relatively independent political force that has not been fully mobilized. This force could be used to counter the excesses from the political right and follow through on the themes that emerged during the march: atonement, political activ-ism, scholarship, and celebration of what's good about ourselves.

David C. Ruffin is a political analyst and journalist based in Washington, D.C. This article was orignally published as The March: A Million Men Signal Resurgent Advocacy.







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EXCERPTS

(From Ben Carson's The Big Picture: Getting Perspective on What's Really Important in Life, Zondevan Publishing House, \$19.95)

We should never underestimate what God can do if we just allow Him to work,

God can redeem even our biggest mistakes and greatest weaknesses.

God grant me wisdom in knowing exactly what I need to do during this surgery, the separation of the skull of the Siamese Twins in Africa.

Our children gain their sense of who they are, and who they will be, from their family. If we provide an appropriate environment, where communication is open and values are espoused, then our children will be far less likely to seek outside influences to determine who they are and how to behave.

We cannot say one thing and do something else. We cannot tell our kids to "get your homework done on time" or "get ready for your test", if we pay our bills late, receive late notices or have our utilities cut off for nonpayment. We cannot expect our children to keep their rooms clean if our bedroom looks like a pig sty. You must start living what you say.

Parents need to remember love. Children need love. No matter who we are or what we do, we all need someone to give us unconditional love. That is the greatest single challenge of parenthood.

When I speak to students, my message is on "delayed gratification"

We must learn to teach students with a long-term view, a Big-Picture Perspective.

As human beings, we have been given the capacity to analyze. strategize and prioritize so that we can alter our circumstances. We can anticipate and plan and take action that will even affect our future.

The average person spends more time planning his or her birthday party than planning his or her life.

What we do with that potential will largely depend on three factors: our priorities, our principles, and our choices.

People always find the time and the means to do what they want to do.

Make marriage and family a priority. There are two days in each month we call our "month-anniversaries": the date of our wedding and the date we began going together.

We learn values and principles from family.

PROVERBS 13:20: "He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm." In other words, the people we associate with influence those core principles on which we base our priorities.

PROVERBS 6:32-33: "But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding; he that doeth it destroyeth his own souls. A wound and dishonour shall he get; and his reproach shall not be wiped away." There's a simpler way of looking at it: I have never witnessed a happy outcome from an adulter-

GRAMMAR FOR LIVING

Live as the active voice, not the passive. Think more about what you make happen than what happens to you.

Live in the indicative mood, rather than the subjective. Be concerned with things as they are, rather than as they might be.

Live in the present tense, facing the duty at hand without regret for the past or worry for the future.

Live in the first person, criticizing yourself rather than finding fault with others.

Live in the singular number, caring more for the approval of your own conscience than for the applause of the crowd.

hands on the sick, and speak with

Ministries, quotes: "Someone has

theorized that at least one in every

ten persons today is possessed by

demons and that the number is

increasing as the world nears the end which is foretold in the Book of

Revelation. The devil knows the

end (Second Coming) is near so he must do everything he can quickly.

There is more violence, poverty,

disease, abuse, pornography, and

more suffering that is all building

up to a climax that is to come.

Exorcisms are not a show nor an

act, but a persuasive method of

healing mind, body, and soul. If it

happened in the early church, it can

happen in our day as well. Jesus

Christ is the same yesterday, and

Dr. George A. Hawkins is the pastor

of the Tabernacle Church of

Deliverance in Greenville.

today, and forever."

new tongues." (Mark 16:17-18).

Bob Larsen of Bob Larson

And, if you want a verb to conjugate, you cannot do better than to take the verb "to love."

COMMUNITY NEWS

City of Greenville Councilman Chuck Autry graciously served a chicken/barbecue dinner to the 25member Retirement Living Class, Tuesday, April 27, at the Pitt County Council on Aging, 1717 West Fifth Street. Earlier, he gave common-sense wisdom to the group.

Congratulations to Fire & Rescue Chief Raymond Carney on his retirement from the department. He handled his job with dignity and pride. We are proud of you, Chief Carney. May your forthcoming activities be enjoyable, fruitful and prosperous.

Mrs. Beatrice Maye is a Pitt County community leader, and a columnist for The Minority Voice.



into gospel!



Dr. George Hawkins

Exorcism, commonly known as casting out demons (devils), is a common practice among the evangelical church and the ministry of Jesus Christ today. Demons are defined as any evil thought, word, or act in mind, spirit or body that is

not acceptable to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Matthew 15:19 reads: 'For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make a man unclean.

Jesus himself performed exorcisms (Luke 4:36; Mark 9:25). He commanded unclean spirits to come out. So did his disciples. Luke 9:1 reads: "When Jesus had called the Twelve (Apostles) together, he gave them power and authority to cast out demons, heal the sick and preach the gospel." The great Apostle Paul, with his gift of The great discerning spirits, exorcised a woman who had a spirit of divination (fortune-telling) which is con-sidered an abomination to God (Acts 16:16-18). God has given this same anointing power today to those whom He has chosen.

I have witnessed many times over and over in my ministry of who were demon- possessed", and the exhibitions are the same as described in Mark 9:18 which

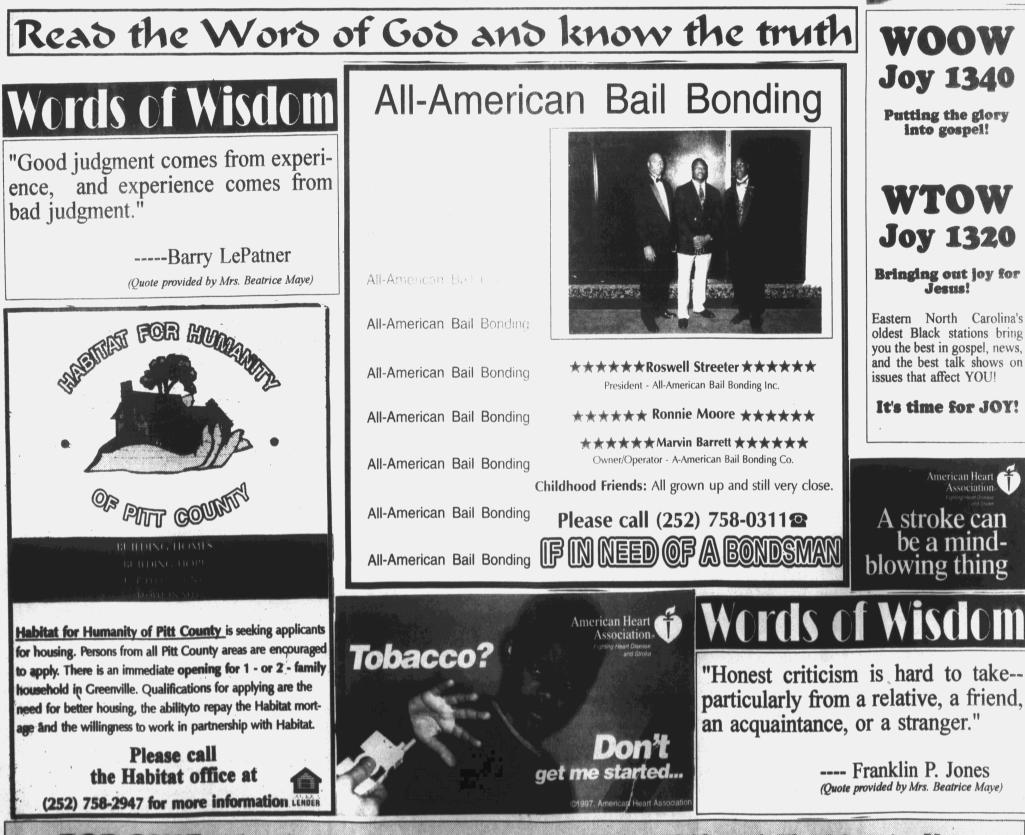
reads: "Whenever the evil spirit attacks him, it throws him to the ground, and he foams at the mouth. grits his teeth, and becomes still all over." I have seen them moan, groan, and even vomit as the unclean spirits leave them.

In my ministry (which is a full gospel church), we embrace this practice because we know that the Holy Spirit does not enter into an unclean body. Therefore, our ministry encourages cleaning up your life so that the Holy Spirit can enter in and help you live a spirit-filled life of joy, peace, and happiness in Jesus Christ.

(NOTE: According to church history, around the year 250 AD, the church instituted a new order of priests trained as exorcists. But 18th century the when Enlightenment Period came about, the practice fell out of favor. Today it is one of the least practiced rituals of the Christian Church. Most mainstream Protestant denominations have long since renounced it, and in 1972 the Roman Catholic church eliminated the "Exorcist" altogether; nevertheless, order Evangelical, Pentecostal, and Full-Gospel churches today still embrace this order as commanded by our Lord Jesus Christ.)

Exorcism is an act that is

practiced consistently in this minis-try. We who read the Bible and teach the Bible should be able to put into practice what we read. How can it be said that we are ambassadors for Jesus Christ and a demonstrator of the things that Jesus taught and not put them into practice? Churches are teaching theory and principles, which is good, but there is a practical side of the Word that needs to be demonstrated. I Corinthians 2:4 reads, "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power; that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." So then, if you will allow the Holy Spirit to have free course, you will be able to "cast out devils, lay



POP QUIZ: What do WTOW Joy 1320, WOOW Joy 1340, and The Minority Voice newspaper all have in common? Give up? They ALL serve YOUR community!



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Pursuant to General Statutes of North Carolina, Section 143-129, as amended, sealed proposals will be received by the City of Greenville, North Carolina, in the Public Works Department Conference Room, 1500 Beatty Street, Greenville, North Carolina, until 10:00 AM, on Tuesday, May 11, 1999 andimmediately thereafter opened and read for the 1998/99 Street Resurfacing project.

The Street Resurfacing will consist of placing approximately 9,812 tons of bituminous concrete, Type I-2, and making necessary adjustments to valves and manholes. Street milling will consist of milling four (4) streets one inch (1") to six inch (6") for a total of 31,941 square yards. Dirt street improvements will consist of placing approximately 630 tons of bituminous concrete Type I-2, and fine grading approximately 5,728 square yards of crushed aggregate base.

Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the purchasingAgent, City of Greenville, Post Office Box 7207, Greenville, North Carolina, 27835-7207, and the outside of the envelope must be marked "Proposal for 1998/99 Street Resurfacing Project". The name, address, and North Carolina license number of the Bidder, and the date and time of Bid opening shall be clearly indicated on the outside of the envelope. One (1) unbound copy of the Proposal form is furnished in the Specifications which must be executed and submitted.

Each Proposal must be accompanied by cash, cashiers check, or a certified check, drawn on a bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance company or a Bid Bond as prescribed by North Carolina G.S. 1431129, payable to the City of Greenville, in an amount at least equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the Bid, as a guarantee that a Contract will be entered into and that a satisfactory Performance Bond will be executed. Contractors are notified that legislative acts relating to licensing of contractors will be observed in receiving Bids and awarding Contracts.

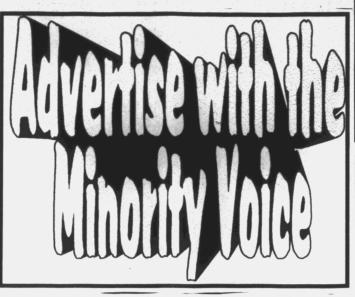
Plans and Specifications describing the work may be obtained from the Public Works Department at 1500 Beatty Street or by written request addressed to P.O. Box 7207, Greenville, North Carolina 27835-7207.

The City of Greenville reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any informalities, and to award Contract or Contracts which appear to be in its best interest. The right is reserved to hold any or all Proposals for a period of forty-five (45) days from the opening thereof.

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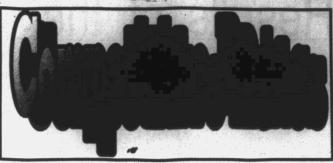
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Notice of Bidders

Sealed proposal will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of Greenville in the office of Authority, 1103 Broad Street, Greenville, North Carolina 27835, up to 2:00 PM, local time on Thursday, 20 May 1999, and immediately thereafter opened and read in the presence of attending bidders for the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment for Lead-Based Paint Abatement, Hopkins Park project upon the Owner's property in Greenville, North Carolina.

Complete specifications and contract documents will be open in the office of H.R. Associates, P.A., 1200 Navaho Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina, (919) 872-6345. Prime bidders who are qualified and who will make a bid will, upon deposit of the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) with the Architect, receive documents. The full deposit will be refunded to those qualified prime bidders who submit a bona fide prime proposal, providing bidding documents are returned in good condition to the Architect within five (5) days after receipt of bids.

The Work consists of the lead-based paint component removal of gutter and downspouts from fifteen buildings. A Pre-Bid Conference will convene at 3:00 PM, Thursday, 6 May 1999 in the Office of the Authority. Participants will be given the opportunity to view the existing buildings at this time and only at this time.

All Bidders are hereby notified that they must have proper license under the State laws as a General Contractor. Contractor shall be North Carolina certified for Lead abatement.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cash deposit or a certified check drawn on some bank or trust company insured by the FDIC in an amount equal to not less than 5% of the proposal; or in lieu thereof, a Bidder may offer a bid bond of 5% of the proposal.

A Performance Bond shall be required for one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and to award contracts in the best interest of the Owner.









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Position:	Hourly Pay:
Local Census Office Manager	\$21.00
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Assistant Manager for Recruiting	\$13.25

Most positions will be available in the late-Summer or early-Fall of 1999. These positions are temporary, not to exceed summer 2000. Job qualification include: Ability to supervise or manager work assignments and priorities, conduct individual and group training sessions, monitor progress and completed work assignments, analyze progress of operations using computerized summaries of operations, and take corrective action. The ability to supervise or manager administrative activities. Some evening and weekend work may be required. Positions may require a one week training session in Charlotte, NC.

All candidates must be U.S. Citizens, have valid drives licenses and use of an automobile, be cleared through an FBI background check, pass a written general skill test, the field Selection Aid for Supervisors Test, be a resident of the state in which you work, complete an application and qualification statement.

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ille Culinary Delights Celebrated author comes to Green



Parry Brown (left), author of The Shirt Off His Back and Sexy Doesn't Have A Dress Size: A Lesson In Love, attended a book signing at Headlines II in the Evans Street Mall on May 10. Also present was her agent and friend, Blanche Valentine (right). (photo by Trey Bankhead)

by Trey Bankhead

Greenville, NC --- Celebrated author and inspirational speaker Parry Brown made an appearance at a book signing at Headlines II, 410 South Evans Street, on Monday. May 10. Brown, the author of The Shirt Off His Back, consented to an interview with The Minority Voice. Here's what was said:

The MVoice: What is The Shirt Off His Back about?

Parry Brown: It is a story of

parenting from a Black male point of view, and the struggle of dealing with life on that level. It's a different twist on an old struggle.

I wrote the book because I was tired of the negative images of Black men that exist in print media. I wanted to show that there are many good brothers out there, and 1 wanted to tell their story. While it's an entertaining read, I'm making a point

MVoice: How would you describe the book?

Brown: It's got a lot of drama, a lot of romance, and a lot of comedy...a real good combination.

MVoice: Is this your first published book?

Brown: Yes. I originally started with short stories that just got longer and longer.....one short story I wrote, Sexy Doesn't Have a Dress Size: A Lesson in Love, made a huge impact in the reading community. {That book is} really about how I coped with being dark-skinned among color-struck people, as well as the myth that you have to be a certain size in order to be sexy

MVoice: Tell us about yourself. Brown: I give motivational speeches...... It's a lot of fun. It can be very emotional. I think the

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thing that is the most rewarding......there was a woman in my class that was beat-down.....Stevie Wonder could see that she had no self-esteemshe said to me, after the first class in the seminar, that I had changed her life. The next time I saw her, I didn't recognize her. She was walking taller, wearing make-up.

This is about setting people frree to be who they are. Get a photo album, and look at your relatives. If you can accept your family, who

contributed to your genes, then why can't you accept yourself? MVoice: What's the quickest

way for a woman to attract a man? Brown: I interviewed over 200

men. And the single most attractive thing about a woman is confidence. MVoice: What inspired you to go into that most insane of careers:

writing? Brown: I know that it's a

God-given talent. I'm on a mission. A friend said to me, "You can't change somneone else's life." And she was right but I can say something that makes them think about their life, and make them want to change it.

MVoice: How long have you been writing?

Brown: Since 1996....really, since I was six. I actually didn't start writing for other people to read until '96. My first story was Big Girls Don't Have to Cry, which was a short stoy about a large woman who met this gorgeous man, but she couldn't figure out why he wanted her.

MVoice: What do you do in your spare time?

Brown: I go to clubs to dance, I listen to music: R&B, modern jazz, anything soulful..... MVoice: Since you're a writer,

lot?

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Brown: Oh, yes! I love reading novels by Black authors, but murder mysteries are my favorite! My favorite author is Mary Higgins Clark

MVoice: What about television? Brown: ER.....the only show that faithfully watch.

MVoice: There's a stereotype that romance authors don't have a romantic life of their own. How would you respond to that?'

Brown: (laughing) I have a new boyfriend. I was married for 22 years, but I probably only should have been married for ten. Then, I got into a short term relationship with a wonderful man, but he wasn't the one. My marriage going bad didn't jade me towards men. I got the freedom to do the things I wanted to do...my new man is a wonderful friend, I've known him for three years. Finally, this year, he said that he had to put it out there, cause he'd been in love with me the whole time

MVoice: Many women seem to subscribe to the thought that a man has to have the car, the hugelypaying job, and everything before he is a "real" man.

Brown: I don't care what a man does, as long as he does it well. More and more speakers are telling women that there are no good Black men out there. But, my question is, who defines "good."

MVoice: How would you describe yourself?

Brown: I'm a romantic from the core of my soul, and a lot of what I put on paper is what I want out of my life. I fantasize a lot, but I also know how to go out and get what I want.

I was an accountant before I got into this creative thingso I

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can it be assumed that you read a know that this is true talent, given to me by God I have to give God the glory because it's not me....it's about doing what God wants me to do. God said to me that he gives me the same amount of talent {as he gives everyone else}, and it's up to each individual to harness that talent and work at it to bring it to its full potential.

MVoice: Anyone you want to give a "shout out" to?

Brown: My daughters, Nicolle and Michelle. And my granddaughters, Shanelle and Krystal.

MVoice: Any tips for aspiring writers?

discipline yourself to write everyday.....my time was to write from 4 to 6 every morning.

you do, what are your thoughts about North Carolina?

Brown: I'm going to be relocating to NC.....As a matter of fact, I was born in Wilmington! I'm in love with the greenery and the life-style...I feel like I've come home. I'm definitely looking forward to building a home here.

MVoice: If there was one phrase that sums up what you're about, what would it be? Brown: "Making a difference." I

also started a non-proifit called Los Angeles Ebony Offline People: we provide computers for financially disadvantaged children. We'll be starting a North Carolina chapter in Winston-Salem very soon!

MVoice: Thanks for talking to us, Parry!

Brown: Thank you! I look forward to seeing everyone on May 10th! The Shirt Off His Back retails in

bookstores for \$14.95 in paperback. Get your copy now!



Szchezuan Gardens

I like to try new foods. I admit, I'm partial to Southern cuisine, but my horizons broaden at the aspect of new flavors tingling my tastebuds.

I approached a restaurant known for its Chinese/Szchezuan buffet. I waited to be seated, not knowing what to expect. I placed my order for Pepsi and water (you will come to find out these are my only drinks to use in downing my favorite-- or worst-- foods) and proceeded to the astonishing buffet.

Before me stood trays of succulent Chinese cuisine..... I heard them calling me: "Marie, taste me!" "Nooooo, taste me!" "No! Me first!"

I felt pulled, as if the tray of sesame chicken had won. Then, I heard the Szchezuan green beans calling me while the fried chicken wings, egg foo young, sweet & sour chicken, spring roll and the tempura vegetables staged a Holyfield vs. Tyson fight right before my very eyes. I grabbed a bit of each, and even tried a little of the Kang Pao Chicken . I knew then and there that my favorite dish of this feast would

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and the Tempura shrimp.

I had the chance to meet up with

the manager Jenny Chan. The restaurant began in 1981 on the corner of 10th and Evans. The

business took off rapidly and the

owner, Hon Ming Chan, decided to

expand, and moved across the street

Mon - Thurs 11:30 am 9:30 PM

For take out orders, call ahead at

11:30 am 10:30pm

12:00 noon 9:30pm

of different Chinese cusines

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Service 4 spoons (depends on the waitress)

Location 5 spoons Perfect

Atmosphere 5 spoons Roomy with seating for couples or large groups

About the Food Critic

As a veteran with 22 years of US military service, Ida "Marie" Andrews has probably tasted every cultural food around. Marie has traveled all over the world, sampling foods and collecting recipes. If you would like your restaurant to be critiqued and written about in the 'M' Voice, please contact the paper.

About the rating system: 25 Spoons - GOLD 20 Spoons - SILVER 15 Spoons - ALUMINUM 10 Spoons - TIN

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