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Taunting revenge ? Where is the Money !

If a one-year term in the U.S. Senate and a high criticized visit to a former Nigerian dictator wasn't enough, now former U.S. senator Carol Moseley-Braun is facing an irate Southern senator who wants to prevent her selection as U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand, all because she called him a racist after he taunted her by whistling 'Dixie'.

She once called him a 'racist,' and some say it was because he continued to taunt her by whistling 'Dixie' each and every time she was near her.

Now after losing a second term in the U.S. Senate and being highly criticized for visiting a former dictator in Nigeria while she was in office, the nation's first Black female elected to the U.S. Senate is being faced with yet another hill to climb.

Sen. Jesse Helms, whose opposition has sunk both treaties and nominations, took aim again

Foreign Relations Committee. Helms clashed with Moseley-Braun during her one term in Congress, most memorably on the Senate floor over use of the Confederate flag. She later accused Helms of taunting her in an elevator by singing "Dixie".

The conservative, combative committee chairman suggested his panel would scrutinize allegations raised in Moseley-Braun's 1998 re-election campaign, including never-proved ones that she used 1993 campaign funds to pay for personal luxuries.

Democrats suggested Helms was giving Moseley-Braun a hard time to settle an old score.

"I hope he won't do that," President Clinton told reporters. Clinton called it yet another sign of "a new isolationism in this country, that we don't really care whether we have ambassadors in some of these places".

The president made similar "isolationism" accusations last week

when the Senate turned down a nuclear test ban treaty that he had championed. That Senate action drew condemnation from around the world, by refusing to hold hearings for two years. He also torpedoed the 1997 nomination of former Massachusetts Gov.

William Weld to be ambassador to Mexico by refusing to hold hearings.

This time, Helms announced in a statement that he would hold hearings on Moseley-Braun to "examine serious charges of ethical misconduct in her past."

"Charges of ethical lapses led the voters of Illinois to determine she was not fit to represent them in the U.S. Senate," Helms said.

"If it turns out in the course of those hearings that all these reports are false, the committee will consider her nomination," Helms said. Clinton had announced the nomination on Oct. 8.

Helms also cited "reports in the New Zealand press" suggesting that the government of New Zealand was concerned and had "appealed to the Senate to examine her record."

New Zealand officials denied that was the case. "The New Zealand government has certainly

never asked for any sort of probe at all," said James Funnell, spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. "Her name was put forward and we agreed to it. Full stop. That's it."



Where is the Money !, is the question that was ask at Wednesday's press held at WOOW. Greenville's residents wanted to know when will they receive the money that had been promised so they may begin rebuilding their lives. On hand to ask and answer some of these questions were (from L to R) Pastor Charles Covil Pitt County NAACP branch Vice- President Calvin Henderson City Council member Rufus Huggins Pastor James Corbett County Manger Tom Robinson City Manger Ron Kimble And Council at large Chuck Autry.

Photo by Faith May

Rev. Jackson says "Get out and Vote."



Cast Your Ballot, from the "M" Voice vintage photo files pictured is the Rev. Jesse Jackson busy on his campaign trail when he ran for President. Rev Jackson is shown addressing the citizens of Greenville where he encouraged more minority voter registration as well as addressing other important issues of the time. We at The Minority Voice Newspaper WOOW Joy 1340 & WTOW 1320 encourages everyone to get out and vote.

K.K.K. Plans March in NYC

The KKK is coming to town. Their rally, which is scheduled for Oct. 23 outside 60 Centre St. in Manhattan, is in honor of "White Pride Month," a Klan-designated celebration.

Many Black leaders, who maintain that the KKK has the constitutional right to march, are actively denouncing the group, Mayor Rudolf Giuliani, who claims to oppose the Klan and the rally, has taken official action to block the Klan's permit.

"I want to see if the Giuliani administration, which falsely called the Million Youth March a hate march, will now, in fact, fight against a real racist hate march," said Rev. Sharpton, who acknowledged the Klan's right to march under the law. "Let us see if [Giuliani is] consistent with [his] handling of this situation," he added.

The purpose of the rally, according to Grand Dragon James Sheely of Walden, N.Y., is to "exercise our First Amendment constitutional right to free speech, as well as to celebrate White Pride Month." Sheely said participants of the 2 p.m. rally will be wearing robes and

hoods. "We have not found any documented evidence that the Klan has ever held a rally in New York City, so we thought it was time to make history, said the 48-year-old Sheely. Lt. Eric Adams, chairman of 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement, said it's telling that the Klan has chosen the Big Apple over thousands of other cities across the country to celebrate its annual White Pride Month.

"An organization that has historically limited itself to the southern region of our country is now comfortable selling its philosophy in a new city during this administration," said Adams.

He said his organization will request that the Police Department allow Black and Jewish cops to be assigned to the rally. "In this way we will make a very clear statement. Although we strongly disagree with the Klan's philosophy, we do agree with constitutional safeguards," Adams declared. Norman Siegel, who heads the Civil Liberties Union, said he is confident the rally will proceed as planned because the reason given by the Giuliani ad-

ministration for denying a permit will not stand up in court. "I think the reason the city gave was pretextual, and will be defeated," he added.

However, should the Klan win the court battle, it may face some interruption on the day of the event. An advocacy group, the Partisan Defense Committee, announced its opposition to the rally and called for a mass labor-centered mobilization to stop the Klan. Reacting to the support Sharpton and other Black leaders have given to the Klan to stage a "racist provocation," Ed Kartsen, who chairs the committee, issued the following written statement:

"Only in a city where the working people and minorities have grown accustomed to the abrogation of their basic democratic rights by high-handed Mayor Giuliani could you have the grotesque spectacle of Black and gay leaders as well as civil rights groups defending the Klan's right to march as a civil liberties issue," Kartsen declared.



Naomi Parker a retired employee of ARC was present at the press-conference held at WOOW October 27, 1999. Sister Parker is concerned about her community, family and friends. Along with many others sister Parker has lost her home and is currently residing with her son. She is a Meadowbrook Community Leader and was on hand to find out what will be done to help the citizens from the North side of Greenville.

Photo by Steve Johnson

By Faith May

A press conference was held at WOOW radio station, Wednesday, October 27, 1999 at 10:00 a.m. Present at the conference was city and county officials, local pastors and concerned citizens. Speaking on behalf of the county was Commissioner Jeff Savage and County Manager, Tom Robinson. Speaking on behalf of the city, City Manager Ron Kimble, Council Member at-large Chuck Autry and Council member Rufus Huggins. Other city leaders included NAACP Vice President, Calvin Henderson, Law enforcement, Dallas B. Lanier. From the George Garrett Center, Rose Glover, Weed & Seed Chairperson, Rose Glover, Westbrook Community Leader, Naomi Parker. Local pastors pre-

sent were Pastor James Corbett, Pastor Randy Royal, Pastor Charles Covil, Pastor Mary Phillips, Pastor A.C. Batchelor and Pastor Jack Richardson. Media present was WITN, WNCT, and WCTI.

Some of the issues discussed were:

1. The devastation of Meadowbrook, Shady Knolls MHP and other area on the North side of Greenville.
2. Funds to help rebuild churches and homes destroyed by the flood.
3. Funds available for Hurricane Floyd Victims and disbursement procedures.

The first step for assistance is to call FEMA for help, 1-800-462-9069. Also business owners were

encouraged to fill out an application for a loan. If you believe that you will not qualify, fill out the application anyway. When your application is processed if your business was destroyed by a natural disaster you may automatically be put in the "grant" category.

There is a buy-out program offered through FEMA. If you had 50% or more of a building destroyed you may be paid the market value of the structure. For buy-out applications call 329-4466.

We were all encouraged to take advantage of the help that is available. To lift each other up emotionally. We were reminded to check on neighbors and friends, so that we may get through this ordeal victoriously, one day at a time.

Pitt Social Services Offers Relief Funds

Pitt Social Services Offers Relief Funds Pitt County Relief Fund Begins Disbursement October 26, 1999 - Greenville, N.C. - The Pitt County Department of Social Services will begin taking applications for the Pitt County Disaster Relief Fund on October 27, 1999. Over \$70000 in donations were collected by the Pitt County Financial Services Department, and will be awarded to residents based on family need with a maximum award of \$400 per family. To qualify, applicants must be residents of Pitt County and must have

suffered damage or loss from hurricane related flooding. A management team composed of County residents will screen the applications for these eligibility requirements. Applications will be accepted from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Social Services Building until the funds are exhausted. Families who have received assistance from other relief organizations may still qualify for Pitt County funds. Applications will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

Social Services Begins Applications for LIEAP

Social Services will also begin taking applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on the following dates: November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, and 13th. The program awards a one time payment to low income families who need assistance with heating related costs, and are not related to flood relief efforts. LIEAP benefits are issued in February of 2000.

VANTAGE POINT

Toward an African People's Congress in the Year 2000



Throughout our history on these hostile shores, Africans in America have had a tradition of convening conventions, conferences and symposia to assess the state of the race and discuss/debate strategy and tactics for moving the Black Freedom Struggle forward. This tradition was picked up and carried forth by scholars and activists in the latter half of the 20th century through the convening of a number of important gatherings. From the Black Power Conferences of 1967 and 1968, to the historic National Black Political Convention in 1972, the founding conventions of the National Black Independent Party and the National Black United Front in 1980, to the State of the Race Conferences in 1994 and 1997 and the Black Radical Congress in 1998, this tradition has been kept alive. One of the most important gatherings of the latter half of the 20th century in this regard was the Congress of African People convened in Atlanta in 1970.

The decade of the 60s witnessed convulsive changes in black America as the civil rights revolt shook apartheid to its foundations in the South and the passage of various civil rights laws appeared to erase the status of blacks as second class citizens in this country. By the mid-60s, however, the goal of integration as articulated by the mainline civil rights organizations came under attack as Black Power, black Nationalism and Pan-Africanism burst onto the scene and gained prominence within the black community. Black Power advocates unleashed excruciating critiques against the traditional civil rights leaders, often labeling them "handkerchief heads" and "uncle Toms." The civil rights leaders fired back that the young militants were reckless and irresponsible adventurers whose actions threatened to destroy the progress that blacks had made towards integrating into American society.

It was against this backdrop of acrimony, tension/conflict between various ideological tendencies that poet-playwright-political activist Imamu Amiri Baraka, chairman of the Committee for a Unified Newark, worked tirelessly to convene a Congress of African People. This initiative was notable for the effort to include black scholars, activists and leaders from across the political spectrum, from the Nation of Islam to the National Urban League. In addition, in the spirit of Pan-Africanism, there was a concerted effort to reach out to African people from the continent and all parts of the Diaspora. Indeed one of the highlights of the Congress was the participation of a delegation of aborigines from Australia.

My recollection is that more than 3,000 people from around the U.S. and the Pan-African world participated in this great gathering. As if yearning for a truce in the ideological shoot outs between Black Power advocates and the traditional civil rights leaders, the participants listened enthusiastically to a range of speakers from Whitney Young of the National Urban League, Owsu Saduakai of Malcolm X Liberation University to Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam. The Congress was a splendid display of "unity without uniformity" as Baraka described it, a glimpse of the possibilities of a "united front" formation to address the multifaceted issues and concerns of the Black Nation. It was an exhilarating experience. As an outgrowth of the Congress of African People, Baraka organized local networks of scholars, activists and organizers, modeled after the Congress of African People, in several cities across the country. Indeed, it was the example of the Congress that set the stage for the historic National Black Political Convention held in Gary, Ind. in 1972.

As we celebrate the dawning of a new century and millennium, it would seem appropriate, even necessary, for Africans in America to convene another Congress of African People. Though the times are considerably different from 1970, in many respects one could make the case that nothing has fundamentally changed for Africans in America and the Pan-African world. DuBois' prophecy that the color line would be the principal problem confronting black people in the 20th century is still relevant as we enter the 21st century. The question is can African people at least come together to assess the crises we face as black people from our various political perspectives, and discuss some approaches that might be useful for transforming our condition as oppressed people as we enter a new millennium. Despite our previous failures, can we examine the prospects for forging some type of broad united front as a mechanism to foster joint work around issues of mutual agreement in the face of a common and recalcitrant opposition? In the spirit and memory of our beloved Kwame Ture, who believed so fervently in and work indefatigably to promote the concept of a united front, I believe we should give it a try.

Accordingly, as I move around the country in the coming months, I will be discussing the idea of convening a Congress of African People in the year 2000 with anyone who is willing to listen and lend their support. In the name of our ancestors, we need to start the 21st century with a renewed commitment to the total liberation and reconstruction of African nations and communities everywhere. We need a progressive Pan-African Agenda for the 21st century and there is no more appropriate forum to air and discuss such an agenda than at an international Congress of African People.



KLEAVER'S KLIPPINS

Some Thoughts About a Woman as President

This particular column neither condemns nor condones the idea of a female president of the United States. It does, in fact, offer some food for thought on both sides of the issue.

More than 40 years ago, author Philip Wylie wrote at least two major books. One, *A generation of Vipers* dealt with a notion called "Momism." The second was entitled *The Disappearance*.

It is the second book, *The Disappearance*, that was the partial genesis for the column.

Wylie's vivid and highly active imagination created a tome in which at a given point, all of the women in the world disappeared in the minds of the men. Insofar as the women were concerned, all of the men disappeared at the same time.

Please note. Both groups occupied the same space at the same time. The difference was the manner in which they handled the day-to-day matters of life and living.

The men took on all of the duties that had previously been handled by women and they carried on. The women, of course, did the same thing in reverse. Many men had to learn new skills, such as cooking, sewing, cleaning, balancing check-books, and getting their male children to school. And the list goes on.

Women had to take on masculine perspectives and become sole

breadwinners, carpenters, mechanics, plumbers, and electricians, et al.

Clearly, this was a brand new way of life for both groups. There was a major difference however in the problem-solving process. Men fought and killed each other over petty differences, while women sought to talk out the problems and come to an amiable solution that would be satisfactory to all concerned.

Based on Biblical history, on which our society was built, men have been the leaders of our varying societies. They have been at the forefront of every major circumstance since the beginning of recorded time. They have been the generals and admirals in the wars. Men have headed the financial institutions, the business conglomerates, with few exceptions.

Now, for the first time, women are standing in the door of major political and societal change. The candidacy of Elizabeth Dole for the Republican presidential nomination is real, however imperiled it might seem. Madeline Albright is the first female secretary of state this country has ever known. There may very well be others to follow in her footsteps.

Several years ago, former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm, a black Democrat from New York, announced she was going to run for

president. Well, that was a short and sad episode in the history of politics. It did not become a functional reality.

Barbara Jordan, the first black congresswoman from Texas, after delivering a brilliant keynote speech at the Democratic National Convention some years ago, was mentioned as a possible vice presidential candidate. That too, fell flat.

One of the things that seem to be paramount is the fact that male politicians don't understand that women are women and they don't necessarily see things the same way that men do. They have their own visions, attitudes and ideas.

All too often, women are pooched by men because of those differences. This brings us back to *The Disappearance*. Wylie points out that women were not as concerned about who was the strongest and most powerful among them. They were more concerned about solving whatever problem existed in the most effective and efficient manner.

Factually, it is not likely that we will see a female president for at least another decade. In the meantime, we must come to recognize that when a woman is elected president of the United States, and it is going to happen one day, we would do well not to expect her to be the carbon copy of any man who has ever held that office.

Whoever she is, she will, most

likely have her own agenda and her own ideas about dealing with governments across the world. She will also have her own ideas about simple things like poverty, children, child care, welfare and most likely, she will not adhere to any prescribed party line.

There are still those among us who believe that the world leadership belongs in the hands of men. That will be a hard change to accept. Some men will never accept the notion, no matter what the voters say.

We must, however, remember the only thing in this earthly realm that is essentially certain, is change. Change is inevitable. We cannot stop change. When we attempt to stop change, we attempt to curtail progress (whatever that is). So we must reconcile ourselves and make peace with the notion that one day, a female will sit at the helm of this nation and we will have to learn to live it, whether we like it or not.

From still another perspective. African Americans as well as other minorities might well benefit from such a step. Women, by and large, do not harbor all of the built-in prejudices that men bring as a part of their functional baggage. The female by nature is more compassionate than her male counterpart. Of course, there are exceptions to that rule. But, it could bode well for the nation and the world as a whole.



URBAN PERSPECTIVE

Another Perspective on President Clinton's Race Relations Initiative

PART III

Dr. Gary Y. Okihiro, professor of history and director of Asian Studies at Cornell University, was interviewed by the staff of the advisory board to the *President's Initiative on Race* and was not impressed. Okihiro concluded that the Initiative would simply provide a forum for a wide discussion on the subject of race without a legislative agenda or programmatic outcomes. "Like other presidential initiatives, this one was to be limited to talk—politic, bloodless, and cheap."

Okihiro believes that the advisory board's focus on dialogue was excessive and that such talk—focused, systematic, prodigious—has been going on for years. He notes that some politicians and white Americans might have discovered race as a result of the president's *Initiative*, but that scores of other Americans, especially racialized minorities have long understood the sting and consequences of race in their daily lives.

Okihiro reminds us of the presidential commission report written some 30 years ago. "This is our basic conclusion. ... Our nation is moving toward two societies—one black, one white—separate and unequal." "What white Americans have never fully understood—but what the Negro can never forget—is that white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto. White institutions created it, white institutions maintain it and white society condones it."

The addendum to the *Initiative on Race* report provides statistics that show a greater complexity to the figures of race in America than those of 30 years earlier. In 1998, the nation was more diverse. African Americans made gains in education, employment and income, although the gap between themselves and whites has remained essentially unchanged over the three decades. Asian and Latinos, due in large part to immigration patterns, reveal very different and mixed profiles. Asians are among the most highly educated of all racialized groups and have higher median family incomes than whites, but they also have poverty rates that exceed those of whites by more than 50 percent; Latinos, as

compared with African Americans, have considerably lower educational levels and slightly higher poverty rates, but lower unemployment rates.

Those contrasts under late capitalism point to a manifest conclusion about race in America, i.e., it was never a binary of white and black alone. And despite gestures toward the more inclusive universe of race, the president's advisory report is mired in the racial binaries of white and black, white and non-white, both of which foreground and privilege the position of whiteness, says Okihiro.

Despite the new racial and ethnic percentages in the report, it cites the white-black paradigm and, in particular, the enslavement of Africans as foundational to subsequent and apparently less important unfoldings of white-non-white relations. As Dr. John Hope Franklin remarked, "This country cut its eye teeth on racism in the black/white sphere. ... It learned how to impose its racist policies on other people, at other times, because it had already become an expert in this area." Okihiro observes that the report portrays racism and racial subjugation as exceptional and as aberrations in the nation's past or as "the darker side of our history." Another reading might suggest that slavery was among several forms of labor and racial bondage and exploitation and that a central and recurrent feature of America's history is that "darker side."

The board's notions of racism as largely an individual, and not a social matter and of its eradication as a product of reaching a mutual understanding and, thereby, appreciation through dialogue, surely influenced its readings of the past. A parallel concept is the largely correct, though misleading view that each group has its own history and circumstance, according to Okihiro. For example, one member of the advisory board, referring to Native Americans, stated, "Their history is unique, their relationship with our federal and state governments is unique and their current problems are unique." And, as if racism could be measured and redress conferred; "While not large in numbers, their situations tugs at the heart." However, racial parallels are

just as important as unique pasts and presents.

For Okihiro, the parallels, the connections, enable a far more comprehensive appreciation of race and race matters than that propose by the advisory board. He offers examples in Asian American history, although comparable examples can be raised by all other racialized groups.

Asians first tested America's racist definition of acquired citizenship in a California federal court in 1878 in the case *In re Ah Yup*. Ah Yup and two co-litigants claimed that Asians were included under the category "white," a strategy that was followed by all subsequent claims almost without exception, the ruling by a federal Circuit Court against Chinese naturalization employed the argument that formed the crux of later decisions that the Chinese, by everyday speech and scientific evidence, were "non-white."

Although some Asian Americans might have claimed whiteness on the basis of racial and cultural affinities, some African Americans sought distance from Asians on the basis of citizenship and history. "The Negro is an American citizen whose American residence and citizenship reach further back than the great majority of the white race," wrote Howard University professor, Kelly Miller, in 1924. "He has, from the beginning, contributed a full share of the glory and grandeur of America and his claims to patrimony are just and rightful due. The Japanese, on the other hand, is the eleventh hour corner, and is claiming the privilege of those who have borne that heat and burden of the day." Okihiro asserts that unlike the alien Japanese, Miller argued African Americans deserved America's promise of equality as citizens and as their "just and rightful due."

The separations among racialized minorities were assuredly accompanied by solidarities crafted across racial divides, according to Okihiro. He says that in order to forge a new future as the President's *Initiative on Race* proposes, there must be a realization of racializations as constructions that uphold the relations of power and a determination to dismantle them.



BETWEEN THE LINES

Good Bye Football Folly, Hello Real Economic Development (Santa Barbara Plaza?)

Finally, we can get some relief from the football folly that has preoccupied real inner city economic development for the past four years. NFL football ended up where many thought it would go, Houston. It surely did not end up where most (objective analysis) knew it would never go, the "new" Coliseum. Proposals for a "new" Coliseum was folly's folly. It was never a serious consideration for the NFL. It was just the leverage for the BBD (bigger and better deal).

One Coliseum commissioner stated that the Coliseum is like "the picture of the pretty girl you show to make your girlfriend jealous." I have one better: the Coliseum is like the girl "you do" for years, but never have any intention of marrying her. It's a momentary thing" whose best days are behind her once the chase ended, but you never say no to her on a lonely night. The NFL even brought a deal back from the dead (Hollywood Park) so it wouldn't have to marry the Coliseum. All the glitz and glamour in the world wasn't bringing this old biddy back to life. And everybody

could see that, less one or two people. As a basis for inner city economic development, it was (and is) nonsense.

No publicly funded stadium deal in America is making money; the jobs are low-wage, the businesses are seasonal. As for promises on contracts on construction work, you only have to look at the Coliseum's \$135 million earthquake work and the refurbishing of the local Leimert Park to find out how many locals would be hired once the deal was done. I, for one, am glad this pipedream has been smoked up. And I could really bash with "I told you" for the next four weeks, but I won't. The "real dealers" knew what the real deal was, and it wasn't the Coliseum.

Everybody in Los Angeles knows, including the NFL, that Los Angeles would have a team now if they had stuck with former Dodger owner Peter O'Malley. The NFL would have handed it to him on a silver platter. Councilman Ridley-Thomas leveraged into the deal on the Staples Center when the mayor needed his vote to get public funds. He got the mayor to push O'Malley (and his 35 years of professional

ownership/management, plus 35 years of civic loyalty) off the ledge, and sign a "prop" letter for the Coliseum. Once he got out in the water on this one, he found out it was a different game.

The mayor gave his word on the Coliseum, not necessarily his support. The mayor was real lukewarm on football once he got his Staples Center. It wasn't the same passion he gave the charter, or the school board takeover. Meanwhile, "little Caesar" was out there overplaying his hand and began believing his own hype. Including the "this is about us" rhetoric. In the end, it was never about us.

This whole football award thing amounted to what most reasonable people (including myself) stated this would become once a second team emerged to salvage the first decision deadline, stall time for a "testosterone contest" (bidding war) amongst the billionaire boys club. Well, as Los Angeles found out, when the Texans whipped it out, it was long enough. As Richard Pryor once said, "the water was cold ..., and deep too..." Los Angeles couldn't go deep enough. Never could.

Discussions about real problems in the area were masked in mockery and protests (against community outsiders) about saying what was really true about the economic realities of some areas in our community. None of these billionaires would have been talking about spending a billion on games and toys before they built up their own communities. They didn't have to make a choice between "football" and "quality of life" issues in their communities.

Certainly, South Central residents have dignity, but it does not mask the enmity associated with comments expressed by others about our community, much of which, as callous as it sounds, we know are true. We know there are areas around the Coliseum that have run down for years, and should have been built up years ago. The money has never been there for local economic development until football became the focus, which is not right. If nothing more, maybe now the policymakers and elected "mouths" will acknowledge the economic shortcomings of our communities and resolve them before "the condition of our com-

munity" becomes fodder for comedic commentary when fantasy football is revived (whenever that will be).

Now maybe we can talk about real community economic development. How do we bridge the "capital gap" in South Central? How do we get manufacturing (with high wage jobs) into the inner city? Can we find a way to get the Los Angeles Community Development Bank out of shambles and get deals on the street (wasn't it started for capital and manufacturing purposes)? How do we bring commercial development (beyond low-income housing, strip malls and supermarkets) to the inner city?

And speaking of commercial development, now that the football deal is dead, can the Santa Barbara Plaza, the most lucrative commercial venture (with two dozen black businesses in the mix and \$150 million in development opportunities) in the black community, be taken off "stall"?

Businesses are dying on the vine in Santa Barbara Plaza because the local football politics conflicted with local community development

politics when Magic Johnson sided against the Coliseum. Magic was "courted" back to the Coliseum with assurances his deal would fly when the Coliseum deal flew. Now that the Coliseum is "grounded," does that mean Santa Barbara Plaza is grounded also? I hope not. Stand posted for a big community fight over this one. In fact, expect one.

But I, for one, don't want to hear a thing, not another mention of a "new" Coliseum. Find \$400 million in private community development investment (with parking) for something that's not sports- or entertainment-related, or not within a stone's throw of USC or downtown Los Angeles. Go find inner city capital to build a commercial enterprise to go with the "beautification" and infrastructure dollars. Let's talk about a new Normandie and Exposition, a new King and Vermont, a new Western and Vernon, a new Santa Barbara Plaza. Football was political folly; billionaires battling for tax write-offs. And one person's pipedream to be in the mention for mayor. Oh, well. Now's the time to get to work on some real economic development.

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MYRA WOOTEN

Five years ago when Leon Waller saw the American youth dying because of violence, he was upset. But when the epidemic spread closer to home, with the death of a relative, Leon became active. He decided that our youth needed to be saved, and maybe with the help of many others he could do just that. He began his program with little more than a dream and the money in his pocket. The only problem was he picked a town that seemed to be dying.. Princeville. Steeped in history, Princeville sits inside Edgecombe County. Its streets are dotted with youth that stand on corners, and lean outside of convenient stores that are plentiful inside the town limits.

There are no institutions of higher learning, no chamber of commerce, and no hospital. But what this town does have is a spirit that will not say die, and a champion in the form of Project PROUD (Princeville Reaching Out & Uniting against Drugs). With a base in spirituality

Project PROUD is a community outreach, tutor & mentor juvenile program that serves about seventy kids weekly. It serves as "home-work central", a recreation center, and a place where teens can gather and share their thoughts.

"It helps me do my homework and let's me see my friends," 9-year old Jasmine Brown said. Jasmine, a fourth grader at Pattillo Elementary says the program has helped her improve in math, and while she still may not like it she is doing much better.

"It's so exciting to see these kids come in, bright eyed and bushy-tailed", said Representative Edith Warren. "they are on the move for sure".

Warren, a native of the area growing up at Mayo's Crossroads, is quite proud of Princeville and never misses the opportunity to visit the program. In fact the program itself is becoming quite popular outside of its four walls. With visits from television stations, and opportunities to speak at state functions they are showing the community the power of a grassroots organization.

"For me, Princeville is the Black experience," said Founder Leon Waller. "and I'm proud that Princeville is a part of my heritage." The town first called Freedom Hill, and then later Princeville when it became incorporated in 1885 is one of the oldest, if not the oldest Black town in America.

Every Wednesday from 6 to 8 PM youth across Princeville and West Tarboro gather in the side area of the St. Luke Church of God in Christ Church where they can be tutored by certified teachers, and then fed a hot meal before they leave.

"In the beginning, we only had 10 kids," Phyllis Waller said, "now we've outgrown our space, but it's okay because we have a

vision." Project PROUD plans on building a recreation center and daycare in the year 2000. With the new millennium just three months away Phyllis responds "that's faith speaking".

"I'm a believer, I believe whatever you ask God for, you get", Phyllis says. The program is a true test of faith at work. In the beginning the Wallers funded the program out of pocket along with their church pastor. Now thanks to Phyllis, the program has a grant from the Zsmith-Reynolds Foundation.

"That's how I know it was God, I just wrote what he gave me," Phyllis said laughing. But the program has not stooped with just mentoring to children. They have branched out in so many areas that they require the support of at least 20 volunteers weekly.

The program has now partnered with the Department of Social Services and the Work Force Program providing a clothing bank. Though this bank they will provide two outfits to those seeking employment.

They are also part of the North Carolina Food Bank, taking up mission to fight hunger in North Carolina. "We get lots of people who come in and say, 'I can't pay my light bill can you help?' said Phyllis, "we tell them, we can't pay your bill but we can give you \$100 worth of groceries".

For the Wallers at the many other volunteers these things are not out of the ordinary. "We have to reach out to the community, because when these kids leave here, they have to go home," said Phyllis "and if we know that they don't have any food at home we fix them a basket to take with them."

But what about the fact that they sit in the middle of a poverty stricken town, with a population of 2100 that is 99% Black?

"You know what, in the Bible they said the same thing about Jesus", Phyllis said, "can any good thing come from Nazareth? People have said, can anything good come from Princeville? My answer to that is Yes it can!"

For the Wallers, the volunteers and the children of Project PROUD they are not afraid of negative criticism but with a gleam in her eye, Phyllis Waller responds, "I'm gonna show you".

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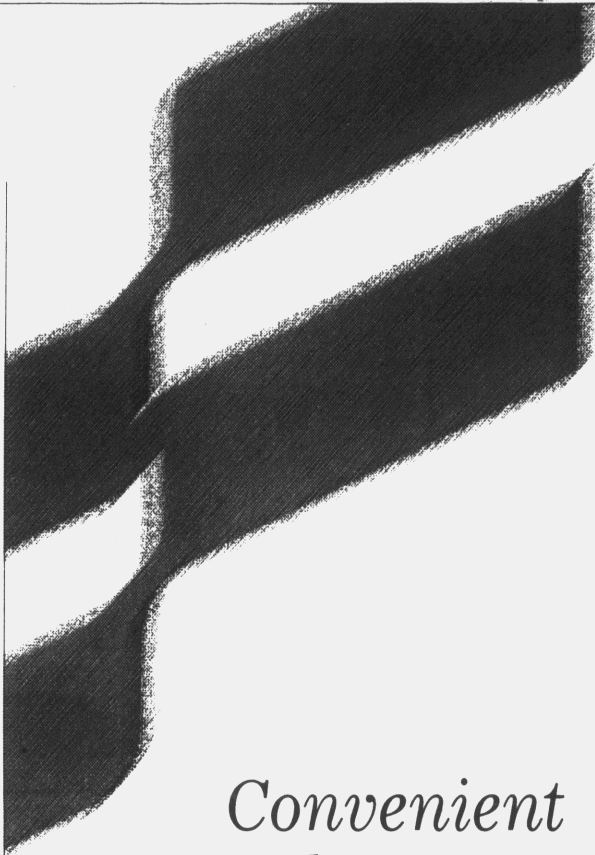
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ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN

Most of what I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandpile at Sunday school. These are the things I learned:

- Share everything.
- Play fair.
- Don't hit people.
- Put things back where you found them.
- Clean up your own mess.
- Don't take things that aren't yours.
- Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat.
- Flush.
- Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.

Live a balanced life - learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some

Take a nap every afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands and stick together.

Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the Styrofoam cup: The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the Styrofoam cup, they all die. So do we.

And then remember the Dick-and-Jane books and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all. LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and equality and sane living.

Take any one of those items and extrapolate into sophisticated adult terms and apply it to your family life or your work or your government or your world and it holds true and clear and firm. Think what a better world it would be if the whole world had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a

nap.

And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together

By: Robert Fulghum, author
BASIC PRINCIPLES TO MASTER IN PUSHING PEOPLE UP

By: A. L. Williams, a former coach and insurance agent and the founder of the A. L. Williams Foundation

1. Everybody wants to be somebody.
2. Treat people "good".
3. Build personal relationships.

4. The secret-praise and recognition - These are the most powerful forms of motivation.

5. The forgotten power - Leaders need to recognize the "power of the partner" in the success of people.

6. freedom with responsibility - Judge people on the basis of individual performance.

7. Basic principles to master in developing leaders:

A. Stand for something. Character and reputation are more important than technical expertise and business savvy.

B. Total commitment is the first step to greatness.

C. Become a crusader - Have a cause that you commit to and believe in

D. Develop a positive attitude.

E. Get your priorities straight Happiness is the successful combination of all areas of your life: business, family, and spiritual

F. Know where you are going; set goals for the future.

G. Don't be afraid to fail. Leaders must learn to eliminate fear for their lives in order to take the risks necessary to win big.

H. You've got to pay the price. Nothing worth having comes easy.

I. Do it first. No one will follow a leader who asks others to do what he won't do.

J. Build with quality. Build everything right, no short cuts.

K. Always move ahead+; keep the organization moving forward.

L. Remember the giving principle; failure to remember the power of giving causes many successful people to reach a point where they can no longer move ahead.

M. Never give up. No one can ever be truly defeated if he never stops trying. The road to success has many disappointments, but the person who makes it to the top is the person who never gives up.

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Don't stay away from church:

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Because it rains. Most of us go to work in the rain.

Because it is hot. It is sometimes

hot in your house, too.

Because no one invited you. People go many other places without being invited.

Because you have little children. We have a lot of children in our church; they need to be taught how to worship.

Because you don't like the pastor. He's human just as you are.

Because there are hypocrites at church. You associate with hypocrites every day.

Because you have guests in your home. They will admire your loyalty if you bring them along.

Because you need a little week-end vacation occasionally. No one can take a vacation from God.

Because your clothes are not expensive. Our church is not a fashion show.

Because our church standards are too high. Are they higher than the Biblical standards for a church?

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When We Fuss and Wrangle

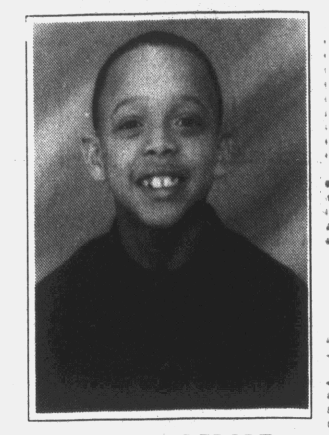
When we fuss and wrangle About that which is right. We may

lose the battle Although we win the fight.

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In the long run, we hit only what we aim at.

Henry David Thoreau
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SPECIAL REPORT

THE NEW YORK TIMES (SCIENCE) for Tuesday, May 19, 1999, ran an article, titled: "Perseverance Is Key for Asthma Sufferers. The Asthma Arsenal", and it featured JOHN ROBERT BRYAN, using a nebulizer.

JOHN ROBERT is the 9-yr.-Old son of William (Bill) and Mamie Maye-Bryan, Bellevue, Nebraska and the grandson of Mrs. Beatrice Maye.

Dr. Linda Ford, an allergist in Omaha and the past president of the American Lung Association said, "We didn't know anything about allergic antibodies in 1950's and 1960's". Now, she said, "We know that 90 per cent of asthma is allergic by nature.

These discoveries have led to more effective asthma drugs, like the inhaled corticosteroids that are "still the gold standard in asthma treatment", Dr. Ford said.

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Bob is a devout member of St. James United Methodist Church and is a strong believer in the power of prayer. On Tuesday November 2nd help put prayer back in City Council meetings by voting Bob Ramey, City Council District 4.

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picture of the pretty girl you show to make your girlfriend jealous." I have one better: the Coliseum is like the girl "you do" for years, but never have any intention of marrying her. It's "a momentary thing" whose best days are behind her once the chase ended, but you never say no to her on a lonely night. The NFL even brought a deal back from the dead (Hollywood Park) so it wouldn't have to marry the Coliseum. All the glitz and glamour in the world wasn't bringing this old biddy back to life. And everybody weeks, but I won't. I ne "real dealers" knew what the real deal was, and it wasn't the Coliseum.

Everybody in Los Angeles knows, including the NFL, that Los Angeles would have a team now if they had stuck with former Dodger owner Peter O'Malley. The NFL would have handed it to him on a silver platter. Councilman Ridley-Thomas leveraged into the deal on the Staples Center when the mayor needed his vote to get public funds. He got the mayor to push O'Malley (and his 35 years of professional

This whole routine amounted to what most reasonable people (including myself) stated this would become once a second team emerged to salvage the first decision deadline, stall time for a "testosterone contest" (bidding war) amongst the billionaire boys club. Well, as Los Angeles found out, when the Texans whipped it out, it was long enough. As Richard Pryor once said, "the water was cold ... and deep too..." Los Angeles couldn't go deep enough. Never could.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The Greenville Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority in conjunction with the Sisterhood Network of North Carolina is observing Breast Cancer Awareness during the month of October. The sorority members distributed pink ribbons before the morning services on October 17, 1999 to the following church memberships:

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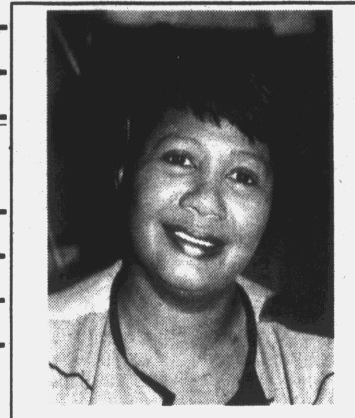
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Black farmers: USDA racism still rules

WASHINGTON—Black farmers came to Capitol Hill once again to voice disapproval of continued unfair treatment by the U.S. Department of Agriculture—even though USDA has settled a class action bias lawsuit filed by the farmers.

Testifying before a House agriculture subcommittee Oct. 14, the farmers said it was "racist" business-as-usual at USDA and the agency was not acting in good faith to pay farmers' settlement claims. "Nothing has changed at USDA. They're still playing games and using every trick in the book to avoid paying Black farmers for past wrongs," said Gary Grant, president of the Black Farmers and Agriculturists Association (BFAA). BFAA filed the lawsuit against USDA on behalf of the farmers in 1997 and is appealing the current settlement agreement reached with USDA and signed by Judge Paul Friedman. The lawsuit accused USDA of denying loans and services to Black farmers because of their race.

Lawyers have filed a motion for extension of the Oct. 11 deadline for farmers to file lawsuit claims, citing problems "thousands of farmers" face in getting their paperwork in by the deadline. "Hurricane Floyd destroyed records and caused delays in North Carolina, South Carolina and elsewhere. Then you have many homebound farmers where lawyers have to go to them, as well as many, many farmers who've just found out about it," said John Zippert, Alabama director of the Federation of Southern Cooperatives (FSC).

The FSC wants an additional 60 days for farmers "to get the claims packages and then get them in," according to communications director Heather Gray. In a press release, the National Black Farmers' Association (NBFA) reported that "several law firms will not be finished preparing claim packages by the deadline." NBFA is seeking a 180-day extension on the deadline.

Court records indicate that 51,000 claims packages have been sent out and more than 17,500 claims have been submitted by Black farmers. Thus far 60 percent of the claims have been rejected by the government for lack of sufficient documentation. "Farmers are being held to an unreasonable standard of proof by the government after telling us that filing claims would be as 'easy as tying your shoes,'" Mr. Grant said.

Farmers told committee members that little has been done at USDA to remedy systemic discrimination. They say only 15 USDA employees have been reprimanded for their actions and punishment usually consisted of "being transferred or sent home one day without pay," and "nobody has been fired."

Testimony by Rosslyn Gray, USDA civil rights director, assuring changes were being made fell on deaf ears.

One of the more outrageous incidents related to the subcommittee was the case of a USDA employee in Virginia who kept a gun in his office desk drawer. He was only reprimanded by the department. It's not clear whether the farmers' last ditch effort for more time to submit discrimination claims will be successful. According to BFAA's Gary Grant, Ms. Gray said USDA Secretary Dan Glickman is "not opposed to an extension." Others believe that the government will grant extensions in hard-ship cases but not change the overall deadline.

Either way, advocates say, Black farmers will no longer exist shortly into the new millennium—unless drastic measures are taken.

—Simeon Muhammad

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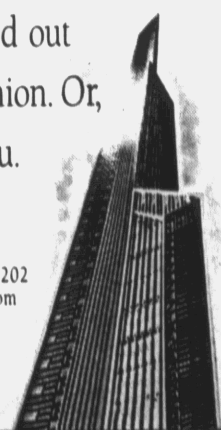
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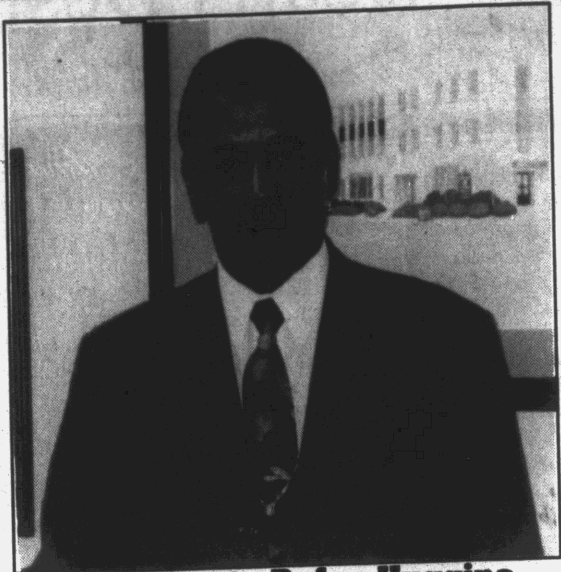
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Re-Elect Rufus Huggins For Greenville City Council District 2



Incumbent - Rufus Huggins

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Past Community Involvement and Recognitions

Past Chairman of Greenville Recreation and Parks Commission
Past Chairman of Human Relations Council

Past Chairman of Greenville Energy Commission
Past Chairman of Pitt county Nursing Home Committee
Served four years in United States Air Force
Major fund raiser for the Jackie Robinson Baseball League
Received numerous national awards for outstanding achievement — National Quality Award and National Sales Award
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Served as Precinct Chairman for the democratic party for 18 years
Executive Committee for Partnership for Progress
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A Proven Record is Why We Should Re-Elect Ruffus Huggins

One of the things that I take great pride in is being an effective City Council member and sensitive to the community. There are hardly any areas in the Black Community that I have not had an impact on. Just some months ago, Chuck Autry and I spearheaded the clean up in the New Town, Coopertield, and Riverdale areas. The City has a department that is focusing on this now. When we had a situation with the Boys Club over in South Greenville, Chuck and I spearheaded the effort to raise necessary money and it was able to continue. Chuck and I had a meeting with the Boys Club official and the concerned parents prior to raising the money. We had a celebration at the South Greenville Gym after raising the money.

When Mount Calvary Church was building their new church, I spearheaded the effort on the City Council to close the street beside the Church and turn it over to the Church. I made myself available to them in any other area that I could possibly help. I spearheaded the effort for the City to close the ditch up behind Phillippi Church and help the church with their additional parking that they needed.

When we had the situation at Piggly Wiggly, I immediately called a meeting at City Hall with the owners and community leaders involved to try to reach a solution. We were unable to do that. I picketed at Piggly Wiggly several times and was there each Sunday for the motorcade. I also brought refreshments. Through this effort and the involvement of other people in the community, Piggly Wiggly came back to the table and an agreeable solution was reached. I was there from start to finish.

At the same time, I was meeting with the housekeeping employees

from ECU at Phillippi Church. I wrote the Chancellor a letter on their behalf. When they scheduled their march, I marched with them. I spoke to the group on the Chancellor's doorsteps and pledged my continued support to them.

When we had the Fordham situation in the community, I attended the meeting at Phillippi Church. I marched with them three times, and paid for one permit. During the Fordham situation, Mildred and I was continually meeting with the City Manager to try to resolve this situation. When additional information came to my attention in regards to Fordham, I advised some of the leaders that the Fordham situation belonged in the court system and that the community was not being provided all the information that could not be given to them by the City Manager. I met with this group again with Reverend Mills being in attendance. Rev. Mills advised the group that the situation needed to be in court. Because of the additional information, I withdrew from having an active part. This information also caused me to withdraw from being involved with Officer Melvin. The group was just not being told all of the facts. Of course, we know that it is now in the courts.

I also met with the Boys Club officials regarding Bishop Love's son. I was able to get them to extend his pay period. The number of instances that I have gotten Greenville Utilities Commission to work with people about paying their utility bills are many. Not to mention, that I have had our Human Relations Division to identify money for people who needed assistance with their mortgage and rent payments. On several occasions, I have called Social Services and gotten money

from them for people who needed assistance. Mildred and I spearheaded the efforts to help Barbara Fenner and the West Greenville Development Program with financing, grants, and City owned property. I initiated the setting aside of land in the New Town area for the purchase of low and moderate income homes. I approached the City Attorney several months ago, about the City renovating dilapidated type structures and having the owners repay the City through rent charges. After going through Raleigh to check the legal aspects of this and how we can do this, I am happy to say that we are now doing this. I made the statement to the City Council that low and moderate income homes are not being provided for by the private sector. I felt it was the responsibility of the elected officials and that we had to take the lead in doing something for low and moderate home owners. The spring off from this was the Million Dollar Bond Referendum and the homes that were built off Hooker Road. Efforts were being made to turn the Moyewood Center back over to the City. I stood alone in my fight to have it turned back over to the Housing Authority because they could get the fluids to manage it. I was able to convince the majority of my fellow Council Members. Of course, we know that is a beautiful facility today with all types of activities going on. I marched through the Fifth and Fleming Streets area four times; twice with D. D. Garrett to bring attention to the drug problem in those areas. It has been reduced substantially. Mildred and I marched through Moyewood with the citizens to focus on the drug and crime in that area.

We worked with James Barnhill to make it a safer

environment. It is much better today.

I instructed the City Manager to notify me immediately of a homicide in the City and that has always been done. When we had the shooting spree in the City, along with Council Member Ramey, we spearheaded an effort to form the drug/crime Committee. It was my understanding that Council Member Ramey at that time would attend the meetings because of my work area being in Wilson, North Carolina. At this same time, Chuck and I sponsored two public forums at his business. They were very successful and helped gained the support that we needed to form a police and community commission.

I personally raised over \$15,000 for the Jackie Robinson League and lead the effort on the Council for them to have a ball field and also a meeting place at the American Legion building.

We had a bad situation with the cab drivers in the City. Chuck and I met with them on several occasions and was able to mediate an agreement to take back to the City Council. This also lead to the creation of a commission to basically oversee the taxi situation in the City. Tom Foreman Park was owned by the school system and the purchase being pursued by the private sector. I lead the effort with the Recreation and Parks Department to have the City to purchase this property. I made the recommendation to have this park named after Tom Foreman because of his recreational involvement in the City. Through Senator Tom Taft, I was able to get \$5,000 toward the cultural center and the gym. With the help of Howard Pierce, we were able to get the Recreation and Parks Department to get a tennis court at Tom Foreman Park. Mildred

took the lead in the beautification of the park and I provided her my support in having this done. Around the same time, the City was looking at a location for a swimming pool. The recommendations were coming in for other areas in the City that would have to be purchased. It was my contention at that time that we owned the Guy Smith Stadium area and someone needed to tell me why we couldn't put it there. There is where it is now located.

When it was brought to my attention that there were no Black supervisors at the School of Medicine, I immediately met with the Chancellor, Jesse Harris, and Russell Hemby to address this situation. The Chancellor was not aware of this and immediate plans were made to rectify this situation. Rev. Arlee Lee Griffin, SCLC, NAACP, and I met with the Hospital Board with Leroy James, board member being present to discuss the situation of Blacks being in administrative positions at the hospital. From this effort, the hospital began in-house training with the help of Pitt Community College and this lead to the change of very few Blacks being in administration. I met with Malcolm Green on numerous occasions concerning no Blacks being in upper management and very few in Administration. Through this effort and with the help of Mildred Council and John Hughes, we were able to get a position and with the help of Jim Rouse we were able to start the hiring of more blacks in administrative positions. I intervene in the financing of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church and was able to get First Citizens Bank to get involved and make a commitment. When the development was being requested in the Greenfield Terrace area, I sent a letter to Ed Carter, James Ebron, and some of

the other community leaders in the area making them aware of the situation. From this Mildred and I me with the Neighborhood Association and they informed us of their position. When this seemed to be their final position, I supported it. When Sylvan Chapel was having its problems with the school board, I called a meeting at City Hall with the Human Relations Council Division, Bishop Hartfield, and his group to address this issue. I offered as much help as I could.

Before his death, Rev. Mills and I went to the schools in the area in regards to many situations that were happening to Black students. Each time we were able to make a difference. I have always been accessible to the community and will respond when I am called upon. In the early 70's when we had the racial problem in the City, I marched with SCLC, I picketed the Police Department, and I contributed as much as I could financially. With the help of people such as Dr. Land and his wife holding meetings at his home with every day citizens and their efforts in the community with myself and other people we began to make a even greater impact on the situation in this city. People such as Walter Morehead, Ernest Brown, Dr. Trent, Dr. Land, and others began to move to Greenville and provide an even fresher look through their immediate involvement. I was there.

This is an incomplete listing of some of the things that I have done and been involved with. This listing was designed more to give an idea of my being the person who firmly believe in getting things done and having positive results. In taking a look at me, I ask that you look at my record and if you have any questions I want you to feel free to contact me.

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Love Across the Color Lines

By (Maria Diedrich)
Reviewed by Henry Wiencek

This narrative is about the passionate love affair between Frederick Douglass and Otilie Assing.

On a summer day in 1856, a 37-year old German journalist named Otilie Assing knocked on the door of Frederick Douglass's home in Rochester, New York, seeking an interview with the great antislavery leader. That meeting marked the beginning of an intimate, mutually enriching, but also tragic relationship.

On and off, the African American abolitionist and the German writer spent 26 years together. Assing passed delightful summers at Douglass's home (despite the disapproval of Douglass's wife, Anna, (whom Assing despised), and Douglass often stayed at Assing's residence in Hoboken, New Jersey, taking refuge there when he was a hunted man after John Brown's raid on the Harper's Ferry arsenal. In her articles for German publications, Assing took up the cause for African American Liberation. She translated Douglass's second autobiography, "My Bondage and My Freedom," and she worked closely with him during the Civil War, drafting articles and speeches.

Unlike Douglass's previous friendship with the Englishwoman Julia Griffiths and his subsequent marriage to another white woman, his relationship with Assing escaped the attention of the press. A prominent German actress who knew the couple quotes: "Our good Otilie was entwined in passionate love with the beautiful dark Fred...but she honored his marriage bond". The author's assumption was that despite the absence of solid evidence, that

Assing and Douglass did not honor his marriage bond to Anna Murray Douglass but had an intimate sexual relationship. In any case, it is clear that Assing was passionately attracted to Douglass and "certain that he would eventually marry her".

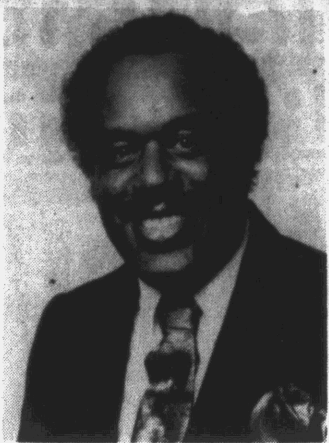
Assing who was half-Jewish, reached out to Douglass, whose father was white, "as a white woman with all the privileges of whiteness, yet seasoned with the wisdom of the "half-breed." The author asserts that Douglass was torn between two races tortured by his double consciousness of being both and neither. She saw in Douglass an ultimate longing for an identification with his father's whiteness. His love of white women allowed him to claim as his the territory, from which his father-master had exiled him. He reclaimed a manhood, a self which he could only perceive as white.

Assing was in Europe in 1882 when Douglass wife died. She did not race back to America to claim her lover nor did Douglass seek her out. Early in 1884, newspapers carried the story of Douglass's sudden marriage to Helen Pitts, a white woman 20 years younger than he. In August, Assing sat down on a park bench in Paris and drank a bottle of poison, ending her life. Her will left a substantial bequest to Douglass.

Note: If you are interested in reading this book, visit Barnes and Noble. They will gladly order it for you in the event that it is not in stock.

Submitted by Suetette A Jones a retired educator and currently a tutor at Pitt Community College

Spiritual Thoughts



Dr. George Hawkins

From the Pastor's Desk:

Tabernacle Center Church of Deliverance recently ended its First Annual Women's Conference with "The Cry of the In-Time Church" as its theme. The awesome, dynamic woman of God, Pastor/Evangelist Wynell Johnson of Cherry Hill, N.J. held the congregation spellbound with her unusual style of ministering the gospel. The greatest impact of her delivery came on Wednesday night, when she intensified and called forth the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. As she closed the service, she commanded the whole church to leave "speaking in tongues." There were many visitors who had been in their own churches desiring the Pentecostal experience but had been unable to yield to the power of God. But on that particular night, the anointing was so powerful that the Shekinah Glory (Wycliffe's Bible) came forth. They had an experience according to the Word of

God that brought on a supernatural manifestation over which they had no control. For them, it was a new birth as they began to speak the "heavenly language". The following Sunday during our regular church service, seven persons came forward desiring to be new creatures in Christ. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved". (Acts 2:47)

A Relationship with the Lord

The month of October has been set aside for the study of: The Vision for Tabernacle Center Church of Deliverance. Our theme is based on Proverb 29:18, "Where there is no vision the people perish," and, Psalm 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the City the watchman waketh but in vain." The four goals set for discussions are:

1. Win the lost for the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Become mature in the things of God.
3. Come out of religion into a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. Complete wholeness for spirit, soul, and body. This writing will deal with the third goal: Relationship with the Lord.

The Bible does not refer to a personal relationship with the Lord, not in these exact words, but the idea everywhere shows impor-

tance of learning to know, love, and trust a very personal Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself prayed to His Father, "This is eternal life that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent." (John 17:3). The prophet Jeremiah quoted the Lord as saying, "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty man glory in his might, nor let the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me. (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

A relationship with the Lord has many of the same traits as the relationship between two friends: each knows the other, each approaches the other, each shares with the other, and each honors the other. If our relationship with Jesus is real, we will welcome Him into our lives. Our actions will show that we believe He is the kind of person we want in our homes, our plans, in our laughter and in our tears.

There are some who say they have encountered the Lord in a vision, heard Him speak through a voice and felt the touch of His hand. Such experiences are possible. The Old and New Testaments both have accounts of these supernatural events and miracles and encounters with God that forever changed their lives. (Isaiah 6:1-8) God has shown throughout the Bible that He is free to reveal Himself in any way he chooses. These spiritual encounters did not happen to everyone. In my previous writing on the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit: (April 1-14, 1999) I quoted that not every person receives the same gift, but God, but so did prophets

like Moses and Ezekiel; however, they did not spend the rest of their lives teaching others to have the same experiences because they knew that they don't "teach" a gift. It is of God.

We can meet the Lord with the eyes of our understanding. Because He is an all-powerful, ever-present Spirit, He can reveal Himself to us at a deeper level than what our eyes can see or what our ears can hear. To hear the Lord doesn't mean we have to hear the sound of a voice. For those who want to hear, He can be heard speaking constantly through the wisdom of His Book--the Bible. There in an opportunity to hear Him on every page. We do not have to go to church to meet the Lord because He does not use scheduled services and addresses. He can show up anywhere at any time. He is not limited to location, it is a matter of whether we have place in our hearts for Him. He wants to make our hearts His home. James 4:8 reads, "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." The Apostle James told us to humble ourselves before the Lord (4:10) He gave us reason to believe that wherever we seek Him, the Lord will meet us there.

God is as close as a humbled heart. David (the man after God's own heart) was deeply humbled by the Lord's constant presence and he shows us why this is true as he writes in Psalms 139:1-6, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend into heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, you are there"----

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Enjoying country cooking, these young brothers were enjoying some of Monte's Dinning good old fashion country cooking. Yet, they took time to pose for our "M" Voice roving camera. Monte's Dinning is located off of Memorial Dr. so stop by when your in the mood for some home cooked country stlye dinning.

Photo By Jim Rouse



Enjoying a day of fellowshiping, these lovely ladies took time from there day to pose for our "M" Voice camera. The sun was shining and they were all smiles and in high spirits.

Photo by Jim Rouse



Publisher Jim Rouse photographed some of the damage the town of Princeville suffered after being under water due to the floods brought on by Hurricane Floyd. Pictured is Princeville's City Hall, all of us should put our hearts and prayers together for the citizens of Princeville & Tarboro and hope for a speedy rebuilding.

Photo by Jim Rouse



Grammy Award winning Hip-Hop recording artist Lauryn Hill having fun at the Quitman Street School in Newark, New Jersey during Prudential's Global Volunteer Day.

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4	21,710	30,895	1,810	2,575	418	595
5	25,376	36,112	2,115	3,010	488	695
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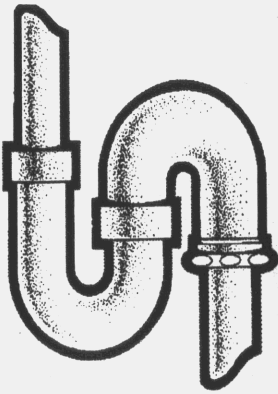
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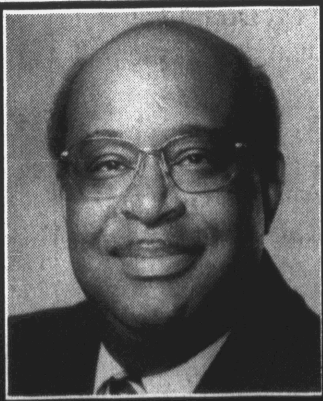
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- o Certified ISO Quality Auditor
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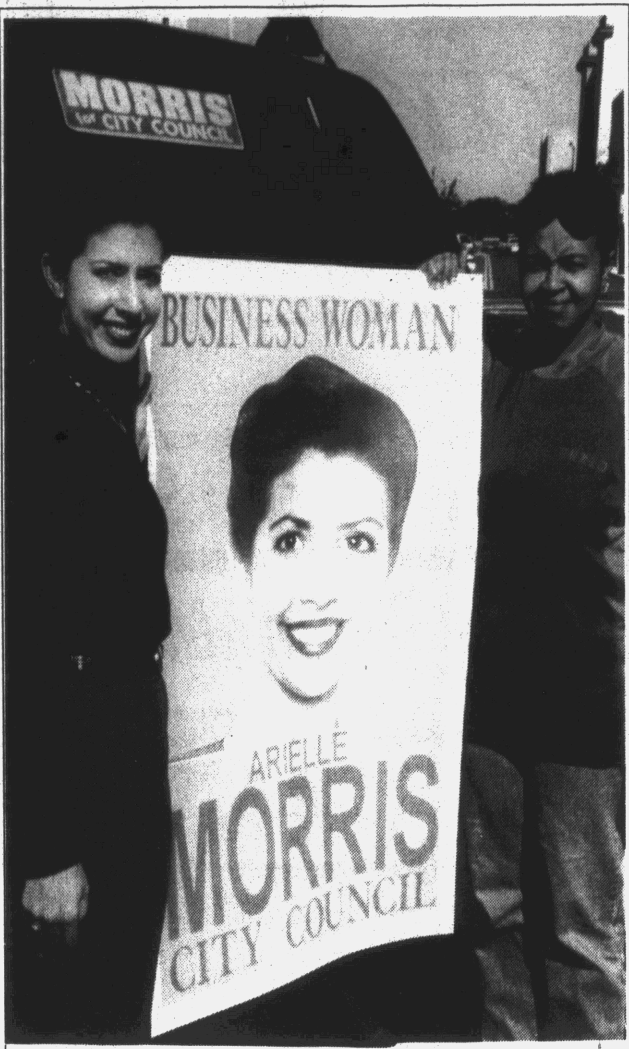
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- 1) Continuous education programs...enabling improved loyalty, innovation, creativity and a sense of ownership thus creating World Class strategies to become and maintain an ALL AMERICAN CITY status.
- 2) Engage Task Force to define and correct conditions that cause Pitt County/Greenville to be identified as the third most dangerous place to drive in North Carolina.
- 3) Crime: Step up city's crime prevention plans.
- 4) Work to improve heavy traffic conditions.

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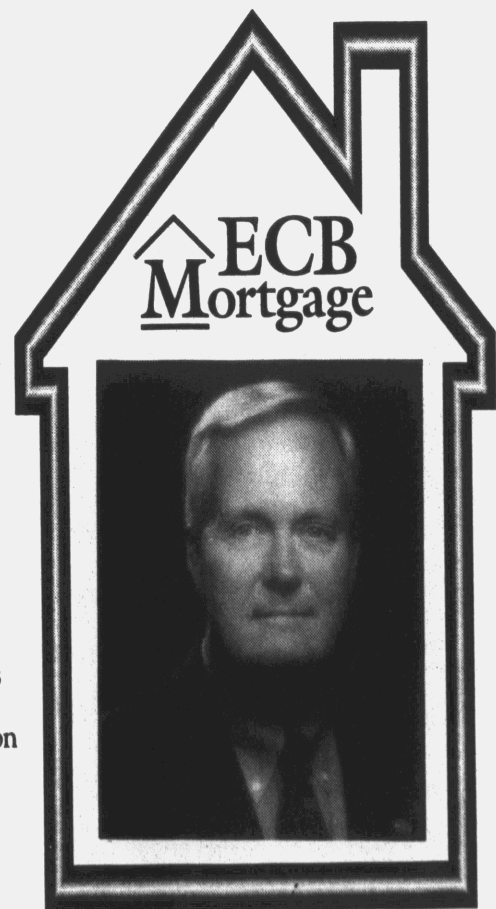
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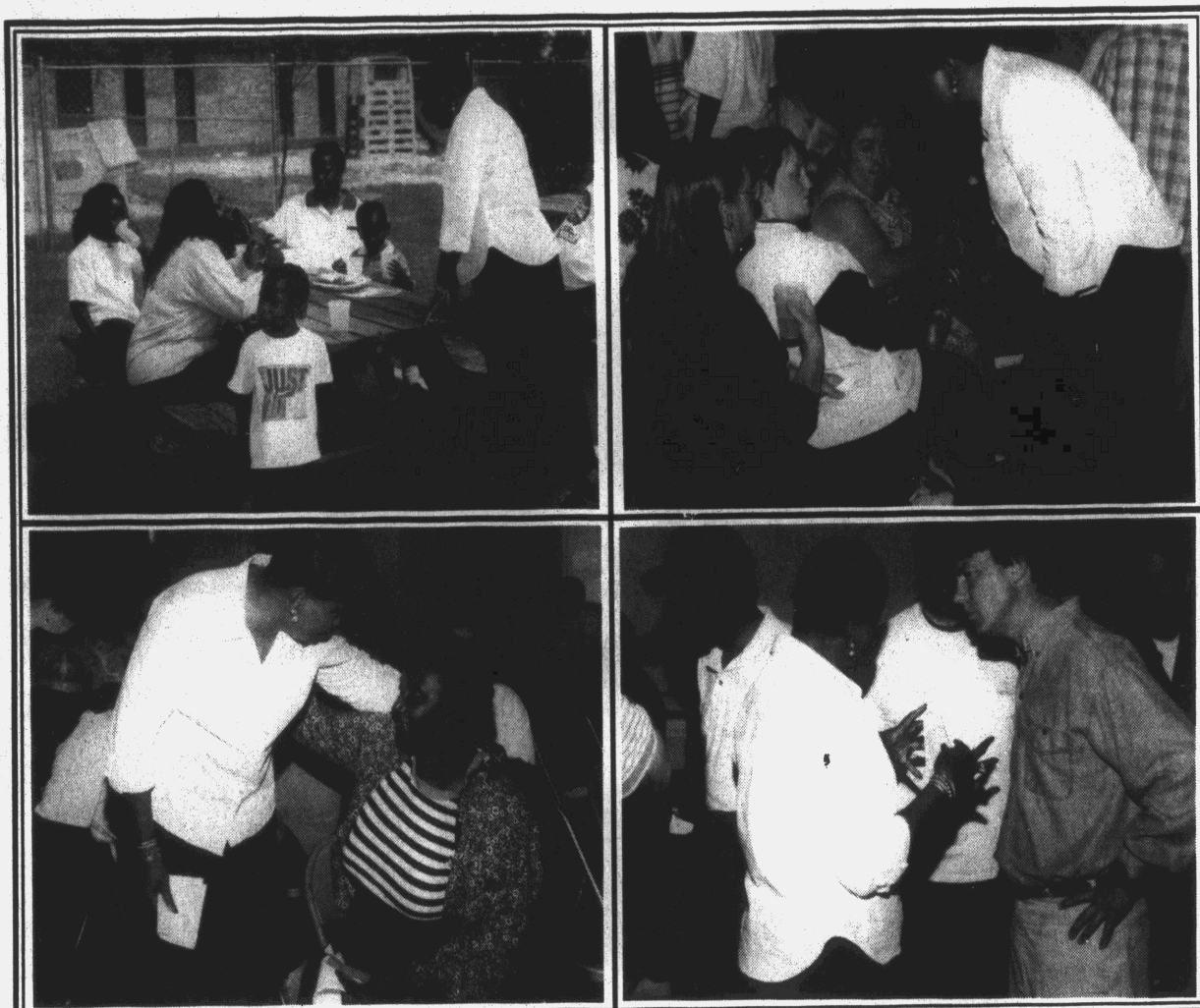
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