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Racial Profiling Pitt County Branch of the NAACP held it's Annual Banquet

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By Larry Reeves

The Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr. has made it one of his priorities. So has the Rev. Al Sharpton following the excessive shooting in New York of Amadou Diallo. Even Johnny Cochran has joined the circle of civil rights activists pledging legal action against police for racial profiling. Jackson and the others contend it's a national crisis, and charge Black and Latino youths are the most susceptible.

While several prominent police organizations nationally refute the claims, there are some cops who prefer the opposite. "Racial profiling is a reality," an undercover cop in Atlanta told the Tri-State Defender.

"It not only occurs in Atlanta, but in almost every city in America," paid the policeman who asked us not to use his name. But, TSD discovered. Most

cities visited were: Atlanta, Jackson, Memphis, Little Rock and New Orleans.

About 20 White and Black uniformed and undercover officers participated in an unscientific survey contend that "the felon look"--that "Tupac-thug-for-life" image and posture captured on the front page--account for a majority of the stops and frisks. Using the composite sketch, the cops assigned high and low percentages to every piece of brand-name clothing, headgear, and footwear that they say contributes to the makeup of a racial profile and causes them to confront a person.

Whites donning similar clothing rarely are stopped. In the cops' opinion, most of the surveyed cops agreed. And what is the profiling dress code?

A baseball cap, worn at an angle, accounts for 10 percent of their stops of their stops.

A bandanna, particularly red or blue, hints at gang involvement and accounts for 20

account for 10 percent of stops.

In Jackson, Denise Marks felt that it was only a matter of time before four antsy White cops would be attracted by her husband's "perp colors"--as husband Brian would latter describe his attire--and come after him. He got in the car and the couple drove off. minutes later, Marks pulled into her building's parking lot. While her husband was locking the gate, Marks says she noticed the same cop car reversing its direction, as if to come after him.

"I guess they noticed we were together when my husband started walking toward me," she says. "By the time we got to the front entrance of my building, they were again stopping people."

The couple watched the cops stop and frisk a number of residents and then get back into their car and drive away without making any arrests. The next morning, the Marks turned on the TV and there they were, the same four cops Marks had feared

might mistake her husband for a common criminal--were being accused of gunning down an unarmed resident in front of his home.

The killing of Diallo in New York City and the shocking outcome of the trial bolstered charges made by African Americans and Latinos, while making a little more than 9,000 arrests.

For every 16 African Americans stopped and frisked, only one is arrested.

profiling isn't random. "A lot depends on what a potential suspect is wearing." In other words, this long-time Atlanta policeman strongly suggests that suspects, especially Blacks and Latinos, are selected on the basis on their dress.

An old axiom is that, "Clothes make the man." Obviously the new axiom is that, "Clothes makes the suspect." In an effort to substantiate the officer's claim, TSD traveled to five other southern cities including Memphis to see if other officers agreed. The

percent of stops.

An XXL hooded sweattop, or "hoodie," accounts for 20 percent of stops.

-Sagging, baggy trousers, especially dungarees, account for 30 percent of stops.

-Exposed plaid boxer shorts account for 10 percent of stops.

-Expensive high-top sneakers--unlaced, suggesting that the person may have done prison time--

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It reminds us of the needs of Pitt County's most vulnerable citizens...our children. Pitt County ranks 17th highest in the state with reports of abuse and neglect. There were 2,644 reports of abuse and neglect in Pitt County last year, of which 803 children were found to be abused and neglected. These are startling statistics!

Child abuse and neglect is detrimental to children. It may lead to a sense of loss, low self-esteem and can often lead to troubled behaviors later in life. Area child advocates have formed

the April Child Abuse Prevention Coalition to sponsor several events throughout the month of April to help educate the community on abuse prevention.

The first event is the Child Abuse Prevention and Victim Right's Open House. The District Attorney's office will sponsor the Open House on Saturday, April 15, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Plaza Mall. There will be many attractions for children including two coloring contests, the Fire Prevention Safety House, and two Child Safety Seat check points. Booths will be set up by community advocates and agencies to educate children, parents and individuals in the community on abuse prevention. If your

agency would like to set up a booth or you need more information, contact Dawn Gibbs at (252) 830-6434.

The second event is the S.A.F.E. (Stop Abuse For Everyone) Walk. The TEDI BEAR: Children's Advocacy Center will be holding the S.A.F.E. Walk on Saturday, May 6, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. at the Willis Building on Reade Street. There will be two routes, a five-mile of a one-mile walk. The walk will end at the Town Common and join in the Greenville International Festival celebrations. Participants that raise at least \$30 will get a free T-shirt. Prizes will be given to those individuals raising the most money, to the agency that raises the most money and to the agency with the most walkers. Proceeds from S.A.F.E. Walk will benefit the TEDI BEAR Center, a multidisciplinary center, which provides services to allegedly abused children and their family members and is an area advocate for abuse prevention. For more information contact TEDI BEAR: CAC at (252) 758-1200.

There is also extensive outreach to the youth and adult groups in our community during the months of March and April. Outreach to youth will include distributing information on child abuse to area schools and inviting students to take part in the S.A.F.E. Walk and the District Attorney's Open House. A poetry and poster contest will also be held at local schools. A special effort is also being made this year to involve

area college students. Students from ECU and PCC, especially those in human services organizations, will receive information on child abuse and will be invited to participate and aid in Child Abuse Prevention Month activities.

A youth and adult speakers bureau will be available to address interested service groups as well as for media presentations about child abuse. If you would like a speaker to come to your group, agency or business, or would like more information on these events, please contact TEDI BEAR: CAC at 758-1200.



Smelling His Flowers While He Lives,

The Pitt County Chapter of the NAACP held it's Annual Banquet at the Willis Building. One of the pioneers in education to all our children. Hats off to the Pitt Co. Chapter NAACP president, Gaskin Monk, his children and grandchildren as they pose for the Minority Voice camera.

Photo by Jim Rouse



Elbert's Kitchen

Shown above is the Cummins' family who are the owners and operators of the new Elbert's kitchen now open for lunch and supper. Brother Kirk and his lovely wife Philistine is shown posing for our cameras as they ready to open the door to serve some good down home cooking.

Photo by Jim Rouse

The Best Irons Award



Best Irons Award Banquet,

Pictured Dr. Sidney Locks pastor of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church is shown with his lovely wife being presented with the Best Irons Award for his efforts in helping flood victims recover from the devastation of Hurricane Floyd.

Photo by Daniel Blount



TARBORO, NC/ HURRICANE FLOYD !!!

Residents of East Tarboro were just as affected by Floyd like their neighboring town of Princeville. Pictured are some children whose families were displaced by Hurricane Floyd. They took a moment to pose for the "M" Voice camera.

Photo by Jim Rouse



KLEAVER'S KLIPPINGS

A Tribute to Raw Courage in the Face of Adversity

This is a follow-up to a column written two weeks ago in regards to Bernard Parks, the chief of police for the City of Los Angeles. At the time the first column was written, there was no indication that the proverbial roof was about to fall in.

Well, it has fallen in and there is a single hero who will emerge though not unscathed, healthier and stronger than ever, Bernard Parks. Bernie took on a chore that none of his predecessors would have touched.

He recognized there was at least a modicum of validity to the claims that have been made through the years regarding the Los Angeles Police Department and he had the moral courage to look under the proverbial rocks to see what would come out.

What came out was perhaps worse than anything he could have imagined. The result was a blistering and damning indictment of the agency he heads so proudly.

Instead of following the suit of some of the past chiefs, he took a

clear and open role in digging in the dirt and then made no attempt to justify the actions of the police officers involved. He is currently letting the chips fall where they may and he is offering no quarter.

One of the things that must be realized is that none of this corruption is new. It did not start on his watch. It was there when he took office. It was there before Willie Williams took office. It could conceivably go all the way back to Chief Bill Parker. The Rampart CRASH unit is just one of the problems.

An interesting aside is that when the LAPD started its anti-gang units on a formal basis, they were called TRASH units. Total Resources Against Street Hoodlums. The black community in particular took such offense at the term TRASH, that the acronyms were changed and we had Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums; CRASH.

The essence of this issue is simple. The kind of covert corruption that has recently been uncovered was going on during the ad-

ministrations of several police chiefs before both Willie Williams and Bernie Parks.

No matter the circumstances, Willie Williams was a sacrificial lamb. He came to Los Angeles from Philadelphia and introduced his brand of community policing. He was, in fact, the darling of many of the citizens. The problem was that he was the change-over chief and he could only wield so much power. In retrospect, he may very well have been doomed from the day he first took office in Los Angeles.

When Bernie first took office, it became fairly clear some major changes would have to be made. People with divided loyalties would have to be moved to less sensitive positions and those people who had proven their allegiance would be their replacements.

All of that happened and it was just a matter of time before the rank and file realized they had a true leader instead of a rubber stamp.

He is persona non grata with the police union because he was not and is not one of their "boys." He has studied the situation and deter-

mined what he thinks is the best method of running this department. He has followed his mind. There are some disgruntled police officers at all levels but they will do one of two things. They will either get over their anger and become functional police officers and/or executives or they will find other jobs.

Probably the thing that is most outstanding is the fact that Bernie Parks has thrown the entire matter open to both public and political scrutiny. In all probability, the public will respect and admire him for his intestinal fortitude. The political arena may be something else again. Nobody really knows where political figures are coming from. In that same vein, nobody knows what political debts are owed. So that particular arena remains an unknown.

The genesis of all this began with the tale told by convicted former police officer, Rafael Perez. I think that's his name. If not, I apologize. On a recent talk show, former LAPD chief Daryl Gates condemned Perez as a liar and commented that he would not trust him as far as he could throw him. There

may be some validity to his feelings, but it was his rolling over on his fellow officers that brought the case into the limelight.

It was also the catalyst that unearthed a myriad of other crimes within LAPD. Herein lies the rub. Bernie Parks could have turned his back on the issue and condemned Perez as did Gates and then proceeded to either ignore the charges or find some manner to justify the actions of the officers who were alleged to have committed crimes.

Instead, he went ahead full force, knowing well that the outcome might not be to his liking. It was simply a matter of having the courage to face the facts as they were and then proceed to do something concrete about them.

He is doing that.

There has been some talk about Parks resigning as chief of police. Hopefully, he has disregarded all of that. He has undertaken a chore that should have been done a decade ago, but nobody either had the courage or the desire to make the necessary changes and clean up the department.

Lest there's some misunderstanding, this is not an indictment of the entire department. There are a lot of good police officers on the street. Most of them fall in that category as a matter of fact. But there are some dogs out there and they have been abusing the public in various ways for many years and until the emergence of Bernie Parks as chief of police for Los Angeles, nobody was going to shake the tree.

Bernie shook it and all of the bad eggs are falling out of their nests. There will be one hell of a mess to clean up when the shaking is done. It is not a pretty sight and in many cases, it will shake the faith of the people that LAPD is sworn to protect and serve.

But when all of this over, the people of Los Angeles will owe a tremendous debt to Bernard Parks because he had the courage and the will to make this the best police department in the country.

His is not and will not be an easy fight. He will need the support of the people of this and every other community in Los Angeles. Let us say a sincere prayer that he gets it.

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URBAN PERSPECTIVE

Racism Is Racism by Any Name

A PBS program, "Debate," asked, "Is racism a mental illness?" The following is an edited version of the views of Dr. Alvin Poussaint, clinical professor, psychiatry, Harvard Medical School; Jeffrey Schaler, psychologist/professor, School of Public Affairs, American University; Ben Toledano, attorney, New Orleans; and Ron Liefer, MD, psychiatrist and author, which appeared in the January/February issue of *Crisis* magazine.

Dr. Alvin Poussaint: My position is that extreme racism is a mental illness because it represents a delusional disorder. Anyone who feels that all blacks or all Jews are responsible for all the problems in the world and that they have to be exterminated to correct it, this represents a delusion which fits into the category of the psychiatric nomenclature for a delusional disorder. And, I think it's treatable. ...

"Extreme racism is not just false belief. These people reach the point that they are very delusional about it. Racism does have kind of a scale. There are gradations of racism ... I think that someone who moves on their delusion, which basically is a paranoid delusion, that person has gone beyond anything ordinary. That person fits the criteria for delusional disorder, persecutory type.

These people who get into a genocidal mode based on their delusions are mentally disturbed and are probably treatable if we took a constructive view and didn't imply that somehow, this is just hatred and there's nothing we can do about it. I think we can educate with mild forms of racism. I think for people who reach the extreme stage, we should see that as a mental disturbance and try to do something about it and get those people some help to prevent catastrophes.

Some argue that we are absolving people when we say they have a mental health problem, but that's not absolving them. The disturbance takes all kinds of shapes. There's a public health approach which should be major because it's a public health problem. And then, there could be the individual treatment approach. Really acute people ... in some way, they need to be contained and need some help and clarity. They're out of control. It's not just a moral thing.

When I say "extreme racists," I'm looking at those people who are far gone, who are ready to go out and kill, who represent a danger to others. And this is where you draw the line. I think we

are offering something to these people who are extreme racists who might say, "Maybe I have a problem. There's something I can do about it."

Attorney Ben Toledano: The term, "extreme racism," is a problem for me because I didn't know it had been divided into categories or classes, minor racism, moderate racism, extreme racism.

My experiences in the field of being on the streets, in the neighborhoods around just regular people who are trying to deal with political, day-to-day problems. And I'll tell you this. As long as this racism continues, in my opinion, we're not going to solve real problems. Everybody is so busy pinning labels on people today, it's become really an industry of sorts. We don't get a chance to deal with how to actually solve it.

If we were to follow Dr. Poussaint's suggestion of treating everybody that doesn't like blacks or doesn't like Jews or doesn't like Catholics, then the bigots will have a field day, because it's never going to be possible for psychiatrists to put everybody who's got a prejudice on the couch.

Education is a big alternative. Teaching people what's wrong about racism, the Judeo-Christian principles of how to treat other human beings is a hell of a lot more productive and a lot healthier than putting labels about something being a mental illness. I think it's a moral question, not a medical question. Wanting to murder people and wipe out people, genocide, for example, is a totally different question from prejudice. We have this giant wall which separates us, but much worse, which we call racism.

And, we're doing very little about it. I've seen the failure of politics to solve this problem. ... I don't think the politicians can do it. I don't think the doctors can do it. ... It can only be done, and this is very much speculation, by religious leaders, spiritually.

Professor Jeffrey Schaler: "Racism is no more a mental illness than homosexuality or masturbation. And this is why racism, and even mental illnesses are not listed in standard textbooks on pathology, because they don't meet the criteria for disease classification." This seems to me some kind of political ploy to classify people as racists with mental illness. Racism is a moral and ethical question, but if some people have their way in classifying racism as an illness,

you're exculpating people for the evil acts they commit.

It seems to me that we all abhor racism and we're differing in terms of what we might do about it. I think your position implementing formal social control, psychiatry, make sense in that you're angry at people who are racists. However, I think you're unbelievably naive in terms of the slippery slope that using institutional psychiatry can bring about. ... There would be no end to what people will diagnose as a mental illness.

Years ago, Jews were considered a public health problem. Homosexuals were considered sick. Masturbation was considered an illness, and the father of American psychiatry, Benjamin Rush, declared black skin to be a disease. He said that blacks and whites should not intermarry because it would spread a congenital form of leprosy he called negritude.

Dr. Ron Liefer: There's a lot of consequences to classifying racism as a mental illness. Calling members of the Ku Klux Klan mentally ill would make it possible to send in the mental help troops, not only on Ku Klux Klan rallies, but on Khalid Muhammad's rallies. If the psychiatrists are white and decide that Khalid Muhammad is a racist, they could commit him to a mental hospital. We are opening a Pandora's Box of oppression and dumbing down America to moral issues.

I don't believe racism is a mental illness, but I do think that racism is an example of a general human tendency to create and identify antithetically. The only way we know who we are is by defining who we are not. And, if we have a poor sense of identity, we'll create it on the least common denominator, skin color, which is a rather stupid way of defining identity.

If we're going to call the basic human phenomenon of creating an identity mental illness, we are medicalizing human activity and harming ourselves by dumbing ourselves down so that we can't distinguish good from evil because we're calling all evil mental illness and sending it to psychiatrists to treat. This process of scapegoating, which is a very old process, is fundamental to the formation of human identity.

I don't consider racism a mental disorder, I consider it an extreme evil. ... I don't believe treatment is the answer. I believe love is the answer.



BETWEEN THE LINES

The Framing of Pasadena Dentist, Dr. Druciel Ford

The criminal prosecution of popular Pasadena dentist, Dr. Druciel Ford, is the kind of case any law-abiding citizen should fear. Medical and dental professionals should pay particular attention to the case. If you can be criminally prosecuted for what Dr. Ford is being accused of, than any time you treat a client and get an adverse reaction—you could end up in jail and with a suspended license. No one would even practice medicine, or law for that matter if professionals had to be criminally liable for the unknown.

That's just the face of this case, the presumption of guilt until proven innocent, because a teenager went into arrest over what the D.A. thinks may have been the misapplication of an anesthesia, chloral hydrate. But as the facts of this case become public, you will see the underlining of a long time vendetta by a Pasadena police officer and an overzealous Deputy D.A. going against the wishes of the D.A.'s office to prosecute this case.

This is a classic witchhunt, the fabrication of which was a year in the making that has the collaboration of the Pasadena Police Depart-

ment, the Pasadena Office of the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office and the Pasadena Star-News, that in the final analysis represents the framing of a case against one of Pasadena's most popular and respected pediatric dentists.

If you have been following the case of Dr. Druciel Ford over the past month, you would assume that this is some jackleg dentist who was pulling teeth in the back room of some shady operation and accidentally over sedated some patient that almost died. If you've been following the media accounts of this story, you would think that it involved someone who deserved to have his license suspended for endangering children.

The "public" persona of this case has been "to get the rascals imitating dentists and make it safe for children to go to the dentist again." The "stop it before it happens to your child" hysteria that gave the D.A. and the Pasadena police "carte blanche" to close down this woman's successful practice, before civil and state dental examiner complaints could be completed, and liability determined, created a local newspaper press frenzy that other media organizations picked up and

fed on like sharks smelling blood in the water.

Anything about children, doctors, and negligence mentioned in the same sentence is news anywhere. But a review of surrounding facts in this case warrant a closer look. And the closer you look, the more inclined you will be to pass judgement. Dr. Ford is a pediatric dentist serving the Pasadena (and surrounding) community the last 21 years. During that time, she has treated over 50,000 patients, including my youngest daughter. Dr. Ford has never had any complaints filed against her prior to this incident. A state investigator claims there were five but without merit (plus nobody can find them but him).

This woman has a stellar reputation in Pasadena and in Riverside where she grew up. Everyone that has had anything to say about Dr. Ford since this case broke, only has said how kind and caring she has been with their children. She has four adopted children of her own.

People can't believe this is the Dr. Ford the media is making out to be so careless, because it's not. The police set this case up from the jump, with the D.A. and the media. Eight Pasadena Police Officers

showed up at her office last month, and arrested her in front of a room full of patients. The charges; 14 counts, including five felony counts of child abuse (endangerment), unprofessional conduct, and obstructing a peace officer or EMT.

The center of the charges stem from the allegation that a patient, Melissa McGrath, almost died in the dental chair when given, what the district attorney is saying, was an excessive dose of chloral hydrate, a sedative given to children during dental work. However, the D.A.'s experts, in a review of the case, said it was allowable. Dr. Ford's license has been suspended, pending the outcome of a preliminary trial hearing.

This is what the public has had drummed in their heads by what most everybody has seen as biased reporting by the *Pasadena Star-News* (whom McGrath's mother is employed by). What the public doesn't know is that this case was declined by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Medical Division who says this is a civil matter, or a possible misdemeanor matter to be referred to a local city attorney. That the leading investigator on the case, Pasadena Detective

Walter Ireland, is a former patient of Dr. Ford—and became disgruntled over 10 years ago when she refused to allow him to stand in the room with his child during dental surgery. He is also the person who went "D.A. shopping" to find someone who would file the case, while they tried to find something more.

The *Pasadena Star-News* has yet to investigate these motives behind this case, though it's gonna come out in court. The judge initially set her bail at \$380,000. On the same day Dr. Ford was arrested, a woman in Orange County ran over her estranged husband in a car, jumped out—stood over him—cursed him—got back in the car—put the car in reverse (clearly intending to kill him)—backed up over him again (killing him), was arrested and her bail was only \$250,000. Now you tell me. ...

What makes this matter worse is never in the history of California has a dentist been criminally prosecuted and had his license suspended, for a child that didn't die. Nor has a dentist had his license suspended before due process was afforded, civilly and by the state examiner.

Five years ago, an Orange County dentist overdosed three people on one day (killed 'em) and wasn't prosecuted. Outcomes can't always be predicted, and clearly there was no criminal intent. It may be a negligence case, but this is not a criminal matter. This would never happen to "the other man." Some are naive enough to believe that race is not a factor, but there should be plenty about the constitutionality of taking someone's livelihood away before the facts are known.

Dr. Ford is being framed in a way that should send chills through any dentist that practices. Dr. Ford should be given her license back until she is found guilty of something.

This woman, with such an established record, is no danger to society. The only thing she's guilty of now, is being the victim of a frame-up. And with a legal team like Ed Faal, Bob McNeil and company, that will come out in trial. ... If there is one, Free Dr. Druciel Ford to practice dentistry again. But free ourselves from malicious prosecution antics. Dr. Ford today, any of the rest of us, tomorrow.

If you don't believe it, just follow this case.



NELL LEWIS, formerly director of Community Outreach at Pitt Community College has accepted a position at East Carolina University.

Beginning April 1, she will assume the title of the Director of the Ledonia Wright African-American Cultural Center which is located on campus in front of the Mendenhall Student Center. The Center is named in honor of the late Ledonia Wright who was the first minority professor at East Carolina University.

NELL feels very humbled to have the opportunity to continue her service to this community, and expresses appreciation to all volunteers who so readily and willingly offered their time and energy to support the Outreach program at Pitt Community College.

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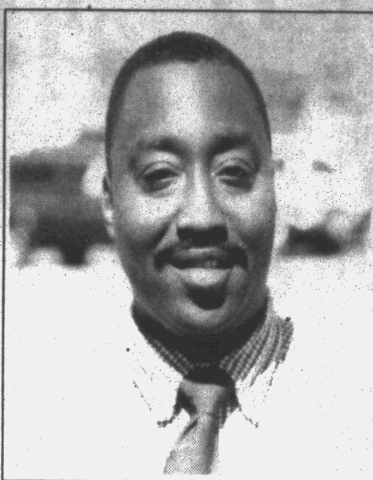
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Census 2000

Census 2000 is rapidly approaching. The Census is a snapshot of our nation and community. This is an exciting time for North Carolina to tell the nation what a wonderful and diverse place our state is. Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. has made it a priority that each North Carolinian is included in the next Census.

The United States is required by law to take a Census every 10 years as a way of determining how the population is represented in the U.S. House of Representatives but Census numbers do much more! Information from the Census is used in local planning and budgeting for such things as schools, job training programs and highways. Census data is also used when planning programs for children, seniors, minority populations and more. Many 911 emergency systems use the detailed address maps developed by the Census. Businesses use Census data to determine the needs of their community and provide products and services. The Census impacts every North Carolinian young and old, male and female of every race for years to come.

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Williams Joins ECB as Special Project Coordinator

ENGELHARD, NORTH CAROLINA- Patricia C. Williams has joined The East Carolina Bank as Special Projects Coordinator.

Williams, who brings over 13 years of experience to ECB, was most recently employed by Scott Image Associates, Inc. as an Image Consultant and Education Specialist. At ECB, Williams will coordinate the Bank's training program, special projects, and be responsible for maintenance of ECB's new website, www.ecbbancorp.com.

In the community, Williams is a member of First United Methodist Church where she is a member of the Kaye Buckman Circle. She is Past Chapter Chairman and Advisory Board member of the Coastal Plains Chapter of the March of Dimes, and Past President of the Washington Jaycettes. As a Jaycette, Williams was honored with the Presidential Award of Honor, the NC Jaycettes Award of Honor, and as Jaycette of the Year.

A native of Greenville, Williams is a graduate of East Carolina University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Housing and Management. She resides in Washington with husband Lee, and has four children-Matt, Andy, Seth, and Rebekah.

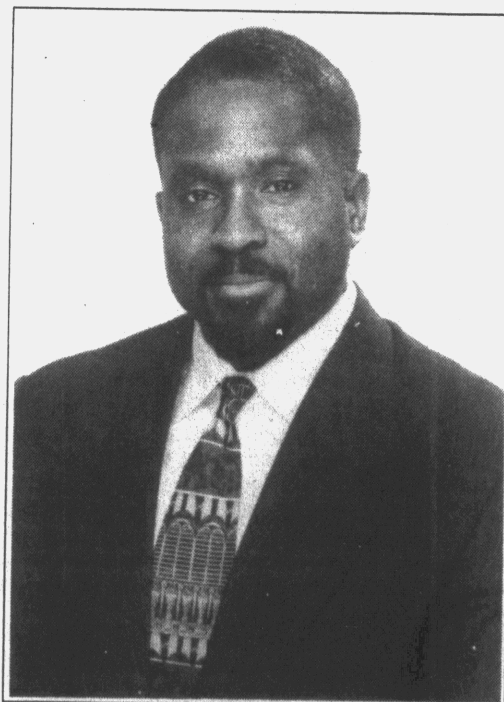
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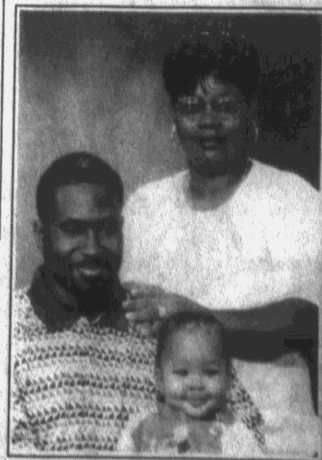


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You can meet Faris Dixon and his Family at the Shad Festival April 8th in Grifton. For more information about Faris Dixon, you may also contact him at (252) 355-5747 or farisdixon1234@cs.com





Campaign 2000

As the political season kicks off in full force shown at NAACP Annual Banquet, Fares Dioxin the only African-American running for District Court judge is shown above with his lovely wife. Shown Below Jim Antinore candidate for Superior Court Judge is pictured with his lovely wife. Both candidates deserve the black vote because they have been working hard in the black community.

Photo by Jim Rouse

Make Your Voice Heard, Vote May 2nd.

FROM THE HEART: HYPERTENSION

BY: Gordon Wilson

If you are black, middle-aged, elderly, obese, a heavy drinker or a woman who is taking oral contraceptives, you are at a higher risk for hypertension. People with diabetes mellitus, gout or kidney disease have a higher frequency of hypertension. Hypertension is the medical term for high blood flowing against artery walls. High blood pressure or hypertension can lead to an increase risk of coronary heart disease. Most people do not realize that heart disease leads to heart attacks and strokes.

Normal blood pressure is considered to be 130/85 to 139/89. The larger number is blood pressure when the heart pumps or beats; the lower number is pressure when the heart is between beats. In recent years, doctors have identified three stages of hypertension, for example:

Stage one is the mild stage, the blood pressure is 140/90 to 159/99. Stage two is the moderate stage where the blood pressure is 180/110 or higher.

Hypertension can be controlled by modifying your risk factors:

- * Eating habits are a big contributor to high blood pressure in most Americans. Most people can not handle a lot of salt or sodium in their daily diets and the increased use of salt can lead to high blood pressure. If people are diagnosed with high blood pressure a doctor will often place them on a restricted diet low in salt or sodium. Reducing the amount of salt consumed will help to lower blood pressure in most people but not all. People should avoid cooking with salt and also cut back on eating foods that were cooked with salt.

- * For obese people reducing your weight and keeping it down can lower your risk of hypertension. Over time if you gain weight you might be advised to cut back on calories and lost a few pounds.
- * Physical activities will also help reduce the risk factor of developing heart disease. Exercise will not only help control your weight but it will control your weight but it will also help reduce your blood pressure.

- * It is recommended that you limit your consumption of alcohol intake to no more than 24 ounces of beer or one glass of wine per day. Alcoholic drinks

contain a high level of non-nutritious calories, so if you are trying to lose weight, try to avoid alcohol.

A doctor can prescribe the right diet for you that is both safe and satisfying. There is nothing better than a daily program consisting of exercise and the right diet.

For some people, losing weight, cutting back on sodium and other lifestyles designed too reduce high blood pressure. If hypertension is identified in a person they can typically get it under control with medications and making changes in their lifestyle with the guidance of a health practitioner. There are a number of medications available to help control hypertension.

Many medications are available to reduce high blood pressure. Some get rid of excess fluid and sodium of salt; others relax constricted blood vessels; and others prevent blood vessels from constricting and narrowing. Because there is usually no cure for high blood pressure, treatment generally must be carried out for life. If treatment is stopped, the pressure may rise again. For more information, please call the American Heart Association at (800) AHA-USA or check out the website: @ www.americanheart.org.

Words of Faith



Suejette Jones

THE OCCULT

The word "occult" refers to what is hidden, concealed, or secret. The occult involves the spirit world of darkness. The occult is particularly deceptive because the spirit world is very real. Practitioners are dealing with reality—but dark, forbidden, and evil reality.

There are two kinds of spiritual reality. The first is God's spiritual Kingdom of truth and light, where Christ is King, the nature of which is "righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17) and where God's holy angels dwell, worship, and serve Him. The second is the world of Satan (a fallen angel), a world of darkness and hopelessness, void, and where other fallen angels (called demons) who hate God, work to advance this evil kingdom under their leader, Satan. This latter world of spiritual darkness is that which is experienced through the sinister practices of the occult.

The bible does not reveal a "dualism", or co-equal forces of good (represented by God) and evil (represented by Satan). Satan

is totally subject to the sovereign, omnipotent Creator. But God has given Satan certain authority to operate in the earth as a result of man's sinful fall. He operates through the minds and wills of fallen humanity and he has constructed a complex web of many evil schemes, including occult practices, even religious, to deceive and snare people by appearing to offer access to supernatural power and knowledge. The Bible says that such deception will increase in "the last days" before Christ returns (1 Timothy 4:1). But the Bible also says, "The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). Those who trust and obey Jesus Christ have protection and victory through Him.

Any degree of involvement can produce problems of oppression, depression, despair, hopelessness, and many physical problems, sometimes bringing death, even self-destruction. Demonic influence can produce obsessions, phobias, bizarre behavior, violence, homicide and sexual perversion in its victims. Worse, it can deceive a person into eternal darkness. The occult is a form of idolatry and a sin expressly forbidden by God (Deuteronomy 18:9-13). In the New Testament when the gospel was proclaimed and received, the liberated people gladly burned all the occult materials (Acts 19:19).

Here are just a few of the many occult practices; various kinds of "fortune telling", witchcraft, Satanism, seances, spiritual meetings, voodoo, magic charming, involvement with the psychics, use of mediums of "channeling" automatic writing. There is even compelling evidence that UFO's are real, but supernatural and often occult manifestations of fallen angels whose ultimate pur-

pose is to deceive humanity into thinking that super-intelligent extraterrestrial will help usher the earth into a golden "New Age" of happiness without God. But with God rejected and without His blessings, occult-practicing, lost and depraved humanity will soon bring itself the end-time global holocaust prophesied by the Bible.

If you now or have ever been, anytime in your life, involved with any cult or occult practice, you can be set free of it and any symptoms it may have brought by doing the following:

1. Confess sincere faith in and commitment to Christ.

2. Confess the cult and occult sin to God, naming and forsaking each one.

3. Renounce Satan in Jesus' name, and his demons to depart.

4. Receive and claim your liberation by faith, without doubting, trusting in authority and total faithfulness of God and His Word.

If you do this, Satan must obey and release you, by the authority of Jesus' Name and God's Word, and any symptoms that Satan puts on you must disappear.

Note: Portions of this article have been taken from books of reference, and do not reflect the opinions of Suejette Jones or The "M" Voice Newspaper.

Reference: McDonnell, Josh and Stuart, Don.

Understanding the Occult

Submitted by Suejette Jones

Suejette Jones is currently enrolled in a bible studies program at Pitt Community College.



From The History Files

The North Carolina Black Caucus visited Greenville for a town meeting at The DuBois Center. Shown left to right former Mayor Ed Carter, House of Representative Democratic whip, Toby Fitch, Ed Carter's brother state lobbyist attorney John Harmon and candidate for County Commissioner Randy Royal and his daughter. This picture was taken over ten years ago.

Photo by Jim Rouse

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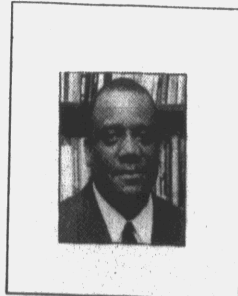
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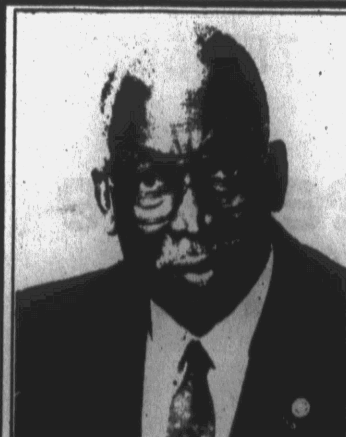
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From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



TEACHING CHILDREN GOOD MANNERS

Teaching children to not interrupt adult conversations, follow these:

First, in learning not to interrupt strengthens patience.

Second, learning not to interrupt strengthens respect for adults.

Third, the adult is annoyed when a child interrupts an adult conversation and for any reason at all, by simply saying, "excuse me"

With regard to the last, it seems that today's parents teach their children it's perfectly all right to interrupt two adults in conversation and for any reason at all, by simply saying, "excuse me"

Too many parents are lazy when it comes to taking time to teach their children. They think parenting is taking a child to a basketball game and watching from the stands. Parenting is not a

Spectacular sport. It's hands on. Take the time to teach a child by explaining and rehearsing how to be recognized when two adults are engaged in conversation.

And don't forget, when your child does the right thing, to tell him how proud you are. Punishment is a necessary aspect of discipline, but without equal amounts of praise, it breeds contempt.

John Rosemond, Child psychologist/author

Note :

A dining room is Just a physical space.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Knowledge is indeed power. *Maya Angelou*

You touch people by realizing that they want what everyone wants: recognition, respect, and to feel as if they matter.

When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you until it seems that you cannot hold on for a minute, never give up then, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn. *Harriet Beecher Stowe*

Look at the business of daily living getting groceries, paying bills, overseeing homework, doing household chores, buying birthday gifts and occasionally running to the bank, shoe repairs, gas station, dry cleaners, post office.

TO WHOM DO YOU GIVE CREDIT TO FOR PUSHING YOU UP?

Are they these?

...Your Mom and Dad - Are they positive examples who made you feel special and important?

....Your high school coaches the most important figures in your life outside of family?

....Your home town, the perfect environment?

....Former assistant coaches and football, basketball, baseball, soccer players? We won by building a team, or by having positive principles (character).

....Your children, who made you feel you were the best Dad or Mom in the whole world?

....Your wife/husband, the single most special person you've ever known and the greatest partner a person could ever hope to spend his/her life with?

....Your friend/friends, most responsible for helping me make Pushing Up people a reality.

.....Question- Who are the people who are continuing to push you up?

"Surround yourself with friends, not fences". *Guy Belleranti*

.....Which of your accomplishments do you think will be most

remembered and valued by others?

Two Books Worth Reading

Liz Curtis Higgs, the author of **BAD GIRLS IN THE BIBLE**, Shows what "good girls" can learn from "bad girls" mistakes. Some girls included are Delilah, Jezebel, Michal. These are the women no one wants to talk about, except God. These stories are told with humor and insight. Sisters, get a veil and dive in.

Oceeola McCarty's book, **SIMPLE WISDOM FOR HIGH LIVING**, tells how she quit school at the age of twelve, in the sixth grade to care for a sick aunt and taking in laundry for a living. For seventy-five years, she worked hard, lived simply and carefully, amassed a fortune of \$280,000.00. Because she couldn't go to school, she gave \$150,000.00 to a school she had never even visited. Read how sudden fame did not change her. Her book reveals the principles that shaped her exemplary life and character. A must. Both books can be checked out at Carver Library.

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II THEY ARE MEN BENT ON SUCCESS

III THEY ARE MEN FULL OF FAITH

IV. THEY ARE MEN OF LABOR

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VI. THEY ARE MEN OF BOLDNESS AND DETERMINATION

VII. THEY ARE MEN OF PRAYER

VIII. THEY ARE MEN OF SOUND DOCTRINE

IX. THEY ARE MEN OF SERVICE

X. THEY ARE MEN OF SPIRITUAL VISION AND DIRECTION

XI. THEY ARE MEN OF GRACE, PEACE AND MERCY

XII. THEY ARE MEN OF OBEDIENCE

Community News

The Snow Hill (NC) new Post Office was officially dedicated Sunday, March 13, located at 911 E. Second Street, with Daniel L. Bullock, Jr., Postmaster. Daniel is the son of Daniel and Mary F. Bullock, Sr., 1813 Battle Drive, Greenville, NC and he is married to Mary L. Stephenson, who teaches at Wintergreen Elementary School.

Daniel expresses appreciation to all of his friends and colleagues who attended the dedication services.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our new member of the Pitt County Board of Commissioners, Mrs. Ann Huggins

Street Named

In Camden, New Jersey, a street was renamed in honor of the late Reverend J. Allen Nimmo, the son of the late Reverend J. A. Nimmo, Long-time pastor of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church.

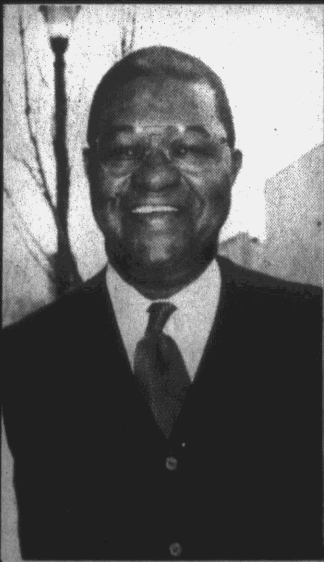
Representative

The Reverend Howard Parker, Pastor of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church with wife Laverna, represented the General State Baptist Association as second Vice president, in the West Indies Island, the week of March 27-31.

You must be registered to vote by
April 7
to vote in the May primaries.
Your vote does count !!!

vote for my grandpa
Jim Rouse

Vote to elect Jim Rouse to
the NC House of Representatives
District 8
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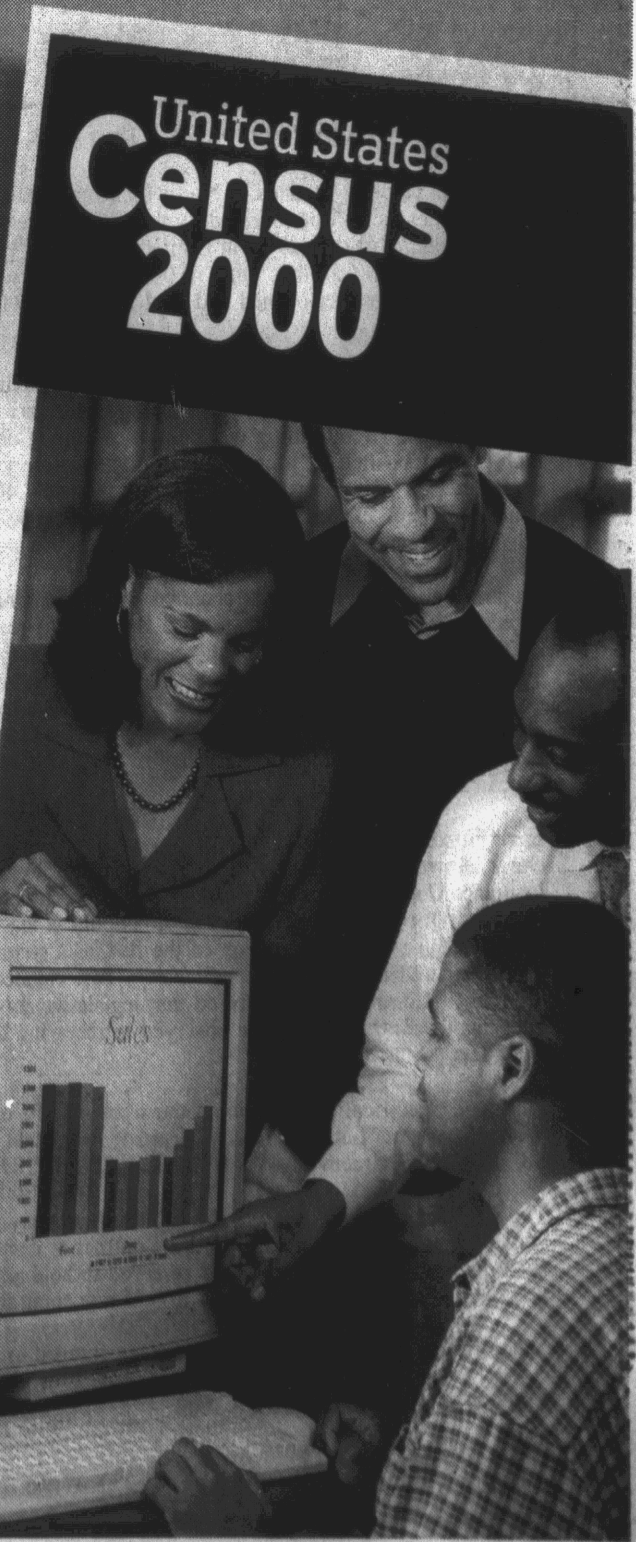
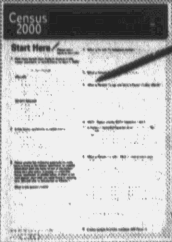
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So, when your Census form arrives, fill it in and mail it back. It's a form of opportunity for our community.

Census 2000.
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Don't leave it blank.



The Best Irons Awards Banquet

Photos by Daniel Blount



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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, April 10, 2000 and immediately thereafter opened and read for the 1999/00 Street Resurfacing Project.

The Street Resurfacing will consist of placing approximately 5,597 tons of bituminous concrete, Type 1-2, and making necessary adjustments to valves and manholes. Street milling will consist of milling one (1) street one inch (1") to six inch (6") for a total of 6,925 square yards. Dirt street improvements will consist of placing approximately 400 tons of bituminous concrete Type 1-2, and fine grading approximately 3,734 square yards of crushed aggregate base.

Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope addressed to the purchasing Agent, City of Greenville, Post Office Box 7207, Greenville, North Carolina, 27635-7207, and the outside of the envelope must be marked "Proposal for 1999/2000 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, cashier's 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. 143-129, 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 27635-7207.

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.

Minority and Women Owned Firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

THIS 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 2000

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(DEMOCRAT)

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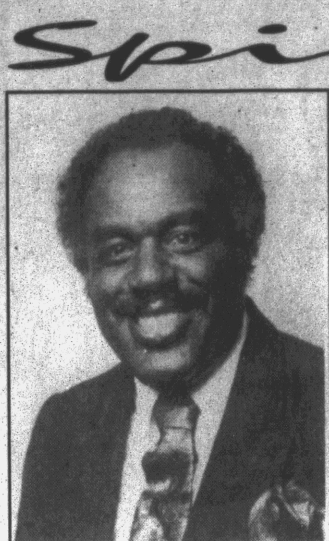
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Dr. George Hawkins

REPETITIOUS PRAYERS

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

One day while meditating on the Lord He began to reveal the concept of how we receive from Him. Some believers spend a majority of their time praying for the same things over and over again. That's a sign that they did not believe that they received what they asked for the first time. He said what things so ever ye desire when ye pray, believe that

ye receive them and ye shall have them. The Lord said you ask by faith, believe by faith, and receive by faith, but the key to the manifestation of what was asked lies in praise and worship. When we get in this atmosphere of action, we will find that we will always be praising the Lord for something. Why? Because when we pray we believe that we receive therefore creating an atmosphere of thanksgiving unto the Lord. It will always be a continuous flow. We also have to be willing to wait on God's timing, purpose, and season but in the meantime, we are continually setting the tone for the manifestation of our request by praising Him Whenever the thing prayed about comes to mind that has not yet manifested, you can say I thank the Lord I believe I receive what I have asked of the Lord. It may not come today, tomorrow or even months from now but you must have a determination to believe regardless of what it looks like. You have to look beyond the present circumstance and situation and see the mighty hand of God You must even look beyond the present and see the future outcome by faith. Sometimes God has to create what has been asked. Sometimes He has to prepare the hearts of those to whom you will come in contact with regarding

your specific request. That's another thing, you have to be specific. You have to be direct and descriptive. When God said let there be light, light appeared. God gave us an illustration of the creative power of words.

When we pray God's Word back to Him, He has to honor it. He said He will hasten (watch over) His Word to perform it. In other words, God looks for an opportunity to bring His Word to pass. He is looking for someone that is speaking His Word. When God's Word is spoken, He moves quickly to honor it. If I said it, I will do it. If I have spoken it, I will make it good because I cannot lie neither the son of man that he should repent. The Son is in the Father and the Father is in the son and they are in perfect unity. Whatever has been spoken is brought to pass by the Holy Spirit. It's not by might nor by power but by the Spirit of God.

God spoke and it was. He said let there be and it was. God's Word creates because He is a creative God. He is Elohim, creator of all things. He is always creating. Morning by morning there are new mercies to be seen. While we slumber and sleep God is yet creating because He is a God of creation. He is a God of movement. Everything is moving by His power.

Whatever we ask of God that's in line with His Word He grants it because His Word is a creative force and He looks for His Word to perform it. Praise and worship is the key to everything that has been presented thus far. It plays a very important part in receiving from God. If people only knew the power behind it, they could get what they needed from God while in His presence. In His presence there is fullness of joy. While in His presence you can ask Him anything. While you are in His presence talk to Him. That is the time when spirit is communing with spirit. We can receive for our spirit, soul, body, finances, and mentally. While in the presence of God, diseases, sickness, oppression, and depression is destroyed. God made us to be creatures of praise. When a child desires something of his parents he goes to the parent who he believes is able to grant his request. He then prepares the heart of that parent by saying nice things to him or about him and by doing good deeds for him in hope that when he makes his request he will get what he asked for. The natural types the spiritual. Our heavenly Father is the same Way. When we desire something from Him we should make known our adoration unto Him. Tell Him how wonderful He is. Tell Him

how much we love Him. Tell Him how much we appreciate all that He has done for us He in turn will be moved with compassion and come to our aid and grant our requests.

In conclusion, God said He would pour out the former and latter rain. The former rain causes a crop to grow. The latter rain causes the crop to mature. It enables it to develop ripen fruit. God is calling for maturity among His people. He is pouring out the latter rain, which is developing His people to full maturity. The Word lists nine fruit of the Spirit and it is God's will that we become fully mature in all nine. Some may mature faster than others but that doesn't matter as long as you are maturing. Mature at your own rate. The main focus is to mature and don't allow the process to be interrupted at any cost. God knows what He is doing.

God Bless You,
Pastor George A. Hawkins

Pastor George Hawkins is the pastor of Tabernacle Church of Deliverance on Dickinson Ave. in Greenville

Notice Poll Workers Needed

PITT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS SEEKING QUALIFIED REGISTERED VOTERS TO WORK AT THE PRECINCTS ON ELECTION DAYS. THE NEXT ELECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2, 2000.

ELECTION VOTING HOURS ARE FROM 6:30 AM TO 7:30 PM JUDGES AND SOME ASSISTANTS MUST ARRIVE EARLIER TO SET UP THE PRECINCT FOR VOTERS AND STAY TO COMPLETE ELECTION ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES WHEN THE POLLS CLOSE. THE HOURLY RATE RANGES FROM \$6.25 TO \$7.00

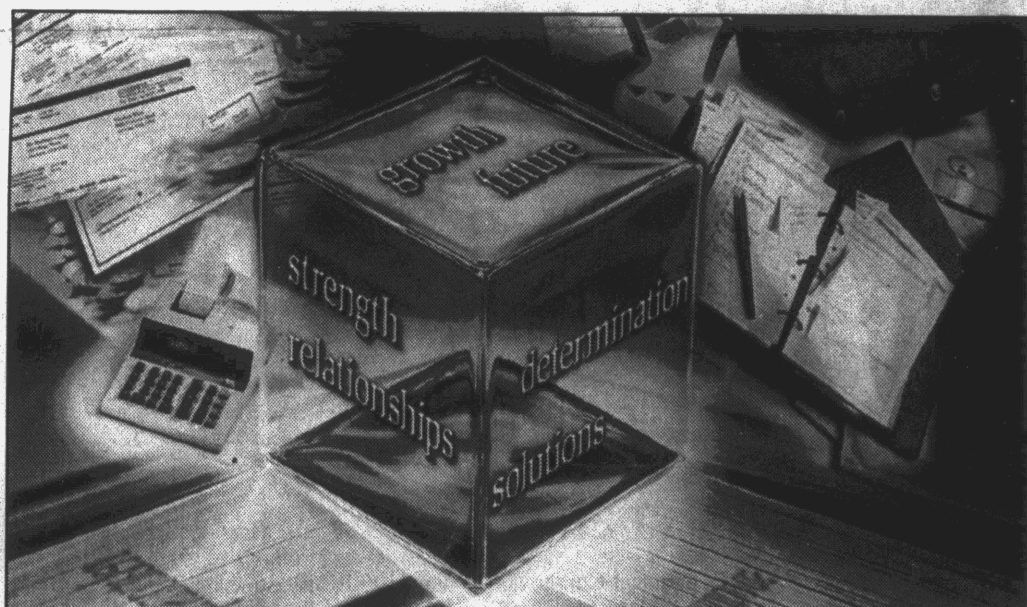
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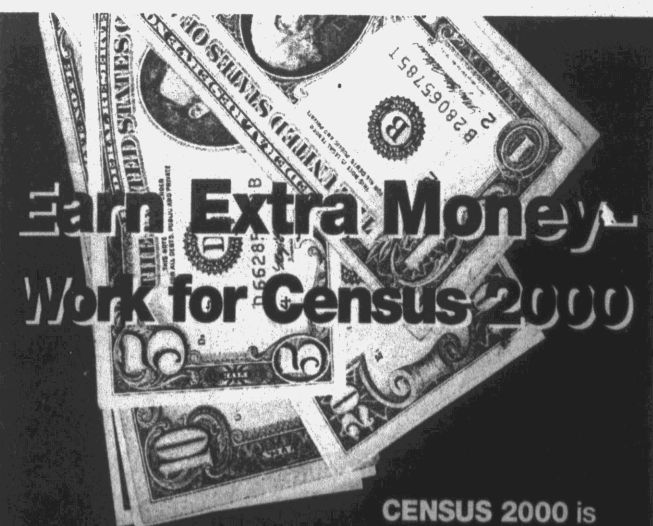
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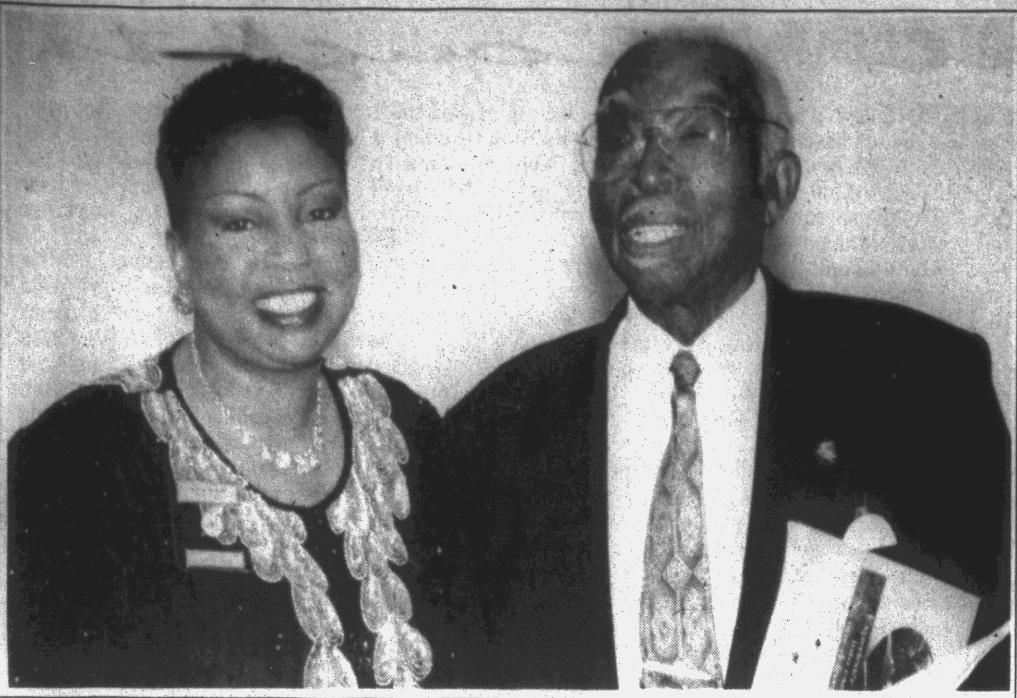
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A Salute To A Great Black Man,

Father J.J. Brown who is the oldest Black elected official in Pitt County is shown rapping with the newest Greenville City Council member, Rose Glover. Father J.J. Brown received a special award for outstanding work with the Pitt Co. NAACP. Father Brown who is still a bachelor, will tell you he still enjoys talking to young, beautiful women.

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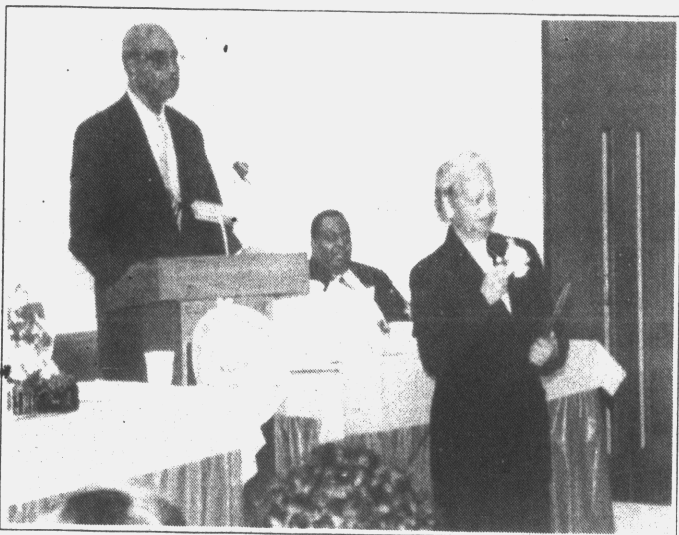
Shown above posing for the Minority Voice is Ann Huggins, her mother and her aunt. Sister Huggins is shown escorting them into the voting precinct. No matter how old you are you need to exercise your right to vote. This picture was taken about 8 years ago.

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Miss A & T Alumni

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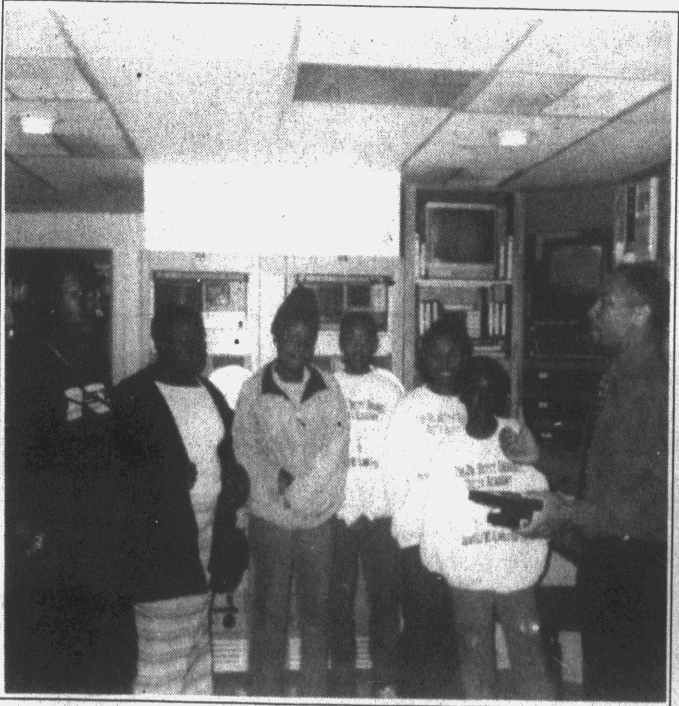
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The Dr.Betty Shabazz Delta Academy learns more about Technology

Meteorologist Ben Smith helps Delta Academy students learn more about technology, as they observe Black Family Technology. The Black Family Technology Campaign is a national initiative of Delta Sigma Theta and IBM Corporation. The Dr.Betty Sabazz Delta Academy group, is sponsored by Greenville (NC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. The participants recently toured the WNCT Channel 9 Broadcasting Station. During the educational tour, Meteorologist Ben Smith and other technicians demonstrated how modern technology is used to produce news and weather broadcasts.

Several technicians demonstrated their engineering skills and encouraged the participants to explore educational opportunities in the field of broadcasting. The group watched a live broadcast of Eye Witness News Nine. After the evening broadcast, each participant was afforded the opportunity to role play on the set. Meteorologist Ben Smith was presented a certificate of appreciation for his promotion of Technology Education in the field of broadcasting.

The Dr. Shabazz Delta Academy participants are Elizabeth Blackwell, Jessica Chaplin, Keosha Cox, Ashlee Daniels, Shawanna Daniels, Sade Dixon, Comesha Hickman, Sherita Stephenson, Shay-Shay Sutton, Laquetta Taft, Ashleigh Waifs Jasmine Willis, and Jemia Wilson. The participants were accompanied by members of Greenville (NC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

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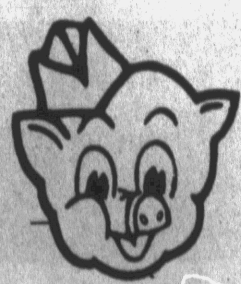
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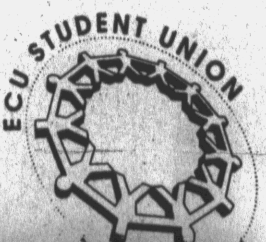
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