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## Death Stalks Cabbies Nan Tyson 100 Years Young

By Herb Boyd  
Amsterdam News

Under siege by robbers and killers who have left nine livery cab drivers dead this year, livery man Yovanny Grullon decided he would not wait until the various plans are in place to stem the rash of crimes.

Grullon, 35, was robbed at gunpoint last week and when a call came later for a car, the dispatcher recognized the phone number as belonging to the same man who had robbed Grullon.

Grullon and the dispatcher hatched a plot to catch the robber. Another driver was sent to pick up the caller, who would take the passenger to the police station with Grullon to meet them there. But the suspect, Luis Soto, caught wind of the scheme when he saw Grullon's car driving alongside him.

Soto leaped from the car with Grullon in hot pursuit. When Grullon got to withing a few feet, Soto shot him. Doctors at Bellevue Hospital, where Grullon was treated, said he was lucky to be alive. If the bullet had been an inch higher, he would be

dead.

"I am grateful to be alive," Grullon said, and he advised others not to do what he did and risk their lives.

Last week Manuel "Saro" Lopez was not so fortunate. Lopez, 43, was shot during an apparent robbery last Saturday morning in Brooklyn. He was the ninth driver killed this year, and the 20th killed in the last two years. Three suspects have been arrested.

Well-wishers holding flickering candles and ministers reciting prayers gathered with a tearful family in front of the Livonia Car Service in the East New York section of Brooklyn Saturday evening in memory of the slain driver.

"We would the entire city of New York to see what this family is going through, the pain they are suffering," Fernando Mateo, president of the New York State Federation of Taxi Drivers, told the 100 or so people gathered for the candlelight vigil. "We are

also here to announce a slowdown. I don't think this livery industry will continue serving this community the way it has in the

past until the partitions are installed. We will have 50 percent or less working the streets of this city from midnight to 6 a.m.

"So, for those liveries who are going to be out there and taking a chance working the streets, we are asking the community to watch out for them," said Mateo. "And if anyone should see them in danger, we are asking them to please extend a helping hand."

The Rev. Herb Daughtry of the House of the Lord Church in Brooklyn has been a constant source of comfort for the bereaved family. "I am making a special appeal to the community to turn them in," he said. "Give them up. They are nothing but craven cowards, and they are only harming our community."

Maria Lopez, the slain man's widow, was perpetual in tears, occasionally shielding her face from the public with a large picture of her husband. Daughtry and minister Reuben Diaz, offered moving prayers for peace and the relief of sorrow for the grieving family.

The drivers have until the middle of May to get either

sliding or motorized partitions installed. Last week, Mayor Giuliani announced that \$5 million would be set aside to help the livery drivers get the protection they need. Cameras have also been proposed as addition security.

Meanwhile, the city and at least one community organization-the National Action Network-are offering rewards leading to the arrest of those who prey on the livery drivers.

"Yellow cabs don't pick us up," said the Rev. Al Sharpton at his weekly forum last Saturday at the House of Justice in Harlem, "but the livery drivers do. And since they stop for us, ti is only fitting that we stop for them. We are offering a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of anyone robbing a livery in our community. This is our community and we have to do something about this situation."

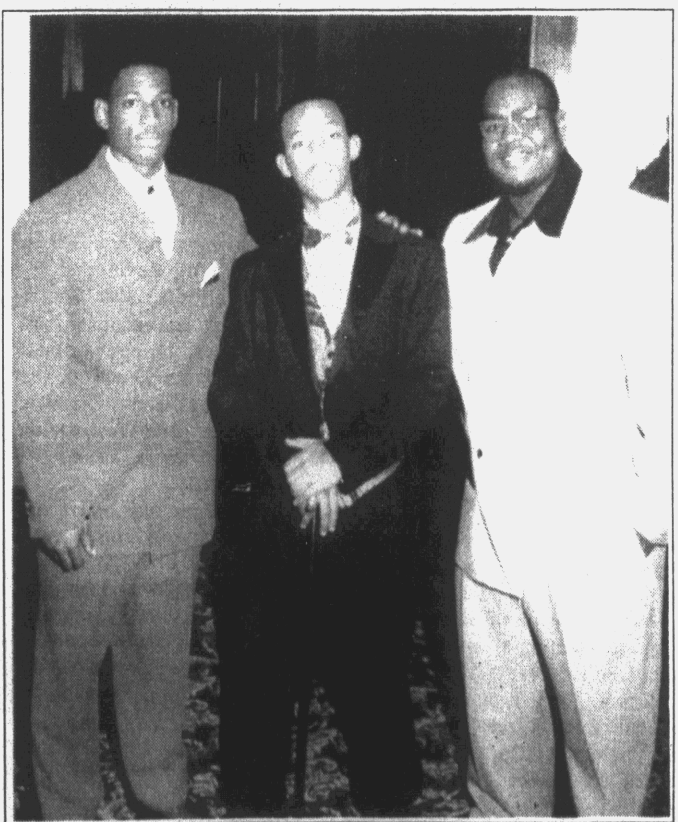
Even while the vigil was taking place, the next morning it was learned that four more livery

drivers had been robbed, along with the shooting of Grullon.



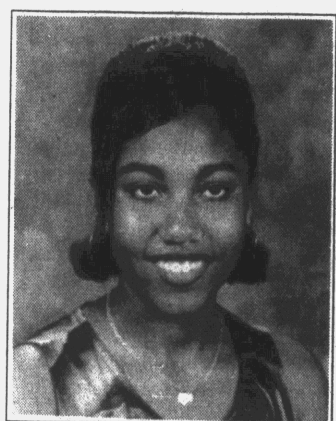
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BIG MOMMA!!!!... SHOWN ABOVE IS GREAT GRANDMOTHER, NAN TYSON, AS SHE AND OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS AT THE HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS  
Photo by Jim Rouse

## Anointed One's Young Men Stand Tall



THE ANOINTED ONE'S YOUNG MEN STAND TALL.....SHOWN ABOVE ARE FOUR YOUNG MUSICIANS THAT PLAY FOR ANOINTED ONE'S CHURCH. THEY'RE SOUND IS FROM KIRK FRANKLIN TO JAMES CLEVELAND, TO CAPTURE THE AUDIENCE AT THE FOUNDER'S DAY BANQUET. PHOTO BY JIM ROUSE

## Miss American Coed Pageants



Danielle Rhem

Miss Danielle Rhem is a State Finalist in the 2000 Miss North Carolina American Pageant in the Junior Teen Division. The pageant will take place at Adams Mark Hotel/Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem, N.C. on July 9-10 2000.

Miss Rhem is a Freshman at DH Conley High School. She was crowned Miss Freshman Queen and she is also an A/B student. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Rhem and the granddaughter of William and Leah Nobles.

Sponsors are being requested. If you would like to be one, please call (252) 695-0083 or send mail request to 1207 Fleming St. Greenville, N.C. 27834.

## Bishop Randy Royal Declared Winner of Pitt County Board of Commissioner District A Race

by Stephen Johnson  
Editor

Randy Royal declared winner of the Pitt County Board of Commissioner District A Race. Receiving over 52% of the vote. "I won based on issues" he said. Randy Royal is a bishop at Philippi Church of Christ in Greenville. The other candidates included Billy Peaden, receiving about 25% of the vote and Ann Huggins receiving about 23% of the vote. Mrs. Huggins, who was appointed to the seat after Jeff Savage resigned, was surprised by the low number of supporters and said confusion about where to vote contributed to fewer votes.

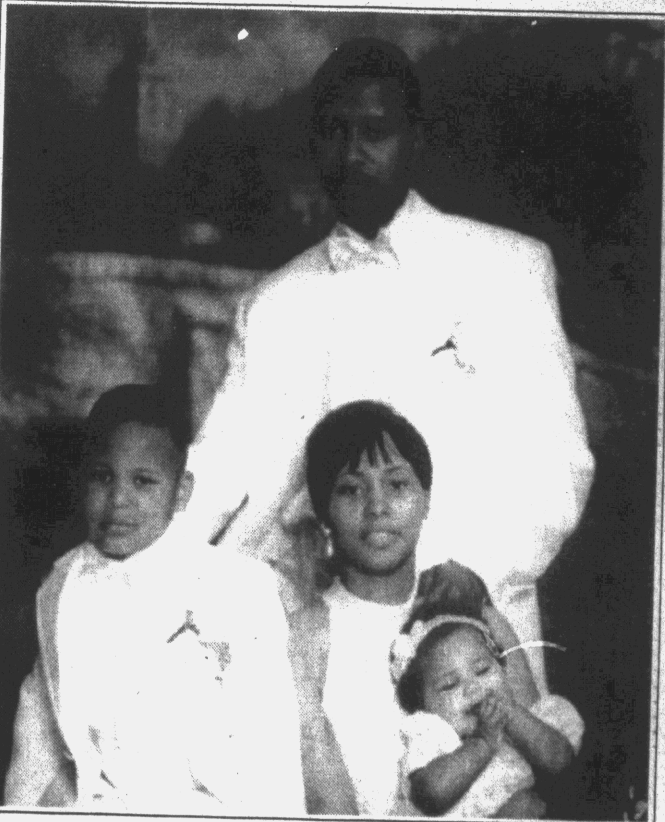
Huggins will occupy the seat until November. "What I'm going to do next as far as political aspirations, I'm not sure now" she said. Peaden said because of the district's black majority it is not possible for a white person to be elected. "The cards are stacked against a white in this district" he said. Peaden says he did not expect Royal to gain as many votes as he did. "We were expecting that Huggins would get more of a split" he said. Taylor, Royal Republican Challenger.

was present Tuesday night at Royal Campaign Headquarters. "I think the Best Man won" he said. Taylor, who is also an African American, looks forward to sitting down with Royal and discuss their platforms.

Dismissing claims of a stacked deck Debra Edwards, a member of Philippi Church of Christ, said she voted for Randy Royal because of a proven record of service. "He's a people person" she said. "He just don't verbalize it, he does it" she said. People are really getting tired of people who are all talk.

The "M" Voice would like to commend all the candidates for running a strong professional campaign, keep up the good work!

## Wedding Bells



Mr. and Mrs. Demeterius Morgan were married April 9, 2000 at Reids Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Fountain, NC. Jamica is the daughter of the late Quincy and Barbara Green of Winston Salem. Demeterious is the son of Phyllistine and Curtis Cummings (Step Father) and father James A. Gorham. They are shown with there children Britnee' who was an honorary Jr. Brides Maid and Quishon Green who was a ring bearer. The reception was held at the Farmville Marlboro Center, catering was done by QD catering and Elbert's Kitchen. Phyllistine Cummings the mother of the groom wishes them much happiness and God's Blessing for the years to come while remembering Proverbs 18:22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.

## Local Bishop Visits Haiti

Bishop A.H. Hartsfield, Bishop of the Original FWB Conference, and Pastor of the Selvia Chapel Original FWB Church, have recently returned from Haiti, West Indies. Along with the Bishop was the Foreign Mission Team. President, Rev. Prudie Joseph, Sister Vandalla Alston, Sister Thompson, Sister Tonya Hartsfield, the Bishop's niece, and Brother Al Alston. Bishop Stuppard Boaz served as our interpreter.

The missionary wish to thank all that contributed to the success of our trip. Those that sent clothing, food, money, and especially your prayers of support. We were able to spend one week in

Haiti. The mission help support 33 missions in Haiti, in the Capital Porta Prince, Coufour, and St. Marc. Our missionary works with the poorest of the Haitian people. We baptized 52 converts and feed hundreds. The mission was also able to be a blessing to the orphanage and Pastors. If you would like to be a blessing to the mission you can write or call: Bisl. p A.H. Hartsfield or Rev. Prudie Joseph 400 Watauga Ave. Greenville, NC 27834 (252) 758-9296 Love and Concern Bishop A.H. Hartsfield

## Was Jesus Black or White Durham Minister calls for a Protest

By Mark Schultz

Not all Christians are happy with Jesus as he is portrayed in the CBS-TV mini-series.

Because the actor portraying Jesus is white, the Rev. Paul Scott of Durham is asking people to skip the show and instead read the Bible to their children and discuss it from an African American perspective. He has launched a campaign at the entrance to Walltown Park near Northgate Mall to raise awareness that depictions like that in the CBS movie "Jesus" aring Sunday and Wednesday are inaccurate and damaging to black children.

"We feel the image of

Jesus as a white man is more damaging to our youth than gangsta rap," said Scott. Many believe Jesus was a man of color, since he hailed from the Middle East. Scott, 33, who heads the New Righteous Movement, believes he should have been depicted that way by CBS.

He should at least be depicted as having skin color and features similar to the people who live there today. Depictions of Jesus as white creates an inferiority complex in black children, Scott said. "If they feel Jesus is a white man, they're going to feel God is white, too."

"This has been a taboo subject," Scott said. "When you

start describing Jesus as a black man, you've crossed the line."

Scott said he has wrote CBS requesting a disclaimer that the image of Jesus was historically incorrect. He also asked the network to consider hiring a man of color to play Jesus in future productions. Scott said he has no received a response.

He says his real audience is not the network. "The true point is not how CBS responds, but how the African-American community responds," he said. "I don't think we can ever be truly free until we defines Jesus from our own experience."



## BLACKONOMICS

By JAMES CLINGMAN

## National Black Out Day



The latest call to action on the Internet for black people is a National Black Out Day. On May 20, blacks are asked to refrain from spending any money. If we absolutely must spend, we are asked to spend with black-owned businesses. The reason being given for the Black Out is to show corporations and other businesses in this country how much money black people spend as well as to demonstrate our economic impact.

While I will support this effort, I must offer some additional direction on this matter. First of all, to refuse to spend for just one day and then go back to doing business as usual the very next day will do nothing to improve the economic status of black people. As for showing the establishment how much we spend and how great a role we play in their economy, they already know how much we spend, what we spend it on, and virtually every other aspect of our buying habits. Check out Ken Smikle's Target Market News, or just go to your local library and do some research on consumption spending by black people.

Our buying habits as well as our economic impact on business are well documented. Believe me—they already know.

So what will "showing them" do for U.S.? I submit, very little or absolutely nothing. I am for withdrawing our money as much as possible from as many non-black owned businesses as possible, but I am also for doing something that will have a positive impact on black businesses and black consumers. If we concentrate merely on hurting someone else or proving a point for a day, such as Gas Out Day last year (Look at gas prices now and you can see how much impact we had on that industry) we will not achieve the goal of our protest: economic empowerment.

We must incorporate positive action in our strategies of protest and boycotts so that our people benefit from our actions. How many black people are now buying Texaco gas? How many of us are eating at Denny's? How many of us are renting cars from Avis? How many blacks are collecting bottle caps for Coca-Cola? How many of you have turned in your 10% discount coupons at Comp USA?

Another example is the flag in South Carolina. If it came down tomorrow, what would black people gain economically? Back to business as usual with black people getting little or nothing from the tourism industry in South Carolina.

That kind of strategy makes no economic sense. Or maybe it does, to those black people who get paid off to say "Everything is fine now, you can come back to South Carolina and spend your money, black people."

The result of our being angry and protesting should be economic empowerment, collective economic empowerment, not a few individuals getting paid, a few nice commercials on television, or a new "hired hand" with a black face for showcasing purposes only. The result of our being mad at someone should result in our making positive moves toward getting true freedom, both psychological and economic.

Demonstrations of our anger alone will not do that. Only positive action toward one another will get us there. Going back to the status quo after the fight is over does nothing for black people economically. Protests of this kind must go on for much longer than one day, and they must not merely concentrate on causing a little uneasiness for someone else. We cannot and must not allow our anger to be the only driving force. It's not about "them;" it's about us.

Please think about this and know that we must not only make a point by withholding our money on one day, we must also look at ways to enrich ourselves as a result of our actions. Those stores we do not shop at on May 20 will be there the next day and will probably make just as much or more after we "prove our point."

Now, what is the answer? What shall we do? Well, here is one answer. How about a Black Dollar Day? Let's call for black people on May 20 to take one of those dollars they do not spend and start a black fund in their city. Thereafter, on the 20th of every month, let's continue to do that. One dollar, each month, from every black person who cares to participate, deposited in a black financial institution, if possible. Now that's what I call proving a point. That's what I call demonstrating black economic impact. Just think what can be done across this nation in our various cities if we would do that. Withholding our dollars from someone else and using those same dollars to empower ourselves—to support ourselves. What a concept!

I don't know how large your city is, so I will use mine as an example. Cincinnati has over 100,000 black citizens. If just half of us participated in Black Dollar Day, we could invest in new businesses and community projects, build and support our own institutions, and help those among us who are less fortunate or those who run into difficulties from time to time. Who knows? You may be the next one to need help. Isn't a \$1.00 per month investment worth it?

Get your Black Dollar Day started now. I have already called for one in our city. You have until May 20 to save your first dollar.

**Only through hard work dedication and education will one gain the tools needed to succeed.**

**Remember Read Your Black History**  
**Read the "M" Voice Newspaper**



## BETWEEN THE LINES

## We Must Stand On Alert for the Evidentiary Hearing of Abu-Jamal

Oral arguments are expected to begin this month

in imprisoned journalist and police abuse activist Mumia Abu-Jamal's fight for a stayed execution and a new trial. Days before he was to be executed in December for the 1982 murder of a Philadelphia police officer, a case in which Abu Jamal was convicted with what has proven to be tainted witnesses and false police testimony. Mumia and his lawyers filed a writ of habeas corpus petition challenging the federal courts to review 29 claims in which the state courts erred in upholding the death sentence conviction. In a time when the national criminal justice dialogue is questioning whether the death penalty in all states should be suspended due to the increasing number of wrongful death executions, the Mumia case posed a "national alert" on how state government's continue to persist in

executing people when it has been proved that trial evidence or case was wrong or tainted post-conviction.

Mumia Abu-Jamal, a former Black Panther, was a radio journalist in the 1970s that publicly exposed police misconduct. In 1982, he was stopped one night, a police officer ended up dead, for witnesses all with police connections, saw four different people—none of whom look like Abu Jamal, and the police claim he tried to shoot at them when they arrived on the scene, though the gun placed at the scene was empty. It's since been proven that the witness testimony was coerced and the police testimony was outright false. Still the State Supreme Court of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania denied Mumia a new trial and ordered the sentence to stand, at which time Gov. Tom Ridge signed a death warrant and gave Abu Jamal an execution date.



## KLEAVER'S KLIPPINGS

## Time Brings About Monumental Changes

Many years have gone by since Long Beach State Footballer Ron Settles was found dead in his jail cell in the city of Signal Hill. It was a foregone conclusion that Signal Hill was much like Torrance at that time. Don't get stopped by the police in either city if you were black.

Most black folk, other than the ones who lived there, avoided both cities after dark. It was kind of an unwritten law that you were going to be stopped and harassed by law enforcement in either place if you were black and it was after dark or if you were black and happened to be driving an expensive car.

Hold your breath.

The city of Signal Hill has just elected a black man as the mayor of that city. His name is Edward H. J. Wilson. In addition to being a certified public accountant. He is also a manager for the Nissan Motor Corp.

A graduate of the University of Southern California, "Ed" Wilson has served in at least 15 different major roles in both Southern California government and policy-making groups. Put a pin in all of that.

A couple of years ago, after he was ousted as president of the Compton Branch of the NAACP, some say unfairly, well-known Compton accountant Royce Esters decided to form a new Civil Rights group. It is called the National Association for equal justice in Ameri-



## URBAN PERSPECTIVE

## A Re-Examination of Race and Ethnicity

Dr. Manning Marable, professor of history and director of the Institute of African American Studies at Columbia University, offers a thoughtful analysis of race and ethnicity in the Feb. 25 *Chronicle of Higher Education*. Though not unique, Dr. Marable's views provide a significantly different framework for understanding the complexities of race and ethnicity. His is a more comprehensive approach than that of the anti-identity politics school, which appears to have singular access to both the conservative and liberal public media.

Dr. Marable begins by pointing out that while a great deal of scholarly attention has gone into studying race and ethnicity, too often the discussion has been mired in old debates and definitions. He asserts that to understand the changes around us, we need a new and critical study of the increasingly complicated relationship between race and ethnicity.

Part of today's confusion stems from the fact that the concepts of race and ethnicity have evolved very differently. Race is a dynamic social construct that has its roots in

the transatlantic slave trade, the establishment of plantation economies based on enslaved labor, and the ideological justification for the vast extermination of millions of indigenous Americans. White Americans have thought of themselves in terms of racial categories for several centuries.

By contrast, ethnicity is a relatively recent concept. There are no references to ethnicity, per se, in the social science literature of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Ethnicity surfaced in the writings of sociologists during the Great Depression, as a means to describe the diverse immigrant population that came largely from Southern and Eastern Europe. Later, ethnicity was used to describe the development of modern European nationalism and the conflicts developing among various communities defined by their cultural and social traditions.

Because of the hegemony of race and racism in the social development of the United States, European immigrants who arrived here quickly learned that the key to their advancement and power was to claim the status of being white. In other words, during the 19th century, race was much more powerful than what we might today call ethnicity in determining the lives of most new immigrants.

Given the history and complexities, there is small wonder that there are currently major academic disagreements over the meanings and materiality of both race and ethnicity. For example, should race be subsumed under ethnicity as a subcategory? Or is race an exceptional social category in its own right, because of its peculiar historical development, discourses, relations with culture, etc., which set it apart from ethnicity? To what

people from all over the Southland to come out on April 29 to celebrate the both the second birthday of the group and the acknowledgment and honoring of the new mayor of Signal Hill.

Ester laughingly says, "I never thought I would live to see this day. I've seen here in Compton for many years and we all thought that Signal Hill was a lost cause. The notion of a black man at the head of government in that city was at best, a pipe dream."

He continued, "In a way it is kind of like the pride we felt when Douglas Dollarhide, the first black mayor of Compton as elected back in the 1960s. It was like a dream come true."

Getting back to Wilson. He is a native of Ventura, California, and was reared across the United States and Europe. His father was a career military man. He graduated from high school in Holland and came back to the US to attend college.

His accomplishments make him sound like a candidate for "Who's Who in America." He is a member of the Board of Governors for Long Beach City College. He is a member of both the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Wilson also served as chief financial officer for Family Savings Bank as well as the Internal Audits manager for the California Credit Union.

By LARRY AUBRY

extent, if at all, should race be measured by biological, genetic, or cultural differences among groups? Can ethnic minority groups who are at least partly defined by their legal racial categories, such as African Americans, be guilty of "racism" themselves?

Many different theoretical approaches have been proposed to address such questions. At one end of the ideological spectrum are the racial-ethnic theorists, the multiculturalists, who insist that racialized ethnic groups should be studied together. This group maintains that racialized minorities are fundamentally different from other ethnic groups because they share a common history of oppression. African Americans came to this history involuntarily in chains. American Indians were subjected to a deliberate policy of genocidal extermination.

A common history of residential segregation, economic subordination and political disenfranchisement has created the basis for a comprehensive approach to the study of such ethnic minority groups.

Social scientists such as Robert Allen and Robert Blauner provide a variant of that argument, using political economy to understand race, asserting that racialized minorities share not only uniquely different social histories from white people, but also that their existence is strikingly similar to that of a colonized nation.

At the opposite end of the spectrum are the cultural universalists, who, for divergent reasons, attack or dismiss all kinds of ethnic studies that factor in race. They maintain that ethnic identity is not biologically-based, but rather a product of social forces and voluntary choices. Some, such as Nathan Glazer and Patrick Moynihan

This just scratches the surface. He was also chair of the Signal Hill redevelopment agency. There is much more but we don't have enough space to list all of his accomplishments.

The banquet sponsored by NAEJA honoring Wilson could very well be a wake-up call for the People of Southern California to realize we are on the verge of a new day.

With the election of people like Ed Wilson to positions of power, we can begin to actually have a hands-on role in local governments. This means the small cities we have overlooked or have given up as lost.

NAG is to be commended for having the wisdom to honor a young and powerful figure who can make real changes.

If you are interested in making change a reality instead of just a word in the dictionary, then you should contact someone at NAG and make reservations for April 29 at the Petroleum Club in Long Beach. There are two different phone numbers, (310) 608-5878 or (310) 637-5300. The group has a website and the address is [www.NAEJA.ORG](http://www.NAEJA.ORG). You can obtain information about tickets and tables by calling either of the numbers or punching up the website.

The organization is fairly new and the mayor is very new. As members of the community, we ought to stand being both of them and help them grow into the viable assets we need.

(1963) took white ethnic groups as a standard, urging black people to strive to acquire the lifestyles, family patterns, and work habits of whites to diminish racial tensions.

More recently, a new school of universalists implies that any recognition of a unique status for racialized ethnic groups moves dangerously toward racial essentialism and separatism. This school vilifies those who emphasize the discontinuities and conflicts among various racial and ethnic groups.

"Ethnicity" is an "invention," nothing more; all Americans, regardless of their respective racial or ethnic identities, share far more with each other—culturally, socially and politically—than they do not share.

Finally, there are the social theorists of race and ethnicity, who, frankly, do put forward essentialists and identity-bound models of cultural difference. The most influential school of thought, presently expressed, in many black studies programs, is afrocentricity. It is a concept initially developed by Molefi Asante, former chair of black studies at Temple University, and bases itself on an oppositional stance toward Eurocentrism, the cultural ideology and supremacy practices of the white West, and on a belief in the endearing meaning of race and ethnicity.

It is not surprising that a national conversation around issues of race and social diversity such as the 1997-98 President's Race Initiative is so difficult to carry out. The discourse about race continues to be politically charged, both in public policy and on the nation's college campuses, and people generally talk past each other—precisely because there is no consensus in abstract theory or in the real world on what is meant by race and ethnicity.

put a person to death—an act which is irreversible—before it will consider admitting the system failed and having to reverse its error. Why? Because if it really acknowledged how frequently it does happen (as we're finding out in Los Angeles with its police scandal), then the criminal justice system will break down.

The Mumia case is one of America's biggest tests to see if it is as aggressive in correcting criminal injustice by the courts as it has been in applying criminal justice in the courts. Not only does one man's life hang in the balance, the credibility of a whole judicial system hangs in the balance. Can we afford not to be on "national alert" in this effort to save Mumia? I think not. In saving Mumia, we save many others, and may one day, save our (individual and collective) selves from a court system that has the capacity to be negligently criminal in correcting its own flaws.

By A. ASADULLAH SAMAD

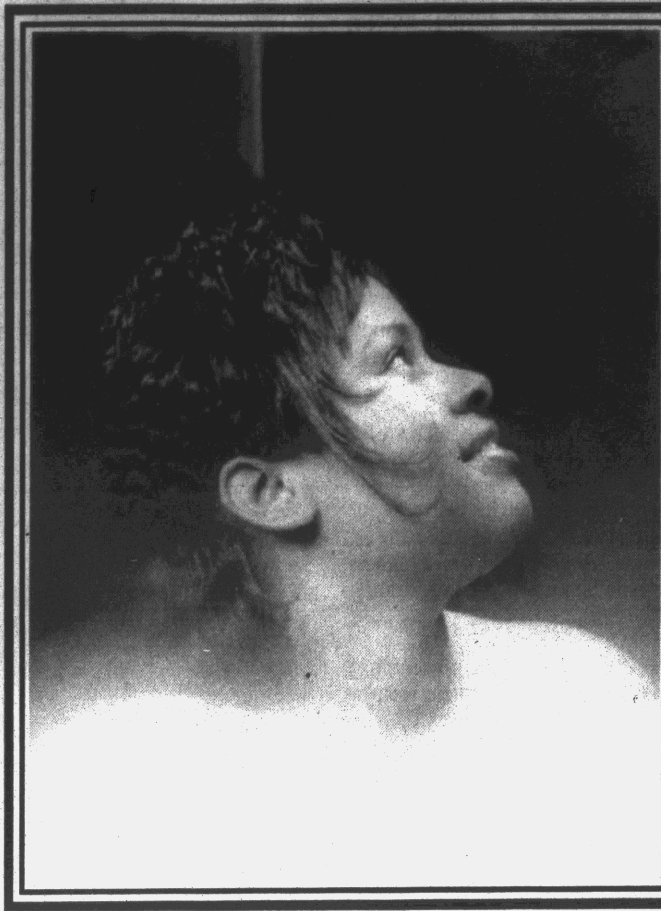


# Weddings in Springtime

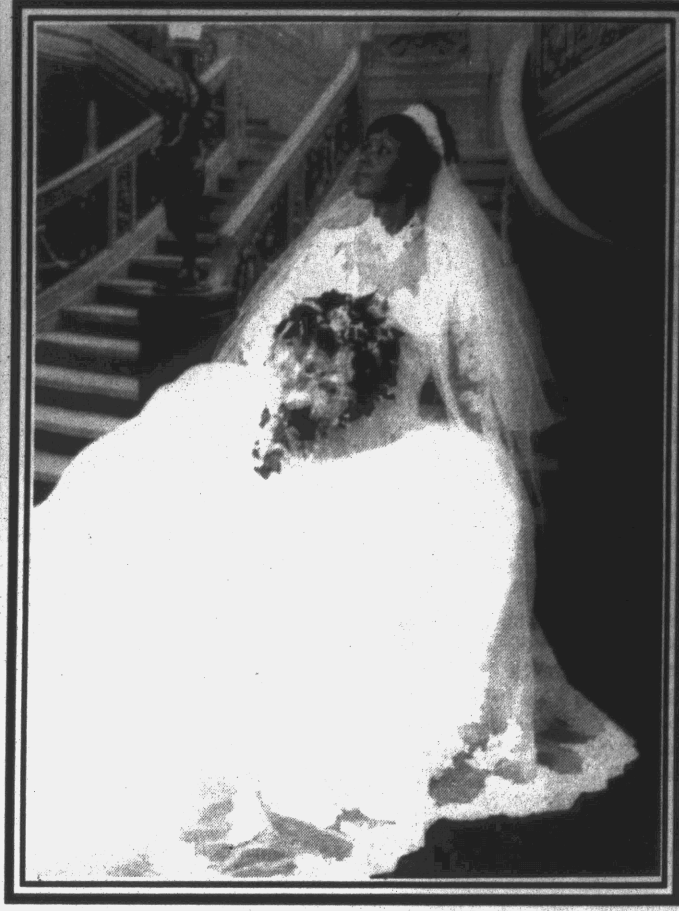
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*Mrs. Othello Meadows*  
*Married April 8, 2000*



*Mrs. Robert Price*  
*Married March 18, 2000*



*Mrs. Howard Pritchard, Jr.*  
*Married March 25, 2000*



*Mrs. Juilus Wilson*  
*Married March 25, 2000*



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# From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



### ON CAMPUS

Students at Wake Forest University have a pretty cushy life, it seems, the \$22,400 annual undergraduate tuition this year will cover educational expenses. And starting this fall, tuition will also include a few new fringe benefits - a combination microwave oven and refrigerator in students rooms as well as free laundry facilities nearby. What's next - room service?  
*News and Observer, Wednesday, May 10, 2000*

### Community News

Mrs. Nan Harris Tyson, 100-years-old, May 8, 2000, celebrated her birthday in the Magnolia Room, Holiday Inn Express, Moye Blvd., Greenville, N. C., with her daughter Ella Harris, son-in-law, Alton and granddaughter Amber, also relatives and friends. Greetings, accolades and refreshments were enjoyable.

Mrs. Sadie P. Rooks, 98-years-old, May 8, 2000 celebrated her birthday at K & W Cafeteria, Carolina East Mall, with her grandsons Michael and Gregory Barnes and their children from Winston Salem, North Carolina.

### NAMED PRESIDENT

Carmen Maye, the daughter of John and Jeanette Maye and the granddaughter of Mrs. Beatrice Maye, was inducted into the Student Council Association as the first Black President of the David W. Butler High School, Charlotte, North Carolina, Monday, May 8, 2000 for the 2000-2001 term.

Her aspiration is to enroll in the Computer Information Systems Program at University of North Carolina at Greensboro the fall of 2001, upon the completion of her senior year.



Minnie Anderson

### THE REPUBLICAN TRUTH

#### Building Bridges Toward Minorities"

We must do more to encourage our youth to become more productive citizens. Role models are needed to seriously keep our youth off the streets, stay in school and the dropouts to go back to. The youth that are in school need encouragement to stay there and go on to college.

Just a high school education isn't enough today to adequately raise a family. The high school education will bring about \$19,000 or less a year. A college degree will bring approximately \$23,000 - \$39,000 beginning income depending on the major. A Masters Degree is worth \$40,000 - \$50,000 or more income. A Doctorate is worth \$50,000 plus investment in your future.

Our focus and energies should be on professional and economic development for our future gen-

### TWENTY-FIVE LESSONS FOR LIFE

Marian Wright Edelman, President, Children's Defense Fund

1. Always remember that you're God's child. No man or woman can look down on you and you cannot look down on any man or woman or child.
2. Don't wait for, expect, or rely on favors. Count on earning them by hard work and perseverance.
3. Call things by their right name.
4. Don't listen to naysayers offering no solutions or take no or but for an answer.
5. Don't be afraid to stick your neck out, to make mistakes, or to speak up.
6. Keep your word and your commitments.
7. Be strategic, focus, and don't scatter your energies an many things that don't add up to a better whole.

8. Watch out for success. It can be more dangerous than failure.
9. You can't do everything by yourself but you can do a lot.
10. Asking the right questions and measuring the right things may be more important than finding the right answers.
11. Travel lightly through life and resist the tyranny of burdensome or unneeded things.
12. Be a pilgrim and not a tourist in life and don't confuse heroism with fame or celebrity.
13. God has a job for all of us to do. Open up the envelope of your soul and try to discern the Creator's orders inside.
14. Follow the Golden Rule rather than the world's silver, iron, bronze, and copper rules.
15. Bear all or most of the criticism and share all of the credit.
16. Be real. Try to do what you say, and say what you mean, and be what you seem.
17. Avoid high-maintenance, low-impact people and life in the fast lane.
18. God did not create two classes

of children or human beings - only one.

19. Don't ever give up on life. It is God's gift. When trouble comes, hang in.
20. Strive hard to be a good parent.
21. Be a good ancestor. Stand for something bigger than yourself. Add value to the earth during your sojourn.
22. Don't let anything or anybody get between you and your education.
23. Never judge the contents of a box by its wrappings.
24. Take responsibility for your behavior. Don't make excuses, blame, or point fingers at others or hide behind "everybody's doing it".
25. Possessions and power don't make the man or woman: principles, character, and love do.

### A PARENT'S PLEDGE

#### I PLEDGE TO:

1. Listen to my children.
2. Communicate with my children.
3. Teach my children right from wrong and be a good role model for them.
4. Spend time with and pay attention to my children.
5. Educate my children in mind, body and soul.
6. Work to provide a stable family life for my children.
7. Vote for my children to ensure their fair treatment and opportunity.
8. Speak out and stand up for my children's needs and support effective groups that help children.

From: LANTERNS: A MEMOIR OF MENTORS, Maran Wright Edelman, author of the #1 NYT Best Seller

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### Schedule of Events

#### Sunday, May 28

9:00am Bill McKinney  
10:45am  
7:00pm

#### Monday, May 29

7:00pm Gary Oliver

#### Tuesday, May 30

7:00pm Tommy Barnett

#### Wednesday, May 31

7:00pm Rick Godwin

#### Thursday, June 1

7:00pm Karen Wheaton

#### Friday, June 2

7:00pm A.R. Bernard Sr.  
Special Music by: Gary Anglin

#### Saturday, June 3

7:00pm Helen Baylor

#### Sunday, June 4

9:00am David Zabawski  
10:45am



"ELECTION DAY RAP UP".....SHOWN ABOVE ARE BROTHERS & SISTERS WORKING THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY AND SOME PEOPLE RUNNING FOR OFFICE.....RANDY ROYAL, ANN HUGGING, JIM ROUSE, KEITH COOPER AND MANY OTHERS. THE QUESTIONS IS ..."DID YOU GET OUT AND VOTE FOR ANY ONE?" IF YOU DIDN'T WE HAVE PULLED THE PLUG ON YOUR FUTURE.

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### ORAL TRADITION IN THE CHURCH

During Jesus' ministry, not once was He found appealing to the Rabbi Schools or teaching with their traditions and precepts of men. It is evident that the reason He did not was that He knew they were not in harmony with the written Word of God which they claimed to teach. In John 5:46,47 Jesus stated flatly that the religious authorities did not believe the writings of Moses. On another occasion He addressed the scribes and Pharisees thus: "Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:7-9)

Jesus went on to point out the dire consequences which could result from a continued course or reliance upon oral tradition: "Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition." (Matthew 15:6) By not heeding the written counsel of God, the Jewish leaders had cut themselves off from the real source of truth. The prophet Jeremiah said, "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns that can

hold no water." (Jeremiah 2:3) The Jewish traditions had wandered so far from God's original truth that it was described as man-made cisterns which could hold no water(truth). No group or organization, regardless of its size or strength, can enjoy the full favor of God if it replaces the divine fountain of waters with the broken cisterns of human tradition. The Apostle Paul wrote: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." (Colossians 2:8) The Apostle Peter wrote: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that ye take heed" (II Peter 1:19) In Paul's admonition to Timothy regarding the purpose and usefulness of the Holy Scriptures he writes, "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the Man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (II Timothy 3:14-17) It is clearly evident that the Bible was designed to be supreme in developing the faith and enlightening the mind of the Christian. It should be used today in the same manner as was commended in the Early Church--as a guide and

yardstick against which all other teachings and beliefs must be measured. And, we must remember Jesus' simple statement, "IT IS WRITTEN."

Suejette A. Jones

*Suejette A. Jones has completed the Religious Studies courses offered at Pitt Community College. Her courses included The Old Testament, the New Testament, and World Religions.*

### NAACP WORKING TOWARD EQUALITY FOR ALL CITIZENS

On Thursday, May Fourth, consultants from the Police Executive Research Forum in Washington, D.C. met with the NAACP and others. On Sunday, May Seventh, there was an article on the front page of The Daily Reflector: "Closed-Door Meetings Draw Ire of Some City Residents." Seemingly, the dissatisfaction was the meeting with the NAACP. One writer said the meetings "would further divide the citizens." Let me assure you that the NAACP is not about division but about inclusion.

What is the NAACP? It is the oldest, largest, strongest, and most effective Civil Rights Organization in America. The NAACP was formed in 1909 in New York City by a group of black and white citizens, committed to helping to right social injustice. The organization was supported in its beginning by wealthy whites and was backed by the New York Evening Post. Our local membership consists of ministers, churches, doctors, dentists, lawyers, State Representatives, City Council Members, County Commissioners, City employees, County employees, State employees, sororities, fraternities, retirees, and every facet of our society. So we feel that we are an integral part of the community. We refuse to be denied the opportunity to participate in the decision making process on any issues that effect us directly or indirectly. West Greenville is a part of the city of Greenville and its residents should be treated as citizens of Greenville-not citizens of West Greenville who are treated differently. All of us have a right to equal protection and equal justice under the law The U.S. Constitution under the 14th Amendment gives us that right and that is all we ask, no more and no less.

### Pitt County native speaks at Dr. Mc Gee's Class UNC-Greensboro.

Mrs. Mary Monk Jones a 6th grade math and reading teacher spoke to Dr. Mc Gee's Humanitarian Dilemma's class at UNC-Greensboro on Wednesday 4-26-2000. she spoke on "How one person

can make a difference in the lives of children. Mrs. Jones was entertained with questions from the class and Dr. Mc Gee on ways of handling, teaching and dealing with children. She told the class that the teacher must be dedicated, have sincere love, interest and understanding of children.

Mary Jones  
1613 Lincoln Dr.  
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The City of Greenville is accepting proposals for Professional services for a City-wide GIS Development Plan. The services being requested are for creating a city-wide GIS development framework, including necessary requirements and recommendations in the areas of data, mapping, application development, database development, networking, enterprise integration, and personnel. the city will accept proposals until May 23,2000, 5:00 pm. Qualified independent firms interested in receiving an RFP should contact: Lex Turner, MIS Department, City Hall, 210 MLK Jr. Dr., Greenville, NC 27835 Telephone : (252) 329-4827



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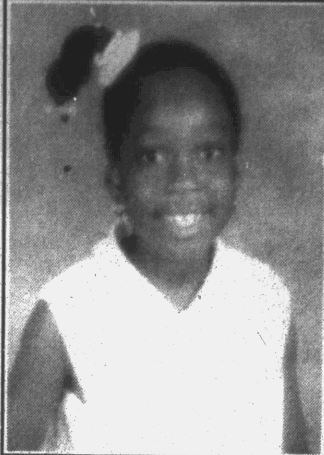
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### Jamese Dixon

Jamese Dixon, the nine year old daughter of Della Moore is a finalist in the Miss American Coed Pageants which will be held on July 07 & 08, 2000, in Winston-Salem, NC at the Adams Mark Hotel./Benton Convention Center.

Jamese attends Philippi Church of Christ where she accepted the Lord into her life and continues to grow in Christ through the church's youth ministry. She also attends Wintergreen Intermediate School where she is an outstanding third grader. Miss Jamese Dixon, loves to read, skate and play with her collection of Barbie dolls. Her academic accomplishments began at the early age of 5 years old, when she entered

Kindergarten. She started out in the Triad Enrichment Program (T.E.P.) K-3; Principal's List (1999-2000), Academic Achievement (1999-2000); Reading Award (2000); Steppers for Christ/Youth Church; Girl Scouts (1995-present); Ms. Queen Contest(participant 1997-1st grade); Drawing Contest (1st place-1st grade); Youth Choir (1998-present); and Terrific Kid Certificate (K-2).

Jamese talents includes drawing, writing short stories. Now, Miss Jamese has also informed us that when she gets older she really wants to be an elementary school teacher and an author/illustrator of children's books. Jamese had the opportunity to perform recently in a skit where she portrayed the life of Harriet Tubman at age 6. Compliments of the NC Afro American Community Theater. Her favorite TV shows are Nickelodeon, Rugrats, and Mary Kay and Ashley Adventures.

Miss Jamese Dixon truly believes that she can fly and we here at The Minority Voice Newspaper and Joy 1340 AM., want to encourage Jamese to fly all the way to the top to reach her dreams. Lets encourage all of our children to fly to the top to reach that ultimate dream or goal.

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### GET INVOLVED IN CITY GOVERNMENT!

The City of Greenville is accepting applications from volunteers to serve on the following boards and commissions:

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- Recreation & Parks Commission
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## Obituary

#### Lucille "Babe" Roundtree,

81 of 407 Roberta Drive, Ayden, N.C. died Monday, May 15,2000 at Rouses Chapel FWB Church, Ayden.Mrs. Roundtree was born and reared in Pitt County where she attended the area schools. She was a member of Rouses Chapel FWB Church where she served on the Usher Board, a member of Zion Hill Christian Aide Club, & Ormondsville Community Club. Survivors : Sons I.J. Roundtree of the home, Willie Donald Lee of Kinston, NC. Sisters: Lillian Allen and Mary Cannon both of Baltimore, MD.

#### Mr. Lacy Streeter Jr.,

91 of 704 W. 3rd St died Tuesday May 9, 2000. The funeral held at First United Pentecostal Church. the burial was held at Homestead Memorial Gardens. Mr. Streeter was born in Belvoir Township and was the owner and operator of Speed Queen Laundry he was a member of First United Pentecostal Church. Survivors : Sons Lacy O. Streeter III of Washington, NC, Robert Streeter, Julius Streeter, James Streeter all of Greenville. Daughters Peggy Streeter-Dickins of Atlanta, GA, Alice Streeter-Bullie of Rockville, MD.



# The Minority Voice Newspaper Salutes Nan Tyson 100 Years Young





## University Health Systems Among Nation's "Most Wired"

GRENVILLE- Efforts by University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina to be at the forefront of health care information technology were recognized recently when "Hospitals & Health Network" magazine named the health system to its list of the "100 Most Wired" hospitals and health systems.

"It's quite a bit of validation that we're doing the right thing" said Ed McFall, vice president of information systems at Pitt County Memorial Hospital and a leader of the health system's overall information system strategy. "It's nice to be recognized."

The listing means much more than the health system has a lot of computers or sophisticated software. Instead, surveyors were more interested in how health care organizations use their technology infrastructure to improve care, streamline processes and reduce costs. The list put health systems in alphabetical order; so UHS didn't receive an actual ranking.

Areas in which the health system scored particularly well were tile ways it uses information technology to improve disease management, increase access to clinical information and provide employee services.

Last year, University Health Systems embarked on an aggressive three-year information technology strategic plan that will electronically link all its hospitals and its outpatient surgery center at an estimated cost of \$24 million. The backbone of the system will be the installation of Shared Medical Systems' clinical information software at those facilities. McFall said PCMH and Roanoke-Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie already have SMS.

## Smart Start raises more than \$19 million this year, surpasses legislative fundraising requirement

RALEIGH - More than \$19.6 million in cash and in-kind contributions were raised this year for Smart Start North Carolina's nationally-recognized early childhood initiative. This figure surpasses the Smart Start legislative requirement to raise \$16.1 million and does not include the thousands of volunteer hours that have been given to Smart Start.

This year's contributions include the first installment of a multi-million dollar grant from the federal government to the Chatham County Partnership for Children. The grant will be used to begin a Safe Start program to address child abuse and violence issues. Smart Start served as a catalyst for receiving this grant-one of only nine grants given throughout the country.

"Smart Start is building the capacity across North Carolina to serve young children and families in ways we never imagined," said Ashley Thrift, board chairman of the NC Partnership for Children. "Smart Start partnerships have done a good job of maximizing dollars at the local level in order to leverage cash and in-kind contributions. This level of support from our communities is an example of the dedication and ownership counties have in their Smart Start programs. Smart Start is making a real difference in the lives of children and families across North Carolina."

More than 130,000 volunteer

hours were also contributed to Smart Start this year. Under state audit regulations, these volunteer hours have no monetary value. Under federal government grant terms, however, these hours would be valued at approximately \$14.30 per hour for a total of nearly \$2 million.

This is the third consecutive year Smart Start has exceeded its fundraising goal. Last year, Smart Start raised more than \$19 million. Approximately 95 percent of all private funds contributed to Smart Start go directly to support projects in local communities. With a lean administrative budget of eight percent statewide, Smart Start prides itself in assuring both its public and private dollars go where they are needed-to North Carolina's children and families.

Each year, Smart Start is required by the North Carolina General Assembly to raise \$1 in cash and in-kind contributions for every \$10 it receives in state funds. Smart Start has now leveraged more than \$70 million in contributions for local partnerships and programs in addition to more than one million volunteer hours. No other early childhood program in North Carolina or the nation has ever received this level of support and recognition.

Smart Start partnerships now operate in all of North Carolina's 100 counties. Smart Start is helping North Carolinas children and families get good, affordable child care, health care and family support services.

The NC Partnership for Children is the nonprofit organization which provides oversight and technical assistance to the 81 Smart Start partnerships. For more information call, 919.821.7999 or see our website at [www.ncsmartstart-nc.org](http://www.ncsmartstart-nc.org).

## Promotion Time !



Fire Chief Roy Spell effective on Wednesday, April 26, 2000, appointed six new Captains in the Fire-Rescue Department. The promotions were based on successful completion of an assessment center which included role plays, oral interviews, written exercise and an emergency command exercise that relates to the position of captain. The new captains are as follow: Captain Guy Wayne Harris; Captain Calvin L. Home; Captain John C. Kay, IV; Captain James N. Ormond; Captain Shannon J. Terry; and Captain Leonard H. Waters. Office of Public Information Telephone: (252) 329-4434 City of Greenville FAX: (252) 329-4435 201 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive Greenville, NC 27834



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## Special Olympics Flame of Hope Makes Its Way to Raleigh

*Special Olympics Flame of Hope Makes its Way to Raleigh for 2000 SONC Summer Games More than 4,000 law enforcement officials will relay the torch across the state to Raleigh by June 2.*

RALEIGH, NC --- Law enforcement agencies across North Carolina will relay the Special Olympics Flame of Hope across the state for the 2000 Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games Opening Ceremony to be held June 2 in Raleigh. The 14th annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics North Carolina will kick off in Asheville May 11. Subsequent legs will begin in Boone and Wilkesboro May 17; Elizabeth City, Wilmington, Atlantic Beach, Roanoke Rapids, Charlotte, Huntersville, Wadesboro and Southern Shores May 22; Whiteville May 23; Greensboro May 26; and Greenville and Southern Pines May 30.

The 2000 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics North Carolina is a 2,200 mile, 16-day torch relay involving more than 4,000 law enforcement officials from 250 law enforcement

agencies and 100 state corrections facilities. All 15 legs of the Torch Run will converge on Raleigh June 2 with the final leg of the torch nun starting at the Raleigh City Council Chambers. Officers will run the Flame of Hope into NC State University's Derr Track for the lighting of the cauldron to officially open the 2000 SONC Summer Games.

Law Enforcement officers began fund raising for the 2000 Torch Run in January through special events, corporate sponsorship, donations and T-shirt and baseball cap sales. Their goal is to raise \$1.25 million for SONC, according to Raleigh Police Department Lieutenant and Torch Run Director Mike Teem.

Sponsors of the 2000 Law Enforcement Torch Run for SONC are as follows: Premier: GlaxoWellcome; Silver: Southern States Nissan, GE Capital Mortgage Corporation, General Tire; Bronze: NC Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association, Kroger, Bryant-Durham, Griffin Brothers, Carolina House, SAS, Fraternal Order of Police, Performance of Chapel Hill, Food Lion,

Klingspor, Thorlos, Twinings Tea, North Carolina Troopers Association, Hendrick Automotive, World Championship Wrestling.

The 2000 SONC Summer Games will be held June 2-4 in Raleigh and will include more than 1,500 athletes from 80 counties across the state. Athletes will compete in aquatics, athletics, gymnastics, powerlifting, softball and volleyball.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is an international event to raise money for Special Olympics, which provides year-round sports training and competition for more than one million children and adults who have mental retardation or a closely related developmental disability. More than 25,000 athletes participate in Special Olympics in North Carolina.

*Special Olympics - Created by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation, Authorized and Accredited by Special Olympics International Inc. for the Benefit of Persons with Mental Retardation.*

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High blood pressure is a major risk factor for stroke. You can control your blood pressure and reduce your risk of stroke by taking these important steps. Have regular checkups. Have your blood pressure checked frequently. Take medicine exactly the way your doctor prescribes it. Don't stop taking medicine without asking your doctor. Follow your diet. And, exercise if your doctor says you are able to.

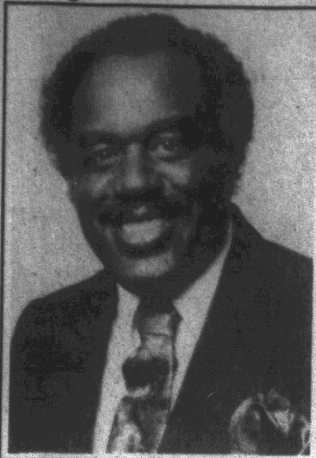
Strokes are a major health concern as people get older. Call 911 immediately if you have any of these warning signs: sudden weakness in the face or in an arm, hand or leg, especially on one side of the body; blurry or double vision; severe headache, memory loss, dizziness, not being able to talk.

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# Spiritual Thoughts



Dr. George Hawkins

## SO SHALL ALSO

But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. St. Matthew 24:37

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

As we look at the condition of the world and as we read and study our Bible, one can't help but see that we are rapidly approaching the end of another era. The Word of God is being fulfilled right before our very eyes.

One day as I was meditating upon the above scripture, the Lord gave me a startling revelation. If you were to do a study on the various destructions of mankind you would note that only a handful of people escaped each time. When God sent warning to Abraham that He was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, and when

the time came only four people escaped, but Lot's wife looked back and became a pillar of salt, so really only three survived. God already knew the thoughts and intents of these people's hearts from the beginning. He already knew who would be saved but He still gives us a choice to choose death or life.

The Antediluvians (those who lived before the flood) were described as long-lived, very wicked, a mixed race and of great size. Can't you see the same thing happening today? Genesis 6:5 says that God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. How did all this originate? First of all, we know that evil and wickedness came about when Adam and Eve sinned against God in the Garden of Eden, but that seed of murder came about through Cain and needless to say that seed still remains. We know that Cain was a murderer. Second, Satan works in the mind which is an attribute of the soul. He deals in the thought pattern which is why we must renew our mind daily in the Word of God. If you do not cast down wicked imaginations that enter your mind, and bring them into captivity and obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ, they will eventually work their way into your spirit.

James 1:15 says that when lust (evil desire) has conceived, it bringeth forth sin, and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death

What it all boils down to is the people turned mentally violent.

Every imagination of their minds was corrupted. These people's spirit was impregnated with evil desires which birthed forth sin and when sin matured, it brought forth destruction. No one was spared except Noah and his family. Ponder this: There were no priests, elders, prophets, or "clergy" of any sort that entered the ark. Think about our time and what's going on today. What are the believers of the Body of Christ doing today? Jesus is on His way back. How many will actually go back with Him? I am referring to all in the body of Christ. Isaiah 5:14a says "Therefore hell hath enlarged herself and opened her mouth without measure. Why would hell be referred to as 'herself'? Could it be because of Revelation 17 where it talks about the Mother of Harlots known as the Roman Catholic in which denominations derived? Think about denomination and see what comes to mind, a nation of demons.

Everything breeds after its own kind. Look at what is happening in the Roman Catholic church and compare it with denominations. Isn't the same thing going on today? Don't get me wrong. Everybody that belongs to a denomination is not going to hell. I believe the Lord has some real born again believers in denominational churches that are really sold out to Him and love Him.

In conclusion, choose ye this day whom ye shall serve. Will it be God or Baal? It is time to become steadfast, unmovable and abound in the work of the Lord.



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# Self Destruction

By Henry Williams

"Put one against the other and that will impede their progress as a group of people." If one steps forward that one is criticized, stigmatized and ostracized. Since you are so gifted and have such a firm grasp of the English Language, then why don't you step forward? Why don't you step-up to the plate? The saying that "We are our own worst enemy" carries a lot of weight with us as a people. Who says that I have to use foot long words to be a candidate? Who

says that I have to raffle off a lot of empty promises to be a candidate? Who says I have to be from a well-known elitist group to be a candidate? We as a people are making these things mandatory in order to run for any office. The candidates with the deep pockets have made the rules, and as a people have sanctioned them.

"The more things change, the more they remain the same." We are content to live in another's shadow. We are content to close our eyes to injustices and pretend that we

are wallowing in progress. It is time that we open our eyes and face reality. It is time we combine forces and work for the good of all people, not just a selected handful. Until we do this, we may as well close our eyes and keep them closed because we are just pretending to be alive - We are actually Dead.

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Sincerely,  
Marian McLawhorn



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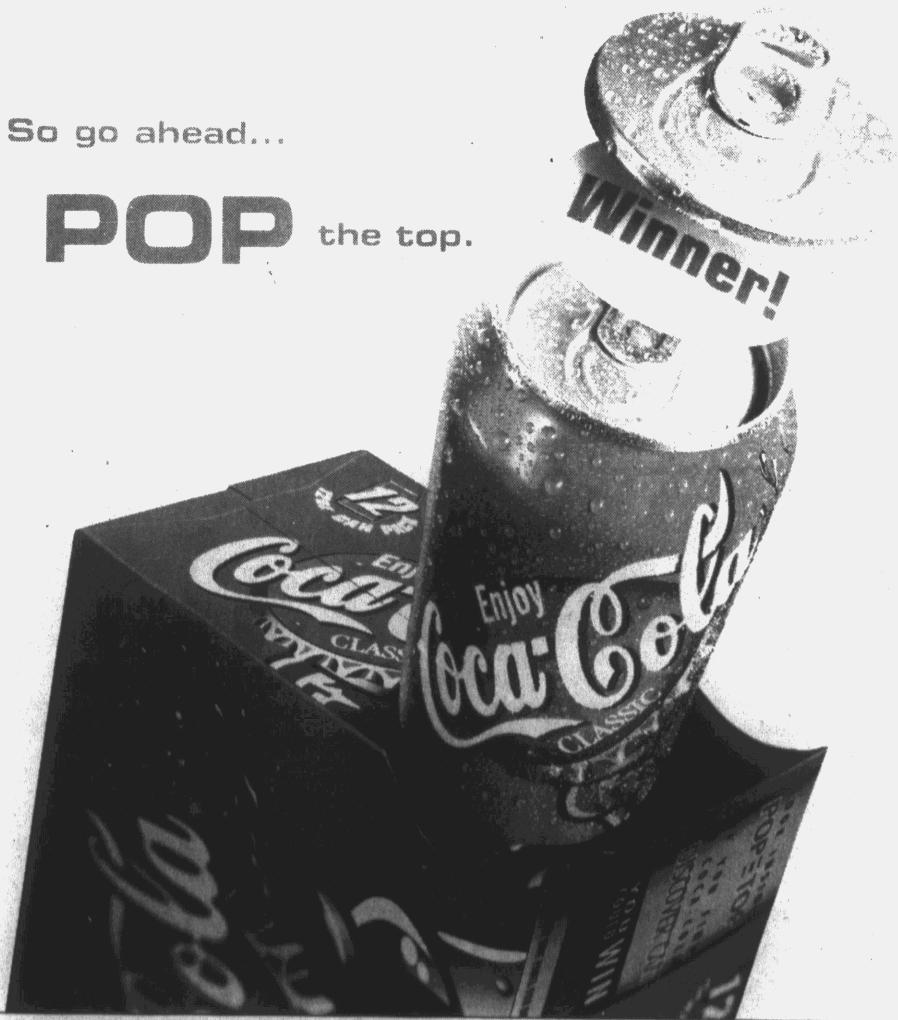
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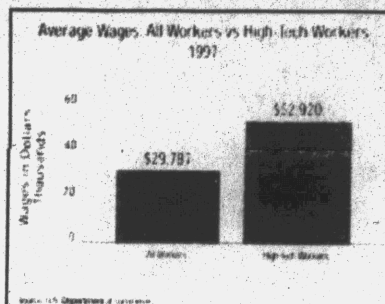
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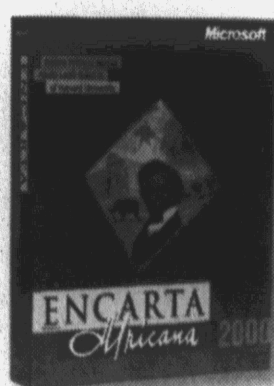
In the present day, the family reflects on how these issues affected not only their family, but impacted society as a whole. Through war, premature death, alcoholism, and all of society's ills, the family learned that the one unchanging truth in changing times was their faith. Leigh, the granddaughter, is the keeper of the family's stories. Leigh passes on the family message that no matter what you go through, this too will pass.

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*This Too Will Pass* is slated for publication May 15, 2000. ISBN: 0-595-00556-X. It can be purchased from any local bookstore, or on the Internet at [www.iuniverse.com](http://www.iuniverse.com), [www.bn.com](http://www.bn.com), or [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).

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