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# The "M" Voice Newspaper

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## HUD Sues Klan Member

By Cash Micheals  
The Carolian

Roy Frankhouser of the United Klans of America will dole out 5 percent of his annual income to Bonnie Jouhari and her 18-year-old daughter, Pilar Danielle Horton, for the next 10 years. Jouhari, a white woman, said she quit her job and fled to Seattle, Wash., with Pilar (who is biracial) when Frankhouser and his cronies retaliated against her for helping tenants file housing discrimination complaints against him and another man, Ryan Wilson of Philadelphia. The discrimination cases were filed with the U.S. Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which later helped facilitate this settlement. Jouhari noted in her complaint that in 1998, Frankhouser put a note on her car which read, "Race Traitor Beware" and which pictured a Klansman with a noose. According to the housing activist, Frankhouser also began sitting on a bench outside her office taking pictures of her. Jouhari said she began to receive threatening phone calls both at home and at work. As part of the settlement, Frankhouser will publicly apologize to both women, and will do 1,000 hours of community service. He is now required to display a HUD Fair Housing poster on the outside of his house; broadcast

HUD fair housing announcements as part of his "White Forum" public access television show; and attend sensitivity training sessions approved by HUD and mandated to stay at least 100 feet from Jouhari and her family for the remainder of his life. Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said the settlement sends an important message that HUD has "zero tolerance for interference with courageous people who work selflessly to abolish housing bias." The secretary was joined at a press conference on the settlement by the Rev. Jesse Jackson; Kweisi Mfume; president of the NAACP; and Martin Luther King III, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.



From The "M" Voice Archives, shown above is the late great pastor of Mt. Calvary F.W.B. church Elmer Jackson Jr. the "M" Voice Salutes him for all of his great contributions to community church and family. Pastor Jackson is pictured with members of the ladies Day Annual Observance Women's Day at Mt. Calvary.

**GREATER LOVE**  
**Community Center**  
*It Takes A Village... Now!*  
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Working for the community pictured is brother Christopher Taylor in front of Greater Love Community center. Mr. Taylor is also the Republican challenger against Bishop Randy Royal for the Pitt County Board of commissioner District A seat.

Photo By Steve Johnson

## What Is The Truth

By Steve Johnson  
Editor

always favor what is best for the children of Greenville.

**"M" Voice:** What are some of your immediate plans for West Greenville?

**Christopher:** I would like to organize programs to help our youth and also organize programs to help our elderly.

**"M" Voice:** In the May 3rd edition of the Daily Reflector, you were quoted as saying "I think the best man won" and that you looked forward to sitting down and discussing your platforms with Royal. How did you feel about that race between Ann Huggins, Randy Royal and Billy Peaden?

**Christopher:** What I said to the Reflector is "it appears the best man won." If Ann Huggins had won, then I would have said the best woman won. Consequently, I receive a lot of negative publicity from Jeff Savage. He told me I could not beat Randy Royal and I've yet to understand why. It is so difficult to understand why two men with opposing views points can't sit down and discuss their mutual interest - the community.

**"M" Voice:** Knowing the Black community in most cases vote democratic, who are you targeting for your voter support.

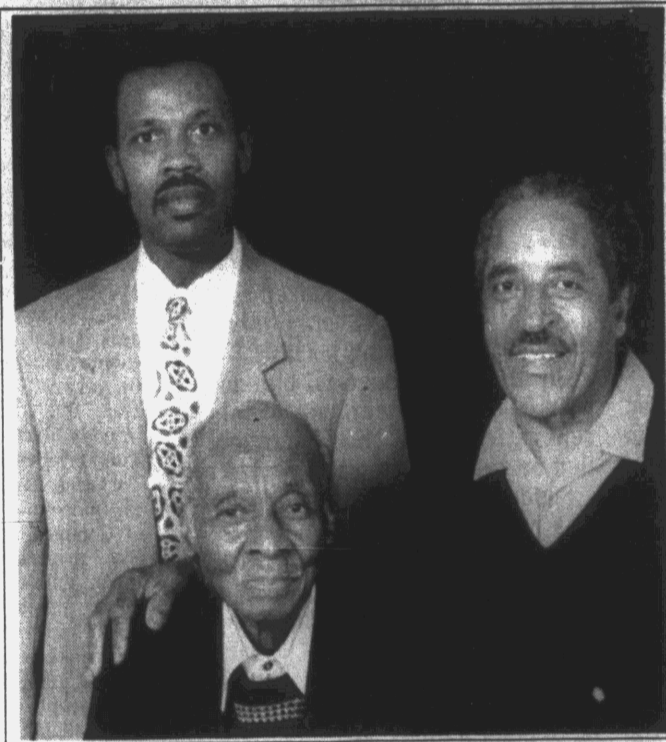
**Christopher:** I am going after the older people who once knew only hard work got us where we are. I believe we need to start producing more young Black business men and Politicians at a young age and show a strong representation in both parties.

**Christopher:** My interest will

**"M" Voice:** Can you describe what is Greater Love Community Center.

**Christopher:** In 1989 I was diagnosed with a rare cancer. In 1990, they gave me 45 days to live with a max of six months. I then asked God for two things: to give me faith in him and not medicine and to give me a gift and with that gift I gave him service. He has given me my life back. Greater Love Community Center is founded on God's vision for his children. It's an intervention and prevention program for children between the ages of 7-18. It's a 5 part program, youth diversion, mentoring school drop out, its parenting and job placement. What we do, is joined with Pitt Community College to start a HRD (Human Resource Development Center) program. They will come in and teach our youth 16 and up communication skills, job skills and computer skills. Our biggest concern is Anthony's. We want to offer an alternative to the temptation of cigarettes and beer. Here, children can play games, get on the Internet, get their GED. I found this center myself and have spent a lot of my own money to start this center and we still have a long journey ahead of us but with the help of the community, we will succeed and most importantly, the children will benefit from our success.

Christopher Taylor is the father of 3 beautiful children with his wife Lisa, Eligah age 5, Alsia age 3 and his new born, Lauren Christy born May 29, 2000. He believes he has to make Greenville a better place so his children may have a better life.



**Generational Fatherhood...** Pictured above is Pastor Corbett, Sgt. Chapman and Mr. George Garrett. We've come a long way and the smiles on these brothers faces let's us know that we will continue to overcome.

## Heritage Charity Golf Classic

The Heritage golf Classic is the first annual charity tournament benefitting West Greenville community-based programs and is sponsored in part by community small businesses with a growing concern and vision to see our local African-American based programs to continue to expand and progress in the new millennium.

This year the tournament benefits the Little Willie Learning and Mentoring Center of Greenville, North Carolina. The Little Willie Center provides a number of creative programs for children of the West Greenville area a "home away from home." They provide learning activities and mentoring programs for children under adult supervision. The center is hoping to expand to add technology based learning tools, such as computers and computer learning programs.

### Schedule of Play

Thursday, June 22, 2000 (practice round) at Ironwood Golf and Country Club  
Friday, June 23, 2000 Shotgun Start - 9am Ironwood Golf and Country Club

### Schedule of Events

Thursday June 22, 2000 (Courtyard By Marriott)  
Hospitality Check in - 3-7:30 pm

### Friday

Heritage Sunrise Prayer Service - 5:45 am  
Dr. Kenneth Hammond, Presiding Bishop Randy Royal, speaker (All ministers are invited)

**Heritage Gospel Expo Awards Ceremony**  
Featuring Gospel Music and local artists performance

11:00 - 5:00 pm  
Ironwood Golf Country Club

Heritage "Soul Food Dinner" - 6:00 pm  
Monte's Dining (Memorial Drive, Greenville)

the cost is \$75.00 for all entrants that includes green & cart fees

**Come out Be a part of This Event !**

## West Greenville CDC Banquet

West Greenville CDC is extremely excited about this year's annual fund raising event. Due to circumstances beyond our control (Hurricane Floyd) we were unable to have our annual heritage, culture and youth festival in October 1999. We are therefore scheduling both events at a most historical and significant time this year.

The occasion is Juneteenth, also called National Freedom Day. Juneteenth was the very first of all African American holidays. It came about as a celebration from slavery to freedom.

The pre-Juneteenth weekend celebration begins Friday, June 9th, at the Thomas Foreman Park with a "free" evening of family entertainment. Whereas, on Saturday, beginning 9am, we will return to Thomas Foreman Park for a day of outdoor festivities. This day is designed to give our community youth throughout this county a means to express themselves through sports, dance, theatre, and music in a competitive

manner. It will also be a day of cultural stimulation, education, career exploration, motivation, and self-worth activities.

On Saturday evening, the 10th, we will hold our annual awards banquet (dinner theater style) at the Ramada Plaza beginning 6:30pm. Tickets for this event will cost \$25 per person.

To make this year's events a success we need your support as always. We are seeking various types of cultural vendors including food, arts & crafts, African clothing, professional and youth entertainment, sports heroes & sheroes, etc. Since the flood, our youth need a positive outlet and so does their parents. So, let us pull together as one and prepare for National Freedom Day.

For more information please contact Ms. Sandra Jones, Event Chair at 752-9277. We want our total community to come out and participate in this historical celebration. May God Bless us all in this effort! Barbara Fenner, Executive Director

# Editorials

## Credo of the Black Press

The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and natural antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human rights. Hating no person, fearing no person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

## Divide And Conquer—Again?

The rumblings have been stirring in the working-class black community for several years now.

It's an issue we at *The Carolinian* have covered before. Masses of Latino immigrants move into the area, ready to work for what is next to nothing in American culture but which seems like a fortune compared to what they are used to in Latin America.

Overnight, the lowest-rung jobs which had gone to blacks, and which had seen wages and benefits increase, if only slightly, now suddenly are being filled by blacks.

African-Americans are angry. They blame racism. They blame the system. But most of all, they blame the new immigrants. They are ruining it for blacks, who are just now starting to get paid, they say.

In doing that, though, many in the community are missing the point and falling into an old trap that has worked once before.

It was just after the turn of the century. The labor movement was burgeoning, and poor whites and blacks had discovered that they had quite a bit in common.

They banded together, most prominently in the Grange movement, to try to improve the lot of the working class: better pay, higher wages and improved safety.

American industry had been getting a free ride from its labor for a long time. The captains of industry got together and came up with a solution.

The result was the White Supremacy movement. It was stunningly successful, not only in the South, but in the heavily unionized North and Midwest.

Racial hatred, fear and the uncertainty of the times was used to

pit one group against the other and drive wages back down.

Workers in the North were told, "If you keep on demanding more money and better conditions, we'll just bring in more Negroes. They just came up from the cotton fields down South, and they'll work for half what you earn and not complain about safety."

In the South, speakers descended on National Guard armories and lodge halls to decry the "tumult" that society had been placed in since the forced emancipation of the Civil War.

Everywhere, the speakers said, there were black people running businesses, holding elective offices. Blacks were riding buses and trains, and even working alongside whites.

"What will be next? Will Negroes want to go to school with your children?"

The result was a mass ejection of black union members in the North and a slew of Jim Crow laws in the South.

Poor white and black workers had successfully been turned against each other, to the extent that they remain almost uniformly hostile to this day.

Now we see the same dynamic working. The economy is booming, and wages will have to go up—that's the way a free economy works.

In an effort to short-circuit this and keep the windfall from the boom where it "belongs"—the middle and upper class—the same thing is being done.

Will it work again, or will blacks and Latinos band together to make sure that everybody gets a share of the pie?

We happen to think there's enough to go around for everybody.

Whether it does, will be seen.

## A Whole New Race

As is noted in our front-page story, the much-watched New York Senate race has turned into a completely new ball game.

When the idea was first floated, it seemed like a very tight contest, with First Lady Hillary Clinton getting the benefit of sympathy for her stalwart performance in the wake of the Monica Lewinsky affair and the impeachment that followed.

Then, after that wore off, it looked like a cake walk for New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, with his tough, I-cleaned-up-Times-Square image counterbalancing her bleeding-heart liberalism among the conservative upstate crowd.

Then came the series of police killings—and Giuliani's bellicose, arrogant reaction to them—that turned the numbers around overnight.

Ms. Clinton was sure to be able, at the very end, to count on just about every single black vote in the state—and certainly in New York City proper.

Even some of the more conservative Democrats and Republicans were starting to think that perhaps Mayor Julie wasn't exactly the man they wanted representing their state on C-SPAN.

They'd had a lot of laughs poking fun at North Carolina for the antics of Jesse Helms; now it began to look like the shoe would be on the other foot.

At the very least, it looked like a lot of folks might stay home and refrain from voting for him.

But then came his final blunder with the announcement of his separation, and the discovery that he had prostate cancer.

Suddenly, the man everybody was just itching to vote out of office was gone, replaced with a complete nobody.

In this case, though, that may turn out to be a blessing in disguise. Having no record means nothing that opponents can seize on to point a finger at.

And the First Lady has nothing, if not a record. Whitewater, the several mini-scandals that conservatives continually harangue over but which seem not to bother anybody else, and even hubby Bill's antics will surely dog her in her attempt to barge into New York politics.

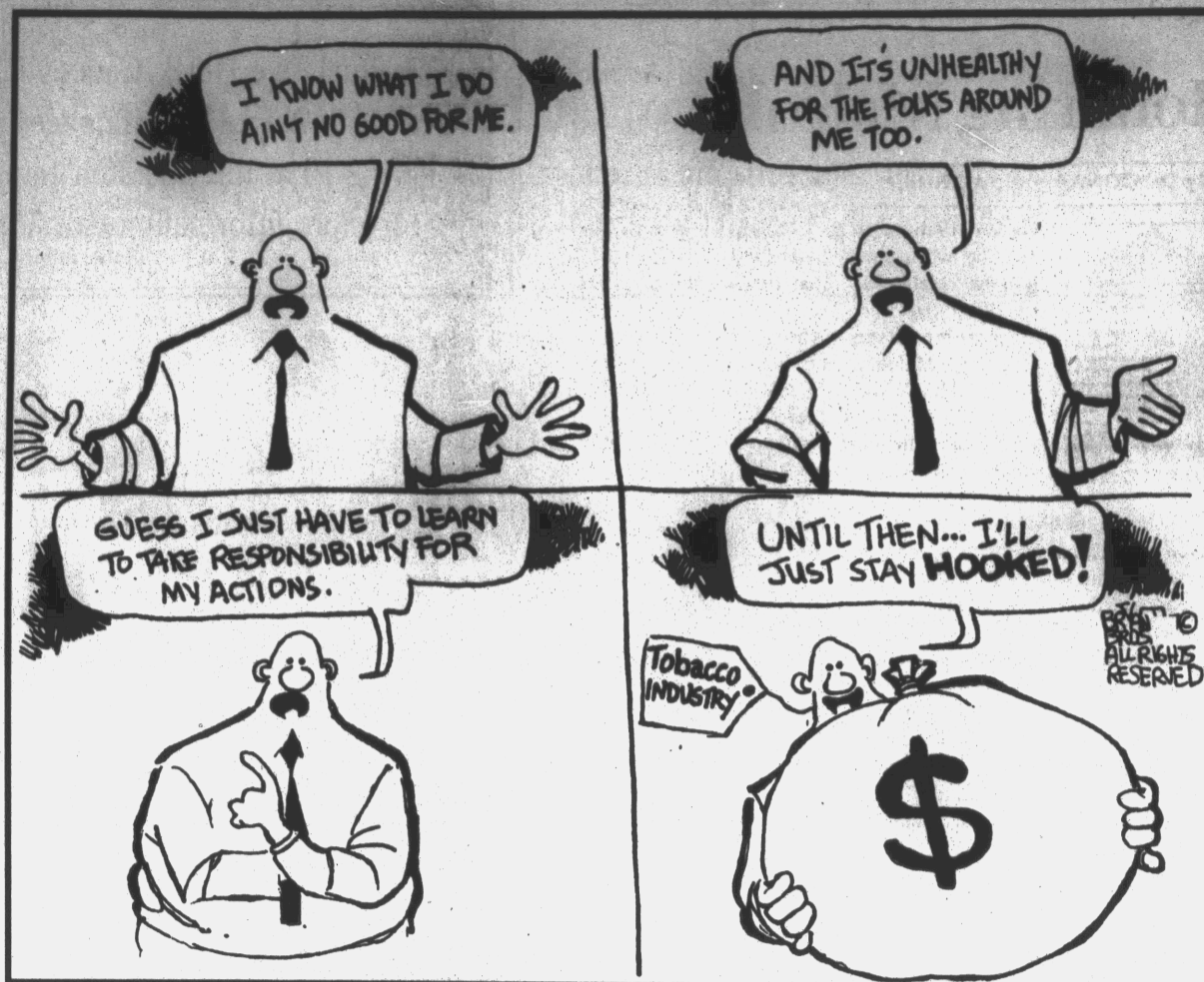
The "carpetbagger" label may also hurt, though it is something New Yorkers should be used to by now. People love to move to New York to run for office.

The outcome of the race will largely hinge on the new candidate.

Will he present a sane, moderate alternative to Mayor Madonna?

Or, pressed to take stances on hard issues, will he be unable to resist the urge to go ideological and self-destruct as well?

Stay tuned.



## VANTAGE POINT

Articles and Essays by Ron Daniels



### THE ASSASSINATION OF MALCOLM X FARRAKHAN TAKES ANOTHER STEP TO HEAL THE WOUNDS

On Sunday May 14 millions of people watched as the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan sat across from Attillah Shabazz, the oldest daughter of Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz, on "60 Minutes" in an interview with Mike Wallace. Apparently Minister Farrakhan called for the meeting and interview with Attillah to clear the air about what role, if any, he played in the assassination of Malcolm X on that fateful day at the Audubon Ballroom in Harlem in 1965—a horrible event made more tragic by the fact that Dr. Shabazz and her children witnessed the murder of Malcolm. Recovering from prostate cancer and apparently intent on moving the Nation of Islam (NOI) closer to orthodoxy and more widespread acceptability, the highly publicized meeting/interview seemed designed to take yet another step to heal the painful wounds opened within the black community over the calculated demise of our "Black Shining Prince."

Much of the pain and anguish associated with the assassination of Brother Malcolm centers around allegations and suspicions that the up and coming Hakeem Abdul Farrakhan, a young, charismatic and ambitious minister, turned on and betrayed Malcolm, his mentor and friend, to curry favor with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad in hopes of taking Malcolm's place within the hierarchy of the NOI. Some have even accused Farrakhan of giving the order to kill Malcolm. Certainly the words he uttered in various speeches and public appearances prior to Malcolm's death were damaging and deadly. In one such speech, the fiery Farrakhan proclaimed that Malcolm was "worthy of death." Given what we know about the command structure and discipline of the NOI, such words could easily be construed as encouragement and sanction to kill Malcolm.

Concerns about Farrakhan's role in the assassination of Malcolm X have also been fueled by negative and disparaging statements the Minister has made over the years. In another speech to the NOI a few years ago, Farrakhan angrily said something to the effect that if we (NOI) dealt with Malcolm like a nation deals with a traitor whose business is it. In 1990 a number of nationalists and activists (Sonia Sanchez, Haki Madhubuti, Preston Wilcox, Dick Gregory, Jill Sofflyah Elijah, Dr. Conrad Worrill, Rick Adams, Dr. Charshee McIntyre, Damu Smith and Ron Daniels) under the auspices of the National Malcolm X Commemoration Commission, headed by Dr. James Turner, launched a nationwide campaign to proclaim May 19, Malcolm's birthday, a National African-American Day of Commemoration. The initiative was highly successful. But Farrakhan's response to the campaign was to accuse the organizers of trying to "resurrect a dead man."

Many activists and nationalists have been ambivalent about Minister Farrakhan because they genuinely love and respect the minister and feel that for whatever his flaws, he is a gifted and anointed leader with much to offer African people in the United States and the world. His longstanding, steadfast, militant and uncompromising denunciation of racism and white supremacy has rightfully earned him tremendous respect among the masses of black people. It is for this reason that most of the members of the Malcolm X Commemoration Commission cited above stood with Minister Farrakhan when he undertook the difficult but essential task of rebuilding the NOI. It is also for that reason that many of us have consistently urged the Minister to take responsibility for any role he may have played in the assassination of Malcolm X and cease and desist making disparaging remarks about one of the most admired leaders in the history of Africans in America.

In that spirit, in January of 1995, I wrote a series of "Vantage Point" articles entitled, "The Assassination of Malcolm X: Time to Heal the Wounds." This series was written in the wake of the government's plan to exploit the divisions in the black community over the assassination of Malcolm X by attempting to implicate Qubilah Shabazz, Malcolm and Dr. Shabazz's daughter, in a plot to assassinate Minister Farrakhan. Rather than falling into the trap, however, Minister Farrakhan stepped forward to express the view that Qubilah was not involved in any plot to take his life. The Minister magnanimously offered to raise monies to pay for Qubilah's legal defense. This was an important gesture by Minister Farrakhan, particularly in light of the fact that the mobilization for the Million Man March was about to go into high gear. This gesture also set the stage for a historic reconciliation meeting between Minister Farrakhan and Dr. Betty Shabazz at the Apollo Theater in Harlem in May of 1995—a meeting which was skillfully brokered by Haki Madhubuti assisted by Dr. James Turner. As an result of the Apollo meeting, Dr. Betty Shabazz graciously agreed to speak at the Million Man March in October of 1995.

Now Minister Farrakhan has gone further than ever before in acknowledging and accepting responsibility for the fact that his words and deeds probably contributed to the assassination of his former mentor and friend, Malcolm X. Though most nationalists and activists believe that the U.S. government was definitely involved in the murder of Malcolm X, as Attillah Shabazz correctly insisted during the meeting/interview, it is imperative that Minister Farrakhan publicly accept responsibility for his role in the assassination of our beloved Malcolm. Hopefully, the Minister's admission of culpability will go a long way toward finally healing the dreadful wounds opened as a consequence of the assassination of El Hajj Malik El Shabazz.

## ONE MAN'S OPINION

By Oscar Smith, Jr.



### YOU MAY BE IN FOR A RUDE AWAKENING IN NOVEMBER

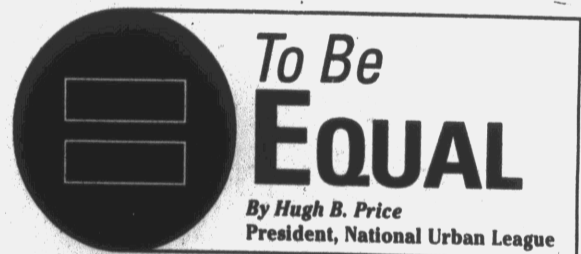
It all came to light this past weekend; however I guarantee that planning has been under way a lot longer. I'm talking about the new marketing ploy by the National Rifle Association (NRA). You know what the NRA is, I'm sure. That is the predominantly white, male, ultra-conservative-ruled organization headed by the movie actor, Charlton Heston.

Well, the NRA has gone on the offensive with "Ole Moses" leading the charge. I assume they felt that because of the recent Million Man March, and the concerted effort by President Bill Clinton to push for stronger gun regulation and enforcement in America, they saw this as their opportunity to do more than just fight for that cause.

That offensive posture is couched in saving the Second Amendment rights of "all Americans." That is the amendment that makes it lawful for Americans to bear arms. But do not be fooled. That is not the real intent of this presentation, my friends. If your mindset is tuned to what is going on in this country today, you will immediately recognize the true intent. That is to use this as a rallying point to elect other ultra-conservatives in November.

I lay dozing this past Sunday around 2 a.m. when this NRA-sponsored half-hour show anchored by Heston came on television, blasting the president of the United States and others in Congress seeking to pass stronger gun-control laws.

But that in itself was not the shocker. What made me sit straight up in bed was that of all things the message was aimed at—now get this—the poor and working poor, living in public housing and in poorer sections of America's urban areas. Heston was telling them that they were in for it if they let President Clinton and a liberal Congress get away with taking their right away from them to bear arms. "If you are required to register your guns," he said, "the next thing you know they will come knocking down your door to take them away from you." Are you getting the picture here?



By Hugh B. Price  
President, National Urban League

### SOCIAL SECURITY HELPS REDUCE CHILD POVERTY By Valerie A. Rawlston and William E. Spriggs

National Urban League

Valerie A. Rawlston is Research Analyst, and William E. Spriggs, is Director, of the Research and Public Policy Department of the National Urban League.

Ask anyone you pass on the street what comes to mind when they hear the term "Social Security" and more often than not they'll refer to the program's old age or retirement benefits.

But Social Security provides a great deal more than just Old Age benefits. It provides for disabled workers, and children, too.

In fact, a study released this month by the National Urban League shows that Social Security benefits given to poor families with children form a safety net that keeps one million children from poverty, and prevents another million children from extreme poverty—that is, it prevents their families from having annual incomes below half that of the poverty line.

It's important to realize that Social Security's formal name is the Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance Program. (The tax collected to support the program comes from the Federal Insurance Contribution Act, popularly known simply as FICA.)

*Social Security provides over 55 percent of the income for low-income families with children that receive Social Security benefits.*

In other words, Social Security is not merely a retirement program. It's an insurance program as well.

Social Security insures families against three things: One is a drop in earnings because of disability. The second is a loss in earnings because of the death of a family's breadwinner. The third is a drop in earnings because of old age.

**Read your Black History  
to understand your Black Future**

**If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to express in the "M" Voice newspaper please write or call Steve Johnson at 405 Evans St. Greenville NC, 27835 (252)757-0365.**

# Honoring Malcolm on X His 75th Birthday

By Dr. CONRAD W. WORRILL



On May 19 throughout the world, we will be celebrating the 75th Birthday Commemoration Honoring Malcolm X. Malcolm X was one of our great African leaders who was born on May 19,

1925 in Omaha, Neb.

Even though Malcolm is no longer physically with us his spirit still lives and his profound contributions to worldwide African Liberation remain significant.

It was on Feb. 21, 1965 that Malcolm X was assassinated at the Audubon Ballroom in Manhattan, N.Y. by forces that were trying to stop his impact on our movement. They were not successful. He will forever remain our "Shining Black Prince."

Malcolm X is a man that should be studied carefully in our efforts to examine a critical period in our history- the 1960s. For it was during this period that Malcolm X became an internationally known and respected African in America leader, whose ideas were widely discussed and debated.

It was through the Nation of Islam, under the leadership of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, that Malcolm X was given an opportunity to develop his tremendous talents as a teacher, researcher, orator, and organizer.

Malcolm X joined the Nation of Islam while in prison in 1952. After his release in the mid-1950s, Malcolm X became a full-time minister for the Nation of Islam that became one of the most important organizations in the history of African in America, people. From his main base in Harlem, at Mosque Number 7, he launched his talents on the world.

Malcolm X was a revolutionary who presented a model of black manhood that shook the world. When Malcolm X finally left the Nation of Islam, because of internal differences, he decided to take his first trip to Mother Africa. Malcolm spent five weeks in Africa, from April 13 to May 21, 1964.

This trip helped reestablish our links with the movement to reclaim "Africa for the Africans." Malcolm met many of the leaders and people of Africa. He visited Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Lebanon, Nigeria,

Ghana, Monrovia, Liberia, Senegal, Tanzania, Guinea, Morocco, and Algeria.

This trip and subsequent trips abroad helped Malcolm sharpen his understanding that the worldwide system of white supremacy was the number one enemy of African people throughout the world. This has not changed.

After leaving the Nation of Islam, Malcolm began to broaden his organizing strategies by attempting to reach out and work with many of the more established civil-rights organizations and movement tendencies to a common organizational vehicle. Malcolm began building this vehicle through his establishment of the Organization for Afro-American Unity (OAAU).

Malcolm felt that a United Front was the necessary mechanism by which the political consciousness of African American people could be raised. Also, he felt that this United Front would be the common voice we needed to represent the Black Liberation Movement in this country. Many of us are still working to build this United Front concept of organizing toward our liberation in America.

In the spirit of Malcolm, let us summarize his contributions:

1. Malcolm X was a concrete example that if you discipline yourself and find a new outlook on life you can transform your behavior.
2. From 1952 to 1963, Malcolm X helped the Honorable Elijah Muhammad build the Nation of Islam into a powerful force.
3. During this same period, Malcolm became the spokesman for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam, and thus, became a spokesman for the Black Nationalist Movement in one of the most important periods in our history—the period of the mid 1950s through the 1960s.
4. In this role, Malcolm articulated many

important concepts and ideas that helped strengthen the Black Nationalist Movement in this country, as well as, the Civil Rights Movement. His speech, "The Ballot or the Bullet," still rings in our ears. His conception of the role of "House Negroes" vs. "Field Negroes" is still with us today. And his coining the phrase, "By any means necessary" is just one of a few of the ideas and concepts that concretely impacted the black movement.

5. Malcolm X defined Black Nationalism in simple terminology that appealed to the black masses when he said, "The political philosophy of Black Nationalism is that blacks should control the politics and politicians in our own community. ... The economic philosophy of Black Nationalism must be designed to re-educate our community to the importance of controlling the economy in which we live by owning and operating the businesses. The social philosophy of Black Nationalism is we must become socially mature enough to realize the responsibility on us to elevate the conditions and standards of our community to a higher level."

6. Malcolm X linked the black struggle in this country with the struggle of African people around the world.

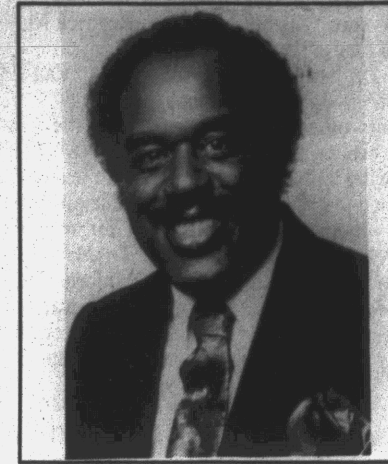
7. Malcolm helped shape black people's pride in themselves and by so doing, he exposed, by teaching, that the greatest crime of white people was they taught us to hate ourselves. It was Malcolm's spirit that generated the black pride, black studies, and black power phases of our movement.

So, on the one hand, Malcolm helped internationalize our struggle and on the other hand, he linked it up to the mass struggle and issues that faced our people in America. By taking this approach, Malcolm was able to provide a basis for the continued historical efforts to build worldwide African unity. Call 773-268-7500, ext. 144 for more information. Remember Malcolm! (Dr. Conrad Worrill is chairman of the National Black United Front.)



MALCOLM X  
Praying in Mecca

## Spiritual Thoughts



Dr. George Hawkins

### RECOGNIZE HOW SATAN IS OPPRESSING YOU AND CONFRONT HIM HEAD ON!

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

It is time for us to recognize how Satan and his demonic forces are attacking, afflicting and OPPRESSING God's people today! This is the first major step we must take before we can take authority over the spirits that are oppressing us, break their hold and be loosed from their oppression in our lives.

Millions of Christian today are OPPRESSED because of SPIRITUAL IGNORANCE concerning Satan's strategies and his method of attacking and oppressing them through demon spirits. There has been a lack of revelation, not only regarding the work of the enemy, but also concerning the power and authority we have today over ALL the power of Satan and his evil principalities.

Not understanding the need to detect

and resist the evil spirits that are oppressing them and exercising authority over them, many have become victims. Instead of exercising dominion over Satan and his principalities, Satan and his demons are exercising authority and dominion against them. Satan is oppressing, exercising dominion against God's people today:

- \* Physically in their bodies.
- \* Oppressing their minds.
- \* Oppressing their loved ones.
- \* Oppressing them in their finances.
- \* Oppressing them on their jobs and in every way possible through their circumstances.

There is no reason why any of God's people should be oppressed by Satan!

There is no reason why you or any of your loved ones should be oppressed, afflicted or tormented by unclean spirits.

God is revealing to us the strategies Satan is using in his counterattack against the Church and WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS DEVICES! Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit and sent by God to deliver and set free ALL THOSE WHO WERE OPPRESSED by the devil. He has destroyed the works of the devil. We have been anointed by the Holy Spirit

to STAND IN CHRIST'S STEAD, confront the power of Satan and set free all those who are oppressed by Satan. It is time for you to rise up in new strength to exercise authority over the unclean spirits Satan will use to try to oppress you. In your own life you must discern every attempt of Satan to oppress you. It may be there are spirits oppressing your mind, continually bombarding you with the desires and lusts of the flesh that are tempting you to sin. A spirit of fear may be tormenting your mind to such an extent that you are bound by it and are constantly living in fear.

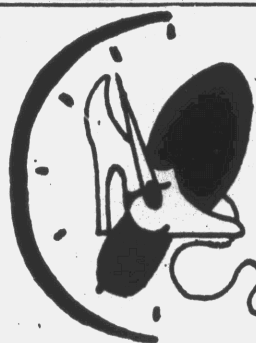
Spirits of worry and doubt may be attacking you until your mind is in a constant state turmoil. Spirits of heaviness, hopelessness, frustration or depression may be coming against you until you have reached a point in your life where you feel you cannot go on...where you are worn out...where you are tired of resisting, tired of fighting spiritual warfare.

You may be like the woman with the spirit of infirmity that had oppressed her for 18 long years. A demon may be attacking your body or your loved ones, causing a physical condition or sickness. You may be under attack by spirits that are oppressing you on the job.

You may have friends or loved ones who are being heavily oppressed by Satan. RECOGNIZE this oppression for what it is and the demons that are attacking you. The moment you feel a spirit of oppression, don't hesitate or be fearful in dealing with the demons that are oppressing you, your family, your friends or loved ones. Confront these spirits head-on as Jesus did. Take authority over them in the Name of Jesus. REBUKE them as Jesus did. COMMAND them to loose their hold and cast them out in the Name of Jesus. "You foul tormenting spirits that are attacking and oppressing my mind, I

rebuken you in the Name of Jesus, I command you to loose your hold! I take authority over you now and cast you out in the Name of Jesus". REBUKE the spirits that are oppressing your body. Lay your hand on the part of your body that is afflicted and say aloud: "Every spirit of infirmity, every unclean spirit that is afflicting and oppressing my body, I rebuke you in the Name of Jesus! I rebuke every pain and every pain and every symptom of sickness and disease in my body. I take authority over you and command you to loose your hold and leave my body in Jesus' Name! It's time to get Satan back where he belongs...under our feet! Don't sit back and allow Satan and his evil principalities to oppress you or your loved ones! In this counterattack Satan is launching against the Church it is not going to be enough for you to just know that you have been given power and authority over demons in the Name of Jesus. It is going to be necessary for you to put it into practice in your life where you are discerning spirits that are attacking you or your loved ones, taking authority over them and casting them out in the Name of Jesus.

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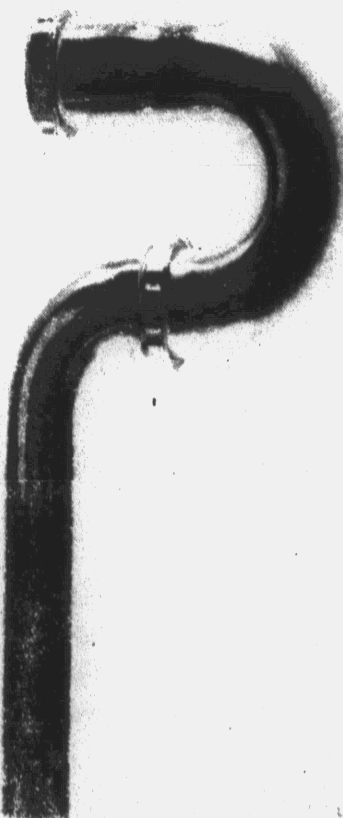
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We appreciate your cooperation in following those few simple guidelines. Together, we can protect our sewer system and our environment. For more information, please contact us at 551-1551.

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# From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



### Good Manners Scale

Good manners have not faded in our generation. Being considerate and showing respect to a woman reveals class and a moral upbringing. A man with manners and respect for women is exactly what many other young women and others are looking for in both a casual date and in our soul mate. Good manners are measure of respect and courtesy, important qualities in a man. Make an effort to keep good manners alive.

Parents, good manners start with you in the home. Any boy or man (may I say) who has or who hasn't good manners is a reflection on his home and good home training. Boys imitate their fathers. Beware fathers. Put the blame where it belongs.

Courtesy is one of the things that bond society together, in fact, it's the social lubricant, the WD-40 that keeps relationships from becoming abrasive.

Bravo to the boys or man who opens the door, the car door, who lets the lady go in first, who walks on the curb side, who rises from his seat (desk) when the woman or lady enters to converse with

him, who uses his/her indoor voice who doesn't walk in the middle of the street, instead of always walking to the right, not bumping into others, who knows when and where to chew gum, never blowing bubbles; who removes his hat (cap) when entering someone's home, who uses "please", "excuse", "thank you", who respects himself/herself first; thus, respecting others, who attaches titles to names. Remember the adage, "more is caught than taught".

Beatrice Maye

### What Does It Take to Be an Exemplary Father?

Boys need fathers to learn how to be men. Men have underestimated their own importance in raising healthy and competent sons and daughters. Through his actions and words, a father can have an immeasurable impact on the life of his or her child. Some qualities necessary are love, the greatest commodity, to be there for the family, to be a pillar of strength, a seeker of truth, a provider, someone who loves his wife and encourages his child to strive for the best, and to settle for nothing less, instill wisdom before someone else is successful in instilling the wrong values, stress the values of hard work, honesty and respect for others, loyalty, responsibility and perseverance.

Perhaps the most important lesson men today can learn from the great fathers of yesteryear is

that fatherhood is not a popularity contest, but perhaps is the most rewarding experience any man can have.

Beatrice Maye

### VALEDICTORIANS

In the Friday, June 2, 2000 NEWS AND OBSERVER, 35 profiles of valedictorians in the Raleigh/Wake, Orange, Harnett, Lee and Franklin Counties or Triangle were published. Unfortunately and regretfully, there was only one Black and she graduated from the Mount Zion Christian Academy (a private school).

Blacks focus too much on sports versus academics. Where are the parents? Too little self esteem, self motivation, not enough hard work, too much TV, now the Internet and socialization, sex oriented represent the difference in Black/White motivation and excellence. Others will be published, stated the Daper. Let's see how many Blacks will be included.

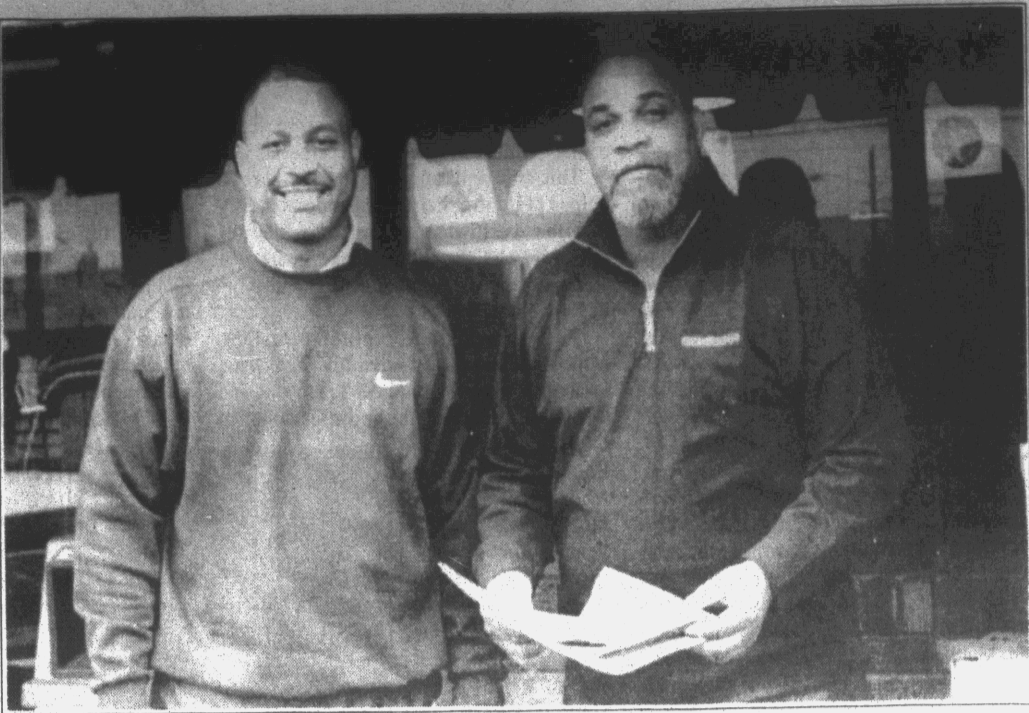
You can see Blacks excelling in sports, but what about the National Honor Society, the school paper, journalism, the debating team, Science and Math Clubs? Are we just satisfied to pass?

### IN SYMPATHY

To the families of the late Lacy Streeter, Sr., Sudie Monk Moore and Sammie Davis.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To all the high school and college or university graduates for the year 2000.



Brotherly Love... shown above are the sons of father Pete Hagin one brother has risen to business fame, the other has become a dynamic minister. Can you guess which is which? let brotherly love continue "M" Voice File Photo



"Gone Fishin" Brother Andy Tillery and brother Reggie Price are shown at Inland Seafood Restaurant located 250-G Easy Street, inside the new Food Lion Shopping Center. Brother Price was hosting one of his "Live Remotes" on WOOW radio Joy 1340 A.M. introducing brother Tillery to Greenville the Day of his Grand Opening.

Photo By Jim Rouse

# The Republican Truth



Minnie Anderson

### The Republican Truth

"Building Bridges Toward Minorities"

The mission of The New Majority Council (NMC) is to broaden the base of The Republican Party by communicating to American's minorities the same ideas that brought Republican majorities to

Congress and state governments across the nation: quality and choice in education, safe streets, safe schools, relief from burdensome taxes and regulations that stifle and destroy the entrepreneurial initiative. Our message of heritage, hope and opportunity is already engaging men and women of racial and cultural diversity throughout the country. The Republican Party not only wants to increase the numbers of those voting Republican, but we are committed to helping Republican State Parties with their efforts to recruit, support, and encourage Republican minority candidates for local, state and federal offices.

The NMC comprises men and women leaders from business, industry, government, as well as the community—parents and teachers—who are committed to making a difference at the local and national level.

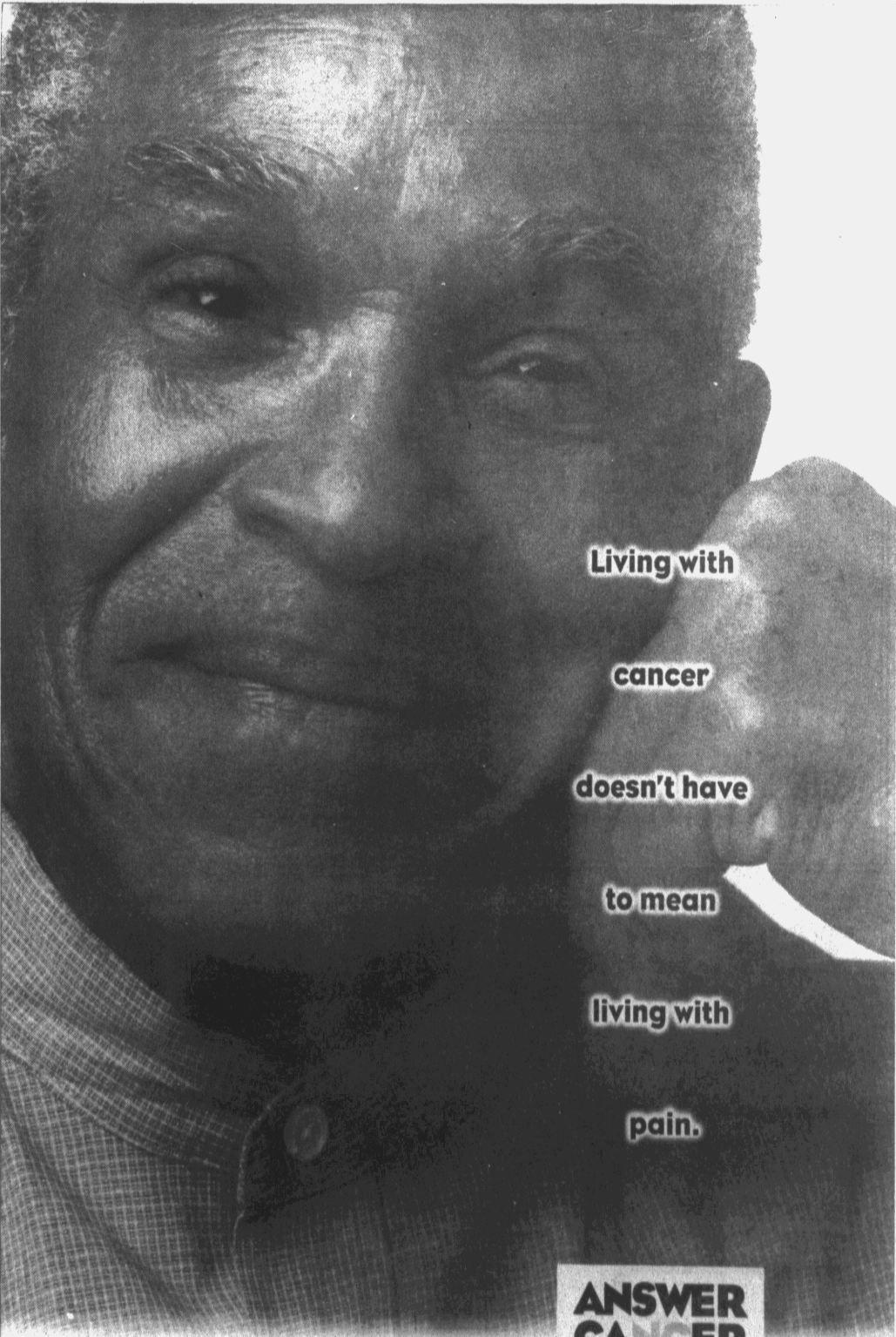
The NMC will provide these leaders with an opportunity to serve as spokespersons before organizations and through the media, as well as to interact with Republican elected officials.

The Republican Party has a

powerful message for America's minorities—we trust you to make a difference for your family and your community.

Holly Neal states that the future of the Republican party could lie in the hands of minority voters, political pundits say.

Former State Senator, Henry McKoy said the GOP's future depends on the support of minorities. "For us to be a dynamic and viable majority party in the next century, minorities will be the group that will make that difference." He said the goals of the new council would be to increase the number of minorities who vote for Republicans to increase the number of minorities who would like to join the Republican Party and to seek minority candidates who would run for office. McKoy said minorities shared similar values with the GOP. "I believe, by and large, most minorities live conservative lives", he said. "Many of them are church-going and family-oriented people. I think they are more moderate and conservative than their leaders are."



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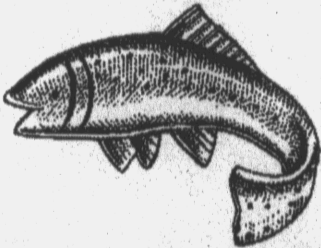
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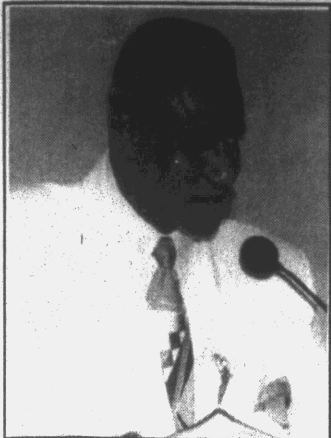
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# Obituary



**In Loving Memory of Dr. Elmer Jackson Jr.**

Sunrise Sunset September 8, 1946  
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A year has come and gone since the master call you to be with him.

The Masion of Heaven  
This world; however beautiful  
Was never meant to be  
The place that we would call our home  
For all eternity.

And though we would not choose to leave,  
A loving God knows best,  
And in his time,  
He lifts us to a place of peace and rest.

For he has built a mansion  
Where his children will abide.  
Free from pain and sorrow,  
Forever at his side.

He said he'll never leave us  
To face our trials alone.

And though sometimes we fail him,  
He never fail his own.

And even when our choices  
Are less than he would ask,  
He knows when human courage  
Is unequal to the task.

We cannot judge what happens,  
Though tears and questions start--

We only see what's visible---  
God sees into the heart...

And though there may be many things, that we cannot explain,  
We can be sure it breaks his heart  
To see his children's pain.

In Loving arms,  
He bears us to a quiet place apart  
Where he mends the wound spirit  
And heals the broken heart.

And though these ones we love so much  
Have left our present sight  
And passed into a better world  
Of majesty and light.

Some day we'll be together  
In our Father's home above,  
Where we'll thank him for his mercy  
And praise him for his love.

It's that nothing beautiful in this world  
Is ever really lost  
Those we cherish will always live on in memory  
We miss you but God loves you the best.

Submitted by:

Ann May - Gloria Cooper

## In Loving Memory of Boot James Teel

Sunrise Sunset August 12, 1929  
April 30, 1999

A year has gone since our heavenly Father called you to be with him.

The heart hath it's ovm memory  
Like the mind and in it are enshrined The precious keep-sake

We can't know why sad things happen. We can only know that in time  
The pain will go away, and in it's place, the beautiful and special memories

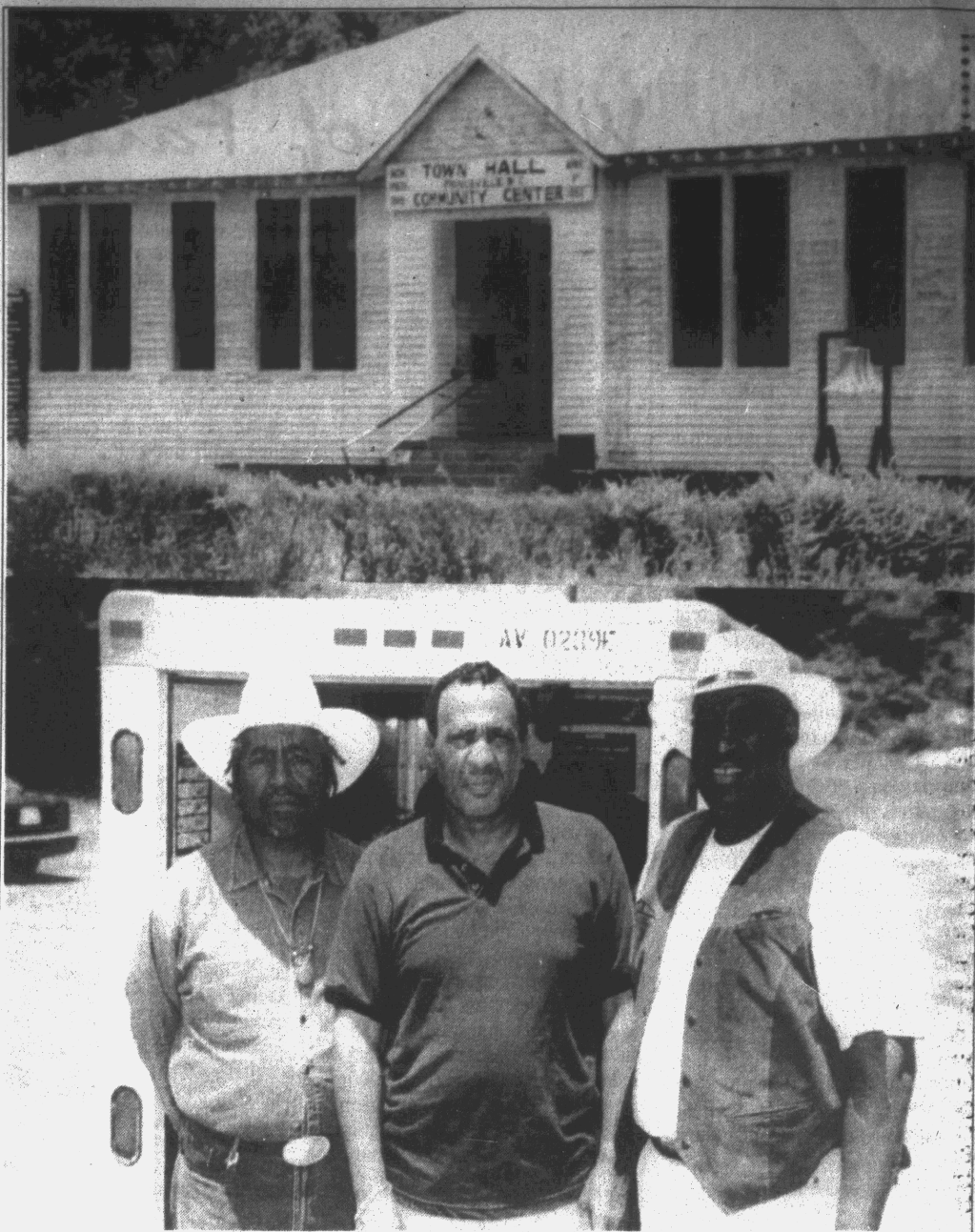
The keepsake of the heart will always remain

We love you Uncle Boot

Submitted by:

The Cooper Family

The family of the late Mrs. Lucille Roundtree would like to thank everyone for all that you did in our hour of sorrow. Thank you for your food, floral designs, visits, cards and many prayers. A special thanks goes out to Elder Jesse Jones, Rouse Chapel FWB Church Family, Ormondsville Community Club and the staff and management of Don Brown Funeral, Ayden. May God forever bless you.



**Fathers to the rescue...**  
(From Left to right) Black Cowboy, Bro Al, Glen Matheson and Black Cowboy Richard Washington ... The Cowboys donated food, and clothing to Glen for local community center to help flood victims.

# WOOW JOY 1340 AM Get on the Bus !

Rocky Mt. NC - Bridging The Gap of Eastern North Carolina in conjunction with Centura Bank is sponsoring a bus trip to the North Caroling African-American Male Summit on Saturday, June 17, 2000. The Summit is being held at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Greensboro, North Carolina.

The dilemma of the African-American male is one that impacts the entire state. There is an urgent need for African-American men to unite to discuss issues concerning them and to establish a plan of action.

The current statistics related to the African-American male is not very promising. Did you know:

-African-American males compose 60 percent of the prison population in North Carolina.

-Violence among young African-American males has been on an upward trend.

-High unemployment and a sense of hopelessness are **PRECURSORS** to negative behaviors, including violence, drug use, and crime.

-The rate of prostate cancer in African-American males is higher in North Carolina than in most states.

The African-American Male Summit will examine ways to reverse these negative trends. Through motivational speakers,

panel discussions and workshops, African-American men from across North Carolina will present specific strategies to help improve the future of the African-American male. Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference.

\*Bus departs from Edgecombe Community College (Rocky Mount Campus) at 5:00 a.m.

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## Stop Genocide!

### The Sudan Campaign

A coalition to end state-sponsored slavery, starvation and religious persecution in Sudan.

### THE GENOCIDE

Sudan's Islamic fundamentalist regime is killing, displacing and enslaving its black African population in genocidal proportions. Over 1.9 million civilians have died and over 4 million have been forced to flee their homes at least once since 1983 out of a current population of approximately 5 million black Africans. (Dr. Millard Burr, Quantifying Genocide in Southern Sudan and the Nuba Mountains 1983-1998, U.S. Committee for Refugees, Washington, 1998) The number of victims of Sudan's holocaust far outstrips that of recent wars in Chechnya, Kosovo, Bosnia, Rwanda, and Somalia combined. The victims are Christians, moderate Muslims and African traditionalists who belong to black African communities that refuse to accept the Government of Sudan's policies of forced Arabization and radical Islamization. The regime in Khartoum has declared jihad (Islamic holy war) against those who resist.

Man-made famine is the Government of Sudan's most powerful weapon in its war of genocide. The regime in Khartoum systematically burns crops, kills livestock, poisons wells, and denies humanitarian aid to create deadly famine conditions.

The armed forces of the Government of Sudan have captured hundreds of thousands of black Africans and have subjected them to traditional chattel slavery and other slave-like practice.

Christians and other non-Muslim are tortured and forced to convert to Islam. Churches are burnt and bulldozed. Pastors and lay leaders are killed and imprisoned. Christians are second class citizens, under the government-imposed Islamic law.

Black Africans living in or near oil fields are subjected to ethnic-cleansing. These oil fields are now being developed with American, Canadian, European and Chinese capital investments. The Government of Sudan intentionally bombs schools, churches, hospitals and relief centers.

### THE CAMPAIGN GOAL

The goal of the Coalition is to stop genocide in Sudan - in particular slavery, man-made famine, ethnic cleansing, religious persecution, the bombing of hospitals, churches and schools; to bring about respect for human rights for all Sudanese, and to raise support for the alleviation of suffering of genocide victims.

The Coalition believes that informed Americans care greatly about the victims of genocide and that Americans are willing to take multiple actions to help them. The campaign is organized on two

fronts: (1) public action to compel the White House, the U.S. State Department and the Congress to pursue vigorously coherent and constructive policies aimed at stopping the Genocide and the abolition of slavery; and, (2) the provision of relief and humanitarian assistance to the victims.

### Violence in the Triangle

It was a violent weekend in the Triangle. Raleigh police are investigating the shooting death of a 28-year-old man found early Sunday morning near Poe Elementary School. Ronnie Smith of Melvid Court was found on the 2400 block of Melvid Court at around 1 a.m. with several bullet wounds. He later died after surgery at Wake Med. Call Raleigh Police Investigations if you have any information at 830-3555.

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## Words of Faith



Suejette A. Jones

### CHILDREN PRAYING IN SCHOOL

Can anyone else pray and expect to be heard besides fully committed, consecrated Christians? Yes. "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; else were your children unclean; but now are they holy." (1 Corinthians 7:14) The children of all believers are justified through the faith of their parents up to the time they reach years of mental maturity. Family prayer is very desirable in the homes of the Lord's people. Children should be taught from

earliest age to thank the Lord for their blessings and ask Him to help them in time of need. If we would have our children actively and properly pray, we should not expect others to bring or guide them to the "throne of grace" —especially in a secular setting. Daily—morning, afternoon and night—we as parents can pray together with our children about our thankfulness, our needs and our cares. Children learn best when parents actively and properly pray together with them. Should children pray in school? Of course, they should. But they do not need to have formal legislation that allows for community prayer in the classroom. In fact, it would be unfair to impose such a religious practice in a public school. Children should be encouraged to pray anywhere, any time—before school, on the bus, in the cafeteria, the classroom, etc.—as well as in their bedrooms before sleep at home. Our lives should be a prayer. As we wake till the time we sleep at night, we should have an attitude of conscious awareness of our Heavenly Father's presence. "In everything give thanks...." (1 Thessalonians 5:17,18) Prayer is the vital breath of the new creature in Christ. How often do we breathe? Do we claim in prayer His rich promises as revealed in His Word? **TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO PRAY.**

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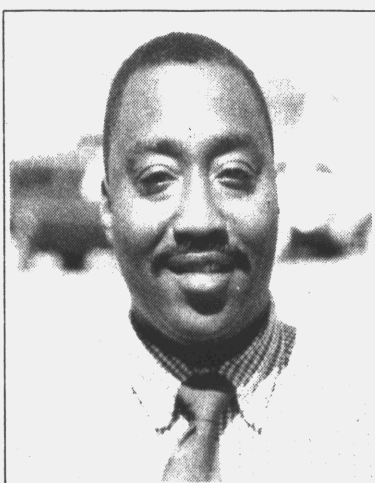
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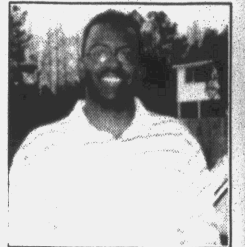
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Remember the food guide pyramid when choosing foods. It is designed to meet the health needs of most of our population. It reminds us to choose grains, fruits and vegetables first, followed by meats and dairy foods. Use fats, oils and sweets sparingly. Research studies show that a low-fat, well-balanced diet can reduce your risk of certain health problems including heart disease and some types of cancer.

Add these tips to your shopping list. Don't shop when you're hungry, beware of feature items at the end of shopping aisles and always shop from a list to help you make healthy food choices. Choose fresh fruits and vegetables in season and angel food cake or vanilla wafers instead of high fat desserts. Be careful when you buy fat free sweets and snacks. They are often high in calories and have added sugar.

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Concerned Mother, Sara Staten is shown during a press conference as she addresses local media about her son, Montoyae Dontae Sharpe unjustly 6 1/2 year incarceration.

Photo by Stephen Johnson

My name is Sara Sharpe Staton. I come to you as a very hurt and concerned mother. My son, Montoyae Dontae Sharpe, has been unjustly incarcerated for 6 1/2 years for a murder he did not commit. The only evidence used to convict my son was the testimony of two alleged eyewitnesses. One of the witnesses recanted her statement before the Honorable R. Duke approximately two years ago and the other recanted her sworn testimony on Thursday May 11, 2000. Both claim in written statements that they were paid, threatened and otherwise pressured by Greenville Police Detective Ricky Best to help send Dontae Sharpe to life in prison for the 1994 murder of George Radcliffe. Although former Homicide Det. Carolyn Melvin was listed as the lead investigator Ricky Best did almost all the work in the original murder case. Corporal Melvin had alleged at the time that Mr. Sharpe's case was one of three that Det. Best had sabotaged as she

was being forced out of the Dept. Six years later Carolyn Melvin now a Private Investigator was hired on March 24 2000 by Montoyae Sharpe's family. A case of this magnitude should not fall on deaf ears. This could happen to your child. I find it hard to believe this is the only case Det Best has corrupted or that my son is the only person in jail falsely behind the hands of Det. Best. Because former Chief Hinman and others had to know of these abuses, we call for an independent outside investigation. Nationwide revelations of widespread police misconduct in the Los Angeles P.D. Ramparts Division as well as the police scandals in Pittsburgh, New York and Philadelphia put Mr Sharpe's case in a context. The Governor of Illinois has imposed moratorium on carrying out the death penalty due to recent revelations that many on Death Row were wrongly convicted and some, even tragically, executed before being proven not guilty.

#### The Family and the community ask:

Judge Duke to reopen Dontae's case.

Pitt Co. DA, Clark Everette to call in the State to investigate Ricky Best & the Greenville PD.

#### Because:

- (1) An innocent man must be set free - he's already been imprisoned for 6 1/2 years
- (2) The real murderers may still be at large in our community.
- (3) The police misconduct must be stopped.
- (4) The witnesses must be protected.

For more information please call Don Cavellini, 756-7130 or Bill Worthington 321-1394

## How Crack Armed Our Children

By Cash Michaels

### How Crack Armed Our Children Part 1

Though it's nothing like it was 10 years ago, Octavia Rainey says the problem in her College Park community in Raleigh is still disturbing-teenagers, armed with guns, to protect their drug "territory." A week doesn't go by when despite all police efforts, a victim 20 or under, and usually from outside the neighborhood, is shot, many times fatally.

"The bottom line is protection," Rainey, the College Park/Idlewild Community Watch president, who maintains that decent residents there are fighting hard to save their streets, says. "When you have younger people indulging in that kind of activity or employment, they have to prove that they're a man, that they can hold their own, that this is their block. They have to prove at a younger age, 'I am a man, because they're dealing with older people.'"

Close the crack houses that are in the neighborhoods and stop the illegal flow of guns and drugs, Rainey adds, and the streets will become safer. Rainey's community isn't alone in dealing with the drugs/guns connection. According to the American Medical Association, from 1990 to 1995 in North Carolina, firearms were the overwhelming weapon of choice in adolescent homicides ages 11-14 and 15-18. Per that same AMA study, from 1993 to 95, a majority of adolescent homicides (23 percent), based on police interviews, were drug-related, out

of nine categories.

"In 19 (45 percent) of the 42 drug-related cases, the event that precipitated the homicide was a robbery for drugs or drug money," the report states. "Eight drug-related homicides occurred as retaliation for coming up short with drug money or drugs that the victim had been given to sell. Seven homicides were caused by disputes over drug territory."

This has been the legacy of juvenile gun violence in the black community for the past 15 years-kids laden with deadly weapons trafficked in with the crack cocaine they sell, overseeing areas where the big money is made.

Thus, while the white community deals with the new phenomenon of school shooting rampages perpetrated primarily by "angry" young white males, the reason for the arms race and deadly violence in the African-American community, has historically been about drugs, and crack cocaine specifically.

By backtracking the history of crack's introduction into black urban neighborhoods, one is also able to discover the genesis of how so many guns got into white homes and businesses elsewhere, and ultimately, into the hands of children.

Violence in poor black and Latino urban neighborhoods across the country has been a reality since these communities produced gangs in the '40s, '50s, and '60s. But researchers are quick to point out that knives and bats were the weapons of choice then, rarely guns.

Not until crack cocaine-cocaine powder cooked and then broken

up into small rocks that were sold in poor neighborhoods for \$10-25 a bag - was introduced during the early to mid - '80s, did juvenile gun violence, and with it, homicides and crimes, soar to new heights.

"Black and Hispanic males who initially got caught up in the crack trade, became street dealers, and had the money and the motivation to become armed," Dr. Phillip Cook, public policy analyst at Duke University and noted expert on juvenile gun violence, says.

"So increasingly you had 15-year-olds who were carrying the guns on the street to protect their occupations, to protect (themselves) from being ripped off, or to give them the wherewithal to retaliate if somebody ripped them off."

"But the habit of carrying guns them spread and became increasingly the method of settling beefs throughout the inner city neighborhoods and among gangs," Cook adds.

Dr. Dyson continued, "The political economy of crack, and the goods and services it allowed black and Latino youth to provide for themselves and their families, helped shift power to young black and Latino males who became defacto heads of households and neighborhoods guardians...and menaces."

Be sure to read the next edition of The "M" Voice Newspaper for Part 2 of How Crack Armed Our Children

### Missing 12 Year-Old

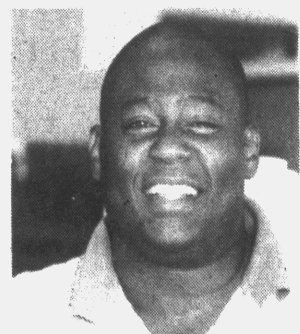
A 12 year-old Raleigh girl who had been missing for eight days is back home safely, with lot of explaining to do, but she isn't the only one. Forty-three-year-old Ollie Bellamy also needs to come up a good explanation as well. Police say Bellamy, a family acquaintance, took the girl, Tyrisha LaKey, on a trip across the country to Arizona to California two weeks ago without parental permission. Bellamy is now charged with second degree kidnapping, and a least eight counts of statutory rape.

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- ☐ Your total **CHOLESTEROL...** is 240 mg/dL or higher, OR you don't know your level.
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# 5th Annual Pastors Basketball Game and Scholarship

## Execution date set for Gary Graham

by Stacey Muhammad

HOUSTON—On May 4, in the 179th Criminal District Court in Houston, Judge Michael A. Wilkinson, sentenced death row inmate Gary Graham, also known as Shaka Sankofa, to die June 22 by lethal injection.

Graham supporters contend that his innocence has never been examined and he has not received a fair trial. His supporters say 34 judicial reviews over 19 years have still not lead to full examination of crime scene witnesses, or the fact that the 22-caliber pistol presented at the trial wasn't the weapon that killed victim Bobby Lambert. The judicial reviews were not so much related to claims of innocence as they were challenging laws, rulings and procedural matters, they added.

Minister Robert Muhammad, Southwest Regional Minister of the Nation of Islam and one of Mr. Graham's spiritual advisors, said, "On May 22, I will begin a fast that will last until the scheduled execution date. I am asking for the prayer warriors to start praying, the activists to get active and the marchers to start marching. The courts have spoken, but now the people must be heard."

Mumia Abu-Jamal, from his cell on death row in Pennsylvania, issued a statement. "At the tender age of 17 a youth named Gary Graham was faced with a terrifying reality. The state of Texas and Harris County district attorney picked him as another expendable Black life

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form: a Black youth to feed to the death machine. In a case of murder, where neither fingerprints nor ballistics nor any credible evidence points to any notion of guilt, Gary Graham faces legal murder," said Mr. Abu-Jamal, whose supporters say he is also be denied a fair trial. he was convicted of the 1980s murder of a Philadelphia police officer, but several witnesses in the case have recanted testimony. They say police coerced them into implicating Mr. Abu-Jamal.

"Over half his life spent in hellish and harsh Texas death cell, Gary Graham has grown into the man known as Shaka Sankofa, a young man who is deeply conscious of his individual and collective self of his place in history.

If there is a crime for which Bloody Texas seeks his death it is this: it is a crime in a racist nation for a Black youth to be conscious and thinking in political and collective terms. For Sankofa innocence is not enough. The state and federal judiciary have, it is true, provided oceans of process, but not an iota of justice. His

life, and the life of thousands of young men and women like him were expandable at birth not just at trial. Why should it be otherwise before the lily white and wealthy appeals courts?" asked Mr. Abu-Jamal.

"The Sankofa case presents a challenge to all of us, not just those of us who steadfastly oppose the death penalty, but for those who say we believe in fundamental fairness and basic human rights. Under the terms of international human rights pacts (to which the United States is a party) the execution of a person who is a juvenile when the alleged crime occurred is a violation of international law. But the American empire sneers at international law. It is necessary to mobilize unsparing protests and stiff resistance to death machine to bring about what should be our obvious goal: the life and freedom of Shaka Sankofa," said Mr. Jamal.

Prosecutors maintain Mr. Graham is guilty and has been given ample chance to appeal the death sentence.

## Bail bonding claims Amounting To \$3.1 Million Satisfied

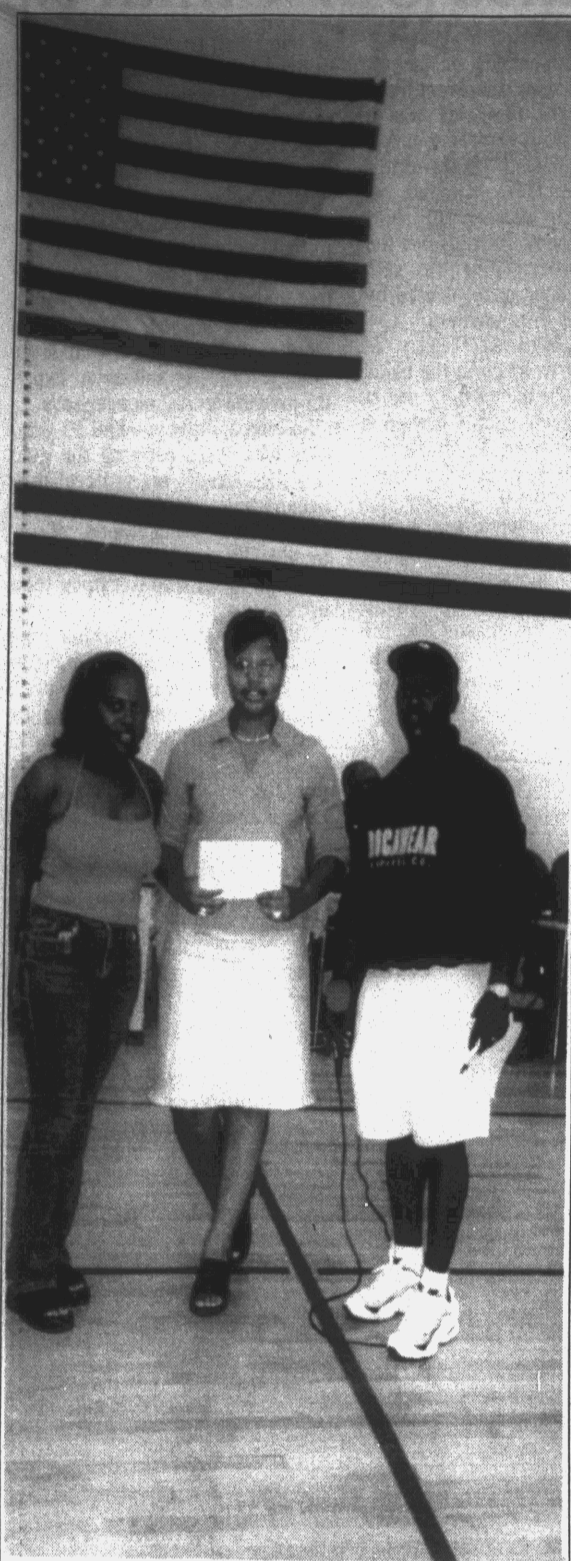
Administrative actions taken by the North Carolina Department of Insurance against licensed surety insurance companies since October 1999 have resulted in bail bond judgment claims being satisfied in the amount of \$3,181,300.04, Insurance Commissioner Jim Long has announced.

These monies represent payments to satisfy bail bond judgment claims presented by various Clerks of Superior Court throughout the state of North Carolina. Six of the 21 licensed surety companies currently engaged in the business of bail bonding in North Carolina were recently issued Notices of Hearing to suspend or revoke their licenses.

Surety companies have paid the following amounts in bail bond judgment claims as a result of the Department's efforts: Frontier Insurance Company, \$684,119.58; Ranger Insurance Company, \$635,387.07; Amwest Surety Insurance Company, \$1,073,558.52; Nobel Insurance Company, \$402,191.64; American Reliable Insurance Company, \$88,289.31; International Fidelity Insurance Company, \$297,753.62.

"These actions by the Department's Special Services Division are a result of licensed insurance companies' failure to respond to official correspondence and failure to satisfy bail bond judgments outstanding in North Carolina," Long said. "This should be a sign to surety companies in North Carolina that the Department of Insurance will pursue unsatisfied bail bond judgments."

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The 5th Annual Pastors Basketball Game and Scholarship Drive was recently held at Farmville Middle School in Farmville NC. For the past five years the event has been instrumental in providing monetary gifts to needed organizations and scholarships to high school seniors. In the past three years, education has been the primary focus of the organization. Four students have received scholarships on behalf of the Pastors Basketball Association. Past scholarship recipients have been Jennifer Barrett (NC State Univ.), and Ju Torri Harvey (East Carolina Univ.). This year's recipients were Quenesha McNair, who will be attending the Univ. of Maryland and Corey Haynes who will be attending NC. A & T Univ. Their were three games this year. The first game featured various associate ministers, the second game featured the ladies with four of the pastors wives participating. The highlight of the evening was the pastors game which featured 18 of the areas finest pastors. The game also featured a half-time shoot out for cash in which two spectators won cash prizes for hitting a lay up, a free throw, and a three pointer. Special guest this year was Ms. Christine E. Johnson, mother of former NBA star "Magic Johnson". Ms. Johnson thrilled the crowd of 400 spectators as she discussed the need for strong families and the value of a good education. Steve Hamilton, formerly of the Washington Redskins was also on hand to lend his support to the event. Willie Joyner Jr., the founder of the organization says the event has grown so much, that they plan to change venues next year. He also states that any pastor who would like to participate in next years event should contact him at 754-8188. Committee members include Pastor Mickey Fields, Tyrone Turnage Jr., Shawn Williamson, and Donald Reid. Business man and owner of WOOW radio station, Mr. Jim Rouse provided great coverage of the event and is to be commended for his role in its success.

(Top Photo) Pictured from left to right is the 1999 Scholarship recipient Ju Torri Harvey, 2000 Scholarship recipient Quenesha McNair and Willie Joyner coordinator of Annual Pastors Basketball Game.

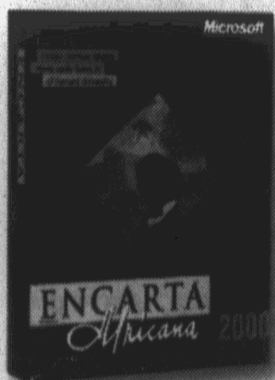
(Second Photo) Ms. Christine Johnson mother of Magic Johnson is shown speaking with spectators at Pastors Basketball Game.

Some of the pastors who participated were Rev. Jackie Barrett, Rev. Willie Joyner Sr. Rev. Mickey, Fields Rev. Jesse Jones, Rev. Ed Thomas Edwards, Rev. Dan Lawson, Rev. Dan Lawson, Rev. James Bluit, Rev. Kenneth Joyner, Rev. Terry Best, Rev. George Dupree, Rev. William C. Williams, Rev. Richard Joyner.

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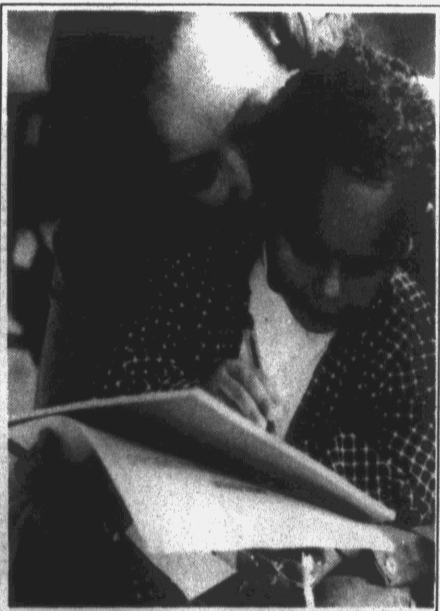
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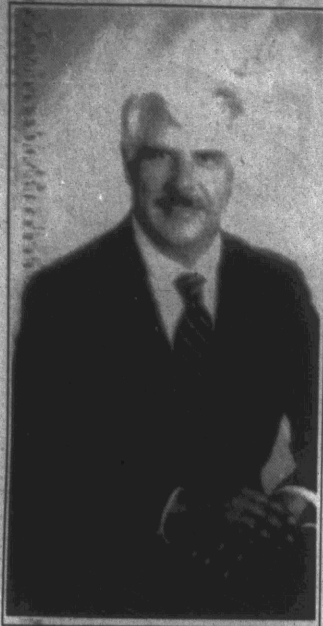
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# LAWRENCE BEHR SPEAKS AT TOWER AND SITE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

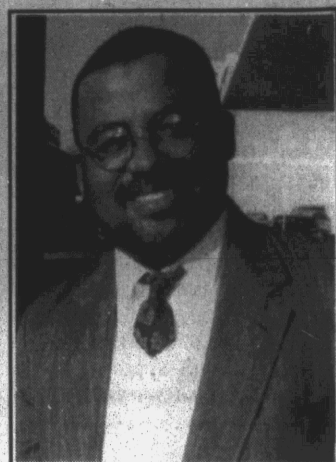
June 1, 2000 (Greenville, NC) - Lawrence Behr, CEO of the LBA Group, Inc., moderated a panel at the recent PCIA Tower and Site Management Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. The topic of the panel Mr. Behr moderated was RF Compliance on Rooftops - and Other Places People Go! Mr. Behr, a well-known expert in the field of radio frequency safety, headed up the panel that concentrated on issues of public and worker safety around cell towers and rooftop sites. Mr. Behr's panelists included: Dr. Robert Cleveland, Senior Scientist at the Federal

Communications Commission; Daniel Collins, Chief Technical Officer at Pinnacle Telecom Group, LLC; Michael Hofe, Vice President and Chief Technical Officer at Clear Communications; and Ian Maxwell, Vice President of SiteSafe. The Greenville, North Carolina based LBA Group has over 35 years experience in providing telecommunication support for infrastructure assets of the wireless telecommunications industry. Its services include RF hazard management and compliance, site colocation management, interference and performance testing, AM detuning, and a range of other wireless industry maintenance and management services. Mr. Behr makes his home in Washington, North Carolina.

# Winans Phase II To Visit Greenville Proceeds to Benifit Ronald McDonald House

On Sunday, June 25, 2000, Chick-fil-A will present a special benefit gospel concert for the local community. This concert is an added feature to the already exciting Michael Jordan Celebrity Golf Classic, which raises money for Ronald McDonald Houses of North Carolina. The concert will feature Winans Phase 2 with special appearances by Daniel and Carvin Winans. Daniel Winans has proven his artistic brilliance with a Grammy winning solo career. Carvin Winans will

also be singing his heart out on behalf of the Ronald McDonald Houses at the Celebrity Jam Phase II. Tickets are on sale at the three Chick-fil-A locations in Greenville - Carolina Fast Mall, The Colonial Mall (formerly The Plaza Mall), and University Commons on Evans Street. The ticket price is \$10/General admission. The concert will take place at Covenant United Methodist Church at 7:30p.m on Sunday, June 25, 2000.



Keith Cooper

On Monday, May 15, a group of concerned citizens addressed the Pitt County School Board of Education on the need for a multicultural education curriculum. It was appalling that most of the board members seemed uninterested in such an unprecedented curriculum. It's a shame that those members have not implemented such a curriculum to reflect the rich cultural diversity in Pitt.

Michael Dixon, the black vice-chairman and Sidney Scott, the white chairman, should be ashamed of themselves for not understanding the value and strength of diversity, given such diverse student populations in this county of over 126,000 people. Board member Ephraim Smith, a candidate for Pitt County Commissioner (District B), was silent as well. If white members, traditional obstructionists and procrastinators, don't wish to

move, minority members should take the initiative to do what's right.

School board members didn't have the guts and conscience to express an opinion about multicultural education. Whom do they represent? Concerned citizens hungry for change are tired of empty suits who have personal, special interests to advance.

We should refuse to reelect any board member who lacks the vision to promote a more just and humane society. This vision must be shaped and nurtured within both the family and school system. It's no wonder that there are very few black teachers and administrators within Pitt County Schools.

I'm surprise that the Daily Reflector said nothing about the informed speakers who addressed multiculturalism and its importance to the Pitt County School System. This was definitely newsworthy.

The Winston-Salem, Forsyth County School System has a progressive, respectable K-12 multicultural education curriculum. Like many other counties throughout America, Winston-Salem understands that a curriculum highlighting diversity is key to debunking and dispelling myths, stereotypes, misconceptions, and racial biases. Pitt County School System, wake up and smell the stimulating coffee!

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