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Two Marches, One Agenda

by Eric Ture Muhammad

ATLANTA—Billed as "Two Marches, One Agenda," the principle conveners of the Aug. 26, "Redeem the Dream March" and Oct. 16, "Million Family March" (MFM), Martin Luther King III, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Reverend Al Sharpton, president of the National Action Network (NAN), and the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan on July 24, at the Georgian Terrace Hotel, stood together to announce their endorsement and support of each march.

MFM National Director Min. Benjamin F. Muhammad opened the conference announcing the marches' vitals, telling the press gathered that the two national mobilizations share one agenda, "freedom, justice and equality for all." He called the marches, "a new movement for change in America and throughout the world."

Saying he was honored to be present at the news conference, Mr. King said the Million Family March teaches people to love themselves, family, community and most importantly to love God. He commended Min. Farrakhan and Rev. Sharpton

for being men who work from a sense of conscience.

"These two giants of men have taken on issues not because they were safe, not because they were popular, but because their consciences have told them they're right and I am honored to welcome them both to Atlanta and to join in supporting the Million Family March," he said.

He called the MFM-effort extremely vital, pointing out that he, too, is a product of a single-parented household. "For the most part, I was raised in a single family household. My father was killed when I was 10-years-old," he recalled. Over 50 percent of Black households are headed by single parents, the civil rights leader said.

Regarding the "Redeem the Dream March," Mr. King said the SCLC has conducted 12 hearings on police brutality and misconduct over the past year. The march on Aug. 26 will focus on racial profiling and police brutality.

"The reality is enough is enough and we are not going to take it any more. Around the concept of racial profiling we have come together, Rev. Sharpton and I, to call for a Redeem the Dream March on the 37th anniversary of the March on

Washington."

He reminded the press of his father's words in 1963, at the March on Washington. At that march Dr. King said he hoped that his four little children could one day live in a nation and not be judge by the

color of their skin, but by the content of their character. "The tragedy is today in America in 2000, 37 years since that speech was delivered, African Americans are still judged by the color of their skin," he said.

Attention All:
Brothers
Sisters
Mothers
Fathers
Sons
And Daughters
Time For The
Million Family March
August 26th, 2000
Let's Put An End To
Racial Profiling And
Police Brutality



Honoring 50th Year "Delta Dears"

Shown above are Julia Davis, Cynthia Doctor, and Eleanor Hagins, Mother Davis and Mother Hagins are pictured in front of WOOW studios shortly after being presented with plaques by Cynthia Doctor (Greenville Chapter President), honoring their 50th year commitment to Delta Sigma Theta. Both Mother Davis and Mother Hagins are graduates of CM Eppes High School (class of 1947), the first class to graduate 12th grade. Mother Davis who majored in elementary education has been an educator for 34 years, while Mother Hagins a graduate of West Virginia State majored in physical education and science and has been an educator for 31 years. When asked if they notice a change in black students since desegregation both recalled memories of a stronger fellowship, trust and respect that today's teachers, parents and students seem to lack. The Greenville chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., is a 65 member organization dedicated to the empowerment of young women. These daughters, mothers, and even grand mothers are instrumental in raising funds for scholarships, as well as being a viable force in the community.

Photo By Jim Rouse

Slavery in the Year 2000

By Judge David A. Shaheed

While media attention was focused upon the fate of little 6-year-old Elian and whether his Cuban family or Miami family would be victorious, 2-year-old Phanupong Khasri, a victim of the international sex trade industry, was almost lost to the world.

This small child from Thailand arrived in Los Angeles over a month ago in the arms of his mother who was sold into sexual slavery at the age of 12, according to Thai media reports. Her son was meant to be a decoy, and it is suspected that the mother was brought to the United States to become a sex slave.

Although most of us believe that slavery ended with the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865, international sex trafficking is a growing cancer feeding upon defenseless women and children.

The following are some of the findings of the United States Congress in H.R. 3154, Comprehensive Antitrafficking in Persons Act of 1999:

1. It is estimated that more than 1,000 individuals, primarily women and children, are trafficked within or across borders annually. Approximately 50,000 women and children are trafficked into the United States each year.

2. Traffickers primarily target women and girls, who are disproportionately affected by poverty, lack of access to education, chronic unemployment, discrimination, and lack of viable economic opportunities in countries of origin.

3. Women and children trafficked into the sex industry are exposed to deadly diseases, including HIV and AIDS. Trafficking victims are sometimes worked or physically brutalized to death.

4. Worldwide, the industry is the fastest growing and third largest source of profits for organized criminal enterprises, behind only drugs and firearms. Profits from the trafficking industry contribute to the expansion of organized criminal activity in the United States and around the world.

According to the Concerned

Women of America, 2.5 million children are forced into prostitution every year, half of them in Asia. An estimated 10,000 women from the former Soviet Union have been forced into prostitution in Israel.

The Concerned Women of America is just one of many organizations in the United States working to bring attention to this problem and to organize support for legislation to punish the criminals involved in these human right violations.

There are also the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking, the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law and the Religious Alliance against Pornography for the Protection of Women and Children (RAAP). Imam W. Deen Mohammed, Imam Omar Shaheed and Judge David Shaheed have been involved with RAAP and some of their efforts in the United States.

In the next followup article, current legislation will be presented along with specific steps that can be taken to help the victims of SLAVERY 2000.



Get Out And Vote !

Pictured is Chief Justice Burly Mitchel, Governor Jim Hunt, Judge James Wynn (Who has been blocked on a federal level for the Court Of Appeals) and GK Butterfield. They all say get out and vote November 2, 2000, your vote does make a difference

Photo by Jim Rouse

by Steve Johnson
Editor

The "M" Voice Newspaper had the pleasure of meeting Aletia Peterson, a dynamic young lady who wrote the soon to be hit play "An Angel's Love"

What is this production about?

A young lady having rough times in her life, who goes through situations with men she thinks loves her, gets pregnant, not knowing who the father is, you know we all sometimes look for love in all the wrong places, but if we look to Jesus, our love will go deeper than we will ever know, because there is no greater love than a man would lay down his life for a friend.

What was your aspirations for writing this production, meaning was there anything that cause this play to come about?

My grandmother and mother, knowing what they did to raise me to be the best that I could be, living in a house that showed love was what they were about. My mother went away to work, and allowed my grandmother and grandfather to raise me, and other siblings, and I thank my mother and grandparents with all that I've got, for the upbringing, everything wasn't always peaches and creams, but on the other hand nothing always is, I really love them, that was real love, "An Angel's Love."



Happy Birthday Millie Williams !!

Shown above are Mother Rosa Pitt and Mother Mille Williams. Our "M" Voice Camera caught Mother Williams celebrating her 82nd birthday August 15, 2000. Both Mothers are long time residents of Greenville and have spent a great portion of their lives taking care of church, family and home. Hats off to all their accomplishments both great and small and thank you for paving the way for future generations.

Photo by Steve Johnson



An Angel's Love

Pictured is the cast and crew of An Angel's Love and up coming play by Aletia Arrington-Peterson. The play is about a young lady having rough times in her life, who goes through situations with the men she thinks loves her. Pictured from (L to R) Micheal Adams, Aletia Peterson, Omar Turnage, Kizzy Whiting, Trey Knox, Jimeon Robinson, and Ricardo Tucker (Russell Shaw not pictured) Photo by Steve Johnson

Is Cheney Bush's Idea of Inclusion?



By EARL OFARI HUTCHINSON, PhD

Within moments after George W. Bush picked hardline conservative Dick Cheney to be his Republican running mate, Al Gore beat a hot path to Jesse Jackson's Operation PUSH headquarters in Chicago. He warned the mostly black gathering that Bush's much-repeated vow to get more minorities in the GOP was nothing but a smoke-and-mirrors play to deceive blacks and Latinos.

This was easy for Gore to say. Cheney's congressional scorecard includes opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, tough gun control laws, busing to achieve racial desegregation, federal funding for abortions, child nutrition programs, and a separate education department. His knee-jerk conservative voting record was a made-in-Heaven chance for Gore to brand Bush a political fraud when he claims that he wants

greater minority inclusion.

But if Bush blew his chance with Cheney to break the iron grip that the Democrats have on black and Latino voters, he has no one but himself to blame. In the days before he picked him there were some signs that the Democratic grip on black and Latino voters was slipping. Following the March 7 Super Tuesday election primaries exit polls in California showed that Bush had pared the traditional colossal bulge in Democratic support among Latinos down to a 2 to 1 margin. Overall, 15 percent of blacks, nearly 30 percent of Latinos and more than 40 percent of Asians voted for Bush-McCain.

The Republicans were also heartened by the whopping margins in which Latino, black and Asian voters supported the anti-gay ballot initiative that limits marriage to a man and woman, and gave near majority support to another conservative powered initiative that mandates tougher sentences for violent juvenile offenders. In Texas and

Florida, Bush, and his brother Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, fondly brag that they bagged about half of the Latino vote and one-third of the black vote in winning office.

The substantial support blacks gave Bush, at least in Texas, also shattered the myth that blacks are cradle-to-grave reflexive party-line Democrats. A sizable percentage of blacks are pro-life, pro-school prayer, anti-gun control and anti-welfare. Many also enthusiastically support school vouchers, three strike laws, stiffer sentences for crime, and drug use and oppose abortion and gay rights.

The National Urban League's recent annual *State of Black America* report confirms that blacks, like many whites, have benefited from the boom times. They are better educated, own more homes, have made impressive gains in the corporations and the professions. Democrats see this as a plus for them. They bank heavily that they won't risk rocking the boat by voting for Bush. But that same prosperity and political comfort can be a double-edged sword for the Democrats.

Many blacks and Latinos now feel that they have a stronger stake in the system. Republicans try to play to that feeling by pitching to blacks and Latinos that their proposals for school vouchers, bigger tax credits and cuts, and more aid to small business, and school vouchers are the best way for them to accelerate their upward social and economic climb.

But prosperity, relative racial peace, and the social and the increasingly political conservatism of many blacks and Latinos is not enough to cause them to make a headlong dash into the Bush camp. He would have to do much more than dole out the few paltry dollars the Republicans have on ad campaigns to attract more Latinos. And he would certainly have to do much more than utter the kind of stock, warmed over platitudes about diversity that he did at the recent NAACP convention.

He would have to pledge to make political appointments in his administration that reflect the diversity of America and to confront such hot button issues as immigration reform, racial profiling, the death penalty, the grotesque racial disparities in the prison and criminal justice system, a disastrous drug policy, support massive funding increases for health care and education and greater protections for social security.

The Cheney pick, however, makes a mockery of Bush's dangled hints that he would do any of these things. It also gives no reason to think that Bush will do anything to make over the GOP from a clubby party of "ole" conservative white guys into a party of gender and racial inclusion. In fact, a poll released the same day that Bush picked Cheney showed that black and Latino support is still rock solid for Gore. No wonder that Gore gloated, "See, I told you so," about Bush to Jackson's group.

(Earl Ofari Hutchinson is the author of *The Disappearance of Black Leadership*. E-mail: ehutchi344@aol.com)

We need more US dollars for more affordable housing

In these times of great financial prosperity and mega-million dollar budget surpluses, government — especially on the federal level — has a unique opportunity and perhaps a responsibility to do what government sometimes does best — provide for the least of its citizens.

While it is commendable that some units of low-and-moderate-income housing has been and will be built this year in the city, the number could be increased appreciably if the federal government kicks in with more subsidizing.

We also encourage U.S. congressmen from the area, as well as our two senatorial representatives to mount renewed efforts

toward garnering more federal housing funds for the City of Memphis.

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit, which provides a 10-year federal income tax break to investors, is responsible for 95 percent of all the affordable housing in the nation but more are needed.

There are still plenty of homeless persons in the area and thousands who still cannot afford their own homes or even a decent apartment.

Some persons will call for less government in many areas of life, arguing for self-sufficiency or state's rights and responsibilities, but this is one case where more is needed — from the federal government.

Black Press: We must champion our own cause

Did Black Americans have a voice in the Presidential primaries?

Or did we, as African Americans, again stand in the shadows of the political stage like an orphan, her greatest hopes wrapped up in some tiny rag doll she clings to?

Over one million Black Americans are in prison. The disparities in punishment for those who use crack cocaine vs. those who use powder remain. Affirmative action is under fierce attack. The 'new face' of AIDS is ours. Poor children are being left at home uncared for while their mothers are forced to work. Some congressional Republicans have decided to make the modest raise in the minimum wage into a political football as they try to score touchdowns for the wealthy. Even the best health-care reforms proposed by the remaining presidential candidates would leave millions of Americans without healthcare for years to come.

We heard a bold and bright Black voice

rise up in the recent primaries. Alan Keyes expressed his views on abortion, tax reform and international policy quite eloquently. But where is his plan to alleviate policy? Where is his plan to build Black wealth?

On the other side of the aisle, there was no Jesse Jackson, there was no Shirley Chisholm and many of the aforementioned issues went unaddressed.

For much of the remainder of this decade we are likely to pay a price for our lack of volume in this year's presidential primaries.

In the interim, we have no time to wait for Malcom, Martin, Medgar, or Ms. Tubman to rise from the dead. Our people are suffering. The storm is gaining momentum. A shelter must be found. The time for building Black businesses to employ our people is now. Now is the time for parting ways with those who take our loyalty for granted. We don't have time to wait for saviors. We must work together now to save ourselves.

Liars and dreamers don't mix very well

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. remembrances are over until next year, tucked away again in his "Dream," we suppose, until his next birth and death days in January and April, respectively.

"I Am A Man" annual signs have again been scrapped, the same as some of Dr. King's other aspirations for mankind, while opportunities to demonstrate the declaration (once so proudly we hailed) go ignored because the I Am can't find a Man to strike up any real interest in any of the causes just screaming for justice...even some mercy.

And, in answer to "Ain't You A Woman?" Yes, you are, but, now you gotta get back to marching for the causes of your children whom your man has left behind to pursue his life and liberty without physical and/or financial responsibility, further eroding the family structure, wherein the man and the woman have God-ordained causes that demand man and woman and that whole village—not the dark-colored villagers vs the light-colored villagers—to raise our children. Remember, there's a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow.

But, folks, picture Dr. King awakening from his "Dream" only to find it fast becoming a hellish nightmare, still haunted by the same issues he had envisioned would be settled by now—some 32 years later.

Picture him now belting out in song: "My country tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I" WONDER:

"How come, now, today, all during this freedom reign, instead of celebrating continuous victories over injustices of which I

championed for then, Black folks are still lamenting over pretty-much the same conditions for themselves in housing, education, jobs, business, drugs, the police and the welfare system?"

"How come Black babies are still being snatched from their mothers' arms only to be farmed out to Massa Green?"

"How come we now have so many and so much of the prevalent diseases invading society today when we used to have hardly any, especially with all the funding that has been put into medicine and research for everybody today?"

"How come we are still being stopped by law enforcement officials while walking, standing, running and driving just for being in our own skins?"

"How come we are still predominate on death row?"

"How come the Black church hasn't taken a stand instead of a stake in our societal ills?"

"How come we are seemingly filled with so much hatred and anger now for each other, spilling over to everybody else in which we have contact?"

"And, Black men, how come there is so much garbage and debris strewn around in our neighborhoods, when it all started here in Memphis with the sanitation workers' strike?"

"My people, I still have my dream, but, I thought by now we would certainly have overcome and would be jubilantly shouting from mountaintops everywhere...Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, we're free at last."

We're admonishing all of us to stop being hypocritical about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his "Dream."

Health Care for Homecare

By TYRONE FREEMAN



Now that the County has its Medicaid waiver, what's next? The Federal government made no secret of its disappointment in the County's progress toward meeting its mandated goal of moving people out of hospital and emergency rooms and into preventive care and community based clinics. Implicit in the Federal government's granting of the new five-year waiver is the provision that the County step-up its efforts to more aggressively work toward meeting this goal.

Yet, the County is currently taking a stand with regard to home care workers that not only will impede the progress of providing health care to all, but will ultimately increase the burden on our already over-taxed hospital system.

The county's reticence to provide home care workers with a livable wage and health benefits runs completely counter to the intent and spirit of the federal government's mandate. The County currently spends nearly \$10 million a year on providing health care to uninsured home care workers. This staggering amount is reached because rather than access preventive care with insurance, these workers and their families are forced to utilize costly emergency rooms to meet their most basic health care needs. Insuring these workers would cost less and would further the County's overall health care goals.

Furthermore, by not providing these caregivers with a livable wage, many will be forced into other jobs in order to support

their families, thereby reducing the number of qualified homecare workers providing essential care to over 90,000 seniors and people with disabilities in Los Angeles County. The impact of this will be that seniors and people with disabilities, who rely on home care to meet their most basic daily needs, will be shifted into nursing or long-term facilities, which costs four times what home care costs.

Under Gov. Gray Davis' proposal, homecare in counties like Los Angeles would be improved by providing a wage increase to \$7.50 an hour and health benefits to workers. San Francisco pays its publicly funded homecare workers a livable wage of \$9 an hour with health benefits and has already seen the workforce stabilize, giving seniors and people with disabilities the reliable care they need.

Los Angeles County leads the state with over 90,000 low-income seniors and people with disabilities needing homecare. That number is expected to double over the next two decades, yet we are already at a crisis level for homecare in terms of poverty, turnover and stability. Los Angeles County can avoid future failure and begin to secure the homecare workforce this year under Gov. Davis' proposal.

We owe it to our elders and those with disabilities to make sure they can rely on quality care to stay active and contribute in their communities. At the same time we need to assure those that render the care, that they can provide for themselves and their own families.

(Tyrone Freeman is general manager, Service Employees International Union, Local 434B.)

CHILD WATCH: The Harlem Children's Zone

By MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN



Every July, the black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC) holds its annual meeting at the Children's Defense Fund (CDF)'s spiritual renewal and leadership development center at the former Alex Haley Farm in Clinton, Tenn. This year, Dr. James Comer of the Yale Child Study Center, Dr. Ron Ferguson of Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government and other leading educators focused on education and developing strat-

egies to close the achievement gap between white and black children as well as improve the quality of education for every child. The group discussed exciting programs and innovative models, including the Harlem Children's Zone created by BCCC Working Committee Co-Chair and Children's Defense Fund Board Member Geoffrey Canada.

Canada is also president of the Rheedlen Centers for Children and Families, a non-profit community-based organization working to improve the quality of life for children and families in New York City. The Harlem Children's Zone grew out of Rheedlen's experience during the crack

epidemic that swept Harlem neighborhoods in the late 1980s. Canada and his colleagues observed that when drug dealers and addicts broke into an abandoned building the police would return to board up that building only once or twice, leaving the drug business to flourish. But if Canada's group focused on locking a building up every time it was broken into, after five or six tries drug dealers would stop returning. Once Rheedlen realized they could take back and protect one building at a time, they tried to see if they could create positive change block by block. When they succeeded they then tried it neighborhood by neighborhood. This idea became the Harlem Children's Zone.

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EASLEY FILES SUIT AGAINST STRICKLAND'S USED CARS

Attorney General Mike Easley today announced a suit against Strickland's Used Cars, Inc. and the company's owner, Woodrow Strickland. The suit alleges that Strickland sold cars that were "flood" or "water-damaged" without disclosing this information to consumers as required by law. This information was uncovered in an investigation by Easley's Consumer Protection Office and the NC Department of Motor Vehicles. (NC DMV)

"North Carolina law is clear. If you are going to sell a flood or water-damaged car, you must disclose that information," said

Easley. "Consumers have a right to have this information up front when they are making a car-buying decision."

The investigation revealed that Strickland's Used Cars is a major wholesaler and retailer with used car lots in Wilson, Rocky Mount, and Bailey. Strickland's Used Cars resold flood-damaged cars directly to consumers, other dealers, and through local auto auctions without disclosing that they were flood-damaged. Ultimately, many of these cars were purchased by consumers who were unaware that they were flood-damaged. Most consumers paid full retail value for these cars. Some of these cars have developed major mechanical failures.

"We are just beginning to see cars that were flooded during Floyd appear on the market," said

Easley. "Flood waters have receded but consumers still need to watch out for water-damaged cars. In addition to checking the website, it is always a good idea to take a car you are considering buying to you mechanic to have it checked out before you buy."

"Some of the people who bought these cars had already lost their homes in the flood," said Easley. "This dealer was making them victims a second time."

Consumers can check to see if a car they have purchased in a flood vehicle at the DOJ website (www.jus.state.nc.us). The information contained there was provided by the NC DMV and only includes vehicles that were properly titled in this state. The site also provides a link for consumers to request a complete title history on a vehicle.

White voters appear dissatisfied, Blacks gear up for big voter turnout

by Nisa Islam Muhammad
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—White Americans are more disengaged from the political process than in the recent past according to a new report. Black voters are getting ready to make a difference in the elections, observers believe.

The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press released their findings July 13 from a nationwide survey of voter attitudes conducted in June which also seem to indicate lower voter turnout this fall than four years ago.

According to the report, "Two main factors underlie flagging voter interest. First, many citizens say that who is elected president is not as important as it once was. Secondly, younger Americans are more cynical and disconnected from politics than even in the recent past."

The report predicts that, "at this point, there is a good chance that voter turnout will be lower than in 1996, when just 49 percent of age-eligible citizens cast ballots. And it seems virtually certain that participation will fall below the 55 percent who voted in 1992."

This report of the lack of interest in the presidential campaign comes right before the two main candidates conventions which are just weeks away. The Republicans will be meeting in Philadelphia July 31-Aug. 3 and the Democrats will be meeting in Los Angeles Aug. 14-17.

The apparent lack of interest in the campaign is also a matter of concern because this election will not only select the first president of the new millennium but the next president shapes the Supreme Court. Major congressional and other elections will also be held this fall.

"We have a situation in which the House of Representatives can swing from one party to the other with a half dozen seats, unprecedented ... we even, for that matter, have an election in a decennial year, where the state gubernatorial, state legislature and gubernatorial elections, could influence the way the House of Representatives is re-districted two years hence," said Stephen Hess, senior fellow at the Brookings Institute.

"And yet, it seems from our polling data that the American people are either dissatisfied, distracted or just don't care."

It may be like that in the larger community but Black people everywhere are gearing up for the 2000 elections. "In this election year, we have a special charge. We recommitted ourselves to the most important task we can accomplish this year—registering voters, educating voters and making sure voters go to the polls," said NAACP board chairman Julian Bond.

He stressed voting could influence who sits on the Supreme Court, influence the future of social security, health care, education, economic opportunity, gun control, fairness for Africa as well as who

controls Congress.

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan is also focusing attention on the upcoming elections during his nationwide tour to promote the Million Family March. The march is set for Oct. 16 just three weeks before national elections.

"We can no longer give the presidential hopefuls a free ride. They say all the right things, but they don't do the right things unless there is a force in the American populace that will make sure that our elected officials do the right thing," said Min. Farrakhan.

This increased momentum in Black voter participation can be traced back to the historic Million Man March in October 1995 which saw unprecedented numbers of Black men register and vote, activists said.

The fruit of that labor was realized with the 1998 vote, which saw a record number of Black lawmakers elected, coupled with an increase in Black voter turnout. "We are encouraged by the steady increase of Black elected officials," said Eddie Williams, president of the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. "We hope this is merely an indication of what is possible in the 2000 elections," he added.

The Joint Center produced a report titled "The Black Vote in 1998." It explained Black voter turnout was strategically effective, and Black voter participation increased most where targeted efforts

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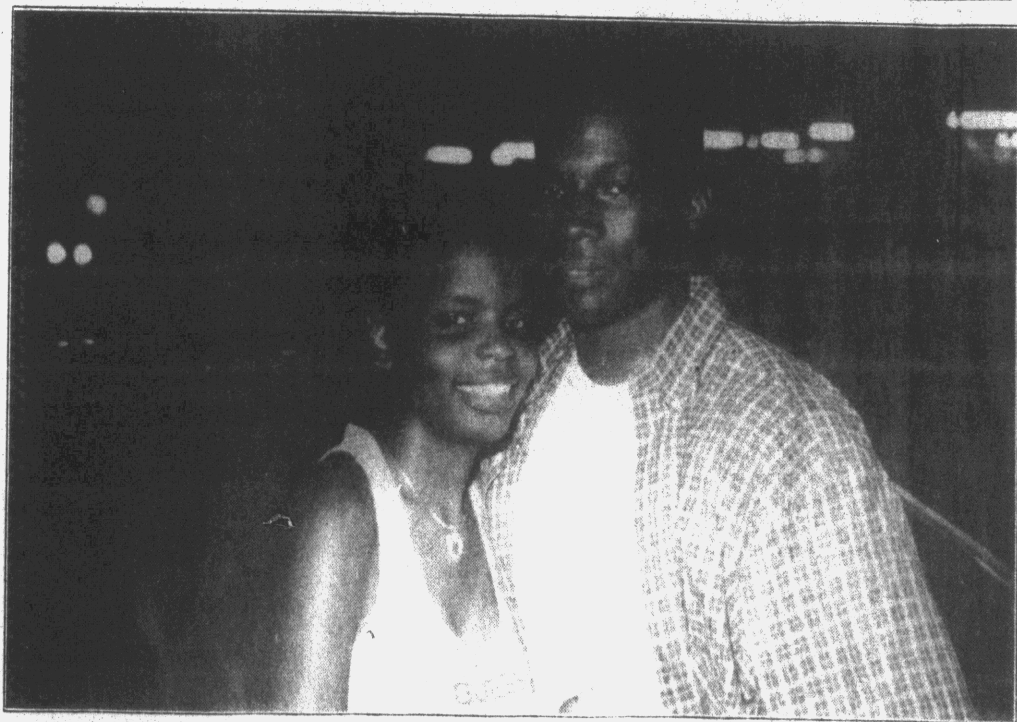
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North Carolina Department of Transportation
Participation By Disadvantaged Business Enterprises In
The Department's Federal-Aid Program

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has established an overall Departmental Goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in conformance with 49 CFR 26 for Federal Fiscal Year 2001. The overall goal will be 14.09%.

The Department has set an Interim goal for the Public Transportation and Aviation Divisions at 14.09%.

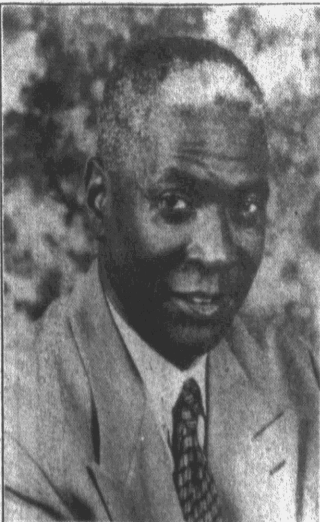
Your Comments on these goals and the methodology used in establishing this goal is welcomed. All Comments should be submitted within 45 days (beginning August 11th through September 25th) to Mr. Delano R. Rackard, Director, Civil Rights and Business Development Section, North Carolina Department of Transportation, 1511 Mall Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1511 and for further information at 1-800-522-0453 or (919)733-2300 between 8:00am and 5:00pm.



Young & Married.

The "M" Voice camera's caught this lovely couple expressing the joy's of being newly weds. We wish them much success in their marriage and hope to see them again in 50 years celebrating their anniversary. Best of luck young brothers and sisters you are our future!

Photo by Jim Rouse



Not Without SCARS by: Mark C. Olds

In August 1989, Mark Olds entered a Fayetteville, NC, thrift store to purchase some clothes.

Olds, who had just been released from prison after serving 10 years for armed bank robbery, remembers hearing the devil telling him

he was above wearing second-hand clothes and had the ability to get money to purchase the finest duds. However, he decided to stay in the store and look for suitable outfits.

"It was so intense that I was literally crying as I searched through those used clothes," Olds said.

He ended up purchasing three outfits that day. One of those outfits, a beige V-necked sweater with yellow trimming and a pair of brown pants, still hangs in the closet of his University Heights home.

"Every now and then I take it out of the closet," Olds said. "Not to wear it, but to look at it and remind myself of how far I've come."

"Not without Scars: The Inspiring Life Journey of Mark C. Olds" tells an intense and miraculous story in a way that makes it impossible for the reader to put it down... Mark Olds opens

his life to us and lets us see him in all of his rebellion... Thank you Mark for making your life's story available to us. It can only encourage all of us to never give up on anyone. If change can occur in the life of one so completely rebellious and out of control, surely it can happen for all of God's people."

-Pastor Harold A. Carter, Sr., New Shiloh Baptist Church, Baltimore, MD

"A very strong book about an era where so many black men got buried under troubles, but in this instance where an heroic young man burrowed out. This book can serve as an inspiration to young and old, teaching them that redemption is always possible, that it is never too late to resolve to turn your life around and be constructive."

-Ernest Holsendolph, business columnist for The Atlanta Journal Constitution and monthly columnist for Emerge Magazine.

From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



Beatrice Maye's Message To Her Readers

After several years I still find myself writing this column immensely rewarding.

My column has provided me with an opportunity to a spotlight on subjects that are revealing, thoughtful, challenging, spiritual as well as healthful and perhaps many ideas you were not in agreement of - that's good, too. I am well aware that mine is an enormous responsibility, and I try hard, every issue, never to let you down.

You, dear readers, are my friends. you invite me into your homes and often we enjoy timely minutes together, whether at dinner time or when you sit idly by, reading and clipping my articles, putting them away in some private spot to be used perhaps when you talk to a group or even preach a sermon. Certainly you say, "Read Mrs. Maye's article", whether to your spouse or your children, or friends.

So, if you feel the need to unburden yourself, blow your top, register a gripe or tell me off, I'm as close as your mailbox.

God bless each of you. Pray for good health and an open heart so you can love your neighbor, even though he or she may not be lovable. I hope 2000 is being your best year ever.

Questions

Too many people have no idea which questions are appropriate and which are not. may I offer

some guidance?

It is never appropriate to ask:

How much money do you make?

How much did you pay for that?

Why aren't you married?

Why don't you have any children?

How old are you?

How tall are you?

Co-workers and casual friends often ask these questions "It's none of your business or why do you ask or why do you want to know" should be the answer. Not asking these questions will improve your manners.

Titles

An attorney who has earned a J.D. (Juris Doctor), is a doctor the same as a Ph.D. It is an academic degree. An attorney can be addressed as "doctor" if he or she prefers. Socially, however, lawyers and academic professionals should not use their titles. These who do, I fear, are suffering from a serious case of low-esteem and feel the need to be pumped up. (Ann Landers)

10 Bad Choices That Ruin Black Women's Lives

One of the most painful sights to see is an attractive, intelligent, smart and hardworking Black woman who is lonely and without a suitable man to keep her company; another is a well-rounded sister with a mismatched mate causing her grief. The question is, why are so many Black women alone or in bad relationships?

The simple truth is that no man can stop you from being happy unless you allow him to; it's your choice in men that has prevented you from being happy.

BAD CHOICES;

1. Sisters Dissin's Sisters Comparison is an ugly practice. Don't try to get on top by putting your sisters on the bottom.

Sticks and stones will break the bones and harsh words will break a sister's spirit

How low will a sister go?

It's no challenge to share a sister's man; the real challenge is getting a good man on your own. Being loose is nothing to brag about.

Want to succeed in life?

Use your mind, not your behind. Blaming your sister will not make your problems go away; you've got to get to the real issues.

Get to know yourself so you can learn to love yourself.

If you have a trustworthy girl friend, don't dump her as soon as you get a man.

A genuine friend is a precious commodity.

CHOICE #2

No money, no honey if you want a slice of the American pie, then help to bake it.

Stop looking for a man to fix you; start by fixing yourself first. Penny silly and pound foolish is a direct route to bankruptcy. Looks are truly deceiving. All that glitters is not gold. If you treat a man as a money object, don't be offended if he treats you as a sex object

CHOICE #3

Looking for Mr., Right in the Wrong Places.

Instead of looking for the M.B.A., start looking for the J.O.Y.

A higher degree does not guarantee a high degree of character.

Pretending to be someone you aren't is not a healthy way to get a relationship.

Marry someone who has made something of himself Don't end up with a nobody.

Trading sex for a taste of status is bound to wreck your life.

Choose before you lose.

See beyond his achievements and look into his heart.

Let's talk about where we're heading before we get to the bedding, Baby

Choose a man because you want him to love you, not because you need him to empower you.

Clothing don't make the man; be

alert and check out his inner worth.

Your life is not a dress rehearsal; this is the real thing, Sis. If you want a Mr. Right, you have to become a Ms. Right.

CHOICE #4 -

Exchanging: Exchanging "Sexual Dealings" for Loving Feelings Is a night of passion worth the follow-up of pain?

If you know the burner is hot, why keep touching the stove?

Get the affection before the erection.

Actions speak louder than words; if his actions say he doesn't want a relationship, believe it.

Go for the heart and not just the body part.

Look before you leap

Say "No" to synpathetic sex. Living like a doorknob: Whoever knocks get a turn key

CHOICE #5-

Using Your Finance to Maintain His Romance.

When Prince Charming turns out to be Prince Harming

If he's being "kept", he will eventually leave you in debt

Beware of the sweetheart sabotage.

We hold on to a lousy relationship because we don't think we deserve better.

Don't get snagged by an "all show and no dough". Bro

Refuse to be used

You've got to check yourself before you wreck yourself.

Why did you go for a gigolo Bro?

Being easily impressed may one day leave you penniless.

CHOICE #6

Staying On. Although Respect Has Gone.

What's Love got to do with it?

An abuser doesn't understand "No", he only hears what he wants to hear.

Never leave your life in the hands of fate, take matters into your own hands and get the proper help.

Don't worry what others are thinking about; just get yourself out before he takes you out.

I want to leave him, but I can't make it on my own.

As long as you're still breathing you can make a new choice.

CHOICE #7- LOVING THE MARRIED BACHELOR

If you're stealing love on the side, some day you may get left on the outside.

If you get the "marriage" warning up front, why step further into the danger zone?

Here's how the lie begins when traveling on the road where no one wins.

How long will it take to discover there are no guarantees with a part-time lover.

If you're waiting in vain you'll eventually be left with heartbreak and pain.

Why try to gain another sister's pain?

If it looks like a snake, it probably is.

When he's this despicable, it's time to stop shacking, and send him packing.

Drop him like a hot potato.

If you have chosen to be part of his outside life, why get jealous because you're not his wife.

If you cheapen yourself you will be treated cheaply.

There is no prize in man-sharing

CHOICE #8- EMOTIONAL DEPENDENCY PLUS UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

If your love has gone bad, just be true, and don't try to use a Baby like Krazy glue.

Face reality - a child cannot be your "emotional elixir" or your "relationship fixer"

If pregnancy has you in distress, a shot-gun wedding won't solve your mess.

You've got to learn to like each other before you can grow to love each other

Why blame an innocent child for your insecurities?

There's a difference between a "Daddy" and a "Sperm Donor"

"Mommy's Baby" Daddy's maybe"

A loving home is the greatest gift can give a child.

Planning is constructive plotting is destructive

CHOICE #9- DECENT PROPOSAL/INDECENT DISPOSAL

Choosing a mate on the rebound will eventually turn things upside-down.

Too many lies destroy many lives. Indecent disposal, disposes indecently.

If you've made a mistake, admit it, apologize, and move on.

Take a critical look backward and so you can make a crucial move forward.

You've got to look internally ignored to correct problems externally.

Dissolve your old scar and become a new star.

If you keep looking for a man to complete you, instead of one to compliment you, something is wrong.

Yes, Black men don't cry.

Let's lose the rage and find the remedy.

Sis, get real; choose a man who cares how you feel.

Two wrongs don't make it right.

CHOICE #10- GETTING TO THE CHURCH BEFORE TIME

If in doubt, you've got to check him out.

Girl, pull yourself together.

Learning to love yourself is the greatest love of all.

Couples are taking the "revolving door policy" into their unions - they're walking in quickly and rotating out quickly.

Double deceit is doubly devastating.

Forget the quick-fix fiction love.

Patience is a virtue.

Love without trust - don't mean a thing, even if you've got the ring.

Wipe your tears and face your true fears.

You've got to face it, before you can fix it.

He blames I she blames (Open communication is the key)

If you want a good relationship, you've got to work on it.

Marry a friend; not a fantasy

The key to long-lasting relationships is: Marry your best friend, communicate honestly, respect your mate, and above all, be kind to yourself.

From: 10 BAD CHOICES THAT RUIN BLACK WOMEN'S LIVES

BY, DR. GRACE ORNISH



Sisters Standing Tall

Our "M" Voice camera's caught up with sister Tanya former radio personality of WELS in Kinston, NC, after a Wynans Phase II concert. The concert in part was sponsored Chick Fila and all of the proceeds went to the Ronald McDonald House.

Photo By Reggie Price

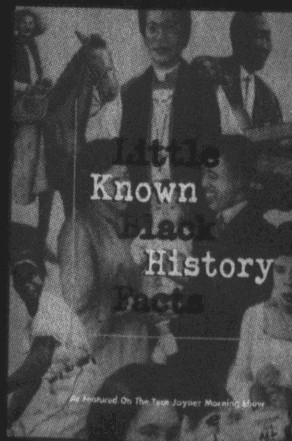
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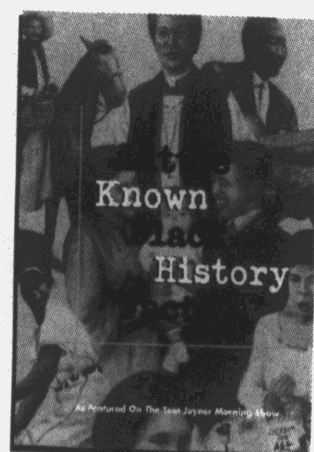
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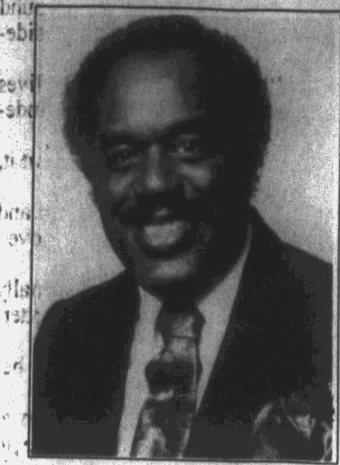
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Spiritual Thoughts



George Hawkins

RECEIVING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit was first promised Joel 2:28-29 And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

Isaiah 28:11, 12 says---- For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, to whom He said, "This

is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest," and, "This is to the refreshing" yet they would not hear. The promise of the Holy Spirit is recorded in the New Testament as well. Luke 24:49 says--Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. Some other scripture references are Matthew 3:11, Luke 11:9-13, John 7:37-39 and Acts 2:38 -39.

There has often been confusion in understanding the difference between the work of the Holy Spirit in baptizing every believer into the body of Jesus Christ at the moment of salvation and the work of Jesus in baptizing believers "in" or "with" the Holy Spirit.

The word "baptize" instead of being translated into our languages has been transliterated into a word which sounds like the original Greek word which was used by the writers. Actually, it means "to totally identify by submersion." When a garment is dyed, it becomes totally identified with the color of the dye. It is baptized into that color.

The Holy Spirit totally identified us with Jesus Christ at the moment of salvation. Water

baptism, which is commanded by God for every believer is a picture or a testimony before men that we have already been identified with Jesus in His death, burial, and resurrection. However, when Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit, we also become totally identified with the Holy Spirit. We receive the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit baptizes every believer into Jesus Christ. We become intimately united with Jesus. We become members of His body. Romans 6:3 says--Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. I Corinthians 12:13 -- For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink into one Spirit and Ephesians 5:30 --- For we are members of His body, of His flesh and His bones.

So you see a distinct function and experience, the scriptures makes it clear that Jesus wants to baptizes us with the Holy Spirit. It was prophesied by John in Luke 3:16, commanded by Jesus in Acts 1:4,5,8 and Promised by Peter in Acts 2:38.

Our Voice Is Your Voice The "M" Voice Newspaper

Study finds aspirin less likely to be given to poor or black heart patients

The Associated Press

DURHAM — Poor or black heart attack victims are less likely than white men to be administered or informed about simple, inexpensive treatments such as aspirin, a Duke University study has found.

Duke internist Dr. Kevin Schulman and a team of researchers studied 169,079 Medicare beneficiaries who were hospitalized for heart attacks between 1994 and 1996. The team sorted the patients according to sex, race and socioeconomic status, which was based upon the individuals' ZIP codes. The findings are being published in Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association.

The researchers studied patients' charts to determine what treatments were offered.

Blacks were 16 percent less likely than whites to get clot-busting drugs and 3 percent less likely to get aspirin upon admission to the hospital. Typically, in the first few hours after a heart attack, doctors respond with aspirin and clot-busting drugs, which help to break up deposits in the arteries and improve the patient's chances of surviving.

Blacks also were 6 percent less likely to leave the hospital with prescriptions for beta-blocking drugs. Doctors generally prescribe aspirin and beta-blockers to prevent another attack.

Women were 2 percent less likely than men to get aspirin on arrival or departure but received the other drugs at the same rate as men.

Poor people were 2 to 3 percent

less likely to get every treatment than those with higher incomes.

"This should be a cause for alarm for everybody," said Adam Searing, project director for the N.C. Health Access Coalition, an advocate of affordable health care. "The system is really failing folks, and the way to attack it is to go in and make changes in the way we deliver care."

The cause of the disparity is most likely a result of overworked hospitals and a high number of poor patients, not outright prejudice, Schulman said.

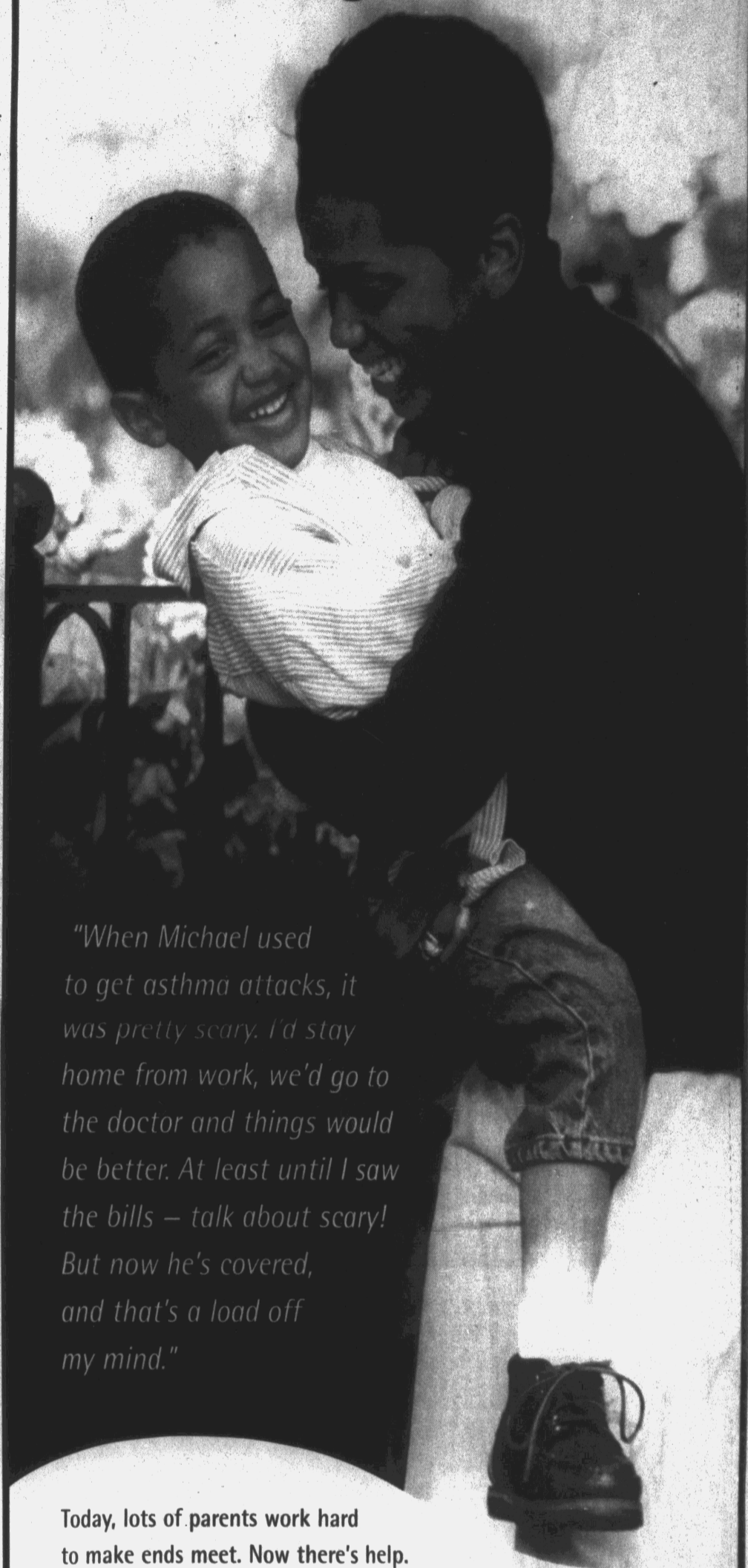
"When you have a system failure, the people who are most affected by it are those who are least able to speak up for themselves — minorities or poor people," Schulman said. "If you are a heart-attack patient, before you go home, you should get an instruction sheet that says take an aspirin, so you're not just relying on physicians to tell you that."

The disparity, while statistically small, affects many thousands of people, Schulman said. Cardiovascular disease killed nearly 50,000 black men in 1997, according to the American Heart Association, making it the leading cause of death among black males.

The report follows several others in recent months indicating that poor people and blacks are not given the same level of care as white men.

This past May, Schulman and his co-authors released a study indicating that medical students were more inclined to diagnose a white man's heart symptoms than a black woman's.

Now that Michael's covered, we're both breathing easier.

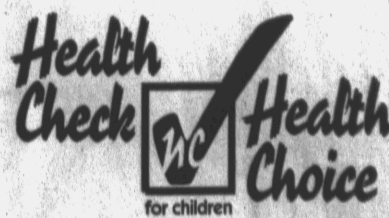


"When Michael used to get asthma attacks, it was pretty scary. I'd stay home from work, we'd go to the doctor and things would be better. At least until I saw the bills — talk about scary! But now he's covered, and that's a load off my mind."

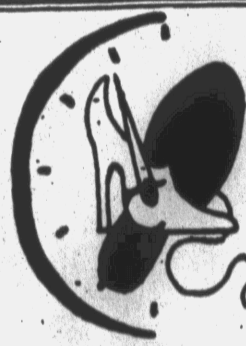
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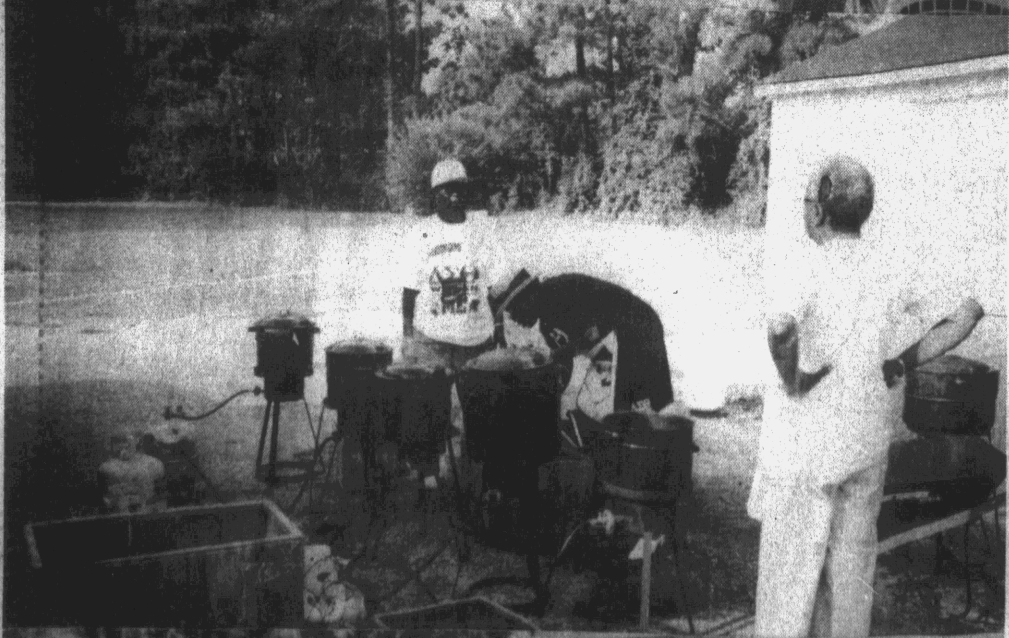
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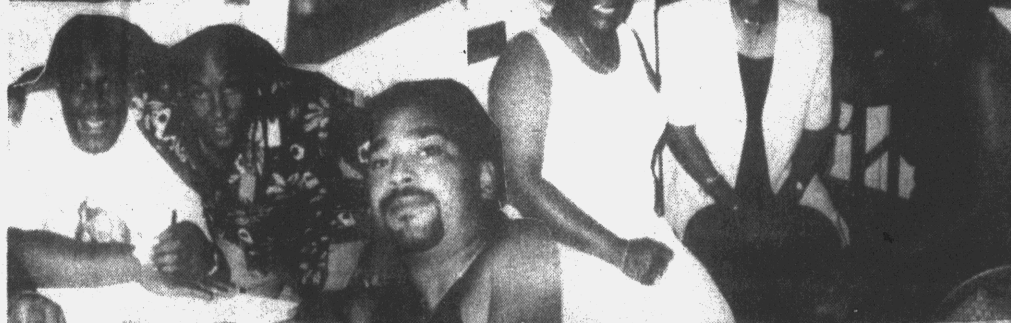
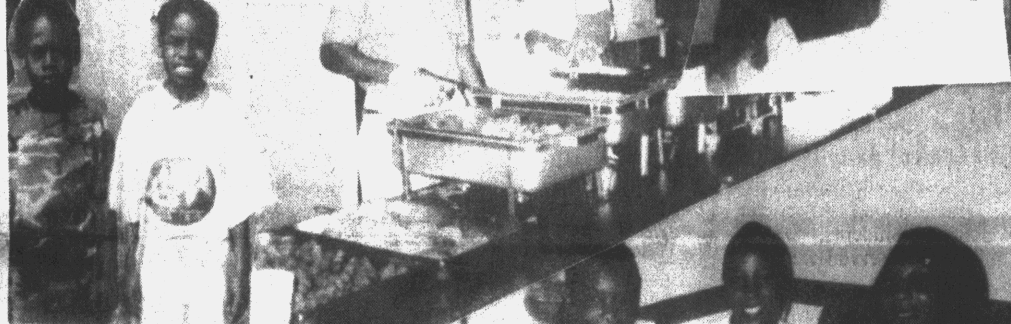


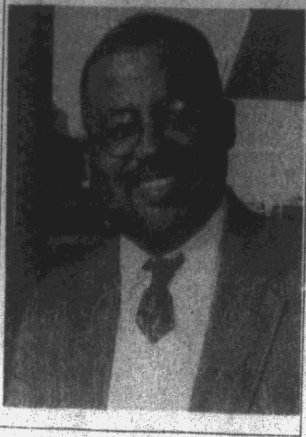
Lanier Family Reunion 50th Anniversary,

The Lanier Family held their 50th anniversary Banquet Saturday, August 5th 2000, people came from as far away as Africa to attend the gala. The banquet was complete with dinner, door prizes a memorial service for those who are deceased; a fashion show and prizes for the oldest (85 years old) and youngest (2 months old) family members. Two prizes were given to the family member who traveled the farthest. The "M" Voice salutes all families that manage to stay together during these trying times and a special salute to the Lanier family for bringing Black folks back to the essence of what it means to be a family and coming together.

Photo by Daniel Blount

Lanier Family Reunion 50th Anniversary





Keith Cooper
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Many seniors citizens have to pay an "arm and a leg" for prescription drugs just to remain alive. Unlike Medicaid, Medicare, for the most part, doesn't cover the cost of prescription drugs for outpatients. However, I was told that if you are a retired state employee, Medicare could pay half of the cost for prescription drugs, as of last January. Yet, too many seniors have to dig deeper into shallow pockets to buy drugs for a wide range of chronic illnesses like cancer, diabetes, hypertension, rheumatoid arthritis, and Alzheimer's Disease.

Recently, I asked the Pitt County Board of Commissioners to establish a Prescription Drugs

Supplemental Fund for Seniors. Commissioner Dave Hammond pompously opposed the idea and pontificated that the Pitt County Department of Social Services already is covering the costs for prescription drugs for those seniors who contact Social Services. This is the biggest crock of malarkey I've heard in a long time.

As a matter of fact, Social Services pays a very limited amount of money to a limited number of seniors for a limited amount of time. They will pay a maximum of \$200 a year for seniors who qualify. Mrs. Burgaw of Social Services informed me that seniors requesting help may be asked to sell

their automobiles. If this is the case, how will seniors pick up their drugs, go to the grocery store, or meet a doctor's appointment? If I had to answer a thousand questions from a caseworker before I get help, I'd probably say "thanks, but no thanks."

There are a few statewide programs, which help seniors with the cost of drugs. However, most seniors are not accommodated. For example, Charles Reed, the state pharmacist, is administering a pilot program supported by a recent \$500,000 appropriation from the state legislature. This program presently reaches 30 counties. No more applications are being accepted

at this time, according to Mr. Reed with whom I recently had the pleasure to discuss the prescription drugs issue. I find it interesting that commissioners can support allocating \$800,000 to build a new animal shelter in the county; yet, when the discussion is about flood victims or helping the elderly, commissioners act as though the money is no where to be found.

Since Commissioner Hammond no criticism intended contends that Social Services will help seniors pay for their drugs, the community should direct down-and-out seniors to Mr. Hammond. I was surprised that none of the white commissioners (mostly seniors) spoke

out against the idea of helping the elderly (although most opposed the idea).

I was disappointed with Commissioner Eugene James who interrupted me to ask the chairman, "Isn't it time to go into closed session?" James apparently thought that going behind closed doors to discuss other business was more important than a specific, verifiable plan to help seniors citizens pay for their medication.

Commissioners must stop clowning around and start representing and fulfilling the fundamental interests of the constituents who hired them. We must hold all elected officials accountable.



PEGGY MARIE WASHINGTON

DEAR SIR OR MADAME,

I am a Junior at Julius H. Rose High School. I have been nominated to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law in Washington, D.C. The nomination notes that "this Forum is dedicated to helping prepare our Nation's most promising future lawyers for the opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead". The opportunity to attend this National Forum will serve as a building block for my future career endeavors.

I am a Staff Sergeant of JROTC and Junior Class Treasurer. I have also been chosen to be included in Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1999-2000, an honor reserved for only 5% of our nation's high school students each year.

My current goal is to attend Howard University School of Law as well as participate in their ROTC Program and upon graduation enlist in the Army where I

will be a Commissioned Officer.

To achieve my goals and maximize the opportunities presented by attending the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law, I am conducting a fund raiser to raise \$2,654.00 by July 25 to pay the tuition and associated costs to attend the Forum.

Therefore, I am asking for your financial support to help me, as otherwise I might not be able to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity.

As a young citizen of Pitt County, I see this opportunity as an excellent vehicle to represent both the youth and the citizens of our fine county. Please find attached a donation slip that I am asking all who donate to complete and keep for tax purposes.

Thank you for your support. This Forum is both a great honor and a wonderful opportunity to explore a future career in law. If you have any questions please feel free to contact either me or my family at (252) 830-6295.

Sincerely,

Miss Peggy Washington
Nominee

Pastor Richard Joyner
Installation Service
By Faith Maye

An installation service was held for Pastor Richard Joyner was held Sunday, August 20, 2000 at 6:00. The service was held at Conetoe Chapel, Conetoe, North Carolina.

The installation message was delivered by Reverend Sidney A. Locks of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina. "A Transitional God" was the topic of Reverend Locks message.

The installation prayer was delivered by Reverend Russell Roberson, the Frocking of the pastor, Deacon Wilson Jones. Presentation of the Keys, Trustee Ronnie Worsley. The presentation of the pastor to the church.

Deacon Jesse Pettaway. The Pastoral Statement, Reverend Richard E. Joyner. The Voices Of Cornerstone performed worship in music. Reverend Richard Joyner believes "The family that prays together stays together" and the vision for Conetoe Chapel for the year 2000 "This Is the Year of Leadership and Family."

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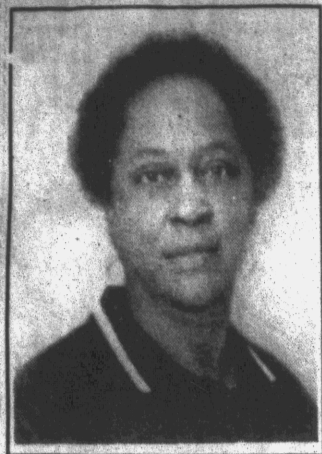
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A PAID MINISTRY

The custom of a paid ministry, now so general and considered by many unavoidable and indispensable, was not the usage of the Early Church. Our Lord and his Chosen Twelve were poor so far as we are able to judge from the inspired records---except James and John and Matthew. Accustomed to voluntary giving to the Levites, the Jews evidently extended this usage to everything religious that appealed to them as being of God. The disciples had a general treasurer, Judas (John 12:6 ; 13:29) and never lacked; though it is equally evident that they never solicited alms. Not a hint of the kind is even suggested in the record of our Lord's words. He trusted to the Father's provision, and certain honorable women ministered unto him (and his) of their abundance. (Matthew 27:55,56; Luke 8:2, 3

Had our Lord's sermons and parables been laced with appeals for money, it would have sapped their life. Nothing appeals to us more than does the evident unselfishness of the Master and all his specially chosen ones, Judas being the only exception, and his greediness cost him his fall. (John 12:5,6)

The love of money and show the begging system of Babylon is very prevalent today. The Lord has provided this far for his "harvest" work without one solitary appeal being made for money; and we trust it will never be.

Let those ambitious for this world's luxuries and wealth seek them in the fields of trade or in the profitable professions; but let none become ministers of the Gospel of Christ from any other motive than love for God and for his Truth and for his brethren: a love that will rejoice in sacrificing ease and wealth and honor of men---not grudgingly, but heartily.

Nominal Christianity has grown great and worldly, and her servants are honored with the titles: Reverend, Very Reverend, and Doctor of Divinity; and with these honors and titles go salaries---not according to the minister's needs, but on the commercial basis of his ability to attract large congregations and wealthy people. The natural result has followed--- "The priests teach for hire and the prophets thereof divine for money. They are all DD's. They can never have enough---they look to their own welfare, every one for his gain from his own denomination---they have ears that itch for the praise of men and they shall turn their ears from the Truth and shall be turned unto fables." (Isaiah 56:10,11; Micah 3:11; Phil. 3:2; I Timothy 4:3,4)

Following in the footsteps of Jesus will not lead us in the

direction of salaries; neither will the footsteps of his chief apostle, Paul who showed that to ask earthly compensation for spiritual services would in no sense violate justice; however the Lord, the apostles, and their associates who traveled and gave their entire time to the ministry of Truth, did accept voluntary contributions from the brethren to meet their expenses; and, as already inti-

mated, the laying on of the hands of the Antioch Church upon Paul and Barnabas when they were about to start their first missionary tour, seems to have implied that the Church became responsible for their expenses, and correspondingly participated in their work.

There is no record or hint that the elders serving the Church at home received salary or expense money; and we believe that it will generally be found advantageous to each local church to use the voluntary services of its own members--- few or many, great or insignificant. This Scriptural method is spiritually, healthful: it tends to draw out all the various members in the exercise of their spiritual gifts, and leads all to look more to the Lord as the real Shepherd, than does the hiring method.

The serving Elder and the members of the Ecclesia (church) should see to it that all be exercised, and particularly such as possess qualifications for leadership; otherwise the spirit of Babylon and churchianity will be sure to develop.

THEIR EYES WERE WATCHING GOD by Zora Neale Hurston

This novel, which was first published in 1937, is Hurston's most highly acclaimed work. A classic of black literature, it tells with haunting sympathy and pierc-

ing immediacy the story of Janie Crawford's evolving selfhood through three marriages. Fair-skinned, long haired, dreamy as a child, Janie grows up expecting better treatment than she gets until she meets Tea Cake, a younger man who engages her heart and spirit in equal measure and gives her the chance to enjoy life without being one man's mule another man's adornment. It is a tribute to the author's wisdom that though her story does not end happily, it does draw to a satisfying conclusion.

Janie is one black women who doesn't have to live lost in sorrow, bitterness, fear, or foolish romantic dreams, for Janie and the reader have learned "two things everybody's got tuh do fuh themselves. They got tuh go tuh God, and they got tuh find out about livin' fuh themselves."

About the Author:

Zora Neale Hurston

(1891) was a novelist, and folklorist, and anthropologist whose fictional and factual accounts of black heritage are unparalleled. In the summer of 1939, she was hired as a drama instructor by then-named North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham. In January 1960, she died in the St. Lucie County Welfare Home and was buried in an unmarked grave in the Garden of Heavenly Rest, Fort Pierce, Florida. In August of 1973, Alice Walker (author of The Color Purple), discovers and marks Hurston's grave.

NOTE:

This novel is a required reading for English students at Pitt Community College.

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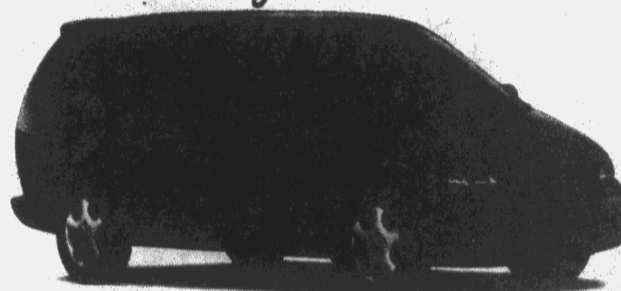
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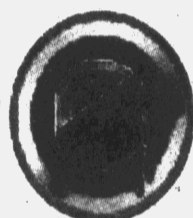
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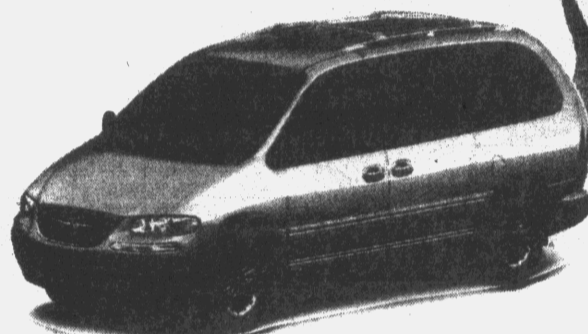
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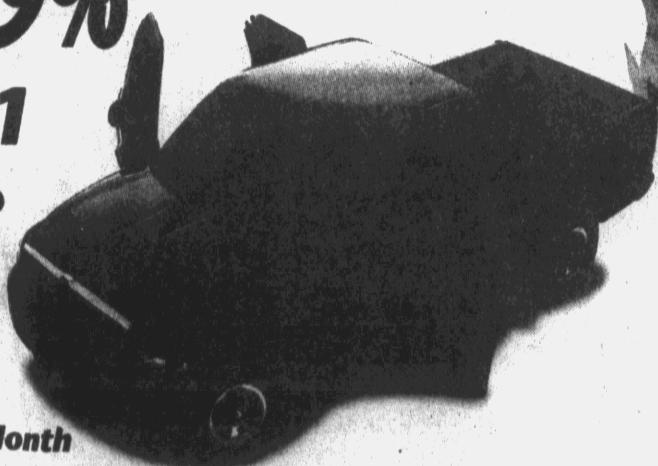
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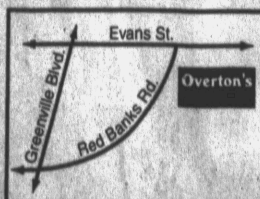
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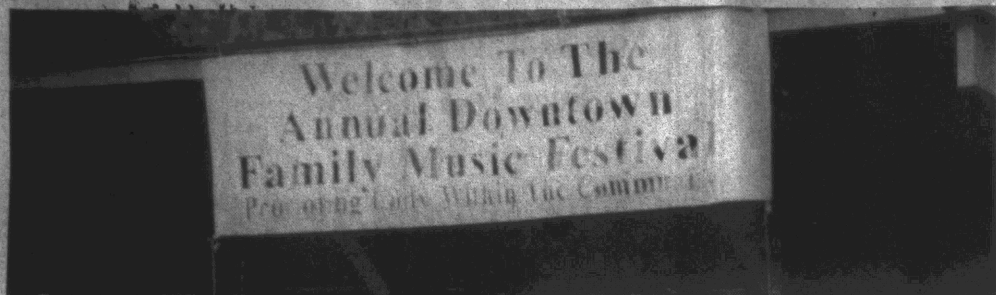
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TANF BANQUET
By Faith Maye

The Teaching Assistance of Needy Families initiative program held a banquet Sunday at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Greenville North Carolina. The program is designed to train participants in finding and maintaining employment. The clients train for three weeks learning job skills for successful employment. Over 63% of all participants have obtained jobs and remain employed. Pastor Freddie Brown of First African Baptist Church of Goldsboro, North Carolina, Reverend Sidney A. Locks, Jr. Cornerstone Baptist Church were on hand to Celebrate the success of the program and to honor the participants. Directors of the program are Mr. Von H. Langston, Mr. Marvin Moye and Mrs. Edna Simmons.

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History Files,
Shown at York Memorial AME Zion Church Coach Mc Dowell, Rev. Caldwell and the late Mr. Gourdet former truant officer of the Pitt county School system. these fathers have set the pace for who we are today.

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From the Archives

Syndicated talk Show Host Bev Smith is shown with East Carolina University's Taffye Clayton who arranged for Bev Smith to come to ECU to speak with students. Their shown with Ethel Long of Washington, NC and the Rev. Joy Brown.

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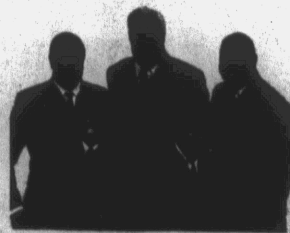
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