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Right Step Academy Faces Possible Closure

In a statement issued exclusively to the Minority Voice Newspaper Right Step Academy's Director Mr. Flemming stated,

"Right Step Academy of North Carolina must remain open for our students' sake. Unity has brought us a long way and now, we must be more united than ever to keep the doors open. It is important as a community we remain a positive institution in West Greenville. We have produce graduates who have gone on to great things, who may have other wise fallen threw the cracks"

Mr. Flemming

BY GLENDA JAKUBOWSKI -
THE DAILY REFLECTOR

The county's only charter school faces closure if problems cited by the state are not addressed by the end of the month.

Greenville's Right Step

Academy, a charter school serving students in grades six through 12, has been placed on disciplinary status by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. The school must correct nine issues of "finance and governance" or lose its charter, according to Grova Bridges, state director of the office of charter schools.

School officials will go before the state charter board on Oct. 27 to address issues raised in the letter of disciplinary status. Failure to resolve the issues may result in a revocation of the school's charter.

The school is a franchise of Right Step Inc., a Minnesota-based company that until recently directed charter schools in three states. The company targets students at risk of dropping out of traditional schools.

Typically, the students have faced recurring disciplinary problems and turn to the academies as alternative schools.

Right Step Inc. operates a charter school in Phoenix as well as in

North Carolina, and until recently operated two schools in St. Paul, Minn.

Those schools were closed for financial mismanagement. Among the "unsound business practices" cited for the Pitt County school are improper issuance of checks and several withdrawals totaling \$46,462 and the possibility that other states have placed liens on North Carolina funds because of the company's failure to pay employed withholding taxes in the amount \$245,094.

"There are some concerns about whether North Carolina funds might have been diverted to the Arizona charter," Bridges said.

Bridges could not say whether criminal charges would be filed against Right Step Academy or the parent company.

William Pierce, Right Step Inc.'s Minnesota-based chief executive officer, was indicated in the withdrawals. He denies and wrongdoing by his corporation or Right Step Academy.



Pitt County NAACP, the NAACP has been encouraging African Americans to vote in the upcoming election. This is the most important election in the African-American community because it is the first major election of the new millennium. The NAACP has worked hard with all their branches to get African Americans out to vote.

Photo By Jim Rouse

Million Family March



Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Family Day, posing for the M'Voice camera is Pastor Brown who is the Pastor of Mt. Calvary MB Church, also shown with Mother Harris and others. Turn to page 6 for a pictorial collage of the event that took place at Thomas Foreman Park.

Photo By Jim Rouse

Women Of Excellence

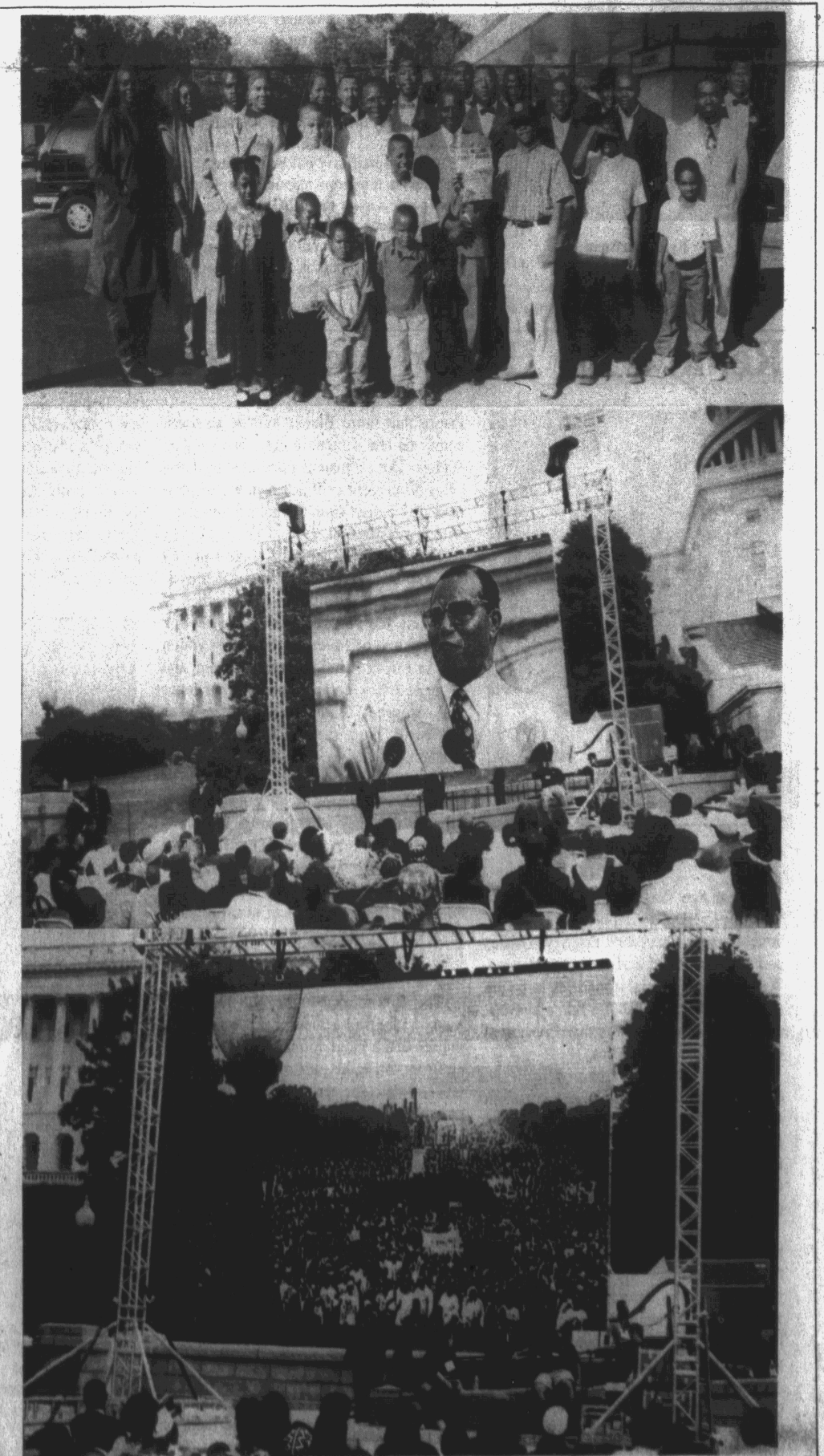


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Dr. Peterson has been in full time ministry since 1975 and has hosted the Women of Excellence Conference for over ten years. She is under the pastoralship of Bishop T.D. Jakes and the mentorship of Dr. Sue Curran and Dr. Judson Cornwall.

She is a spiritual visionary and pioneer who is committed to the call of God upon her life, to reach the hurting, abused, those on drugs, in prisons, in gangs, the homeless, HIV; to all that are down trodden, to bring them to Christ, that they may know the love of God. Dr. Peterson possesses a great love for God, His people and a willingness to obey Him.



Back from the Million Family March In D.C.

Shown above is Minister Robert and Minister Edwards both of Mosque #79 pictured with other brothers and sisters and children, who all were in attendance at the Historical Day in Washington D.C., Monday October 16, 2000. The blessings received on Monday will always continue for brothers and sisters around the world, lifting each other up and inspiring all of us to get out and vote on Tuesday, November 7, 2000. Its your right to freedom.

Photo By Jim Rouse

'I WILL NEVER STOP FIGHTING FOR YOU'



By Vice President Albert Gore

The following are Mr. Gore's remarks at the convention of the International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers (IUE) in Cleveland. It was the organization's final gathering before its planned merger with the Communication Workers of America.

This is a great day for the working men

and women of America. By bringing together two of our most dynamic unions, the IUE and the CWA, you're creating a powerful new force for all working families, organized or not.

Six and a half weeks from now, Americans will choose not just a new President, but a new future. There's a lot at stake. We may never have a chance like this again to make sure prosperity enriches not just the few, but all our families.

That's why I'm running a campaign on the issues. That's why I'm talking specifics, everywhere I go. And I'm eager for the debates to begin.

Now, the other side said they wanted to talk about the issues. But that didn't seem to last very long.

With our whole future at stake, this is no time for personal attacks - which is why I'll never make any. After all, this election isn't about me or Governor Bush. It's about you and your future. And that's what I'm going to focus on in these final days of decision.

We've come a long way these past eight years. But this election is not an award for past performance. I'm not asking you to vote for me on the basis of the economy we have.

I ask for your support on the basis of the better, fairer, more prosperous America we can build together.

We have to start with a strong, growing

economy that enriches all our families. We can't leave anyone behind.

I'm committed to turning around the manufacturing sector in America. You've literally built this country and you deserve a President who's going to fight for you.

I'll make sure every worker can get the skills they need to keep up by giving tax credits for job training, and making most

instead of dragging them down.

There's one more thing we must do to strengthen working families, and that's strengthening the right to organize. I'll make sure that fundamental right is never blocked, never stopped, and never taken away.

There's a real choice in this election: will we have a President who stands up to the powerful forces, and fights for families?

Six and a half weeks from now, Americans will choose not just a new President, but a new future. There's a lot at stake. We may never have a chance like this again to make sure prosperity enriches not just the few, but all our families.

college tuition and job training tax deductible.

I'll work to make sure that when we export our products, we don't export jobs and technology with them. That means enforcing our trade laws and negotiating trade agreements that lift up workers around the world,

That's the kind of President I intend to be.

I'll take on the HMO's and fight for a real Patients' Bill of Rights to take the medical decisions away from the HMO bean-counters, and give them back to the doctors and nurses and health care professionals.

I'll take on the big drug companies and

pass a real prescription drug benefit for all seniors under Medicare—not a pretend plan that leaves out millions of middle-class seniors and makes the others beg the HMO's for coverage.

At a time of rising prices for gas and home heating oil, I'll stand up to the big oil companies, and fight against big oil profiteering. In fact, I'm calling for urgent measures to help stabilize oil and gasoline prices at lower levels. I'll never go along with an agenda that's of big oil, by big oil, and for big oil.

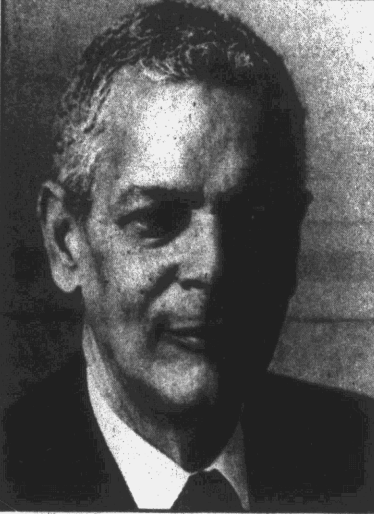
I know this about the job of the President: it's the only job in the Constitution that is charged with the responsibility of fighting for all the people. Not one state, or one district; not the wealthy or the powerful -- but all the people: Those who need a voice; those who need a champion; those who need to be lifted up, so they are never left behind.

I want to fight for you. If I'm entrusted with the Presidency, I know I won't always be the most exciting politician. But I will never stop fighting for you, and I will never let you down.

Early to bed, early to rise, work like hell and organize!

Vice President Al Gore is running for president of the United States in the Nov. 7 election.

YOUR VOTE, YOUR DOLLARS AND YOUR POLITICAL IQ



By Julian Bond

How's your Political IQ? Here's a test. A front-page newspaper story announces

that Congress is engaged in a wild spending spree as Election Day approaches.

Why?

They are "adding billions more to the budget for everything from local harbor dredging and bridge construction to hospital funding, science research projects and school aid," *The Washington Post* reports.

It is the biggest increase since 1995.

Why?

The answer is elementary politics - voters are asking "what have you done for me lately?" and members of Congress are quick to give them answers they can see, feel, and touch - if not right now, at least in the future.

If you got that right, give yourself a high Political IQ.

That hospital may not be built and ready for patients tomorrow morning, but when the local paper announces that Congressman Pork Barrel Johnson has brought home the bacon, the local voters are sure to respond positively. U.S. Rep. P. B. Johnson is counting on their gratitude - and their votes.

The money is flowing now because there

are 435 elections occurring across the country on Nov. 7 for members of the House of Representatives. In districts where a few are retiring, there are spirited contests to replace them. One-third of the seats of members of the Senate are up for grabs. And of course, President Clinton cannot run again - Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush are running to replace him. In some states there are spirited governors' races and other local elections too.

Each of them - the Representatives and the wanna-be Representatives, the incumbent Senators and the wanna-be Senators, the hopeful governors and their opponents and the two candidates for president know how important voting is.

Some of them are all hoping that you do too. But some of them are hoping that a low Political IQ means a low voter turnout, or that votes will be cast without the voter thinking about what is at stake.

Once every two years in the United States' political system, you become the important person. Not only do you have the chance to

decide who wins or loses these elections, but also by making that choice, you get to decide what kinds of policies will govern you and your fellow Americans for the immediate future.

You know what they are. Some candidates hope that you don't. Some of them are hoping your Political IQ is as low as it can be and that you don't know the difference between Candidate A and Candidate B. And some of them are hoping that you won't vote.

Can you answer these questions?

In AIDS prevention, does one candidate have a plan and program while the other has none and says even less?

In helping you pay for increasingly expensive prescription drugs, does one candidate want private profit-making insurance companies to do it while the other believes helping you should be a Medicare benefit?

In supporting public schools where almost all American children are educated, does one candidate want money for new construction and repair, and for raising teachers' salaries while the other won't raise teachers' pay and

won't repair or build new schools?

And does one support affirmative action, giving all Americans a chance, while another wants to roll back the clock to the days when racial prejudice decided who got a job and who got promoted?

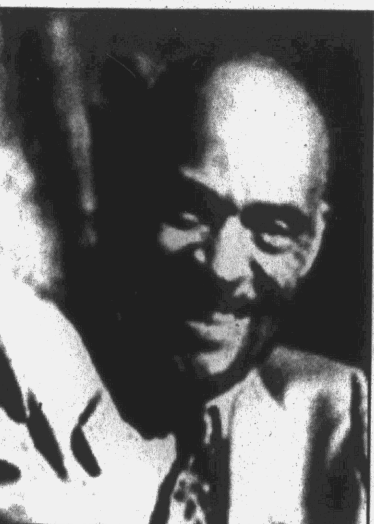
The next president will choose as many as three new members of the Supreme Court; will his choices respect, protect and extend existing civil rights laws or will they tear them down?

The answers to these questions, and the votes you cast on Election Day, will decide what policies our country follows in the future. And your vote will decide whether your precious tax dollars are spent building up your community or building up another one - a community where people vote too, but may not vote the same way you do.

Make sure you use your highest Political IQ on Election Day. Make sure you use your vote too. And use your IQ. A mind, the United Negro College Fund reminds us, is a terrible thing to waste.

Julian Bond is president of the NAACP

Remove the Horrid Stain of Felon Voting Bans



By Earl Ofari Hutchinson

A year ago the Sentencing Project, a Washington D.C. prison reform group, issued a report that found that seven states permanently barred ex-felons from voting. With the gaping racial disparities in prison sentencing, the vote ban has fallen heaviest on Black men. These laws disenfranchised One out of four Black males.

Civil libertarians screamed foul and called it a return to Jim Crow segregation days when Southern states routinely used poll taxes, literacy laws, political gerrymandering, physical harassment, threats and intimidation to bar Blacks from the polls.

If they were appalled last year at the number of states that permanently ban felons from voting, the latest report from the Sentencing Project is even more appalling. It revealed that two more states have slapped a permanent ban on ex-felons voting. And the racial disparity is even greater. Black men now account for one out of three ex-felons barred from the polls.

Even worse, the number of Blacks disenfranchised by the anti-felon voting laws will probably soar even higher. More than one million Blacks are now behind bars. The draconian drug sentencing laws, three strikes laws, racial profiling, and the disparities in prison-sentencing virtually

insure that more Blacks will be arrested, convicted and sentenced more harshly than Whites. The estimate is that in the next few years 40 percent of Black men will be permanently barred from the polls in the states with this restriction.

This terrible, racially-tinged policy wreaks much havoc on African Americans. It drastically cuts down the number of Black elected officials, increases cynicism, if not outright loathing, by many young Blacks for the criminal justice system, and deprives Black communities of vital funds and resources for badly needed services that result from their increased political strength.

The rationale for keeping and putting more felon vote bans on the books in more states is that they make it rougher on law-breakers. This is nonsense. The U.S. is the only country in the world with blatantly discriminatory laws that ban a person from voting for life based on a criminal offense. Many of the men that are stripped of their right to vote are not convicted murderers, rapists, or robbers.

They are not denied the vote because of a court imposed sentence, since no states require that a judge formally bar an offender from voting as part of a criminal sentence, due to the seriousness of the crime, or severity of the sentence.

In fact, many offenders don't even serve a day in prison. They have been convicted of felonies such as auto theft or drug possession. They are more likely to receive a fine or probation. Most of these offenders were young men when they committed their crimes. The chances are good that they didn't become career criminals, but hold steady jobs, raise families and are responsible members of their communities.

Yet the states that stamp them with the legal and social stigma of being a one-time felon deprive them of their basic constitutional right to vote and relegate them to second-class citizenship in perpetuity. This cruelly mocks the notion of rehabilitation and gives lie to the fondly repeated line that when criminals pay their debt to society they deserve and will get a second chance.

While surveys show that a majority of Americans think that the felon voting ban is

bad policy, only a handful of civil liberties groups and the NAACP in Virginia and Florida have challenged these restrictive laws in court. At present the only recourse that ex-felons have in the states that permanently bar them from voting is to seek a pardon from the governor. This is a dead end for most. Governors read the fierce

public mood on crime, and know that many Americans consider ex-felons pariahs that deserve any treatment they get. So few ex-felons even bother to request a pardon.

Civil liberties groups have urged state legislatures to rescind the laws or at least resist the temptation to place new voting restrictions on the books. The only state to heed their call and do the right thing is Delaware. Last June lawmakers in that state restored voting rights to some ex-felons.

RENEWED STRIFE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

By Armstrong Williams

In conjunction with Pope John Paul II's historic tour of Israel, I recently visited Bethlehem and talked to military leaders, scholars, journalists and members of the Knesset (Israeli Parliament). Despite the country's history of religious infighting so pervasive that it constantly threatens to pull apart the birthplace of modern religion, I felt at home, that is to say, I felt in touch with a sense of religious benevolence that extends beyond the egocentric concerns of society. My heart was buoyed by talk of peace.

But that hope, that heart and that wish for peace has again dissolved into an all too familiar scene: Cars smashed, burning rubble, mourners dragging themselves across the sands in grim funeral processions. Kids have started chanting, "I want to be a martyr" while the radio broadcasts a desperate plea: "Our babies' blood is as red as your babies." It does not matter. Families still prepare to leave their home and kill strangers.

The sight is the West Bank and Gaza. The picture is the same as it was a decade before: a dark undercurrent of resentment has boiled over into the streets, causing Palestinians to hurl rocks and bombs and Israeli soldiers to fire guns.

This most recent round of infighting was ignited when Israeli opposition leader, Ariel Sharon, visited the Temple Mount, a Muslim religious site situated in a Palestinian ruled area. Sharon's presence provoked outrage from thousands who erupted in protest. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak responded swiftly, commanding Israeli forces to use live fire to quell the riots.

Six days later, the death count has passed 40, an estimated 1,300 have been wounded, and the optimism of recent peace talks falls by the wayside of yet another round of Jewish-Arab infighting. As with all wars, there is no shortage of blame. Israeli officials shake their fists at Arafat for engineering the violent outbursts as a bargaining device in future peace talks. Palestinians regard the Israeli soldiers who opened fire on the protestors as Devils—an image that still occurs in their textbooks. And although the Israeli government has not officially dubbed Sharon an extremist agitator, everyone pretty much agrees that his visit to the mount sparked the outbreak.

For the time being, leaders from both sides have agreed to a cease-fire. The gist of it, is that Israeli soldiers will scale back their military presence in the West Bank and Palestinian civilians will maintain a certain distance from the Jewish settlements that have been flash points for violence over the past week. In such a manner, peace in the general has been secured, as peace in the specific continues to elude both sides.

Many political commentators—myself included—have been inclined to view these recent outbreaks as symbolic of the rushed peace accords that Clinton had attempted broker at a break neck pace. Though such documents proclaim peace on paper, they did little to confront the issue at hand: how to adequately integrate two diverse cultural configurations. A rushed peace accord does little to confront the fact that these two sides have no common center, except a shared history of hate. Funny thing about that hate is that it's like a wall that the Middle East has been leaning on for quite some time.

On the heels of the recent fighting, Palestinian labor minister, Rafik Natash, was quoted in *The New York Times* as saying, "Our people are ready to have 10 times the numbers of martyrs. We gave too much to the peace process. We gave it too much of a chance."

One can see his eyes swelling with pride. Meanwhile the customary existence of these two disparate cultures remains suffused with hatred, as they rush headlong into oblivion.

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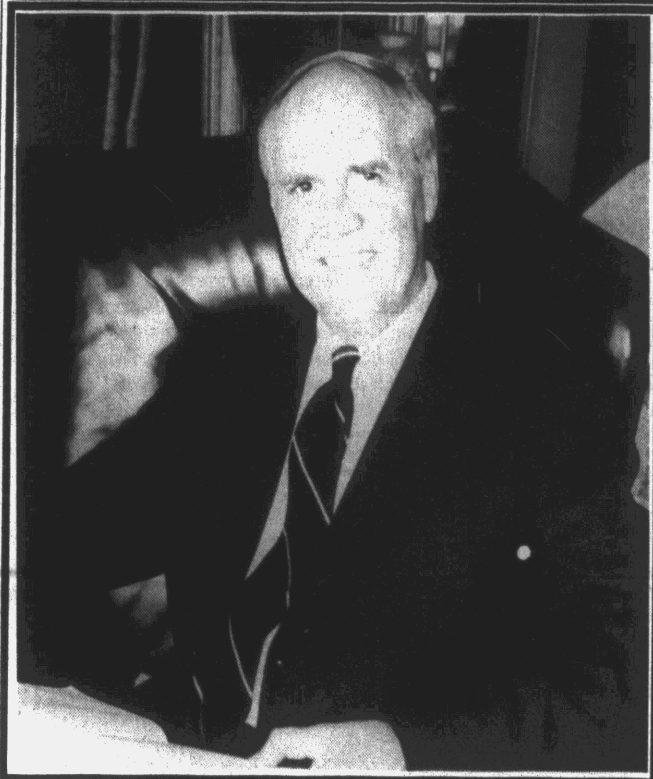
Breakfast Is Served

By Faith May

Saturday, September 23, 2000 Saints Delight Young Adult Mission of Saint Delight Missionary Baptist Church, Walstonburg, NC served breakfast for the Greenville Community Shelter. The shelter is located at 207 Manhattan Avenue. The lovely ladies sacrificed their time to come out early Saturday morning to cook and serve a hearty, nutritious breakfast for the homeless.

On hand was Emma Moye, director of S.D.Y.A.M., Geraldine Taylor asst. director, Edna Simmons, secretary/treasurer. Other members were Linda Moye, Gwendolyn Bullock, Annie Fields, Belinda Tyson, Retha Applewhite, ReeShonda Barnes, Kadajah Singleton, Dianne Sturdivant, Yolanda Henderson and Barbara Henderson. Thanks Ladies!!!!

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Vote Charles M. Vincent District Court Judge

Charles M. Vincent has practiced law in Greenville since 1974. He is a 1964 graduate of J.H. Rose High School and received his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After graduation, Charles served as a law clerk for the late US District Judge John D. Larkins, Jr., and returned to Greenville to practice law with US District Judge Malcolm J. Howard for approximately 7 years. Since 1981, he has maintained his own firm practicing primarily criminal law. As a lawyer, Vincent is rated "a.v" by Martindale-Hubbell, the highest rating, and has been listed yearly since 1995 in the Best Lawyers in America. He was selected as a "Master" by his peers in the Eastern North Carolina Inn of Court. In

1977, he was elected to the Greenville City Council and served as Mayor Pro-Tem. Charles taught at ECU for 3 years and has been an adjunct faculty member for over 20 years. He was a First Lieutenant with the NC National Guard and completed Military Police School in Fort Gordon, Georgia.

Active in civic affairs, Charles has been a member of the Salvation Army Advisory Board since 1977. He is a Mason and Shriner and has twice served as president of the Greenville Kiwanis Club, being recognized as a Distinguished President in 1983. He is a member of St.

Paul's Episcopal Church where he serves on the Vestry. He and his wife Sandy, an artist, have been married for 31 years. They are members of the Pirate Club, ECU Chancellor's Society and have funded the "Vincent Scholarship" for Pitt Community College students transferring to ECU. They have 2 grown children and one grandchild.

Charles is the son of the late Mr. & Mrs. George D. Vincent. His mother taught at C.M. Epps High School in the Late 1960's.

"Quote"

"I worked with Mr. Vincent as his paralegal for ten years. Despite being a small law firm he provided hospitalization and disability insurance for his employees. He also encouraged and financially assisted employees in continuing their education, both at ECU and Pitt Community College. Honesty and caring for clients was a way of life at his office. Because of his integrity and sound judgement, he has had a very positive impact on many lives. From my observation of his actions over the last ten years, I believe he will be a firm and honest District Court Judge that will look at each individual case and make a fair and impartial judgement."

Dale Lynn Reichart,
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Kraft Foods Recalling Taco Bell Shells Made With Bioengineered Corn

IRVINE (CNS)—Kraft Foods has announced a recall of all Taco Bell Home Originals taco shell products sold in supermarkets and retail grocers, after tests confirmed the presence of bioengineered corn not approved for humans.

Betsy Holden, president and chief executive officer of Kraft, said in a statement from Northfield, Ill., that while the corn variety, known as "StarLink," has not been approved for use in food, there appears to be no evidence of adverse health effects at this point.

The shells made by the Philip Morris subsidiary under the Taco Bell name—purchased in Iowa—were tested by an independent laboratory and found to contain Cry9C, Julie Miles of the California Public Interest Research Group in Los Angeles said earlier this week.

Federal inspectors approved the corn in 1998 for animal consumption only, because it is resistant to stomach acids and enzymes, which could mean it is a potential allergen, Miles said.

As director of CALPIRG's Genetic Engineering Campaign, Miles said Kraft and the Food and Drug Administration have "acknowledged this is a serious violation and

are doing their own tests."

Kraft acted today after confirming that tests performed by an expert independent laboratory indicated the presence of the genetically altered corn, which the company said it had not asked to be put in its product.

"As soon as we learned that there might be an issue in the supply chain we purchased from, we have been guided by one priority—the safety of our products and their compliance with all regulatory requirements," Holden said. "Testing has now indicated the presence of 'StarLink' and we are immediately withdrawing all affected products."

Taco Bell Home Originals taco shell products are sold nationwide only in supermarkets and other retail grocery outlets.

The products being recalled are:

- Taco Bell Home Originals (12 Taco Shells);
- Taco Bell Home Originals (18 Taco Shells); and
- Taco Bell Home Originals Taco Dinner (12 Shells, Sauce Seasoning).

Consumers who have bought any of these products should not eat them, and should return the packages to the store where they were

purchased for a full refund, Kraft stated.

Consumers with questions about the products involved in the recall can find information at www.kraftfoods.com/special_report. Consumers can also call (800) 433-9361 from 6 a.m. to midnight Eastern Time.

Kraft said it has four specific recommendations for enhancing the safe entry of biotechnology into the marketplace, and encourages the appropriate regulatory authorities to consider:

- Discontinuing partial approvals of advances in plant biotechnology, and not allowing crops approved for animal use to enter the market unless they have also been approved for use in food.

- Requiring as a precondition to approval that a fully validated testing procedure be in place for identifying the relevant DNA in crops and in finished products.

- Requiring mandatory review of all plant biotechnology advances by the appropriate government agencies before those advances enter the market.

- Strengthening the requirements for environmental stewardship of plant biotechnology to enhance the

integrity of the food supply chain from farm to finished product.

Miles said her group will now test the shells served in Taco Bell restaurants.

That would be done in Washington, D.C., and is expected to center

on product that is available in that area. The taco shells found to contain the genetically engineered corn were from Iowa, she said.

Thousands of acres of the genetically engineered corn are planted, but only 9 percent of the crop is segre-

gated from other corn, Miles said. As a result, the corn is mixed during harvesting and shipping, she said.

Miles said genetically engineered ingredients are showing up in about 60 percent of all processed foods on the grocery shelves.

Reflections, Expressions, and Reviews



Suejette A. Jones

the Lord's sight than gifts of money. Benevolence which includes giving, assisting, and blessing others is a part of Godlikeness. As your love for the Lord grows day by day, you will find yourself giving more and more of your time, influence, and money and planning, additionally, how you may budget the personal and family obligations so as to be able to increase your offerings and sacrifices.

We all know that God instituted with the Jews a tithing system, under which the one-tenth of all the increase of wealth, whether of grain, or vegetables, or herds or flocks or money, was set apart for sacred uses as the Lord's to be used only for sacred purposes. But this was an arrangement only for "the house of servants." The Lord has left "the house of sons" without any such law or regulation. In the case of "the house of sons," not merely one-tenth, but everything is consecrated, sacrificed, and all is to be used for the Lord's work.

A LESSON BEFORE DYING
BY: ERNEST J. GAINES

This richly compassionate novel tells the story of a young black man sentenced to death for a murder he did not commit, and a teacher who becomes involved

with him before execution.

A Lesson Before Dying.....is set in a small Cajun community in the late 1940's. Jefferson, a young black man, is an unwitting party to a liquor store shootout in which three men are killed; the only survivor, he is convicted of murder and sentenced to death. Grant Wiggins, who left his hometown for the university, has returned to the plantation school to teach. As he struggles with his decision whether to stay or escape to another state, his aunt and Jefferson's godmother persuade him to visit Jefferson in his cell and impart his learning and his pride to Jefferson before his death. In the end, the two men forge a bond as they both come to understand the simple heroism of resisting....and defying....the expected.

About the author: Ernest J. Gaines was born on a plantation in Pointe Coupee Parish, near New Roads, La. His previous books, include A Gathering of Old Men, In My Father's House, and The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman.

Note: This novel is a required reading for English students at PCC and has been made into a movie, for HBO, starring Cicely Tyson and Don Cheadle.



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BANISH BAD DAYS By making every one count

Have you ever asked someone how they were doing only to have them reply, "I'm having such a bad day". I stubbed my toe getting out of bed, missed my train, got splashed by a bus while I was walking here, spilled coffee on my white shirt....?

Have you ever been the person asked if your own responses tend to resemble the one above more often than not, you're in need of a major outlook overhaul.

Anita Bunkley in her book, **STEPPIN' Out WITH ATTITUDE: SISTER, SELL YOUR DREAM.** she encourages us to remember that "whether good or bad, happy or sad, all of our experiences provide lessons in living".

The fact of the matter is that we are each allotted only a certain amount of this earth. Unfortunately (or, fortunately, depending on your outlook), we don't know exactly how many. So it would be to our benefit to make every moment that we have breath count, in a positive way.

You can waste time pouting over all of the negative things life throws at you. Or you can make up your mind to have a bad day.

Before you crinkle your brow in disbelief, try the following suggestions. They'll help you change the way

Dear Family,

I hope this will help you in your prayer life.

THE FIVE FINGER PRAYER

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayer by praying for those closest to you (GOD). They are the easiest to remember. To Pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty".
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal.

This includes teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is a fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher with will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

5. And lastly comes our little finger, the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "the least shall be the greatest among you." Your pinky should remind you to pray for yourself

By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you

will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

SIN BRINGS FEAR; CONFESSION BRINGS FREEDOM

PSALM 15

"Lord, who may go and find refuge and shelter in your tabernacle up on your holy hill?

The Answer :

- ...Lead a blameless life
- ...Be truly sincere
- ...Refuse to slander others
- ...Does not listen to gossip
- ...Never harms his neighbor
- ...Speaks out against sin
- ...Criticizes those committing sin
- ...Commends faithful followers
- ...Keeps a promise even if it ruins him
- ...Does not crush his debtors with high interest rates
- ...Refuses to testify against the innocent despite the bribes offered him

SPARKS FROM THE ANVIL

By: Elder Michaux

1. Love will win anybody but the devil.
2. Any time you get careless, Satan has a way of making

you care less.

3. God has plenty to satisfy your need, but not your greed.
4. Don't be concerned about your power to govern others, but only govern yourself.
5. Everybody want to be the boss until the Holy Ghost comes, then everybody wants to be the servant.

6. The man who does not fear God will not live right.

7. You can't do anything about the truth but obey it.

8. Love can be satisfied, but not lust.

9. Sin never gets any better.

10. God does not speak idle words.

FAST FOODS

If you want to eat more healthfully this year, cut back on hamburgers and fries, suggests Bonnie Liebman, Director of Nutrition at the Center for Science in Public Interests. **NUTRITION ACTION HEALTH LETTER** in Washington, D.C. "Ground beef can be one of the fattiest forms of red meat", Liebman says.

A single McDonald's quarter

pounder yields 21 fat grams, of which eight are saturated, the artery-clogging kind. Add cheese and you've got 30 fat grams, 13 of them saturated. "You're talking a half-day's quota of fat," Liedman says and that is without the fries, which have about as much fat and calories -450- as the quarter pounder hamburger. You should think of fries not as a side dish, but as a main dish. That's what they really are.

INTERSHIP

Mrs. Mona R. Jones of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, a flight attendant for 13 years, and a graduate of N. C. A. & T. State University, Greensboro, who sang mezzo-soprano, under the directorship of Dr. Sam Barber, is interning under "Flowers by Marjorie", aspiring to open her own shop with the name "Perfect Touch". Congratulations Marjorie Gatlin.

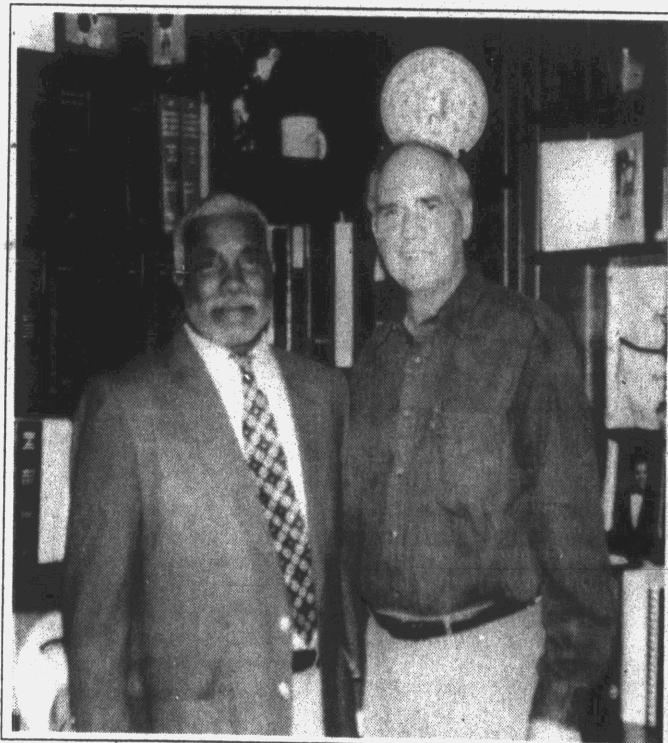
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Cookie) Williams enjoyed a fall weekend vacation at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

VOTING

Let nothing keep us from the voting booths. Cast your vote.

SMOKE DOCTORS

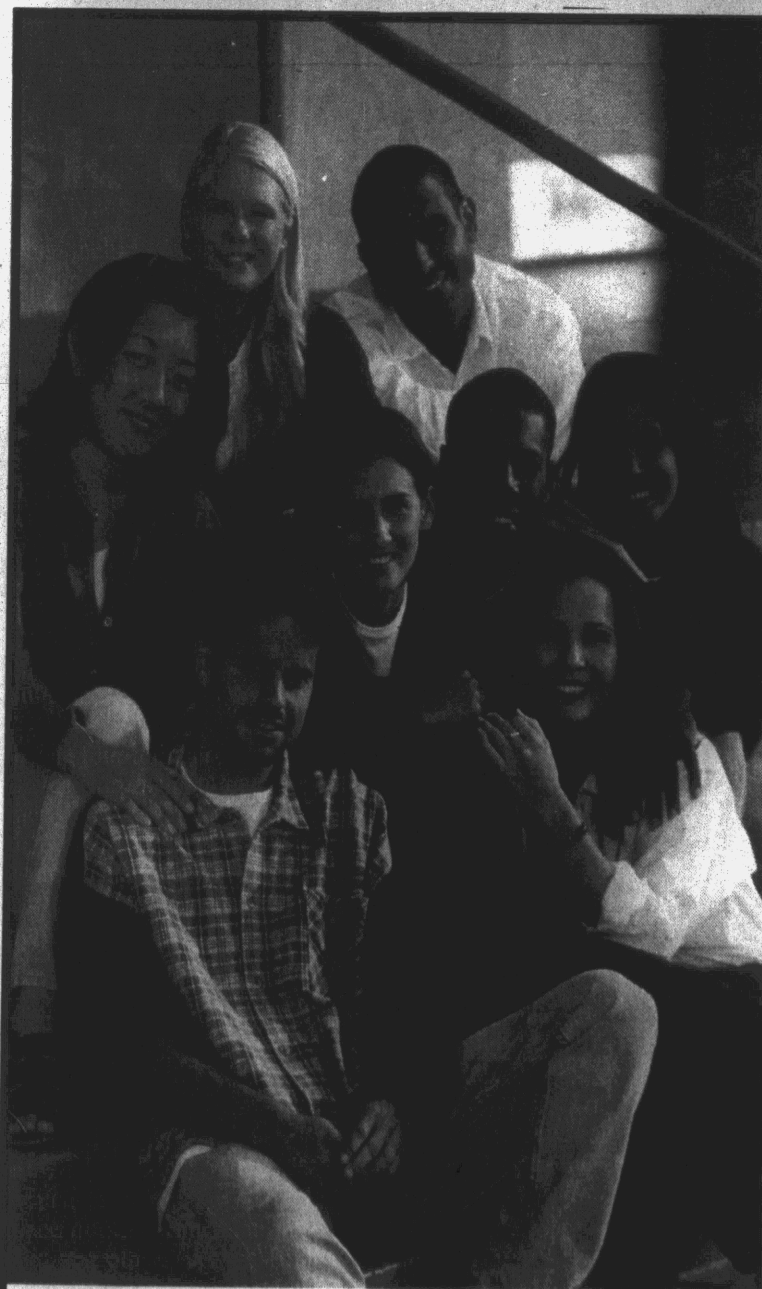
Did you forget to have your smoke detectors/during the week of Fire Prevention Week. It is not too late. Use the services of the Fire/Rescue Department. Just call them. Let us keep our sick and shut-in in our prayers.



I worked for Charles Vincent for 15 years. During this time, not only was I his employee, I was, and still am, his close friend. Always a man of courage, he moved his office to Clark Street, between Bonner's Lane and Dickinson Avenue, in 1982, and practiced out of a store front with little or no heat in winter until his current office was completed next door. I know because I assisted the carpenter in building his office. From this position I worked my way up to a legal assistant and investigator with his law firm. The fact that I was black made no difference to him. We went to court together every day and worked hard for our clients. He does not tell people what they want to hear, he tells them the truth. He always tried to explain things to a client and have the client come to the realization of what was best. This was the teacher coming out in him. However, he was very capable of being firm when it was needed. I did not always follow the personal advice he gave me. I wish that I had done so because it was right. He has very sound judgment. Unfortunately I am now totally disabled. Thank goodness, Mr. Vincent provided health and disability insurance for his employees. This is just another example of his being a good man.

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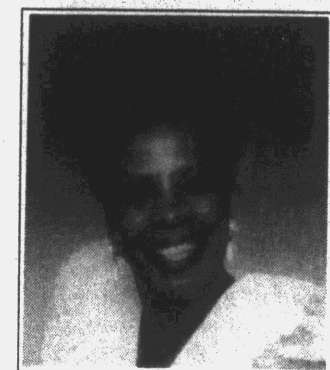
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Glenn Perry's Thoughts On:

Greenville Weed and Seed Program

"All Greenville residents and business owners deserve safe, prospering neighborhoods. As a member of the Steering Committee for the Greenville Weed and Seed Program, I want to focus on reducing crime, increasing the quality of life, and stimulating economic development in west Greenville. It's time for a united front of citizens, small business owners, religious leaders, law enforcement and city officials to restore control of neighborhoods to law-abiding residents. The Greenville Weed and Seed Program can help make west Greenville a successful and safer community."

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Caribbean News Briefs

TRINIDAD

Attorneys general seek laws to shorten death row appeals process

PORT-OF-SPAIN - Faced with stringent deadlines for carrying out executions, Caribbean attorneys general have decided to press for restrictions on inmates' appeals on related constitutional issues that can drag out the process of appealing a death sentence.

Ralph Maharaj, Trinidad and Tobago's attorney general, said the region's top prosecutors determined during a meeting this week in St. Kitts and Nevis that they would ask their governments to pass laws that limit appeals on some issues that can slow down the appeal of a death penalty conviction.

"Constitutional motions relating to

whether the prison conditions are inhumane, whether the (local) mercy committee considered the matters correctly, whether the matter is pending before the human rights bodies and if there is excessive delay in carrying out the death sentence, those matters would not be issues for the Privy Council," Maharaj said recently.

BARBADOS

United States pledges aid to Eastern Caribbean to fight drug trafficking

BRIDGETOWN - The United States has pledged \$135,000 to the Eastern Caribbean's anti-drug Regional Security System, based in Barbados.

James Daley, U.S. ambassador to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, signed the agreement with local officials this week. The United States

also will give the Regional Security System a second C-26 Air Force plane for anti-drug trafficking patrols by the first half of next year, he said. The United States last year gave a C-26 plane to the Security Council.

CAYMAN ISLANDS

Net2Phone suing Cable and Wireless

GEORGE TOWN - Online telephone service provider Net2Phone and a Cayman Islands business have filed a civil suit against Cable and Wireless, which blocked the Internet service to protect its legal monopoly in the British Caribbean territory.

New Jersey-based Net2Phone, in which AT&T has a minority share, alleged in the lawsuit recently filed in the Cayman Islands that Cable and Wireless wrongfully interfered with its

trade and business. Silvanus Technologies Ltd., a local company that sells equipment used with Net2Phone, also is suing.

Cable and Wireless will continue to block access to Web sites that offer lower long-distance rates through so-called "call-back" services, which use computers to get around local telephone networks to offer lower fees, general manager Tim Adam said recently. He could not say how many are now blocked.

PUERTO RICO

The Home Depot buys local home improvement chain

SAN JUAN - The Home Depot has agreed to purchase a six-store local home improvement chain in Puerto Rico.

The Atlanta company, which opened its first store in Puerto Rico two years ago, agreed to buy Plaza Masso. It plans to remodel four locations and sell off the other two because they are close to existing Home Depot locations, spokesman Tony Brown said in a written statement recently.

Officials did not give information about the sale price. The Home Depot has two stores in the U.S. Caribbean territory and is building two more. It hopes to have possession of the four Plaza Masso stores within four months and reopen them after several months of remodeling, Brown said.

Representative Marian McLawhorn

"She's Working for All of Us"

Marian McLawhorn is proud of her role in the NC House of Representatives 1999-2000 accomplishments:

- For two consecutive years, House and Senate approved state budget before July 1st, the start of the new fiscal year
- Raised teacher pay to national average
- Gave state employees a 4.2% raise and a \$500 bonus
- Expanded the Smart Start program
- Passed school violence/discipline control measures
- Increased funding for community colleges
- Passed Clean Air and Clean Water legislation
- Appropriated \$120 million to rebuild state's "Rainy Day" fund following Hurricane Floyd flood relief efforts
- Appropriated \$30 million for Clean Water Trust Fund
- Appropriated \$15 million to support East Carolina University's transition to a Doctoral/Research institution
- Supports Community College and University Facilities Bond Referendum
- Appropriated \$100 million for repairs/renovations of state buildings
- Refunded \$240 million in intangible taxes
- AND didn't raise taxes!

- Mayor, Town of Grifton, 1997-1998
- Commissioner, Town of Grifton, 1992-1997
- 1999 NC Business and Professional Career Woman of the Year
- Married 35 years to Richard McLawhorn; 4 children; 3 grandchildren
- B.S. in Business Administration, East Carolina University
- Master in Library Science, East Carolina University

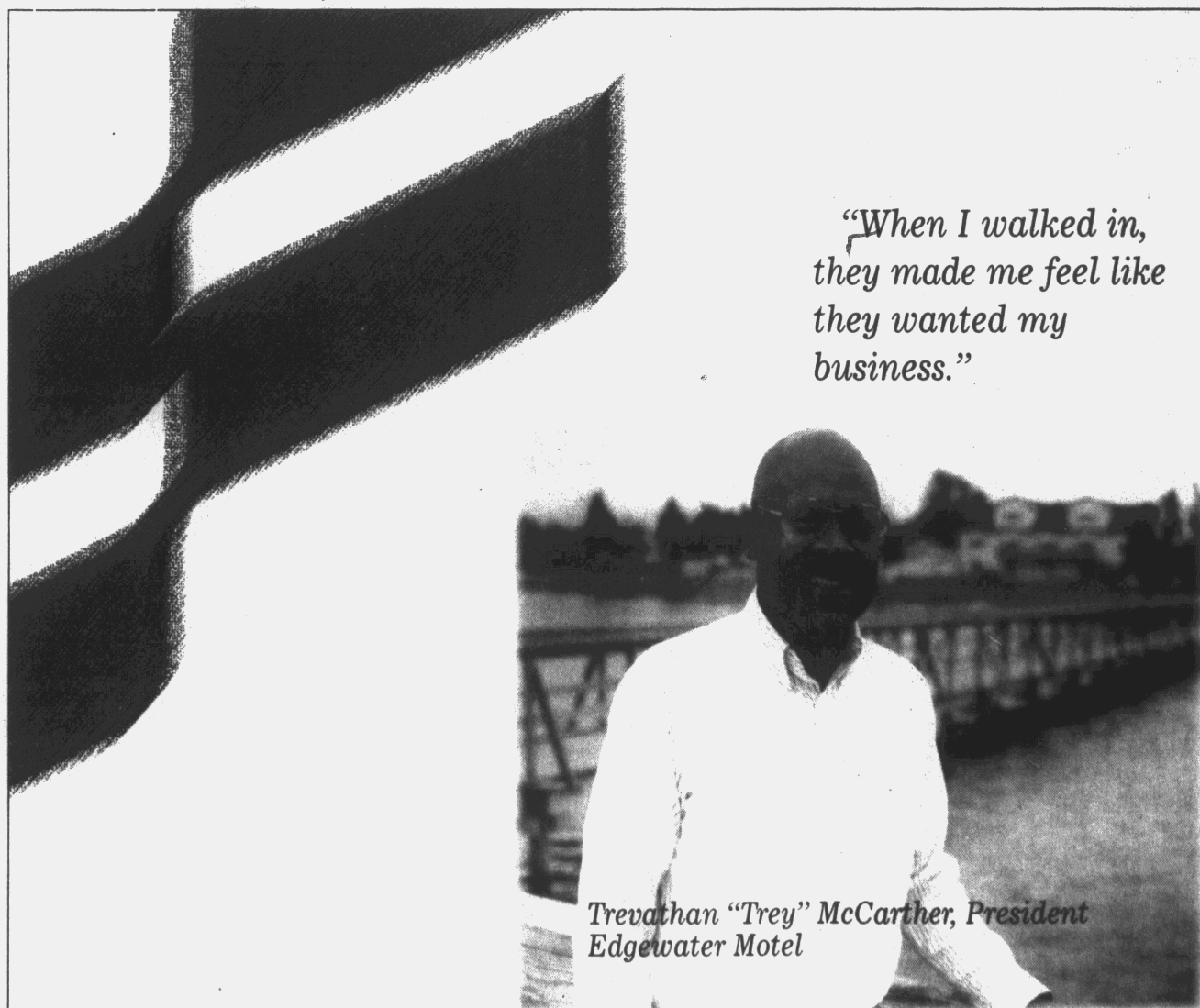
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**Trevathan "Trey" McCarther, President
Edgewater Motel**

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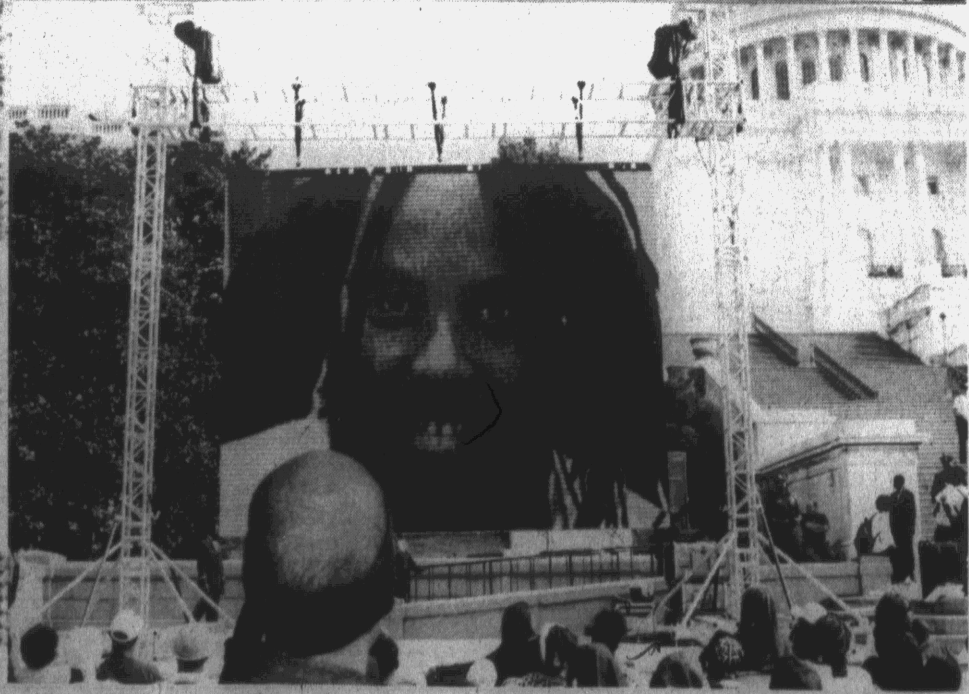
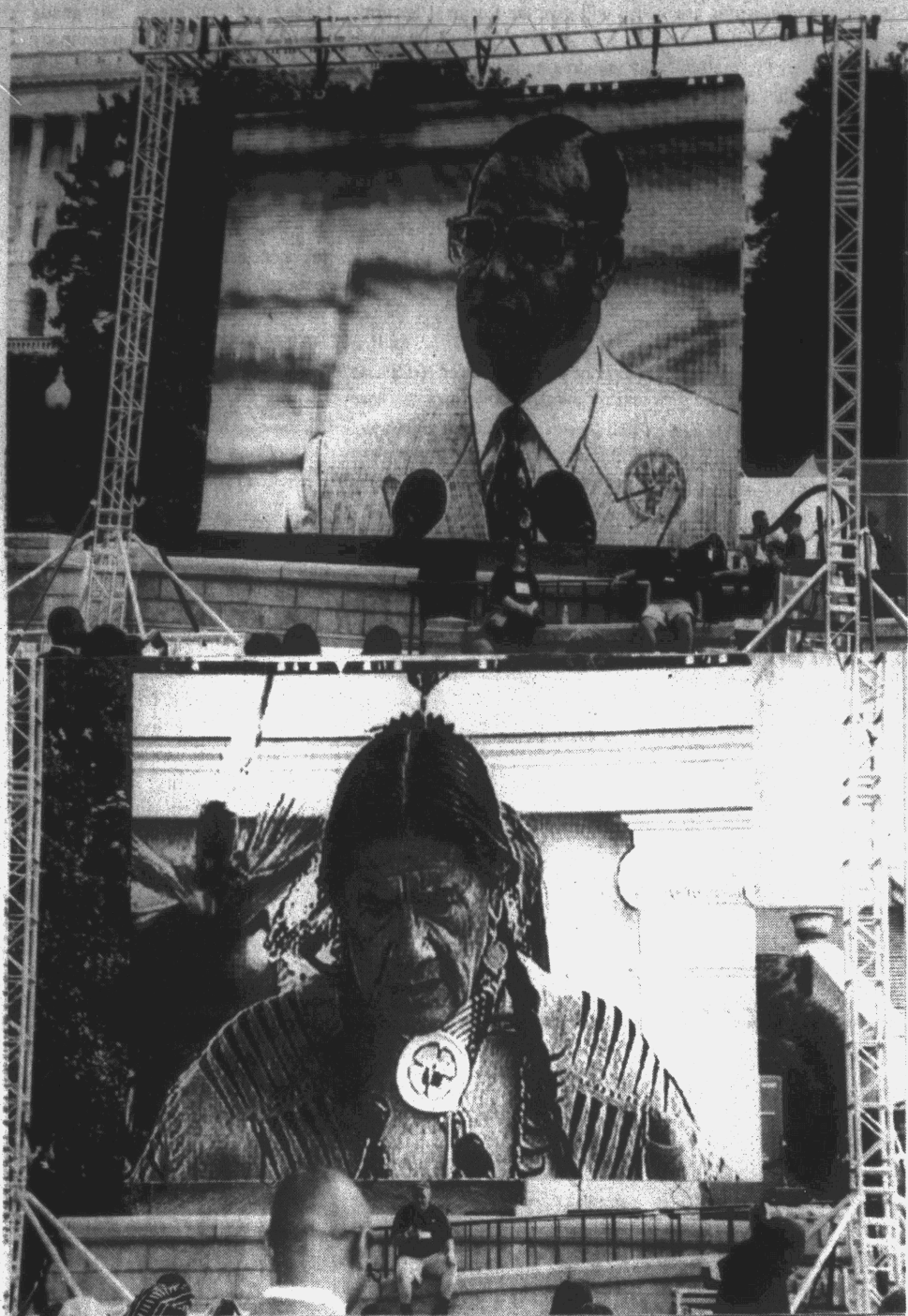
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Min. Farrakhan Speaks



WASHINGTON — Vowing to tap the strength of a Million Family March movement that drew hundreds of thousands to the National Mall on Monday, Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan pledged to take immediate steps to increase the black community's voting and economic clout.

During his lengthy address, Mr. Farrakhan attacked Congress and the major political parties, accusing lawmakers of being beholden to corporate interests and uninterested in solving the problems of the black community and the poor.

"It is a government of the rich, by the rich, for the rich," he told a crowd that extended from the foot of the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial. The poor "exist from crumbs that fall from the rich man's table."

The sharp rhetoric from the speakers during the daylong event, which came on the anniversary of the Million Man March convened five years earlier by Mr. Farrakhan, stood in contrast to the festive and joyous mood of the crowd sitting on blankets or lawn chairs in the hot sun.

"It's just a blessing to see so many people come together with their family and children," said Nather Roby of Milwaukee, who made a 12-hour bus trip with friends.

Where the Million Man March focused on the empowerment of black men, the Million Family March sought

a wider reach. While the marchers were overwhelmingly black, the crowd was sprinkled with whites and Asians, many from the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church. The Nation of Islam and the Unification Church have established closer ties in the last few years, and at the march's end Mr. Farrakhan presided over a mass "marriage blessing" reminiscent of ceremonies conducted by Mr. Moon. Many singled out racial and religious unity as the day's most significant accomplishment.

"Family is the one thing we can all mobilize around," said Robin Harden, an Austin inmate drug-treatment counselor who came with a caravan of more than 100 Texans who left Austin by bus early Saturday morning and arrived in Washington on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Farrakhan vowed to launch a voter registration drive with the help of his allies in the hip-hop community, such as rap mogul Russell Simmons, saying the campaigns of presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore have turned their backs on the 18-to-35 crowd.

"You have been too good to those who have lied to you and deceived you," he said. "I believe we should punish our elected officials when they don't represent us, the people."

Instead of bromides from the political parties, the black community must look to itself

to make political and economic strides, he said. "As a black people, there is nothing that we've gained in America that we didn't have to suffer, bleed and die to get," he said. He also asked every attendee and those watching the proceedings at home to send in \$100 or more to a new economic development fund that he pledged would reach \$500 million to \$1 billion this time next year.

The fund would be used as seed capital to create new businesses in the black community, to fund economic development in Africa — and bankroll campaign contributions, Mr. Farrakhan said.

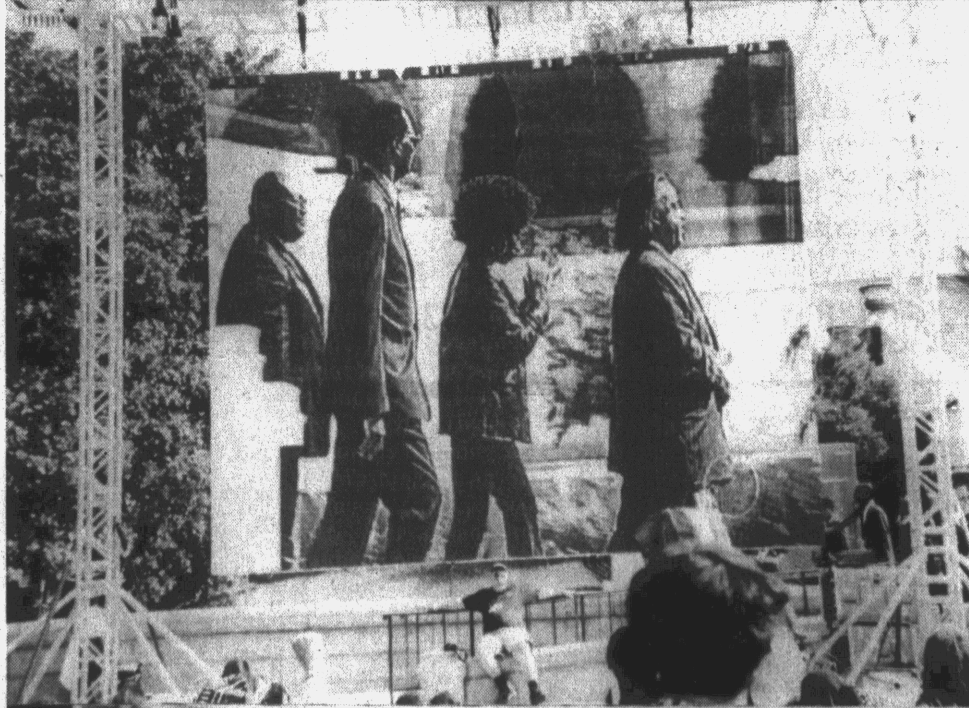
"I believe if we can do this, we can bring ourselves out of the condition that we are in," he said.

In a speech that fell just short of a political declaration, Mr. Farrakhan offered himself as an alternative.

"I'm running on my record and my record is better than any of the candidates," he said. "I've been fighting for you, and I'm asking you now to back me."

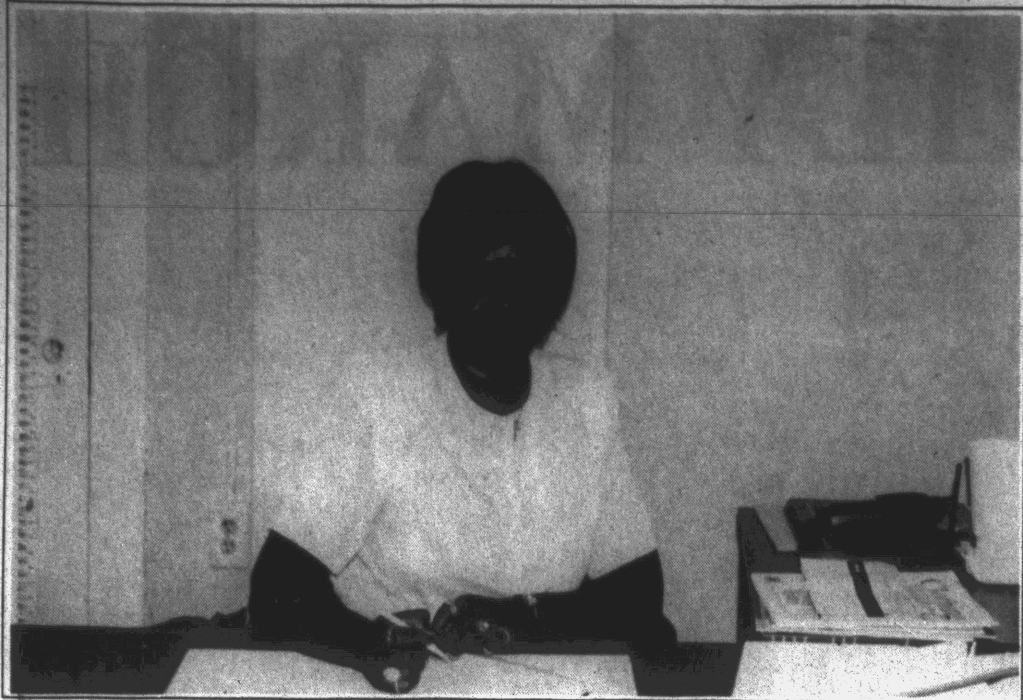
But as the crowd chanted "Farrakhan for president," he appeared to pull back. "I'm not a politician. I like to speak the truth," he said.

Mr. Farrakhan, who previously has provoked considerable controversy over the years with anti-white and anti-Semitic proclamations, was inclusive in his comments regarding other races and religions.



MILLION FAMILY MARCH



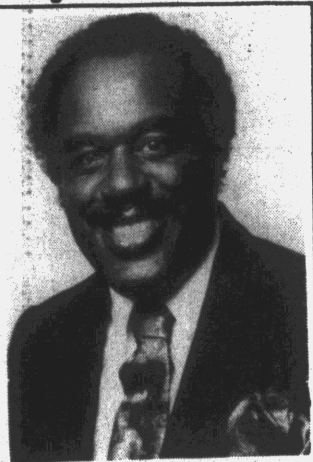


FOUNTAIN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER
by Faith May

The Fountain Youth Development Center started August 1999 located at 3583 N. Railroad Street is a safe haven for latchkey children. The center provides the children with special events such as cultural and youth festivals, fieldtrips and other activities and programs. FYDC must set high performance standards for students to achieve--stating clearly and publicly what each student should know and be able to do in each subject area. FYDC's primary objective and goal is to close the achievement gap between students of Fountain and other Pitt County students. Also, challenging them to reach a much higher education academic standard. By educating the children in this area we will help keep them out of jails and the prison system, and this will help them to become better citizens. FYDC with the 4-H Program in place is presently working and planning to be a part of the Pitt County Fair year. This is something Fountain has never had nor been involved in. This will be a great accomplishment for this small town and the surrounding area as part of the FYDC initiative. We envision a society in which all families, communities, government, social service institutions, churches, businesses, etc., work together to provide healthy, safe environments for children and families to live and work in. All children, youth, and families can get the resources they need, right in their neighborhoods, where it counts the most. Whatever families and youths need, they will be able to find it at the Fountain Youth Development Center. Mrs. Shirley McNeil is founder and executive director. Board Members are Mr. William Armstrong, Chairperson, Miss Janet Wooten, Secretary, Miss Denise Ross, Treasurer, Mr. Rufus Collins, Publicity, Mr. William Newton, Publicity and Mr. C. Keith Parham, Transportation. To volunteer your time or to make donations please call the center: (252)749-1256 Fax # (252)749-1257.

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Spiritual Thoughts



Dr. George Hawkins

Repentance - Renewal - Revival
part II Page 1

Greetings in the name of
Jesus Christ:

If we are to impact our world for God, we cannot be satisfied with only repentance. Repentance must be followed with renewal. There must be renewal in the way we think, what we desire and how we exercise our wills. **Renewal is not something we wait for God alone to accomplish. It is a change we are personally accountable to pursue.**

What I have been describing may be a little confusing to some Christians, because they only think of repentance in the context of salvation (Titus 3:5) and renewal in the context of the Holy Spirit's work on our behalf. But the scriptures also emphasize repentance and renewal in

stronghold that has been established in the thoughts and desires and the taking captive of all our thoughts and making them obedient to Christ. (2 Corinthians 10:3-5) The mind is the battlefield where we are confronted by the fiery darts of temptation. Proudful thoughts and self-righteousness or negative thoughts and self-accusation often have their source from our adversary. God wants us to be alert to the enemy's wiles and resist them. He gives us the grace to accomplish that to which He has called us. We work out our salvation cooperatively with Him as He has sovereignly ordained (Philippians 2:12-13; Colossians 3:10). He continually calls us to personal responsibility to join His program of perfecting us.

Renewal is bringing our nature under the discipline of God's truth. It is not easy, but can be accomplished by relying upon the Holy Spirit. He guides us and enables us and transforms us as we cooperate with Him. Repentance and renewal in relationship to godly living is where many Christians are failing miserably in their obedience to God. The reason Satan is having such a field day in Christian lives is because there is an overwhelming lack of repentance and renewal among believers. Many have not been taught that God's word commands us to pursue holiness. **"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all YOU do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy.'"** (1 Peter 1:15-16).

If we do not obey this command, we will permit Satan to make legal claims upon areas of our lives because of our disobedience.

Much of our prayer counseling deals with these elements of repentance and renewal. These are basic spiritual principles from which we must never move.

When a community of people have a spirit of repentance and begin to participate in the renewal that God desires for their lives, they become open for revival. God looks favorably upon those who hunger and thirst after righteousness not only for themselves, but for others. Sadly, we must admit that we have been selfish in our desires for revival. We have been more concerned with what revival can mean for us than for others.

Christians today are basically very self-centered. Their basic interests are to get their needs met. Many move from one local church to another in pursuit of some particular fulfillment. Many do not want to commit to a local authority in the local church. They

prefer to have the freedom to do what they want without anyone exercising any spiritual oversight over them. These people are quick to see the faults in others, but not themselves. They use the faults of others as an excuse for what they do. This kind of attitude is not conducive to the unity in the body of Christ or to revival. This is why issues of repentance and renewal are so vital. It almost seems as if repentance is a bad word to all but the humble.

We should not think: of revival as a magic wand or cure-all for all that is wrong with our lives and circumstances. Many Christians are waiting on God to change their lives when He has called them to take responsibility for dealing with sin and relying upon His help. Although revival does make us conscious of our own sinfulness, its main purpose is to reach out and provide large numbers of people with a powerful manifestation of God's love and grace through the moving of God's Spirit upon the lives of unbelievers so they may be able to recognize their sinful state, respond to the gospel and be brought into the kingdom of God.

More and more Christians sense in their spirits that revival is imminent. I believe that God is now preparing the army that He wants in place when His Spirit moves. He is calling each of us to accountability regarding our spiritual condition. He wants holy vessels to pour out His Spirit and fill. He wants disciplined and prepared people to respond to the leading of His Spirit in any moment and do whatever He reveals, He wants His people to

be sensitive to His voice and not reason away the thoughts and desires He is laying upon our hearts and minds.

This is the question we must ask. Are we ready for God's Spirit to work freely in our lives and do whatever needs to be done in order that God may be glorified and His will be accomplished? Do not say yes to this question until you have counted the cost.

The bottom line is that we will not be able to effectively attack Satan's kingdom and pull down spiritual strongholds unless we change. There has to be the desire to change and then there must be the step of faith to appropriate the change with God's help. Waiting for some mystical experience that will eradicate all the obstacles is a fantasy and not biblically sound. God calls each of us to responsibility to affect that change and to depend upon Him to complete that change.

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SHE GAVE HIM A KISS.

HE PULLED HER PIG-TAILS.

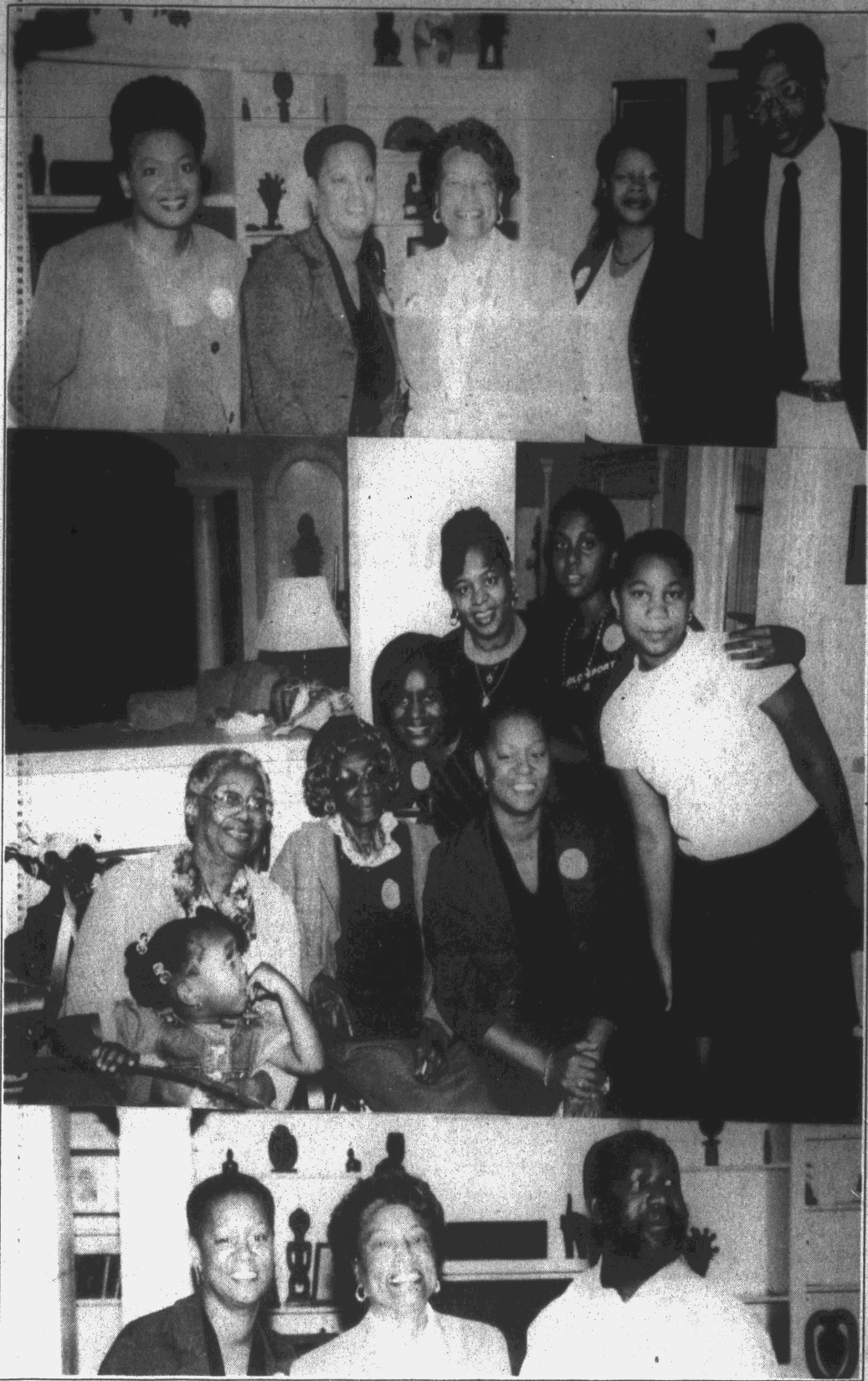
SHE GAVE HIM A FLOWER.

HE PUT A FROG DOWN HER SHIRT.

SHE SHARED HER COKE.

HE SHARED HIS LIFE.





Black Doctors of Pitt County Endorse Congress Woman Eva Clayton !
Pictured are Diane Campbell, & Dr. Treadwell, as well as other doctors who were on hand to show their support for Congress Woman Eva Clayton. Also shown is Dr. Campbell and 92 year old grandmother visiting from NYC with family. Last but not least Dr. Campbell is shown with her husband Dr. Muchiteni and Congress Woman Clayton.

All are encourage to get out and vote !



Oasis of Hope Church, Sis. Annie Fuller is shown with Isreal the Warrior gospel recording rapper , who was on hand for their talent show at Oasis of Hope. Isreal the Warrior is a Christian rapper who encourages young people to closer to the Lord.

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A multileveled Divorce must now take place and Afrikan people must then move on with their lives, free of the meddling of Caucasians in their affairs! To accomplish liberation, it is required of us to do what our liberation demands of us. To make believe and merely to complain about not being free, while not doing what freedom requires, place us in a position of being liars and hypocrites! When any people want freedom and yet refuses or avoids the duties, obligations and responsibilities required of that people to resume the authority of being free people, places that people in the category of liars and fools! We must be aware of the fact that freedom is not that of shackles, chains and iron collars about ones neck. Having shackles, chains and iron collars around one's neck signifies that one is physically bound and in bondage! Physical bondage is not the same as mental bondage nor spiritual bondage! Mental and spiritual bondage signifies that ones mind, spirit, intellect, will and ones soul is being tortured and is being crucified! When ones entire being is enveloped in fear, which involves ones mind, spirit, will, heart, soul and body, that person can aptly be described as being a slave! To be a slave mean that one must find creative ways, means and methods of plunging ones self into levels of denial and into wells of self hatred to the point and to the degree, that one is willing to fight for the right to be and to remain a slave to something or to someone!

Needless to say that person has been interfered with on many levels of his or her being. And this will certainly began manifesting its self through ones manners and behaviorism. By way of example, such an affected individual, will start going out of his or her way, in seeking out ways of be coming involved as many ways as one can conceive with the man or woman or group that has most seriously injured him or her, by proposing some sort of marriage with the abuser!

One cannot restore ones self to sanity wearing a body of injured and abused humanity! Should one become addicted to abuse and being battered and develops an obsession for the same and began to interpret being battered and bludgeoned as some sort of an expression of the abuser and batter's love, it will be virtually impossible for anyone to intervene and help that individual find self or trigger in that individual a will to change what is happening to him or her!



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