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## REPARATION PLEA GAINING MOMENTUM SUPPORTER'S SAY BUSH'S STAND ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION HELPS PUSH ISSUE

George W. Bush is unalterably opposed to affirmative action, favoring something he calls "affirmative access." Most, if not all, credible civil rights leaders are staunchly in support of affirmative action. To end this stalemate, it is time to consider a compromise. It is time to consider reparations.

Reparations--the making of amends for a past wrong or injury inflicted--is a numbers-crunching proposal that should appeal to the business side of the man now occupying the White House. It should also be attractive to activists championing the cause of economic justice.

In recent years, countries and businesses around have been boldly facing up to their sordid past by granting reparations to the oppressed individuals or groups. Germany is paying \$60 billion to Jewish victims of the Holocaust. Japan has settled with Korea for the exploitation of its so-called "comfort women." Swiss banks are paying for having appropriated the accounts of Holocaust victims. Austria established a \$380 million fund to compensate tens of thousands of Nazi-era slave laborers who were born in six eastern European countries. Aborigines have received reparations from Australia and have the Inuit Indians from the Canadian government.

Even the United States has formally apologized and paid \$1.2 billion in reparations to Japanese-Americans who were forced into concentration camps during World War II. However, instead of offering reparations to African-Americans for what his-

torian Lerone Bennett calls "the greatest crime in human history," Blacks are offered excuses.

Linda Chavez, president of the conservative Center for Equal Opportunity in Washington, D.C., calls reparations a "recipe for hatred." She adds: "The problem is time. It is simply impossible to right an injustice committed in the distant past, and any attempt to do so can create as many difficulties as it alleviates."

When slavery was not "in the distant past," an effort was made to right the injustice. In 1865, the year the Civil War ended, Gen. William Tecumseh issued an order granting 40 acres of confiscated Confederate land and a mule to newly freed slaves. Two years later, Congress passed a bill granting land to former slaves.

However President Andrew Johnson vetoed that legislation. For years, groups, that came together under the umbrella of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCBRA) and the Nation of Islam have been strong and lonely voices for reparations. Over the years, they were marginalized, even by major civil right groups, for supporting what was then viewed as a radical proposal.

What was considered radical just a decade ago is quickly developing into the major civil rights issue of this new century. City councils in Detroit, Chicago, Dallas, Cleveland and Washington, D.C. have passed bills supporting the establishment of a federal commission to study the reparations issue. And

Randall Robinson, best known for his efforts to end apartheid in South Africa, has written a widely-praised book titled, *The Debt: What America Owes Blacks*.

Proponents of reparations say they are not asking for a hand-out. Rather, they are insisting on long over-due back pay for the forced slave labor that was never compensated. Rather going to individual African-Americans, any payments would be funneled into a community development fund that would do such things as send impoverished students to college and help revitalize inner city neighborhoods.

The first enslaved Africans landed at Jamestown, Va. in 1619. The "peculiar institution" was not officially abolished until the ratification of the 13th Amendment in 1865. After 246 years of slavery, segregation and Jim Crow laws still persisted for another century.

In his book, Randall Robinson cites a University of California-Berkeley study concludes about \$1.4 trillion is owed African-Americans in back wages alone. Now that Blacks are paid, there is still a gap between the wages of African-Americans and Whites.

According to the Census Bureau, the annual income for Black family of four is \$35,000. For a comparable White family, that figure is \$55,000.

For more than a decade, Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) has introduced a bill in each session of Congress that would establish a federal commission to study the feasibility of providing reparations to Blacks.



Bringing it home.... pictured from left to right is Ron Brummell, Tony Ruffin, Tobias Brummell and Eric Ruffin. Tobias and Eric recently competed in a Juijitsu Tournament held in South Carolina. Both young men returned to Greenville with trophies. Congratulations  
photo by Jim Rouse

## Breaking Ground

The Ground Grappling were.

Group of Greenville Tobias Brummell, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Ishwann King 2<sup>nd</sup> place, In Chester South Carolina, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Some of our students had only three weeks of ground training, and were still able to defeat competitors with two and three years of training.

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The G4-s (Ground Grappling Group of Greenville) is a free self-

defense club that meets at the Eppes Recreation Center on Tuesdays. The club teaches Free Style Grappling. The ages at 7 to 15 boys and girls. The next beginners class will start on Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be filled on a first come first serve basis. Class size is limited.



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## STROKE AWARENESS MONTH

## EDITORIALS

## Smiley, Joyner models of racial responsibility

A few weeks ago, the eyes of Black America and much of the nation were riveted to C-SPAN as a celebrated television talk show host and a renowned radio disc jockey convened a State of the Black Union forum at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center. Attended by thousands of people, the event featured the who's who of Black America's intellectual, artistic, political, civil rights/human rights and religious leadership. The dynamic duo who conceived and pulled this incredible forum together were Tavis Smiley and Tom Joyner.

What was remarkable about this event is that a talk show host and a disc jockey would have the consciousness, commitment, status and national following to successfully implement such a massive and meaningful project. What this speaks to is the importance of having people in key positions who are of the race and for the race, people from all walks of life who are the beneficiaries of the Black freedom struggle who understand the "bridges that brought us over" and are able and willing to give something back, to use a portion of their time, talent and resources to push the struggle forward in the interest of achieving full freedom for African people in the country and the world.

Tavis Smiley and Tom Joyner are remarkable precisely because we have so many Black people who have benefited from the Black freedom struggle, but suffer from historical amnesia — people who have no sense that they are where they are because their forebears were willing to wage a struggle against racial oppression and economic exploitation.

There is still a huge income and wealth gap between Blacks and Whites in this country, and the inner-cities and rural areas abound with brothers and sisters who are afflicted by poverty, hunger, homelessness and disease. I need not recite the entire litany of maladies that still plague Black America. Suffice it to say that despite all the progress we have made as a people, racism is still alive and well in America, shattering the dreams and containing the aspirations of millions of our people.

Regrettably, in the midst of this continuing crisis, far too many "successful" Black

folks have succumbed to the negative values of me, myself and I as opposed to the positive values of we, us and Our; that is to say that far too many Black folks have been seduced by the materialistic, competitive, individualistic credo of this capitalist society.

We have far too many people who are biologically or cosmetically Black but have no sense of allegiance or obligation to advocate for and be responsible and accountable to Black people. Tavis and Tom played a major role mobilizing Black voters for the 2000 presidential election.

I had a conversation with a Black professional in Atlanta recently, a sister in her 30s who told me that she had never voted before the last election, but listening to Tom Joyner persuaded her to vote for the first time. Her information about what's going on in Black America in terms of issues does not come by way of any of the major civil rights organizations. Her source of information is Tom Joyner.

When Tom and Tavis came under attack recently because they had the audacity to raise questions about Comp-USA's investments and relationship to Black consumers, this young woman was among the thousands of Black people who came to their defense by flooding the national office of this recalcitrant corporation with e-mails and letters. Tavis and Tom were willing to risk their positions to advance the interest of the race. Black folks appropriately responded by protecting their backs.

I decided to write this article because so often brothers and sisters in high profile or potentially influential positions like Tavis Smiley and Tom Joyner take criticism for what they don't do but seldom receive praise when they do positive work on behalf of Black people.

Perhaps, more artists, athletes, entertainers, professionals, politicians, ministers and ordinary people will be inspired to be of the race and for the race because of the magnificent example of advocacy and responsibility that Tavis Smiley and Tom Joyner are setting for all of us.

(Guest editorial by Ron Daniels, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights.)

## We can never afford to sleep at election time; or between

The political season is upon us once again. Last year's presidential election saw approximately 48 percent of Blacks voting, but it was not an overwhelming turnout because 50 percent failed to vote.

If you want to push your chest out about last year's voter turnout, go ahead. But you should know that during Jesse Jackson's campaign for president there was an 80 percent turnout.

The most frequent complaint among voters is that our elected leaders are not responsive to our needs.

There is some validity to that statement. Let's analyze why.

Why do some people enter politics? The majority do because of what we call economic salvation (salary). The minority seek to improve the quality of life for their constituents.

Some then let their egos take over and begin to believe their own press releases. Possessing an ego is basically healthy. We all have egos.

The problem is that all too frequently

their egos allow them to focus mostly on themselves instead of us.

And as they move up that proverbial ladder of success, their concern for the voter lessens. A number of politicians adopt the belief that they know what's best for the voters. They will tell you the voters never call or write with any complaints and so they do what they think is right.

The news media refers to them as leaders so their egos continue to grow. In fact, some politicians become so drunk with their "perceived" power they say, "Why should anyone run against me?"

It is my sincere belief that no politician should be unopposed, after all, "absolute power corrupts absolutely."

We must begin to make them understand that they represent us and not the other way around. They must focus on the agenda of the people instead of their own personal concerns.

(Guest editorial by Louis 'Hop' Kendrick.)

## UN chief Kofi Annan deserves second term

During his five marked illustrious years in office, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan has made great strides in helping keep the peace in Africa and other hot spots of trouble and dissension around the globe. He has battled bravely to promote human rights and against the worldwide scourges of AIDS and poverty. He deserves a second term at the helm of the esteemed world body.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell recently said "We think he has done an excellent job."

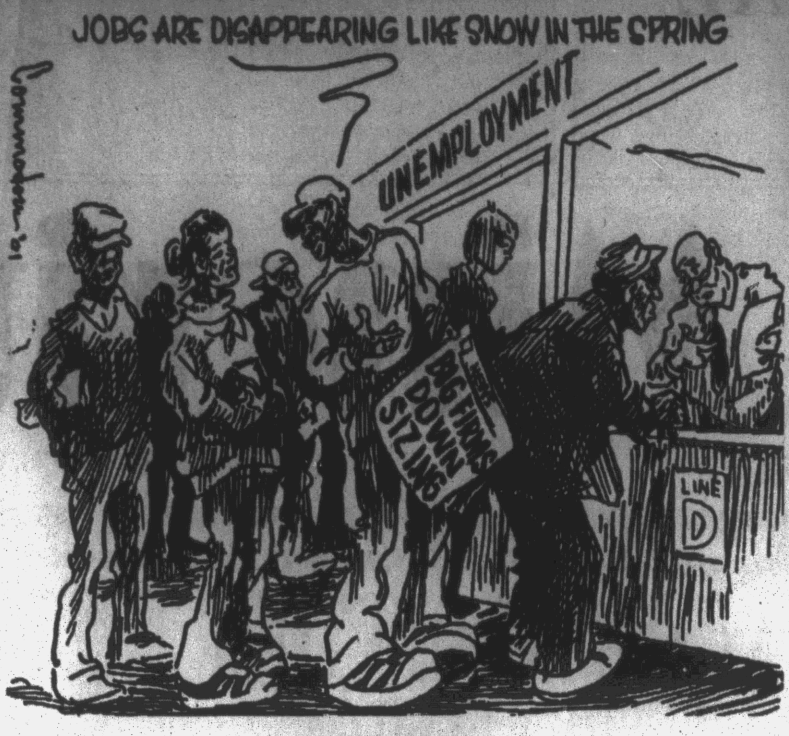
The endorsements that Annan has received from leaders worldwide is a staunch testimony to his leadership and effectiveness — and lie in stark contrast to

calls for a denial of a second term of his predecessor, the mostly ineffective Boutros Boutros-Ghali, five years ago, whose leadership was opposed by many, including the U.S., which lobbied mightily — and successfully — against him.

"There is still a great deal to be done to make the United Nations — this indispensable organization — into an effective instrument that humanity needs in this new century to fulfill the hope for peace, development and human rights," Annan said last week.

And he is just the man to help continue to carry out the daunting mission of the world body.

A second term, indeed, for U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan.



## COMMENTS

## Jesse Jackson, Inc. What floats his boat?

by William Reed

What does it cost to be the Boss Freedom Fighter? In the case of Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, it should be called Jesse Jackson, Inc. and in 1999, his operations toward "keeping hope alive" totaled \$17 million.

Jesse Jackson, Inc., operations are broad. There are more than 100 employees and may for-profit and non-profit entities behind the man. "A rising tide can lift all boats," Jackson often says.

There are 12 entities that help float Jesse's boat. These include: the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, Citizenship Education Fund, People United to Save Humanity and Push for Excellence. Rainbow/PUSH sub-divisions include: The Wall Street Project, International Trade Bureau, Rebuild America Commission, the Detroit Bureau and the Peachtree Project.

Jesse Jackson's freedom-fighting empire has grown since 35 years ago when he headed Operation Breadbasket, a program of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Southern Christian Leadership Conference that focused on economic inclusion for African-Americans.

The current employee group in the 59-year-old's freedom fight each make an average of \$42,145 annually. Reverend Jackson's \$120,000 annual salary actually makes him third on the list of top civil rights leaders' salaries.

The top guy is the NAACP's Kweisi Mfume at \$230,000, followed by National Urban League President Hugh Price at \$150,000. But Rev. Jackson also gets another \$120,000 a year for hosting "Both Sides With Jesse Jackson" on CNN cable television. When you factor in his speak-

ing engagements — managed via a for-profit entity called Jacqueline Inc. — Jackson's total estimated income is about \$300,000.

The five-year-old Rainbow/PUSH Coalition is a for-profit company that grew out of merging Operation PUSH — an offshoot of Operation Breadbasket — and the Rainbow Coalition. In 1999, it had nine offices and a \$5.2 million operating budget. The Rainbow/PUSH Coalition is the parent organization for the Wall Street Project, International Trade Bureau, Peachtree Project, Detroit Bureau and the Rebuild America Commission. The Wall Street Project has been successful in attracting capital for Black businesses, such as \$1 billion in bonds from AT&T. People United to Save Humanity (which in effect is Jackson's church), received \$1.5 million toward helping Black business development. Push for Excellence received \$199,000 for its motivational education programs. Two other non-profits that accept contributions are: the PUSH Foundation, an instrument for social service programs, and a Washington-based political action committee called Keep Hope Alive.

Has Jesse's rising tide lifted all boats? The results of Mr. Jackson's fight for social causes that have accrued for the overall Black Community are incalculable, however, his activities have lifted the fortunes of his family and siblings. In the 1980s, Jackson's half-brother, Noah Robinson, got ownership of a chain of McDonald's franchises from the Rev.'s social agitation's. Jackson's son Yusef and Jonathan, operate a \$30 million-a-year distributorship in Chicago bought from a company the civil rights leader fought in the 1980s, Anheuser-Busch.

(Reed is a contributing writer to the Tri-State Defender.)

## Don't confuse Jesse's actions with message we need to hear

by Frank Lipscomb

The Rev. Jesse Louis Jackson made more front page news than Damien II (President George W. Bush). Yes, the Rev. Jackson messed up. He fathered a child with someone other than his wife. That was his sin, not the mistake.

The man turned away when the nation needed his message the most. That was the mistake. He withdrew from public life, briefly, to "reconnect" with his family and his creator. The danger is while he heals, the voices of those who blame Black Americans, not the United States, for social and political injustices have grown louder.

The failure to live up to marital vows is on him. If that turns any citizens of this city and country away from what he preached, then theirs is the shame. It is not easy, but the serious situation calls for a condemnation of Jackson's actions, not a ruling on the state of his soul. That's the job of his creator.

A man is not a message, no more than teachings make a man. If words were all that mattered, the message would die when those who convey them are slain. History proves that this does not happen.

From Jesus of Nazareth to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Brother Malcolm, preachments outlast the prophets in this world. The Rev. Jackson is a career activist. It's left to us see that his avowed hopes are not derailed.

During the past three-and-a-half decades, Jesse never became everything Black America needed but he often embodied every hope we had. His face was out front in virtually every movement for empowerment, equality, peace and justice.

Leftwing pundits praise him as the great unifier, as loudly and frequently as

those on the right dub him a racial divider. He hollered like Muhammad Ali for healthcare, anti-drug programs and unity with Russia and the Middle East while many of those who are still in Congress sat silent. That's why he is respected throughout the world.

Jackson was always at the forefront of a fight. That is why he is loved. Throughout the past three decades, the controversial minister has been a harbinger of hope for youth.

Poor youngsters from thousands of high schools, colleges and universities have raised the name of Jesse as a symbol for what it means to "Keep Hope Alive" and show the world that "I Am Somebody."

For more than a decade, his name was on George Gallup's list of the 10 most respected by Americans.

When the word broke about Jesse's frolics, the man messed up, without provocation. Yes, Jackson's 38-year marriage to Jacqueline (Brown) Jackson might be on the ropes. Yes, the family unit is still wounded. Those matters are Rev. Jackson's private business.

The pity is that so many people are willing to let the sordid revelation drive him into seclusion and retirement when a national "conscience" is so desperately needed, especially in Black America.

We are at a time in our history when being a Black young male is like a contagious disease, dangerous and needs quarantine. The disappearance of sincere Black leaders that are principle-based, not material based, is at an all time high.

We need men like Jesse who are race protectors. Not anti-White but pro-Black. In the Chicago City Council Black voices are silent and that's what really is messed up.

(Lipscomb, a retired West Side teacher, is a frequent contributor to the Editorial pages.)

## The Minority Voice

## Whitehaven businesses say thank-you, city council

Dear Editor,

If anyone ever believes that our City Council doesn't listen to the average man, that person might want to re-think his position. We are a group of small businesses in Whitehaven who were recently told that in the interest of a large business, the main access road to our businesses would be closed off. We all know that large businesses in Memphis receive many benefits and incentives to locate and stay here, such as tax freezes.

Small businesses, all of which pay city and county taxes, make up 92 percent of the economy of Memphis and Shelby County. Many of them are homegrown, family-run businesses.

In our case, we chose to locate in Whitehaven and to have a diverse workforce, and it has worked well for us and for our employees. The proposed closing of Coughlin Drive, off Brooks Road, presented all of us with the real potential of losing significant business. But we did not know how the City Council would see it. Fortunately the City Council has some strong leaders who examined the issue carefully and who did the right thing despite pressure put on them.

We are very grateful to Councilmen Myron Lowery, Rickey Peete, Janet Hooks, Pat Vander Schaff, John Vergos, Tom Marshall, Brent Taylor and E.C. Jones, chairman, for their courageous votes to keep Coughlin Road open. This letter is to publicly acknowledge their efforts and their thoughtful consideration of all parties — regardless of the size of our businesses. Thank you.

Lynn Long, Memphis

## Preachers shouldn't be afraid to be audited

Dear Editor,

The Rev. Jesse Jackson's call for Black ministers to reject the faith-based program offered by the president is naive. He would deny us federal grants, while trying to project preachers that have something to hide.

He believes that the federal inspectors will want to look at the way money is handled by the churches. Avoiding the program will not protect preachers from being inspected. Churches that operate under tax exempt status already receive something from the government and they are subject to be inspected the privilege of being tax exempt.

It is understood that preachers are regularly exposed to the opportunity and the temptation to get involved in sex and the mishandling of church funds.

Blacks tend to forgive these weaknesses and live with them, when they like the preacher. When handling federal funds, they may act like Jesse about sex.

But they will have to be straight with the money, hopefully. We will have enough preachers who are not afraid of being inspected.

Hollis Chester, Memphis

## Bush's 'Tax-Gate' would be detrimental to Blacks

Dear Editor,

Nothing about taxation is new. People in the Bible complained about tax collectors; but nobody knows the tax troubles you will see until you meet Bush and his draconian tax plan. It is confusing. The president's plan is like Mark Twain's line about "lies, damned lies and statistics."

First of all Bush was not honest when he spoke to Congress and said, "my tax-package is only \$1 trillion" when the actual cost is over \$2 trillion.

What television and major newspapers are not telling the American people is that the working poor pay 80 percent of all federal taxes, while the richest one percent only pay 20 percent of federal taxes.

The proposed tax-cut will give the top 1 percent of our country's population a 43 percent cut. And the next 10 percent remaining folks in America. What will this mean for poor Black Americans?

It's not the amount that's important. It's how much a working person has after taxes. Those rich folks still will have enough money left to meet their basic needs, while people at the bottom of the 90 percent which includes people of color, will not have enough money to meet their basic needs. Sounds harsh, but it's true.

If this tax plan is passed by Congress in its present form, it will be the tax-equivalent of former President Bill Clinton's pardon of Marc Rich.

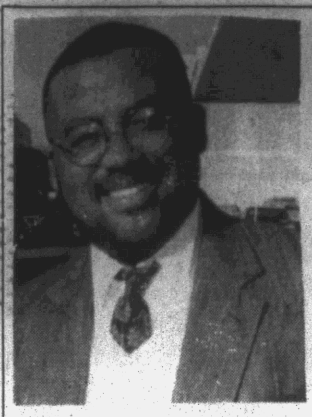
We will be in for another "gate." But, this time it's the Republicans "Tax-Gate" for four years. And it will be a low-down dirty shame because we poor Blacks will suffer worst than during the dark days of the Depression over 60 years ago.

Frank Lipscomb, Memphis

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Now that George W. Bush is President, thanks to the U.S. Supreme Court, blacks, nationwide and locally, need strong, progressive leadership to accept the torch passed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We need equal access to quality education, adequate housing, affordable health care, and equal economic opportunities. We can't trust Clarence Thomas to fight for our issues on the Supreme Court. The brother apparently has forgotten

his roots.

Local civil rights organizations are too dormant. The SCLC, NAACP, CAR, and black church leaderships must awake and smell the coffee. Why are the SCLC and the NAACP so quiet during these difficult times when Blacks are suffering immeasurably?

When blacks are disproportionately affected by HIV, there's a problem. When there are huge health care disparities between blacks and whites, we must become concerned. When blacks who apply for business and mortgage loans are rejected disproportionately by banks, local civil rights groups that look the other way are remiss in their duties.

When blacks are shooting each other in West Greenville, black preachers, especially, must leave the comfort zones of their costly cathedrals and touch their distraught, alienated, and confused sisters and brothers on the streets. We must go beyond the spiritual revivals and pastors' anniversaries and support psychological, physical, and community revivals. The Bible

admonishes us to go into the "highways and hedges" of our communities.

Why aren't local black leaders setting up scholarship funds to send our children, especially from West Greenville, to college so that they may become productive citizens locally and nationally? Don't we want more black anesthesiologists, dentists, gynecologists, podiatrists, attorneys, educators, engineers, etc. We need the aforesaid role models to help motivate blacks drowning in a sea of despair, hopelessness, and powerlessness. Let's wake us and smell the coffee. Time is short on this precious Earth.

Ineffective presidents of local civil rights groups need to be replaced. Local leadership must be overhauled if we are serious about making Dr. King's dream an enduring reality for this generation and its posterity. I have no patience with so-called leaders who wish to rest on their laurels rather than get into the trenches and become foot soldiers for racial justice, equality of opportunity, and economic and political empowerment for blacks. I rest my case for now.

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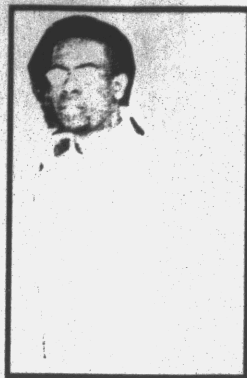
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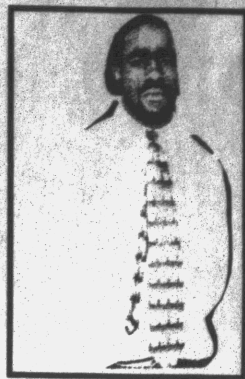
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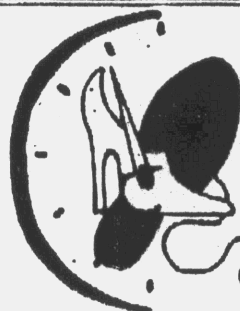
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2. JUNE 17 - 22: Computer & Music Technology: A series of one-day workshops focusing on technological resources related to music teaching and composition. Contact Rodney Schmidt, assistant dean for graduate studies and music technology, coordinator at 252-328-6282.

3. JUNE 17 - 22: Band Camp: A residential music camp for students in grades 6-12 featuring band rehearsals and performances, small ensemble participation, classes, and recreational activities. Contact Scott Carter, ECU Wind Ensemble Director, camp director at 252-328-6152.

4. JUNE 24-30: Guitar Workshops: Masterclasses, private lessons, and more for interested persons for junior high school age and up (including adults). Contact Elliot Frank, guitar professor, workshop director, at 252-328-6245.

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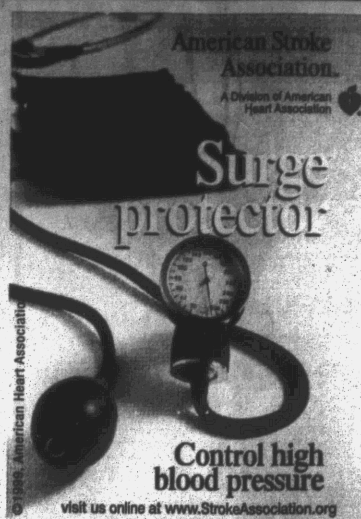
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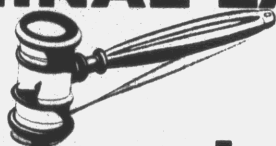
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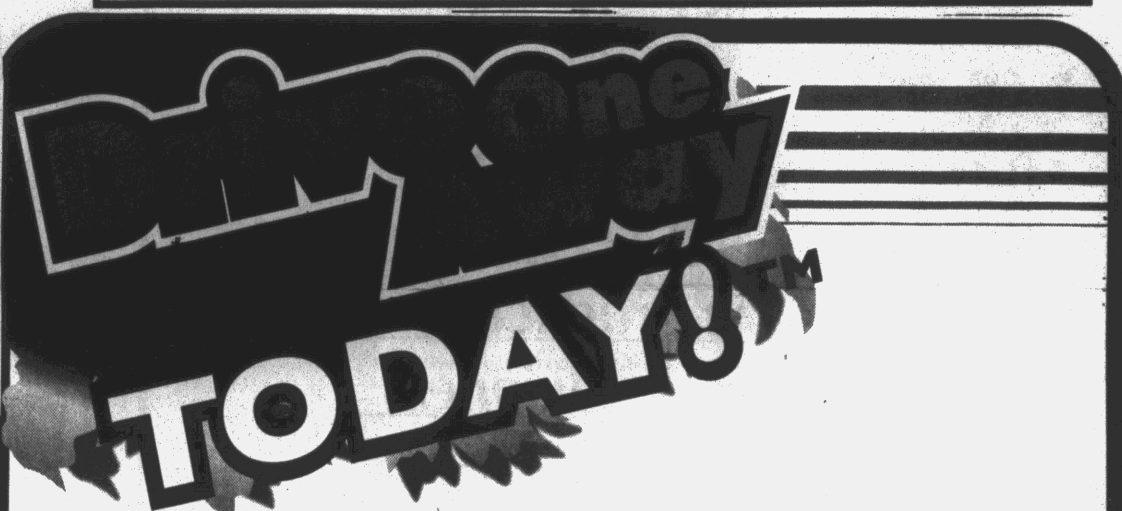
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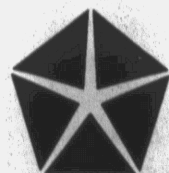


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## AT THE MOVIES

### Bridget Jones's Diary": Charming and Introspective.

by Nureya Namaz

This film is based on the ever-popular book (that practically every woman keeps by her bedside) written by Helen Fielding.

"Bridget Jones's Diary" is about a young woman (Bridget Jones) that represents that insecure person in all of us. Shes insecure about her weight, personality, looks, and age even though at first glance there really is nothing wrong with her. Bridget Jones yearns for something we all want: something real in her life. She wants a great love life (her relatives and single friends constantly inquire), a great companion, exciting job, and more importantly just the need to be aware day to day that shes not alone.

The film (directed by first time director Sharon Maguire and written by Richard Curtis and Andrew Davies) starts off with Bridget attending one of her traditional family-neighborhood get-togethers. In this one scene we get a full glimpse into Bridget's world; how she yearns for a purpose, how she sees herself as an embarrassment to her family circle and friends and more importantly herself.

From there the film takes us deeper into Bridget's world through the use of voiceover narration and how writing a diary (a habit she takes up after the get-together) changes her perspective on life, men, and her career. Writing her experiences

really creates a sense of purpose for Bridget and its from there that she blossoms into someone she wants to be: the beautiful person she was all along.

Being satisfied with self is a great thing for all of us to attain.

Renée Zellweger is a treat as Bridget Jones. I have to confess that at first her try at a British accent slightly bothered me in the first scene, but afterwards it was smooth sailing from there. As a note she even added on about 25 pounds to play the part. Zellweger completely embodies a true sense of the character and definitely portrays a very human and realistic person, and not just a character that could easily be depicted and acted out as a caricature.

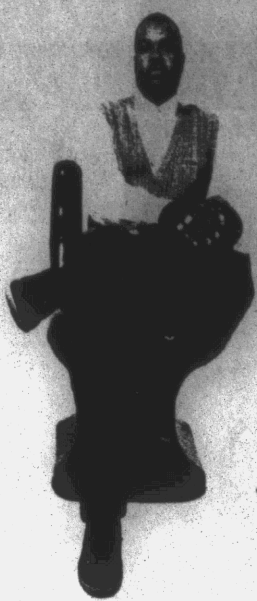
Colin Firth famously known for his period work (Pride and Prejudice) plays Mark Darcy, a longtime friend of Bridget's who begins to see her as the wonderful person she is.

Hugh Grant (Notting Hill, Micky Blue Eyes) plays the antithesis of Mark Darcy and also seeks Bridget's affections.

Just to keep a look out, there is talk in the entertainment industry of there being a sequel based on the next installment of the Bridget Jones series.

Renée Zellweger is in talks to reprise the Bridget role.

This film is playing at the local Carmike 12.



#### LOCAL TALENT

By: Faith May

Anthony Williams, a very talented young man, only 30 years old, has always had a dream of working in the music industry. He started out as many others, singing in local churches. He also played piano and keyboard. He later decided to further his music career, so he moved to Washington, DC.

Mr. Williams and Don Harris started First Production Company here in Greenville, NC. Later, determined to move up to a higher level, he put GOD first and believed in himself. Mr. Williams is now part owner of Fella Records out of Washington, DC. He has been blessed to work with Michael Michelle from Motown. He's hoping to release a local artist, Mr. Linwood Mercer sometime later this year.



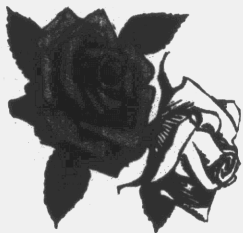
**The Anointed Spiritualettes.....** from left to right is Alice Clark, April Sutton, Venica Williams, and Kimberly Britt. Listen to Joy 1340AM to hear their message in song. The group started in 1996 and completed their first recording in July of 2000. The name of the group came from Venica's father's group "The Spiritualettes". Venica stated "Our first recording was truly a blessing from God. At press time the group was currently in the studio preparing for their next release due out in the beginning of the New Year.



**N C A B ...**North Carolina Association of Broadcasters Executive Committee met at Elm College in Greensboro NC for their monthly meeting. Shown posing for the camera are, from to right. Board member, Henry Hinton, Jim Rouse, Mike Weeks, and the GM of WITN TV, Board Member. Elm College has an outstanding Communication Dept. and N C A B members met to encourage faculty and students.

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In Larissa's BreadBook, Johnson-Coleman looks through the eyes of a young girl and 10 aging women to explore and celebrate the rich cultural diversity found in the south. The integration of more than 160 delicious bread recipes makes Larissa's BreadBook a remarkable marriage of history, fiction and food.

Set in eastern North Carolina, the adventure begins when Larissa receives an assignment to help the women at the senior center prepare bread for her school's bake sale. The afternoon brings much more than Larissa had imagined, however, when the women at the center tell her their unique stories.

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In India's first single, "Video," we're discovering not only an extraordinarily gifted and affecting young singer: we're also meeting a fellow traveler. From local coffee houses like the Ying Yang Cafe' in Atlanta to Black Lily in Philadelphia, with her richly textured voice and some of the most eloquent and inspiring songs we've heard on love and the life since our first encounters with Roberta Flack, Tracy Chapman and Bill Withers.

"Songwriting has had an effect on me that I would never have predicted," India says. "In 'Back to the Middle,' the girl who was 'afraid to speak her mind,' is me. I was in a shell. When I tapped into my own sensitivity, I started to understand people, better--understand a person's motives; see on someone's face when they're not feeling good, or when a person is touched. This deeper understanding of myself and others was a direct result of writing songs." And that may be just what makes India's many talents--singing, writing, playing, arranging, producing--feel at first impres-

sive, and then truly inspired.

With equal parts of gorgeous melodicism and honest, rootsy blues, India's voice was made to communicate directly to the heart. Her insights are wonderfully warm and reassuring in "Strength, Courage and Wisdom," and "Video." In life stories like "Promises" and "Beautiful," India provides the kind of encouragement we treasure from our best friends. Fusing romance and the everyday pleasures of life, "Nature," "Simple" and "Part of My Life" convey both deep faith and the grace of our higher selves. And in her love songs "I See God in You," "Brown Skin," "Ready For Love" and "Always in My Head," India writes and sings with such originality and intimacy that she immediately joins singular talents like Mary Chaplain Carpenter and Lucinda Williams. The album is an absolute embarrassment of riches: a balm of the soul, a mightily inspirational wake-up call for those of us seeking real substance in our pop music, and a sensual, melodic tonic for every listener. Stevie Wonder, for whom India wrote her joyful tribute "Wonderful," recently said of her: "A gentle genius lives in the mind, voice and hands of this woman."

ACOUSTIC SOUL was over a year and a half in the making. Experimenting at both the demo and production stage, India emerged with a spare, yet enveloping sound of her own: a balanced, intuitive and highly personal melding of textures and beats chosen from both the old and new. "I'm trying to blend acoustic and hip-hop elements," India explains. "I used the most acoustic-sounding drum samples, to have something loud enough to compete with other records, but to keep the realistic, softer feel." Track co-producers Blue Miller, Mark Batson, Carlos "Six July" Broady, and Bob Powers all co-wrote with her, resulting in

a vibe that's unmistakably collaborative, consistent, and creatively whole.

Both India's overflowing generosity of spirit and breadth of background are rooted in a supportive and musical family. Her mother, called Simpson by the family, and her father, basketball player Ralph Simpson, named India in tribute to Mahatma Gandhi because her due date matched his birthday. "Arie was something my mom made up, but I was too young to join the school band in her hometown Denver, India eventually took up sax, baritone clarinet, "a little" French horn, soprano, alto and tenor recorders, and trumpet as she was drawn by each instrument's unique qualities. All the while, she sang in school choir.

"Both my mom and dad's side encouraged me, but once I started singing, my mom was my mentor," India says. "She grew up in Detroit when Motown was new, and taught me everything about singing and songwriting. My 'formal training' was my mom saying, "Try this." Admiring the full-length bright orange car -- with matching handbag-- handmade and overnighted by her mother, India adds, "My whole family is helping me, setting up my website, sending me clothes, praying for me. In fact, my mother, a professional designer, is my stylist."

Taking up the guitar while studying jewelry making at Savannah College of Art & Design transformed her life. "It was the first instrument I played that I could sing with. At a party, I was playing a song that I wrote about my mother, and at some point, I wasn't even thinking about what the next word or note was going to sound like. The room got really bright, like someone had turned up the lights. At that moment, I knew that a dream was coming true."

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## A Child's Place

By Faith May

A Child's Place celebrated its annual "Week Of The Young Child" April 2nd thru April 6th. Monday, the children's artwork was displayed. Tuesday, Speaker came from the Sheriff's Department. Wednesday, was Teacher Appreciation Day. Thursday was a parent breakfast. Friday was field day and a special prize was given away. A Child's Place is one of the few daycare centers in Pitt County that is accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young People. The commission focuses on the evaluation of the education and training of staff, teacher/child ratio and teacher/child interaction in the classroom. Pictured from left to right is Mary Ann, Director of the center, center Shondell, infant/toddler coordinator and Becky, program coordinator.



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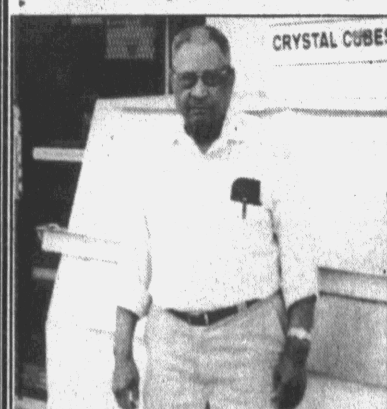
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# From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



Mrs Beatrice Maye

Cal Thomas, a writer for THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, made some challenging statements in his column, dated Wed. March 28, 2001 in the Daily Reflector.

Let me lift some of them:

President Bush wants to spend millions of dollars on "character" education in government run schools. My parents gave me mine free. No matter how much money is spent, it is ultimately up to parents to decide whether they are willing to invest the necessary time and resources to properly rear their own children. This critical job cannot be done as one might cook a microwave dinner. Good food and good children take time and the right ingredients to create.

Numerous studies have shown that

modern teens are angry. They have been abandoned by "no fault" divorcing parents for whom "love" is more about feeling commitment. Children feel conditionally loved. If they perform up to paternal expectation they are affirmed. But if they struggle to fail, too many parents refuse to spend the time necessary to set them right.

We dump children in day care at even earlier ages. Many parents don't have time for much more than checking homework. How many families have unhurried meals together with the television off? How many families see the transfer of their own beliefs and values to their children as their primary responsibility, ahead of school, and certainly ahead of culture? How many parents, ridden with fault for their failure to properly rear their children, allow them to make their own moral, cultural and relational decisions and are afraid to say "no" to anything a child wants because it might make the youngster angry?

No child is taught to kill but he has to be taught to love, respect, honor, and value, not only his own life, but also the lives of his classmates, parents and teachers. He has to experience love and acceptance. He has to know his life has purpose and meaning. No amount of money can do that. Our success and happiness depends less on what happens in the White House than what happens in our own home

**IT'S NOT WHAT YOU SAY,  
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There's great power in words if you don't hitch too many of

them together.

John Billings

The more you say, the less people remember. In this life we want nothing but facts.

Charles Dickens

Nobody ever sold anybody anything by boring him to death.

David Ogilvy

By standing tall and using good posture, you convey confidence.

Don't point at the audience. The simple truth is no one likes to be pointed at.

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**TO THE EDITOR:**

Although the climate where we live, the kind of work we do, and the company we work for determine to some degree how we dress on the job, there are certain types of degrees that just aren't appropriate for the work place. And for

the Christians, what we choose to wear to work is especially important.

How we dress says a lot about us — our values, our beliefs, even our morals. When we show up at work, what messages are you sending about your Christianity? Are you telling others that Christians are neat or sloppy? Modest or immodest? Chaste or promiscuous? Economical or extravagant?

A key consideration for Christian dress in the work place is the principle of modesty. In 1 Timothy 2:9, we are told that women should dress modestly (men, you're not off the hook). To be modest is to be not showy or splendid in appearance. Christians should dress nicely but avoid wearing flashy clothes or dressing in a way that would call attention to themselves.

Modesty also has to do with how much of our bodies we expose. Before going out of the door to work, take a good look at your clothing in a full-length mirror. Is it too tight? Too short? Too revealing? Too flashy?

As work place dress standards continue to become more relaxed, it's tempting for us to relax our standards as well. But remember, the phrase "dress down" doesn't mean lower your dress standards. It's possible to be more casual in our dress and still be modest. Simply dress appropriate for the occasion. As a representative of Jesus on earth, be like Him — both on the inside and the outside.

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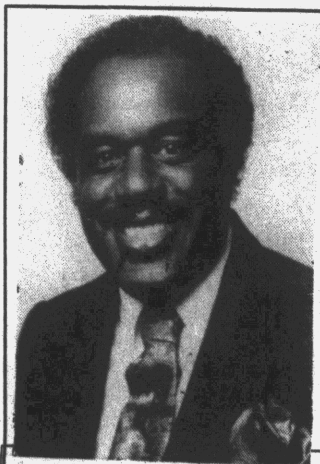
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## Spiritual Thoughts



Dr. George Hawkins

**Speaking in Tongues**

Greetings,

Isn't it strange that the only gift of the Holy Spirit we are told not to forbid, is forbidden by so many believers today? It is as though Paul never wrote 1 Corinthians 14:39. Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. Why is there so much controversy concerning the gift of tongues? How can any gift of the Holy Spirit be so rejected and despised? Could it be that the gift of tongues is our spirit praying directly to God - our spirit giving Him praise - our mind being renewed just as the apostle Paul said? Of course, Satan would try to stop anything this powerful. The gift of tongues is the evidence of a person having received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It is the doorway

to living in the supernatural realm that is open for every believer. When believers receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit and thereby filled with the Holy Spirit, they begin to speak in tongues supernaturally as the Spirit gives the vocal inspiration. This is what happened on the Day of Pentecost. Acts 2:4-And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Often, when the revelation of God's power through the Holy Spirit is shared with people, the anointing is so great that the Holy Spirit "falls" upon them and they begin to speak in tongues and magnify God according to Acts 10:44-46a which reads-While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God.

Many times people receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit when the hands of a Spirit-baptized believer are laid upon them. Often, they not only begin to speak with tongues but the other gifts of the Holy Spirit are immediately activated in their lives. Acts 19:2,6-He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came

upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Paul was thankful and realized the importance of speaking in tongues often and for long periods of time. If the apostle Paul needed to speak often in tongues, how much more do we need the same in our lives today?

Refer to 1 Corinthians 14:18.

When we speak with the tongues of men, we speak in one of the languages of this world. But Paul also said that he spoke in a language which the angels speak, a heavenly language.

1 Corinthians 13:1a

Often when expressing our love to God during our personal times of praise and worship, we run out of words in our human language to express our hearts to God. After receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we can, like Paul, begin to speak in a new heavenly language, a language without the limitations of our vocabulary, the same language that the angels are worshipping God with, day and night before the throne.

According to 1 Corinthians 14:14, when we pray in tongues, our spirit is praying by a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Our mind is unfruitful. When Spirit-baptized believers speak in tongues, they're bringing praise to God by speaking of His wonderful works. Acts 2:11.

While praying in tongues, the thoughts don't come from our mind, nor are they limited to our own understanding. Instead the Holy Spirit is praying through our human

spirit directly to the Father, Ephesians 6:18 and Romans 8:26,27.

When we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, we are to begin to speak! The Holy Spirit will give the vocal inspiration. We cannot speak two languages at one time. We are to speak in our heavenly language. We are not to think in this language since "our understanding is unfruitful" when speaking in tongues. What are we then, to speak? Acts 2:4 says And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

All languages are made up of words that are a combination of sounds. If the Spirit is to give us the enablement, or vocal inspiration, like on the Day of Pentecost we must begin to speak but not in a language we know. We, like those early believers must begin to speak sounds out loud. As we begin to center our thoughts on Jesus, having asked for and received the baptism in the Holy Spirit by faith, we must begin to speak. It will be us speaking, as they did on the Day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit will then give us the ability. The language that will begin to flow from us will be like "nivers of living water" as it flows from our innermost being.

Even as God made the water hard under Peter's feet when he stepped out of the boat and began walking on the water, the Holy Spirit will make the sounds "hard" under our tongues when we begin to boldly speak out loud.

## Words of Faith



Suejette Jones

**The Christian Sabbath**

Most people cannot wait for the weekend. Saturdays and Sundays are days supposed to be for the rest, relaxation and enjoyment. Although most stores are now open on Sundays, some people still go to church. Although Saturday is a big recreation day, other people still go to their synagogue or in some cases their church services. Why one in seven days? Why not one in ten? Is Sunday really a Sabbath?

Even God rested on the seventh day of creation (Genesis 2:1-3). But of course, God's "days" are not man's 24-hour days. God "ceased from His own works" (Hebrews 4:10) and gave it over to His Son—according to Bible chronology—over 6,000 years ago.

Since then, man has been toiling under the taskmaster of sin and death. The law of God originally written in man's heart became obsolete. The plan for rewriting God's Law in man's heart will not be finished till the end of "God's seventh day" when Jesus Christ turns back a restored perfected creation to His Father (1 Corinthians 15:27,28)

From creation—for 2000 years—God did not say anything to man about keeping a Sabbath. Noah was minutely instructed by God, but nothing was said about keeping a Sabbath. In all of Abraham's long life, nothing is mentioned about his keeping a day of rest. Not until it was time for God to deliver His special people Israel from slavery was there any ordinance or obligation to keep a Sabbath. While the first Sabbath was observed before the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai—it was still considered part of the law. Six days they could gather manna, but not on the seventh day. (Exodus 16:26-30)

In God's counting, seven is not exclusively assigned to days. The seventh day, the seventh month, and the seventh year were in fact, all prominent under the law. The seventh day was observed as a period to cease from toil, a period of physical rest. In the seventh month, atonement for sin was affected that Israel might have rest from sin. In the seventh year, one might be released from the bondage of servitude

(Deuteronomy 15:12)

In the early Christian church, predominantly those of Jewish background, some had difficulty letting go of the regulations of Law of Moses. Issues such as circumcision, eating of certain meats, keeping Sabbath days, etc., challenged the teachings of the apostles who needed to advise that such observances were no longer acceptable to the Lord. Since Jesus opened up the new and living way, His followers are in no sense of the word bound by the Jewish Law—either by the Sabbath days or Sabbath years.

So far as the world is concerned, the great Messiah's reign of a thousand years will be the Sabbath for the world in general, and all who believe in Christ may enter into rest, and thus keep a continual Sabbath. For we which have believed do enter into rest." (Hebrews 4:3) For the present, Christians are thankful for any day set aside for the opportunity to worship God and fellowship with fellow Christians. The Christian Sabbath is not broken by physical labor. Nor is it dependent on physical ease. It is deep and lasting rest only broken by doubt in Jesus Christ. As new creatures, we rest all the time, and each Christian in proportion to his or her knowledge and faith will have rest. The Christian Sabbath is Sunday through Saturday—all week, all the time.

**Stirrings In The Jug**  
By Aldolph Reed Jr.

*Note: This is an argument narrative about Black Politics in the Post-Segregated Era*

Forcefully ringing changes on a remark by Ralph Ellison (a noted black writer)—that segregation was wrongly seen as "an opaque steel jug with the Negroes inside waiting for some black Messiah"—Adolph Reed Jr. uses these essays to examine where black leadership has failed and where black action may yet succeed.

In urban politics, Reed argues, black candidates' need for the white swing vote, combined with the clamor for jobs and growth, means white leverage over black aspirations; thus Atlanta-based Delta Airlines became a kingmaking force among Atlanta's black elite, and the National Conference of Black Mayors echoed Ronald Reagan's call for ghetto "enterprise zones". Reed, who teaches political science at the New School for Social Research, damns the idea that black Americans "hold a status similar to a protectorate," to be managed by favoring self-appointed spokesmen, and shuns those who have sought white endorsement as "national black leader."

Reed rejects the conventional assumption that poor black people are to blame for all their own problems. "I do not want to hear another word about drugs or crime," he concludes, "without hearing about decent jobs, adequate housing, and equal education in the same breath."

Reviewed by Allen D. Boyer

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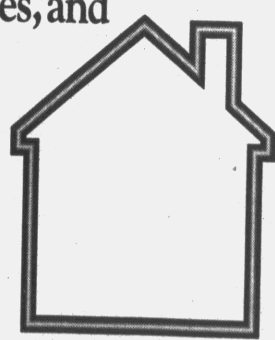
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The angels were created from light and existed before the creation of mankind. They worship and praise Allah constantly and are the advocates of the faithful. Before and immediately after Adam's creation Allah developed a relationship between mankind and His heavenly hosts. Allah informed the angels that He was planning to place a ruler in the Earth. The angels were curious but realized this creation was special. When Adam and Ever were created Allah allowed rapport to begin between them and the angels. Since then, the angels have been our steady companions.

**Allah says in the Qur'an:**  
Behold thy Lord said to the angels: "I will create a vicegerent on earth." They said "Wilt thou place therein one who will make mischief therein and shed blood? Whilst we do celebrate Thy praises and glorify Thy holy (name)?" He said: "I know what ye know not."  
And He taught Adam the

nature of all things; then He placed them before the angels and said: "Tell Me the nature of these if ye are right."

They said: "Glory to Thee of knowledge we have none save that Thou hast taught us: in truth it is Thou who art perfect in knowledge and wisdom."

He said: "O Adam! Tell them their natures." When he had told them Allah said: "Did I not tell you that I know the secrets of heaven and earth and I know what ye reveal and what ye conceal?"

And behold We said to the angels: "Bow down to Adam"; and they bowed down not so Iblis he refused and was haughty he was of those who reject Faith. Quran 2:30-34

Those who sustain the Throne (of Allah) and those around it sing Glory and Praise to their Lord; believe in Him; and implore forgiveness for those who believe: "Our Lord! Thy reach is over all things in Mercy and Knowledge. Forgive then those who turn in repentance and follow Thy Path: and pre serve them from the Penalty of the Blazing Fire! Quran 40:7

The angels are obedient to Allah and they have none of the weaknesses ascribed to mankind. It is insolent to consider that angels fall in love with humans and would give up

paradise for a human life, as the motion picture industry has recently portrayed. The angels never disobey Allah, and were not the beings forced to leave paradise. That being was from the tribe of the Jinns and his name is Iblis. Iblis and his cadre of evil Jinn, also known as devils, are avowed enemies to mankind. The angels help the true believer resist the temptations of the devils.

The angels are neither male nor female. They neither eat nor drink. They do not marry nor have children. The angels are free of all animal appetites and are unadulterated by any selfish inclination. The angels have wings which vary in size and their numbers are unimaginable. They are extremely powerful and beautiful but can take on hideous forms when situations

dictate it. "Praise be to Allah Who created (out of nothing) the heavens and the earth Who made the angels messengers with wings two or three or four (Pairs): He adds to Creation as He pleases: for Allah has power over all things."

"O ye who believe! Save yourselves and your families from a Fire whose fuel is Men and Stones over which are (appointed) angels stern (and) severe who flinch not (from executing) the Commands they receive from Allah but do (precisely) what they are commanded." Qur'an 66:6

He was taught by one mighty in Power Endued with Wisdom: For he appeared (in stately form) Qur'an 53:6

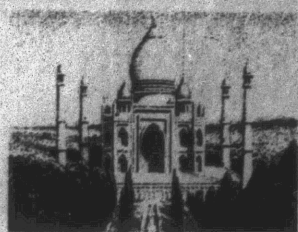
The heavens are almost rent asunder from above them (by His Glory): and the angels

celebrate the Praises of their Lord and pray for forgiveness for (all) beings on earth: Behold! Verily Allah is He the Oft-Forgiving Most Merciful. Qur'an 42:5

The angels have many roles. They, through the command of Allah, control all the forces of nature. The angels guide the winds of the hurricane, and the tornado. They bring about earthquakes and maintain the forces that allow the planets to rotate. They monitor the fetus in the womb guard, protect it in life, and will rule over the inhabitants of Hell. They are there to record our good and bad deeds in a book, which Allah will present to each of us on judgement day.

The angels are more faithful to us than we are to ourselves. How many times do we say to

each other "remember me in your prayers"? However, often our own troubles and busy life causes us to forget. Allah's angels never forget to ask for His blessings on His faithful servants. The angels comb the Earth in search of those who remember Allah. When they find such people they call other angels around them and they protect them and encourage them.



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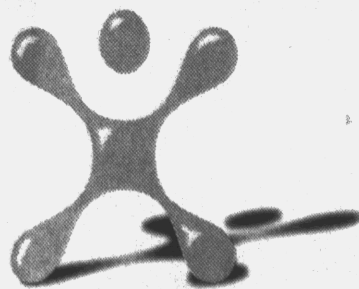
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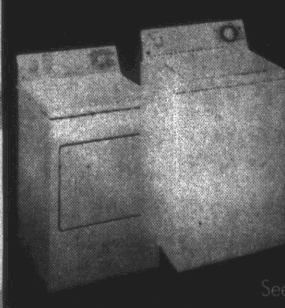
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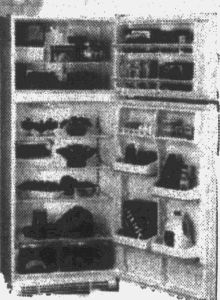
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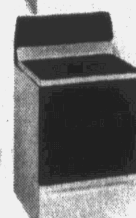
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