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Reparations

by: Michelle B. Phipps
Washington AFRO Staff

An international petition drive in support of reparations for Black American descendants of slaves will officially kickoff in Capitol Heights, Md., on Aug. 21 for a five-day petition drive. Started by Clara Peoples, founder of the Oregon June Tenth Reparations Project, and spearheaded by Dr. Saharra L. Bledsoe, the Reparations Yes-Movement hoped to garner more support for two pieces of legislation, House Bill 40 and House Resolution 356. Both call on America to reexamine the effects of slavery and its lingering aftermath.

We're embarking on the reparations movement as if it were a new agenda," said Dr. Bledsoe, the founder of June Tenth International here in DC. "People always think it's radicals who get involved in reparations, but we're moving away from that."

The thrust of the campaign is to have at least 50,000 signatures from each state as "conclusive evidence that America is ready to make amends for the wrong and injury upon an entire race of people," Dr. Bledsoe explained. Once the petition drive is completed, the results would be made available to Congress, the country and the world during the Reparations- Yes! March for Reparations that will take place Sept. 15, 2003.

H.R. 40 was first introduced by Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.) in 1989 "to acknowledge the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality and inhumanity of slavery in the US and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865." It also called for a "commission to examine the institution of slavery, subsequently de jure and de facto racial and economic discrimination against African Americans, and the impact of these forces on living African Americans, to make recommendations to the Congress on appropriate remedies, and for other purposes."

House Resolution 356, "The Apology for Slavery Resolution of 2000," is a concurrent bill whose first submission was made before Congress June 2000 by Rep. Tony Hall (D-Ohio).

When asked why African Americans believe they should be given reparations for slavery, Lisa Clay, a Portland, Ore. based organizer for the Reparations-Yes Movement petition, said because President Lincoln promised the ex-slaves 40 acres and a mule, which they never got.

"We're entitled to it," said Ms. Clay. "It's not welfare. This belongs to the descendants of the slave trade. And since the descendants of slavemasters got their wealth individually, made from the backs of slaves should be given theirs individually as well."

Some have argued that since slaves did not start on an equal footing, the descendants are paying even to this day. Vincene Verdun, an associate professor of Ohio State University College of Law, wrote in a study, An Analysis of Reparations to African Americans:

"Systematic and government-sanctioned economic and racial oppression since the abolition of slavery impeded and interfered with the self-determination of African Americans, and excluded them from sharing in the growth and prosperity of the nation."

That, together with modern day racism such as racial profiling, the larger number of black men being put to death and arguments against affirmative action have made the issue of reparations one that is way past due, according to Dr. Bledsoe.

Reparations for slavery has become such a hot topic recently that it has influenced the Bush administration's decisions in other areas. It has been cited as one of the determining factors whether the US may attend what has been called one of the most important conferences on race.

Last week, the AFRO reported that President Bush said he will not be sending a delegation to the World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, from Aug. 31 to Sept. 07, if talks on reparations for slavery and colonialism, and



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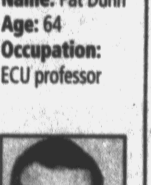
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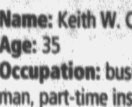
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LETTERS

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No one in this country should be above the law

Police misconduct scandals in cities like Los Angeles, New York and New Orleans, have got some people thinking. On the local level, we've also had a rash of incidents reported and it has been said the difference between a police force and an armed mob is discipline. Without discipline, which is strict adherence to standards of ethical behavior as well as accepted and fair law enforcement procedures, a police force degenerates into something little more than an armed and organized street gang. An ethical police force must not trample on people's consti-

For years many in the Black community have advocated the wholesale institution of citizen review boards to monitor the activities of the armed folks who patrol our communities. Those pleas, for the most part fell on deaf ears. After all, we were just being paranoid. Now that others are yelling, maybe something will be done to stop the erosion of discipline and ethics in our police agencies and bring back discipline and trust to their ranks. Just maybe...

Reforming the presidential appointment process

It is incumbent on the President and Congress to ensure that appointees meet exacting standards. But all too often the appointment process becomes mired in politics. Nominees face burdensome, duplicative, perhaps unnecessary paperwork, and confusing ethics laws which in large part have lost sight of their initial purpose. In fact, the process of recruiting and confirming nominees have evolved into a bureaucratic maze that has been referred to by some as a "hazing process." It is neither the responsibility nor the right of Congress to

I can't imagine anything of greater civic importance than getting the right people to heed the call to public service. Further, we owe it to the President and his key appointees the ability to get a team in place in a timely fashion. The government should not be responsible for maintaining undue barriers to public service, and the President must not be asked to do the people's business with only a skeleton crew in place.

(Thompson is a United States senator from Tennessee.)

Time for a recall before we, as a people, fall

by Yaqin Abdul-EI Malik Kinshasa

As a supporter of our own, we should encourage our young teens to re-think their ambitions and objectives to achieve greater

Now we can not sit and cry over the cause of the defect. We must take the responsibility for a recall — we must take a natural approach of the Scriptures to recall these lost sheep back by all means possible. We must call our young teens, male and female, back to right guidance in order to correct the ills of extrinsic thinking and motivate them to become intrinsic thinkers, to enjoy life and work for the sake of perennial fulfillment which in turn will bring the growth the natural process of God-consciousness from within us. Therefore we may become a healed people.

(Kim Shasa is an inmate at the Shelby County Jail.)

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Experience may not be the best teacher

I wholeheartedly applaud calls for greatly increased driving experience, but warn that experience which is not grounded in correct theory is of extremely little value.

Kenneth L. Zuber
Homewood, Ill.

High arrest rates concern of task force

It is a long-held phenomenon that analysts trace in part to raw arrest figures. Separate data from the FBI show that Blacks are arrested at rates far higher than their national population percentage. For comparison purposes, in Memphis and Shelby County, the figures are still coming in.

The Memphis & Shelby County Local Disproportionate Minority Confinement Task Force is a satellite for the state DMC. We are identifying means of impacting the minority overrepresentation in this area.

We the local DMC, are requesting an appointment with you to gain your support for our efforts. We would like the city to recognize the importance and urgency of this endeavor by endorsing visits to Memphis and Shelby County detention centers. This will be in conjunction with The Tennessee Legislative Black Caucus, currently chaired by State Rep. Larry Turner.

We want a city office create to monitor of existing organizations and agencies that are funded to impact the risk factors that lead minorities to confinement; receive periodic summarization of incarcerations that could have been handled differently; maintain open dialog with the mayor's office regarding the effectiveness of programs that are designed for prevention and/or intervention of juvenile delinquency (a major concern of the OJJDP), including Alcohol and Drug programs; a city-wide newsletter that reports the progress and/or roadblocks of the city in dealing with the overrepresentation of minorities in our jail system; and establish a balance between building new jails, prevention programs, and programs designed to re-establish ex-convicts into society.

The state DMC meets Aug. 14 in Nashville. Our intentions are to report the progress of this area in dealing with this pressing concern.

I Am Yours Because He Is I AM,
Dr. James R. Bingham

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Practice makes perfect if each one, teaches one

Another year has come and gone, and another crop of young leaders has been graduated from their colleges, high schools and grammar schools, purportedly prepared to tackle the future.

While there are certainly many committed teachers and administrators of all colors doing the best they can with what little they're given, there are also too many others who aren't doing their best for our children.

That will impact the quality of the graduates of tomorrow, unless we as a community demand better now. Better teachers, and more African-American educators in the classroom. More Black administrators who are in policymaking positions to look out for the best interests of all children, especially ours. And, a school board that puts children before politics. These changes will make a big difference in the quality of graduate for tomorrow.

But what about the graduates of today? What should we be doing as a community to help them transition smoothly?

Give them encouragement, and opportunity. We give lots of lip service to young people about being successful, but how many of us mentor a young person as he/she moves on to the next level of development? How many of us help define responsibility for young men and women

looking for their proper place.

How many of us give them something meaningful to do, not only to earn a living, but learn the value of work and making a contribution? Do we ever make it clear to them that this is their community too, and we will one day pass the baton of leadership to them, but they have to be prepared?

How many us make clear that graduating from school is not the end of learning, but the beginning of living by putting what you've learned into practice?

Our graduates are a tremendous resource for the future. But they're also a great resource now, especially with their advanced computer skills and training.

Most importantly, our grads can reach back to the generation behind them, and give them proper leadership and guidance. Beyond all else they'll learn the understanding that "each one, teach one" may be the greatest lesson of all.

If we encourage them, at a young age, to take part in positively molding another younger life, there will certainly be an impact on the graduates of tomorrow.

The potential is unlimited for the Class of 2001. Their contributions are promising, and their future is bright. But only if we, as a community, love guide and respect them.

By doing so, the Class of 2001 will one day pass on these lessons to future leaders.

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Rev. Al's Back In Business

Busy 1st full day out of jail

by: Michael O. Allen
Dave Saltonstall

On his first day of freedom, the Rev. Al Sharpton delivered a standing room-only sermon, hugged a mayoral candidate, marched triumphantly through Harlem and just for good measure, laid plans for a presidential run.

And that was before lunch.

"They thought they locked us down," Sharpton told the 600 supporters who jammed his National Action Network headquarters in Harlem to hear his morning sermon. "They didn't know that they can't lock us out." The whirlwind day came less than 24 hours after Sharpton was freed after serving 86 days in a federal prison for protesting the US Navy's bombing on the Puerto Rican island of Vieques---a battle he continued to wage at an afternoon rally in the Bronx.

He told supporters at the Fremont demonstration, "It's not over until we stop the bombing."

The day---part homecoming, part protest rally, part revival---served a unique combination of purposes for Sharpton.

The fiery preacher, his beard gone still sporting a mustache, said he would start setting up an exploratory committee tomorrow to help him run for President in 2004.

"The people who are being raised as probable candidates are more unknown than I am," said Sharpton, who mentioned Sen. John Edwards (D-NC) and former Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska. "So what are we talking about?" He also joked that if he faced former Vice President Al Gore, they would wage the "battle of the two Al's."

The day was not all work for Sharpton, who managed to find his way

to Amy Ruth's restaurant on W. 116th St. for an afternoon feast of herb-roasted chicken, sauteed corn and rice. Evening plans included the Cotton Club, where Sharpton, who shed 32lbs., in jail, promised to show off his new frame," Sharpton said.

The parade of supporters who greeted Sharpton yesterday included the fathers of police shooting victims Amadou Diallo and Patrick Dorismond and the three Bronx men arrested with Sharpton--- Councilman Adolfo

Carrion Jr., Assemblyman Jose Rivera and Bronx Democratic Party Chairman Roberto Ramirez. Bronx Borough President and mayoral candidate Fernando Ferrer arrived during the sermon, getting a hug from Sharpton.

Sharpton said he had not made a mayoral endorsement decision, adding, "I will certainly make one before Labor Day."

HONORING GARVEY AND THE RED, BLACK & GREEN

By: Ron Daniels

August 17, was the 114th birthday of one of the greatest leaders the African world has ever produced, the Honorable Marcus Moriah Garvey. No historical personage more than Marcus Garvey contributed to the resurrection of the collective self-esteem and self worth of an oppressed and battered people than this giant of a human being who set as his task the rescue and reconstruction of a 'mighty race' of people. If you do not know about this seminal figure in African history, it is a testimony to the degree that the legacy of Africans in America has been bleached, white-washed from the pages of the Euro-centric history that is still fed to the masses of our people. It is also a sign of how some of the most potent leaders in our history have been relegated to relative obscurity because they were considered dangerous, a threat to the status quo in a racist nation. Born into humble circumstances in the British colony of Jamaica, even as a very young man, Garvey never accepted the notion that Africans should be sub-servient to Europeans. While many of his contemporaries were willing to accommodate to their status as colonial subjects, Garvey was determined that Africans in Jamaica, the Caribbean, America and most importantly in Africa would one day rise up to break the shackles of enslavement in whatever form they were imposed. One of his greatest assets was his knowledge and mastery of African history. Deep in his bones, Garvey could reject slavery and colonialism because he knew from whence the African peoples of the world had come; he knew that Black people from Africa were the givers of life and the source of the world's first civilizing influences - astronomy, mathematics, engineering, medicine, the worlds multi-genius, the pyramids, etc. Hence Marcus Garvey could proclaim with absolute confidence, "You were once great, you will be great again" and "Up

you mighty race, you can accomplish what you will." Garvey's greatest gift may well have been his capacity to make African people believe in themselves again!

It was this capacity to inspire Black people through incisive analysis, uplifting orator and the articulation of a blueprint for global Black Power that enabled him to build the largest mass-based organization in the history of this country and the African world.

The Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League, more popularly known as the UNIA. Founded in 1914 in his native Jamaica, the UNIA exploded into international prominence when Garvey arrived in the United States and set up shop in Harlem. By some estimates, at its height, the UNIA had a membership of nearly 10 million people in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Central and South America and Europe. Organized like a nation, the UNIA had a military wing, the African Legion, the

African Motor Corps, Black Cross Nurses; an educational system; a full blown economic program which included farms, factories, grocery stores, cleaners and the Black Star Steamship Line the most widely read newspaper of the period, The Negro World and a magazine, The Blackman; and, an African-centered religion called the Universal African Orthodox Church. The UNIA reflected Garvey's vision and blueprint for global Black Power - self-help, self-reliance and self-determination through Pan-Africanism with the African with the African continent as the cornerstone. Garvey believed that the Africa people of the world have a common history, culture and destiny and that we would only return to our state of original greatness once we rediscover who we are as a people. Black people, Garvey reasoned, must also have a formidable base from which to promote and defend our interests. This he saw as the continent of Africa, the motherland of the

African people of the world. Just as people of other ancestries have a land base as the primary bastion from which to project their interests, so it is that people of African descent must do likewise. Hence Marcus Garvey proclaimed, "Europe for the Europeans, Asia for the Asians, Africa for the Africans at home and abroad."

The UNIA also had its own anthem and a Flag: **The Red, Black and Green.** Garvey had intended for the anthem and the Flag to be universal symbols that people from throughout the African world would recognize, respect and rally around as sources of unity and pride. Of the two, the Flag, the Red, Black and Green has been the most permanent and endearing symbol. Many Africans in America know it as the Black Liberation Flag. Others are aware of it but are unaware of its origins. Broadly speaking, the Red is for the blood and suffering, tragedy and triumphs of African people; Black, for the people, African

people, our history and culture; and, Green is for land, mother Africa, the land of our birth and the land which we must reclaim to build a power-base for people of African descent throughout the world.

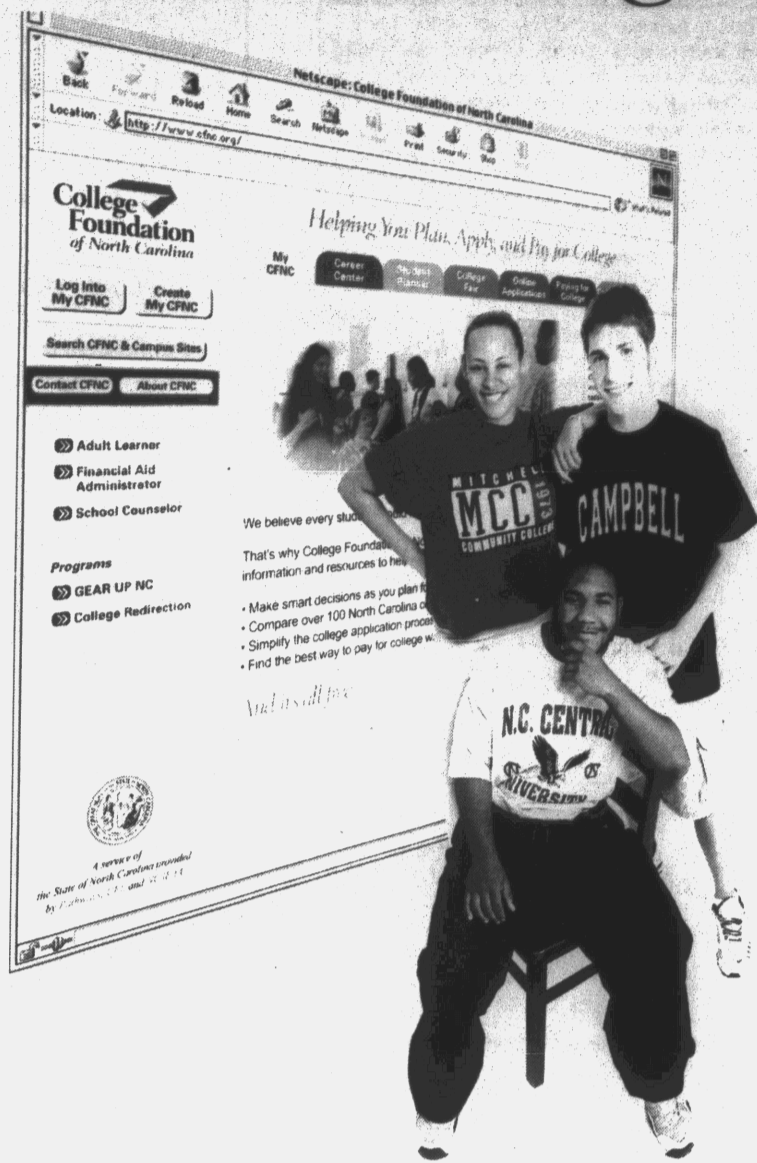
Marcus Garvey was a remarkable man, who bequeathed an incredible legacy to people of African descent. Every time we see the Red, Black and Green, we should remember his legacy. Indeed, as I have been proposing for some time now, African people as an act of self-determination should declare August 17, Marcus Garvey's birthday.

Universal African Flag Day. A day when the Red, Black and Green should be visible everywhere in honor of a master teacher, organizer and motivator:

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Roy Daniels is executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights

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On August 11, 2001 Roy Spell Chief of the Greenville Fire/Rescue Department, was sworn in as the First Vice-President of the North Carolina State Fireman's Association, at the annual Banquet held in Greensboro, NC. Chief Spell has served as a Director of the Board of the North Carolina State Fireman's Association last year. He will serve, is First Vice-President for one year, and become President in August of 2002.

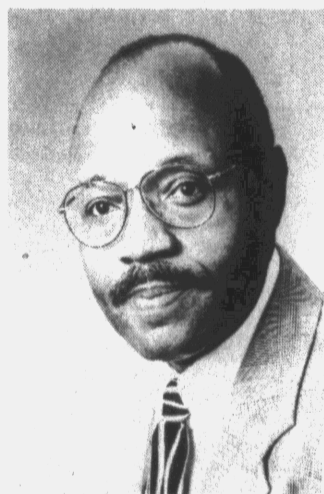
"This is a great honor for me to be selected as the first Vice-President of the North Carolina State Fireman's Association. I look forward to working with the board in the coming year" commented Chief Roy Spell.

Chief Spell is to be congratulated on this accomplishment. Chief Spell represents the entire membership of the Association which at this time totals 1226 departments with 43,634 members. Chief Spell is the first African-American to hold office in the 114 year history of the organization.

"Chief Spell is a progressive leader whose opinions and decisions are, respected by all of those he leads. He has been and continues to be a major player in the North Carolina fire service, and his leadership is one of the factors that makes North Carolina a recognized leader in the fire service in the nation," commented Paul Miller, Executive Director of the North Carolina State Firemen's Association.

For more information contact Chief Roy Spell at 329-4404.

ECU VICE CHANCELLOR COMPLETES HARVARD PROGRAM



Dr. Garrie Moore

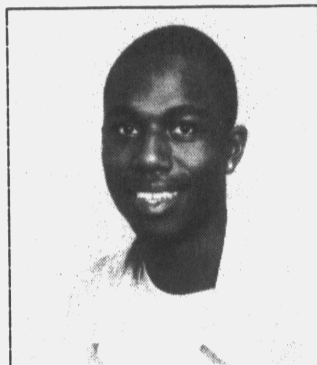
Dr. Garrie Moore, vice chancellor for student life at East Carolina University, has completed the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University. The two-week program, part of the Harvard Institutes for Higher Education in the university's Graduate School of Education, brought together 93 administrators from campuses throughout the United States and from

several other nations. The institute was designed for senior-level administrators who are responsible for shaping broad institutional policy. At ECU, Moore sits on the chancellor's cabinet and oversees all student life activities and services including student housing and dining, recreational services, the student center, student health services and the sorority and fraternity system.

Scholarships Awarded

The Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter of Elizabeth City State University held a "Melvin W. Rountree Scholarship Award" service at the White Oak Baptist Church, Grimesland, NC, on Sunday, July 15, 2001. Four scholarships were presented.

Mr. Melvin W. Rountree was a "1944" graduate of Elizabeth City State University. He worked hard in the community and throughout Pitt County recruiting and encouraging students to attend Elizabeth City State University.

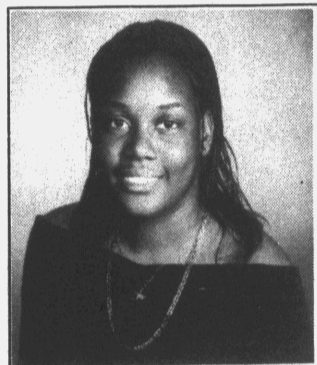


The first recipient was Andrea Moore, the daughter of Cleveland & Denise Moore, and the granddaughter of the late Melvin W. Rountree. Andrea is a rising Junior at St. Augustine College, Raleigh, NC.

The second recipient was Tiray Jones, the

son of Ivyette Daniels. Tiray is a recent graduate of J. H. Rose High School and will be attending Elizabeth City State University this Fall.

The third recipient was Kendrick Parker, the son of Jerry & Niagara



Parker. Kendrick is a recent graduate of North Pitt High School and will be attending Elizabeth City State University this Fall.

The fourth recipient was Trecia Taft, the daughter of Charles &

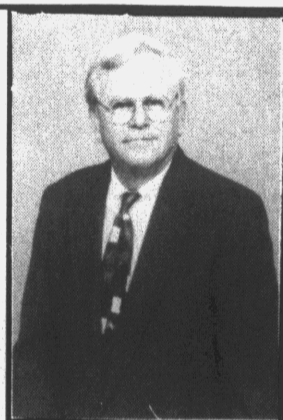
Rose Taft. Trecia is a recent graduate of J. H. Rose High School and will be attending Elizabeth City State University this Fall.

The Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter would like to extend an invitation to all alumnus of Elizabeth City State University, to any one that has attended the university, or to anyone who is interested in becoming a member. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Mary Cates, president at 758-5039.



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VOTE FOR CHUCK AUTRY CITY COUNCIL

To the Editor:

I have worked for Mr. Chuck Autry for nearly 17 years and first and foremost, I detest politics. But after reading a letter from a lady that was published in the Daily Reflector forum, I knew it

was my time to respond. Long before Mr. Autry was involved in any elections, I witnessed his generosity to many people of all races and all religions. During the flood, I saw him become physically ill due to exhaustion which came from doing too much. He exhausted himself physically and financially during this time. He was on the phone for hours locating housing for people. He bought food, blankets, clothes, paid light bills, loaned vehicles and when his pockets were empty, he started begging from more fortunate people to help. For someone to say that Mr. Autry turned his back on them is a slap in my face. I'm sorry mam, but you just came when the money well went dry. He couldn't bear to say no to anyone so I did the only thing I could. I referred people to Philippi Church of Christ which happens to be a black church that helps anyone and all races. If Mr. Autry had all that he had ever given away to needy people, he could retire a millionaire to any place in this country. Instead, he is still working and still helping people. And by the way, Mr. Autry's business was flooded, also. I ask anyone who reads this, including myself.- What have you done for your neighbor in need lately? We could all take lessons from Chuck Autry, instead of fattening our own wallets all of the time. Hats off to you, Chuck. You're a good man with a big heart. Thank you for your example.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Bowen

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From The Desk Of Mrs Beatrice Maye



Mrs. Beatrice Maye

To the editor-
What can we do? These young Black men in trouble. They are our sons, our brothers, our loves, and our future. Large numbers of 'Black professional women are alone, unmarried and failing to procreate because of the shrinking pool of economically stable or marriageable men. Dr. Julia Hare, co-editor of THE ENDANGERED BLACK FAMILY says "National statistics confirm that one in every four Black men between 20 - 29 is either in prison, on probation or on parole". Worse, out of anger and frustration, young Black men are destroying themselves in record numbers, dying needless, violent deaths at each other's hands. A Black man has

one in 21 chance of being murdered before he is 25, and homicide is the leading cause of death for Black men 15 - 24. Not cancer. Not heart disease. Murder. What should Black America be doing to ensure the survival of our young men? We must make them our No. 1 priority. The functioning of Black families and American society cannot be enhanced until the highest priority is assigned to ensuring that Black boys, Black male youths, Black adult men and Black fathers are able to fulfill their responsibilities as productive members of our society. We must force politicians to create policies and programs that strengthen the Black family. We must be a mentor, a role model for Black boys. The absence of role models in the classroom is another serious obstacle to the education of Black boys. Black mothers must commit to teaching their sons responsibility, cooking, cleaning and homework just as they do their daughters. Black family involvement and supporting each other are essential. Let's all resolve to do something today. This is the zero hour.

Beatrice Maye

For Your Information Searching - Name some African-American (Black), (Male or Female), who helped to shape Greenville (Pitt County's) history. Let me hear from you.

Longevity and Marriage

Recent studies say happily married men live 8-10 years longer than single or divorced men, and happily married women live 3-4 years longer than single or divorced women. On the other hand, those who are entangled in unpleasant unions may find their physical conditioning deteriorating. Behavior specialists point out that bad relationships can put a strain on your heart and at the same time, initiate a domino effect on negative stress-induced behaviors, such as abusing controlled substances or overeating in an effort to fend off the feelings of loneliness, rejection or depression. Love has the power to protect women from indulging in such health risks. The researchers discovered that a happy relationship curbs strokes and heart

attacks in women after menopause, when they are most at risk for the ailments.

Ten top Killers of Blacks:

Heart disease, cancer, accidents, stroke, homicide, Aids, diabetes, pneumonia and influenza, asthma and bronchitis and infant mortality. Regular checkups, changes in diet and lifestyle can prevent many of the health threats that affect African-Americans.

How to Solve Disagreements:

One Christian brother heard another talking about him in a derogatory manner. So he went to the talebearer and said "Please be kind enough to tell me my faults that I may try to correct them". The talebearer agreed. "Don't get bitter, just get better". Emmett J. Henry, CBS producer Exercise is key to heart health and overall wellness.

Education Inspiration
Words of Wisdom to graduating classes 2001: Rod Paige, Secretary of Education at Jackson State University: "You are responsible for your feelings,

meet every challenge with a plan, don't be afraid to ask for help, but don't blame others for problems you can solve".

Kweisi Mfume, NAACP President, at Hampton University:

"Stand up for what is right and speak out against what is wrong, remember, what's important is not where you come from, but where you are headed and where you end-up. Don't be afraid to take risks and don't be afraid of failure".

Toni Morrison, Pulitzer Prize-winning author at Smith College in Northampton, MA,

"Save the world but simply love it, meaning, don't hurt it. It's already beaten, scoured, gasping for breath, don't hurt it, don't enable others who do and who Nyill".

Bill Cosby, famous comedian, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N.Y.,

"You can make a difference, you've got to respect yourself, college doesn't teach character, you teach yourself character. You're going to change the world by recognizing and executing integrity".

From: JET magazine, June 25, 2001

Alcohol and Health:

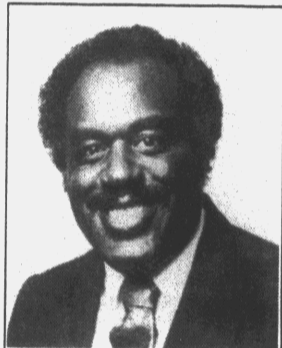
No alcohol is the best way to go with respect to your health, as alcohol is a poison. Every time you drink alcohol, some brain cells (neurons) die. Did you know that the alcohol just turns to fat unless your body can use the extra burst of sugar it produces? If you are unwilling to forgo all alcohol, limit your intake to one glass per day to minimize the physical harm done.

Diabetes and Heart Health: Uncontrolled diabetes puts blacks, and especially Black women, at much higher risk for serious heart trouble. Glucose levels need to be brought under control and kept there.

Type 11 diabetes can usually be controlled well with appropriate nutrition, regular exercise, and stress management.

First heart attack kills women more often than men. If you are overweight, the best thing you can do for your overall health is to take off the unneeded weight safely and gradually overtime.

Spiritual Reflections



Dr. George Hawkins

What is Prayer?

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ:

To understand what prayer is, it helps to realize what it is not. Prayer is not an emotional release. It is not an escape valve. It is much more than just asking God for a favor. Perhaps most important of all, prayer is not a religious exercise.

You should be praying for results every time you pray. Do not just speak empty words. Jesus said in Matthew 6:7, "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."

The beauty of your prayer does not get the ear of God. He responds to faith. If you were to ask me to pray for you and I began by saying "Lord, bless him/her. Meet his/her every need."; end of prayer. You may feel that this wasn't an effective prayer because it wasn't long and drawn out and you didn't feel any type of physical manifestations from it, but it was effective because of my degree of faith. I prayed exactly what I meant.

It makes no difference how long you pray or how beautiful your words. **Praying in faith is merely having confidence in God's willingness to use His power to answer your prayer.**

The man who knows the importance of prayer is very difficult to defeat. He knows

that, regardless of what comes, he can pray and God will move in his behalf.

The key to success in prayer is expecting results. Many Christians think, *I'll pray and maybe something will happen.* They say, "I'm just hoping and praying."

If you are hoping to get results, you will never receive from God. "Hoping to get" is not the same as "believing you receive." The promises of God bring you hope in hopeless situations. However, hope has no substance in itself. You may say, "I hope to get healed someday, but someday never comes. **Faith brings hope into reality and gives substance to it.** Hebrews 11:1 says, *"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* The object of hope becomes a reality through faith. Hope is always in the future. Faith is always now. Faith causes you to receive from God. The believer who is operating in faith believes that God's power went to work the moment he prayed.

Press Release

National Medical Association & Board of Trustees Select Local Black Physician as a "Scroll of Merit" Recipient

The National Association (NMA) and its Board of Trustees have selected area resident Dr. Andrew A. Best as a **Scroll of Merit** recipient for the 2001 year. The **Scroll of Merit**, the highest award the National Medical Association bestows upon an individual is awarded to persons who have escalated above and beyond the call of duty in servicing others. Dr. Andrew Best's name will be ranked among distinguished and outstanding persons such as Drs. Paula Renee Mahone and Karen L. Drake, the Iowa doctors who delivered the McCoy's sextuplets, surgeon general David Satcher, humanitarian William H. Cosby, astronaut Bernard A. Harris, Honorable Congressman Mickey Leland, and Aids activist Rae Lewis Thornton. The prestigious **Scroll of Merit** award will be presented to Dr. Best during the National Medical Association's opening awards ceremony at Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee on August 4, 2001.

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Insights From the Spirit



Ms Esther Hammond

BACK TO SCHOOL..... A Time to Pray

As we once again prepare for another school year, it is vitally important to invoke the power of intercessory prayer for the year ahead for our children, teachers, and educators.

GOD has ordained in his WORD in Galatians 4:19, "My little children of whom I travail in birth again, until Christ be formed in you." From creation, our children at birth, are a part of GOD's divine plan that Christ be formed in the child. The purpose of the enemy is to

kill, steal and destroy, to prevent Christ from forming in our children, by any means necessary.

The enemy has invaded. God's plan for the family structure, the father, mother, child. The increase of the divorce rates within the last thirty years have more children reared in single parent homes versus the traditional family model.

PRAY FOR THE FAMILY.

There is no surprise then, of the increase in the destructive-forces surrounding the minds of our children, the violence acts targeting our children we all have witnessed across country and around the world. The presence of darkness is so visibly prevalent by the tirade of juvenile murders, teenage suicides, drug use, gangs, teenage pregnancy, child abuse, child abduction, child molestation, child pornography.

PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN.

The enemy has used a subtle and cunning tactic to destroy God's model for academic excellence. Targeting our children's mind with the rise of behavior disorders, diagnosed dis-

orders, and low test scores, have also increased within the last thirty years. In the classroom teachers, instead of the administering the basic three R's of Reading, wRiting, aRithmetic, teachers are now administering medication. There are valid caes where medication can make a world of difference to opening a child's mind to learning. I just believe the means to achieve this should be natural.

PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS, TEACHERS, AND CLASSROOMS.

As a parent myself, I have witnessed firsthand what the enemy will try, I state try to do if we neglect to pray. As parents, our children our primary responsibility, we have to make there welfare a priority. As never before, these are perilous times we are living in for our children. As Christians we must have a mandate for intercession. Parents each day, I charge you to invoke the power of prayer for the needs of their children and the needs of so many other helpless children. Use the following prayer, (you can replace your child's name) as a guidepost for becoming victorious over the enemy.

A PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN.....

Father, in Jesus name, we bring before you, I ask you father to send your holy angels of protection (Psalm 91) over from this day forward, so no hurt harm or danger will come to him/her. Father, we pray that any device of the enemy coming against be binded in Jesus name and you loose your holy spirit to abide over from this day forward. Father bless the school my child attends, bless all the teachers, bless the employees. We pray you cover them in your precious blood, according to your WORD in Revelation 19:13 from this day forward.

Father, I pray excel in all his/her academic endeavors and show wisdom and knowledge in the choices they make. I pray you bring forth godly friends for my child and I thank you for all the plans you have ordained for to be established we ak these things again in Jesus name, AMEN.

cont. from front page "Reparations"

Zionism as racism, were included in the agenda.

The president does not want to engage in issues facing backwards on reparations that severe to "divide nations as opposed to bringing people together to confront the current problems that the world faces dealing with racism," according to White House press secretary Ari Fleischer.

"This position does not represent the interests of Black Americans," said Dr. Ron Walters, director of the African American Leadership Institute at the University of Maryland. "The Bush administration is doing an embarrassing dance in saying they're not going because Black people raised the issue of reparations."

He said that the administration's stance is an affront to Blacks, since 65% of African Americans support reparations. (Other scholars say that number is closer to 80%). Dr. Walters said, however, that the US government should stay home if it intends to weaken the WCAR agenda "We're not going to beg them to go," Dr. Walters said. "I'd rather have them stay here than have them wrecking the meeting. They need to be isolated. They don't need to be there at any cost. But that's like Bush's foreign policy-isolation."

Dr. Bledsoe said that the

issue of reparations was even larger than President Bush. "He has an obligation for what his ancestors did," said Dr. Bledsoe, who was angry that the administration said it would not send a delegation to WCAR. "He's only in power for four years and regardless of what he says, we're going to stand firm. It's time for them to make good on that check, they need to consider inflation, return check charges and handling fees." She estimated that each African descendant should be paid at least one million dollars. Within the larger reparation movement, there were several smaller factions, each with different claims of entitlement. Dr. Walters said that he thinks that Dr. Bledsoe's international petition is "a good thing."

"I just would hope that a lot of these groups don't go off the deep end, because then that would give them ammunition to discredit the entire movement," he said. The reparation movement was started in the late 1960s--early 1970s, by Dr. Imari Obadele, the founder of the Republic of New Africa (RNA), according to Dr. Walters. Back then, Dr. Obadele, now a professor of political science at Prairie View A&M University, had demanded \$400 billion in "slavery damages." However, the modern

movement for reparations did not take organizational form until 1988, when Dr. Obadele and his associates formed the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA). The organization initiates litigation, publishes newsletter and sponsors national and regional conferences. Since then, many scholars, politicians, lawyers, social scientists and others have joined in the demands for reparations. Many have agreed with the one million dollar figure, while others have calculated other amounts such as \$1.4 to \$10 trillion for the group. Dr. Walters agreed with Randall Robinson, TransAfrica's executive director, in his book "The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks." "He talks not about individual dollars," Dr. Walters said, "we have to have a strategic approach." The manner in which the Japanese Americans and the Jewish Americans were able to get reparations were to establish that crimes had been perpetuated against their people, he said. (Japanese-Americans who were forced to live in internment camps during World War II have been paid millions for the wrongs done to them by the U.S. government in 1988.) African

Americans also have to establish that slavery was a crime, according to Dr. Walters. And lawyers are searching for the legal side of the issue.

Even with the numbers of African Americans who agree with reparations, others argued that the problem facing Black Americans has nothing to do with the legacy of slavery and can hardly be ameliorated by "reparations." They argued instead that it was the breakdown of the Black family, drugs and the rise of single parent households that left inner city Black Americans in poverty. And others argued for an improvement in the education of Black children. Regardless of the Bush administration, Dr. Walters said he is heading to South Africa on Aug. 25 for the world conference. And he still intends to make a speech on reparations.

Lisa Clay of Oregon said that no matter how much the president fights this, it is beyond his control. "What is happening is a spiritual force that George Bush can't control," Ms. Clay said. "It came from the Creator, it is spiritual, law. Some people may say it's payback time. This is spiritual law in effect. It's time for reparations."



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REFLECTIONS EXPRESSIONS and REVIEWS



Ms Suejette Jones

A Glimase Into the Past

In 1991, Anita Hill became a familiar face on TV when she testified during the Senate confirmation hearings for then Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas. Hill accused Thomas, her former boss at the Department of Education and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, of sexual harassment and nearly derailed his nomination. (Thomas was confirmed by just four votes.) Although her testimony subjected her to accusations of perjury and even death threats, Hill has no regrets. She believes that she helped

to bring public attention to a rarely discussed problem in the workplace. "I hope the hearings encouraged people to become involved in issues they care about," she says.

Now Hill, 44, is in front of the camera again. This time, she's a contributor to Court TV's Crier Today, a one-hour program, hosted by former judge Catherine Crier, that focuses on compelling legal stories, such as incidents of police violence. Hill enjoys the opportunity the show gives her "to engage in discussions about topics that are in the news." Still, she wouldn't trade her day job for a regular TV gig. "I see myself as a teacher," says Hill, a professor of law, social policy and women's studies at Brandeis University, in Waltham, Massachusetts. "I'm very happy doing that. Equally important to her are the lectures she gives across the country on sexual harassment and violence in schools. Hill believes strongly that there's a connection between the two issues. "We need to look at the problems affecting young people that are ultimately being played out in violent behavior," she says. "We need to look at what we are teaching them about power and how it is used."

Excerpted from: "Follow-Up: Anita Hill"

Note: The May edition of Ebony magazine lists the 100 most influential black Americans in 2001. Some worthy names made the list: Colin Powell, Condoleezza Rice, Kweisi Mfume, Charles Rangel, Michael Jordan, and Oprah Winfrey are among the 100. Whatever one thinks of these individuals, there can be no question that they all wield great influence. But then there is Clarence Thomas, who grew up in the Jim Crow South, came from a background of poverty and a broken family, and now sits on the U.S. Supreme Court. And he happens to be black. But Ebony magazine thinks Justice Thomas is not among the most influential black Americans. His name does not appear. Anywhere. He is not even mentioned in the article preceding the list of 100. It is as if he does not exist.

From an article by:
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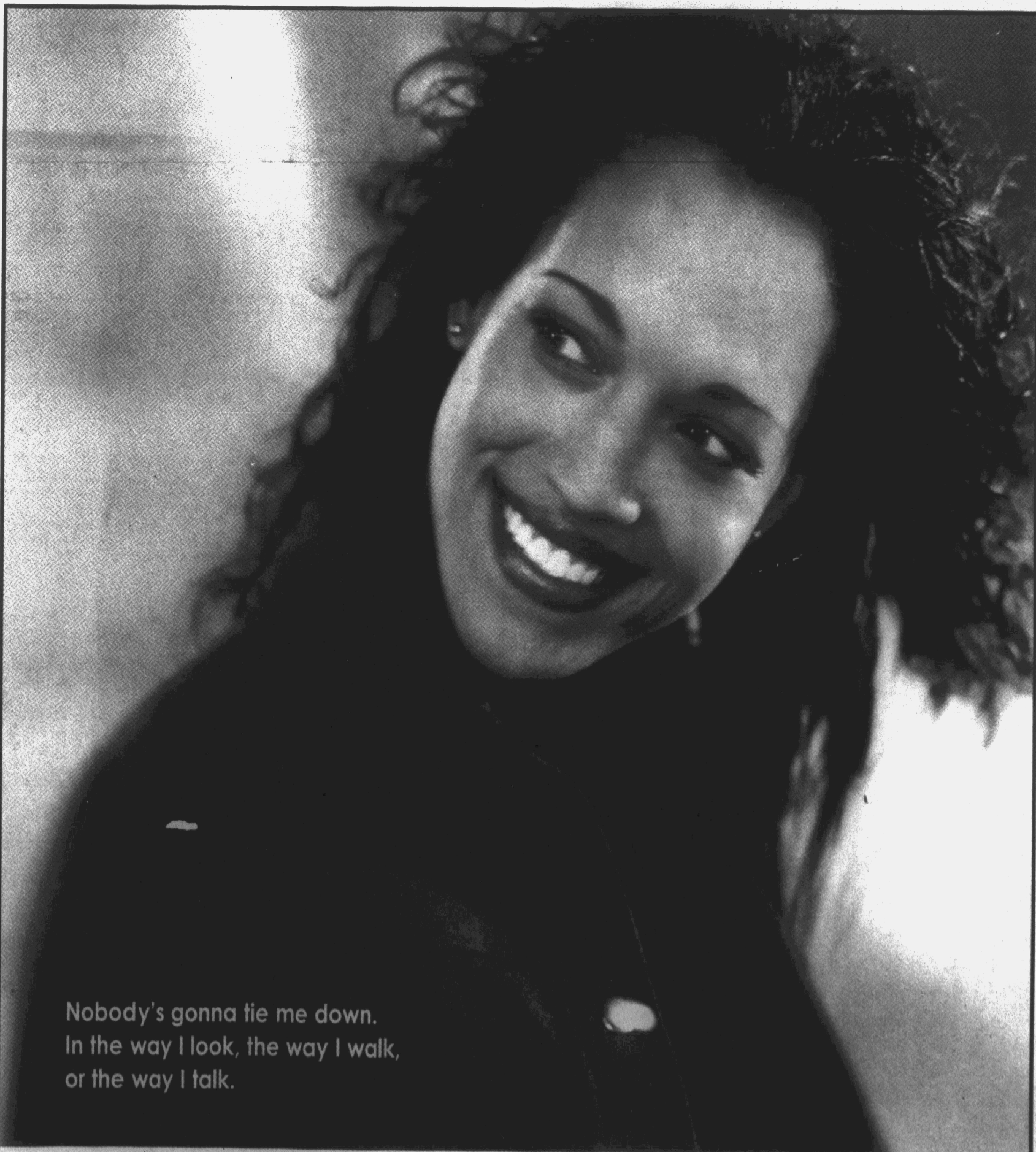


Elite Among Us... pictured from left to right are Mr. Joe L. Dudley, Mrs. Jackie Blount and Mrs. Eunice Dudley. They were all present at the 2001 Dudley Financial Success Symposium. Mrs. Blount received the Dudley Elite Platinum Award for the most Dudley Products sold this year. The affair was held July 28th and 29th at the Four Seasons Hotel, Greensboro North Carolina. Ron and Jackie Blount are also the proud owners of Practicality Hair and Day Spa that is now located at 150 East Arlington Blvd. Greenville, North Carolina. Read the Minority Voice upcoming edition that will cover the grand opening of this luxurious establishment.
By Faith May



Happy Anniversary.....Shown above at the anniversary of Big James Barrett and the Golden Jubilees from left to right is Minister William Clark of WOOW Joy 1340AM, William Forbe who is still going strong in spite of the loss of both of his legs and the manager of the group. The 26th Anniversary of the Golden Jubilees was truly GOLDEN.
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BISHOP T. L. DAVIS

Bishop Davis was born in Cumberland County on March 1, 1953. He attended E. E. Smith Senior High School in a Fayetteville,

North Carolina. After high school he joined the United States Navy and received an honorable discharge. On May 9, 1997, Bishop Davis received his Doctor of Divinity Degree from United Christian College in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Bishop Davis is the Founder and Pastor of Progressive Free Will Baptist Church. He has served in this capacity for fourteen years.

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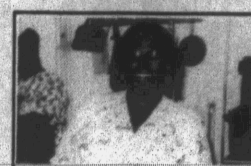
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JAZZ GREAT TO BE VISITING PROFESSOR AT ECU

Dr. Billy Taylor, one of jazz's most influential pianists, composers, and educators, has been named the Robert L. Jones Distinguished Professor of Music at East Carolina University (ECU) for 2001-2002. As part of this prestigious visiting faculty appointment, Taylor will present workshops, masterclasses, and performances in the School of Music during four campus residencies, which are scheduled for October 25-26 and November 28-30, 2001 as well as February 20-22 and April 18-20, 2002.

Taylor's visits to ECU will mark a homecoming of sorts for the acclaimed musician; he was born in Greenville in 1921. He teamed to love music at home and began to play the piano at the age of seven. By the time he was 13, he had played his first "gig," for which he was paid \$1. After that, there was no stopping him. In 1942, he landed his first bigtime job in New York City. By 1951, he had become house pianist at the famous jazz club Birdland. During the 1940s and '50s, he performed with such jazz greats as Charlie Parker, Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, and Dizzy Gillespie. Since then, he has played primarily with his own trio. Once established as a performer, he launched highly successful complementary careers as a recording artist, composer, author, broadcast musician and producer, and educator. His more than 20 recordings range from his 1949 release "Separate Keyboards" with Erroll Garner to his recent solo CD, "Ten Fingers, One Voice." As a composer, he has over 350 songs to his credit, including "I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel To Be Free," a civil rights anthem described by The New York Times as "one of the great songs of the sixties." His writings encompass more than a dozen books as well as numerous articles and feature stories. Moving into broadcasting as a disc jockey in New York, he went on to become the first black musical director on network television ("The David Frost Show," 1969).

In 1981 he was named art correspondent for the "CBS Sunday Morning" show, where he has profiled over 300 musicians, winning an Emmy for his segment on Quincy Jones. Over the years, he has hosted and produced many radio programs, including NPR's "Jazz Alive" (for which he won a Peabody Award) and, currently, the nationally syndicated "Billy Taylor's Jazz at the Kennedy Center."

In the field of education, Taylor has been a tireless innovator, striving to make jazz accessible to a broader variety of audiences by creating forums and programs designed to nurture and promote appreciation of this country's only truly classical music form. His efforts range from the creation of Jazzmobile—which provides free jazz concerts and workshops to young people around the world—to the development of numerous jazz concert series and satellite classes/performance for public schools in his ongoing role as artistic advisor for jazz at the Kennedy Center.

Taylor holds two degrees in music education, a bachelor's from Virginia State University and a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst,

where he occupies the Wilber D. Barrett Chair of Music. He is also a Duke Ellington Fellow at Yale and the first Rose Tilles University Professor of the Performing Arts at Long Island University. He has received 21 honorary degrees.

The Robert L. Jones distinguished professorship, established in 1996 with a major gift from C.D. Spangler Jr., then president of The University of North Carolina system, is designed to bring world-class performers to ECU's School of Music. It is named after the former chair of both the UNC Board of Governors and the ECU Board of Trustees.

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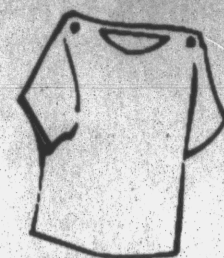
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