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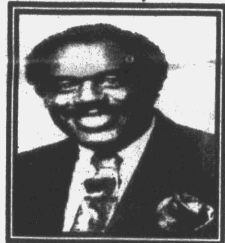
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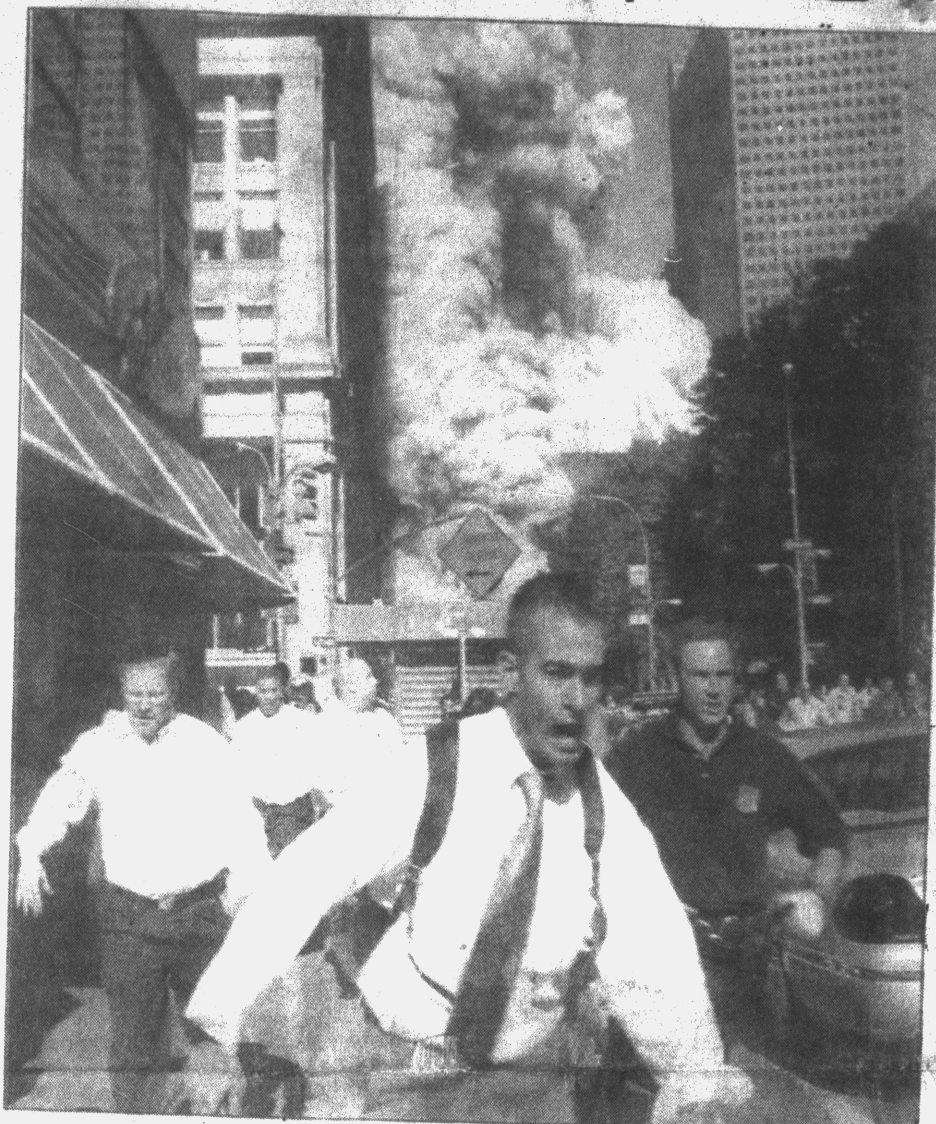
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PEOPLE RUN from the collapse of a World Trade Center tower on Tuesday in New York.



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SMOKE RISES from the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York on Tuesday.

Pols, activists react to NY attack

by J. ZAMGBA BROWNE
Amsterdam News Staff

African-American, Caribbean and Latino leaders in the Big Apple and across the nation are unanimous in their outrage and vigorous condemnation of Tuesday's terrorist bombings of the World Trade Center.

An unspecified number of people reportedly perished or were injured in the blast. Many of those trapped in the 110-story facility didn't have a prayer.

In addition to the complete destruction of the World Trade Center's Twin Towers, the terrorists also succeeded in using one of their hijacked commercial aircraft to slam into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., causing severe damage.

Cong. Charles B. Rangel said that much has been said in anger about retribution and retaliation. "While no one should believe that these atrocities will go unpunished, it should be clear that our goal is not blind revenge, but justice," he added. "When we act, we must do so based on facts, not assumptions, after fully investigating the crime and reaching an appropriate level of certainty that we have identified the guilty parties, and we should work together with the international community, as we have in dealing with atrocities in Eastern Europe and Central Africa," Rangel declared.

He said that bringing the perpetrators to justice in this way may require more time, but in the end, "We will be vindicated by the approval of our friends and critics," Rangel said.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Americans have witnessed perhaps the biggest and most horrific tragedy the country has ever faced.

"Today we mourn the victims of this terror attack. Tomorrow, let us observe a day of fasting and prayer in memory of those we have lost," he added.

Jackson warned against stereotyping or scapegoating. "While we could not stop the attacks," he continued, "we can and should stop the stereotyping." He cited the 1941 Pearl Harbor Japanese attack and said that after the incident, "we turned on each other in fear ... Today, let us turn to each other in hope."

Jackson said that profiling by race or religion is not only morally wrong, it distracts the nation from bringing the perpetrators to swift justice.

"Let us learn from Tuesday's unforgettable events, that nobody is safe until everybody is safe," he added.

The Rev. Al Sharpton called the attacks "devastating and despicable acts" and said that his headquarters, the House of Justice, has been counseling and consoling people who have lost loved ones and who have been traumatized by the event.

Sharpton warned the American public against rushing to judgement and creating a climate that would profile Muslims, Arabs or any of the like.

"Let us not forget that when the Oklahoma bombings happened, people began accusing all kinds of people, and the whole thing ended up being white Americans," he added.

However, Sharpton said whoever the culprit or the victims, "we must be outraged and we must have a sane foreign policy and security policy."

Mayoral candidate Fernando Ferrer put aside politics and personally joined a prayer vigil at the Love

Gospel Assembly Church a stone's throw away from his office on the Grand Concourse. He predicted that there would be a lot of funerals in the borough.

Cong. Edolphus Towns said he never thought such a thing would happen in his lifetime. However, he said, "I hope we will get to the bottom of this and those responsible for this terrible act be punished to the fullest extent of the law."

He said one of his former staff workers, Mark Pendarvis, who often helps him with his reelection campaigns, is lucky to be alive because he works on the floor that was first hit in the attack. But luckily he did not go to work on Tuesday.

Rep. Major Owens said the hearts of Americans go out to the victims and relatives of what he described as an 'act of war.' He said this is a time to mourn and a time to be angry.

Owens said he would propose that the security of America become the business of the members of Congress. "I will also propose that both the CIA and FBI be reorganized from top to bottom."

Assemb. Nick Perry called the attack a "horrible, despicable and outrageous display of inhumanity" by the coward who perpetrated it.

"I don't think that anyone who has such total disregard for innocent lives and innocent people can expect any sympathy from anyone and for any cause they might be advocating" Perry declared.

He added that the destruction and sadness the perpetrators have spread across New York City will only breed anger and even hate, because "we all realize that they threatened each and every one of us, regardless of how we feel."

Assemb. Keith Wright said

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Ms Suejette Jones

Washington Politicians And The Seventh Commandment

Washington sex scandals are nearly as old as the republic itself. In 1791 Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton had a year long affair with a married beauty, Maria Reynolds. They exchanged passionate letters and could not tear themselves from each other, even after Maria's husband began blackmailing him. When a delegation of congressmen

demanded to know if Hamilton was stealing treasury funds to pay off Maria's husband, Hamilton published a pamphlet admitting his adultery. This toned down the scandal and he remained in office. In 1862 Congressman James Garfield escaped public embarrassment when he had a love affair with Lucia Calhoun, an 18 year old New York Times reporter. His wife learned of the affair, but stuck by him and in 1880, Garfield won election as the nation's 20th president. He was assassinated four months after taking office. The Louisville Times, in 1887 reported how the married Rep. William Taulbee was "trysting" with an 18-year-old woman who worked in the U.S. patent office. Taulbee was so enraged that he physically threatened the Time's short sighted Charles Kincaid. They feuded for three years, until finally, on February 28, 1890 the bullied reported confronted the congressman inside the Capitol, pointed a pistol at his head, and fired. Taulbee fell, mortally wounded, and

died 11 days later. Kincaid was later acquitted of all charges. The new era of reporting sex scandals changed about 32 years ago when Sen. Ted Kennedy drove his Oldsmobile off a bridge on the small island of Chappaquiddick, Massachusetts, drowning passenger Mary Jo Kopechne, in eight feet of water. til the next morning and Kennedy did not alert police until the next morning, and finally pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident. The fact that a woman died opened the door for reporter's to challenge Kennedy's claim that he simply got lost taking the young campaign worker home. Since the Kennedy episode the press has responded to sex scandals by making the most of them. In 1974 Rep. Wilbur Mills, from Arkansas, was pulled over by a patrolman for speeding at 2 A.M. near the Jefferson Memorial. His passenger bolted from the car to escape notice, but a TV cameraman recorded her rescue from the Potomac River tidal basin.

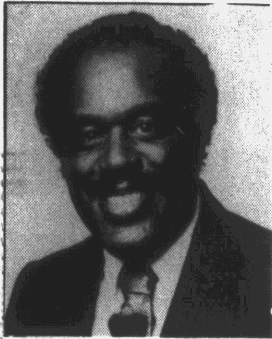
She turned out to be a stripper who performed under the name of "Fanne Foxe, the Firecracker". Mills, the powerful chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, won reelection, only to be forced out of his chairmanship weeks later, after he was spotted, apparently drunk, frisking about on a Boston burlesque stage with Foxe. The stink led Mills to end his 38-Year House career and begin campaigning against alcoholism. In May 1997, The Washington Post reported that another longtime congressman Rep. Wayne Hays from Ohio was paying Elizabeth Ray to be a secretary, even though she admitted "I can't type". Her \$14,000 annual salary, she said, was for having sex with the congressman. When the story surfaced, Hays remarked, "I'm a very happily married man". Afterward he launched a re-election campaign, then dropped out, and finally resigned his seat. Scandals are not always politically fatal. In 1983, two congressmen were forced to admit to having sex

with 17-year-old congressional pages --- Rep. Daniel Crane of Illinois, with a female, and Rep. Gerry Studds of Massachusetts, with a male. Crane, a family man, tearfully apologized while Studds, a lifelong bachelor, declined to apologize declaring, "I am gay". The Ethics Committee censured both men. Crane lost his next election while Studds won several more terms. Twelve years later, Sen. Robert Packwood, chairman of the powerful Senate Finance Committee had to resign after a three year battle against charges he had sexually harassed 10 women. When faced with public accusations, he stated that he was "sincerely sorry" if any of his advances were "unwelcome". All of these previous scandals, unfortunately, did not inspire Washington to be more chaste. In 1998 Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt offered one million dollars for stories of illicit sex in Washington, amid the impeachment of President Clinton for lying about his affair with Monica

Lewinsky. When Flynt said he would release a bombshell report detailing House Speaker Newt Gingrich's sexual history, Gingrich resigned. Rep. Robert Livingston was to succeed Gingrich, but also resigned after admitting he had cheated on his wife several times. Others mentioned were: Rep. Henry Hyde of Illinois in 1998 revealed that he had an affair in 1965 at the age of 41. Rep. John Peterson (Pennsylvania) was accused in 1996 after several women accused him of sexually harassing them. Rep. Barney Frank (Massachusetts) admitted he paid hustler Stephen Goble \$80 for sex, then hired him as a valet. Most recently is the Condit-Levy affair which apparently has a fatal ending. The list goes on and on until someone else who is "uncaught" will be "caught"

NOTE: Information compiled from various sources about sex and power in Washington

Spiritual Reflections



Dr. George Hawkins

What Samson Didn't Know About Delilah Part I

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ:

Many of you have heard the story of Samson. We heard about him growing up in church while attending

Sunday School or you probably heard about him during a Pastoral sermon. What you have probably heard most about him is his superhuman strength, his long hair and how he was able to defeat Israel's enemies single-handedly. Now, what you probably haven't heard about Samson is how the devil went after him to set him up and plot his downfall. Samson was a great man of God, but the devil sought to destroy him just as he does every man or woman of God trying to do a work for the Lord. He exempts no one. Whenever you start to do a work for the Lord, you had better watch out. Opposition is coming. I have done many teachings on Samson because there is more to him than a cute little Bible story on how he killed the Philistines, how long his

hair was or how strong he was. There was more revelation to Samson than this. Samson made us aware of how the devil seeks to kill, steal and destroy powerful men and women of God, along with their ministries. Through feats of amazing strength, Samson crushed Israel's long-time oppressors, the Philistines, and paved the way for Israel's eventual liberation. Yet this mighty strongman is not remembered for his great victories, but rather for his fall. If you ask the average person, "Do you know about Samson?" immediately the answer will come back: "Yes. I also know about Delilah." Samson is forever etched in our memories as the man who relinquished his anointing for the love of a treach-

erous woman named Delilah. I believe there is a "Delilah" in the life of every child of God--not necessarily a woman, but a Delilah, nonetheless. For some it could be pride; for others it could be unforgiveness or anger. But whatever it is, it has the ability to sneak in, take control of our lives and steal our anointing. When you live in the power of the Holy Spirit, there is nothing that can stop you from accomplishing all that God intends for you to do. But there is an enemy who wants to steal that anointing. In fact, Satan is seeking ways to sap the anointing from your life so he can render you ineffective in the kingdom of God. For more than 6,000 years, Satan has been working on mankind, learning our weaknesses and shortcomings. He

knows how to get us to react--and he knows how to get us to live in such a way that God's anointing can no longer rest upon our lives. Samson's anointing was tied to a Nazarite vow his mother accepted for him before birth. An angel had come to her with unusual instructions: "No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines" (Judg. 13:5, NKJV). As a Nazarite, Samson could not partake of wine or any strong drink. Nor could he visit a barber shop--not even once during his life! As long as Samson had his long hair--as long as he was under the anointing of God--he could not be defeated. The Bible says the Spirit of God

would move on Samson, and he would rise up and accomplish feats with supernatural power (see Judg. 13:25). The same is possible for each of us. When we're under the anointing of God, we are unstoppable. But Samson had a big weakness: He loved the world and what it offered him. He wanted the very thing his vows prohibited. I will continue this second of four part series in the next issue entitled

"Playing With The Anointing".

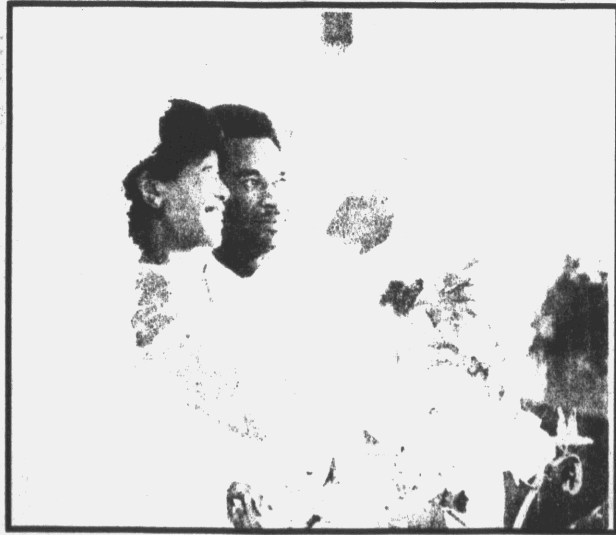
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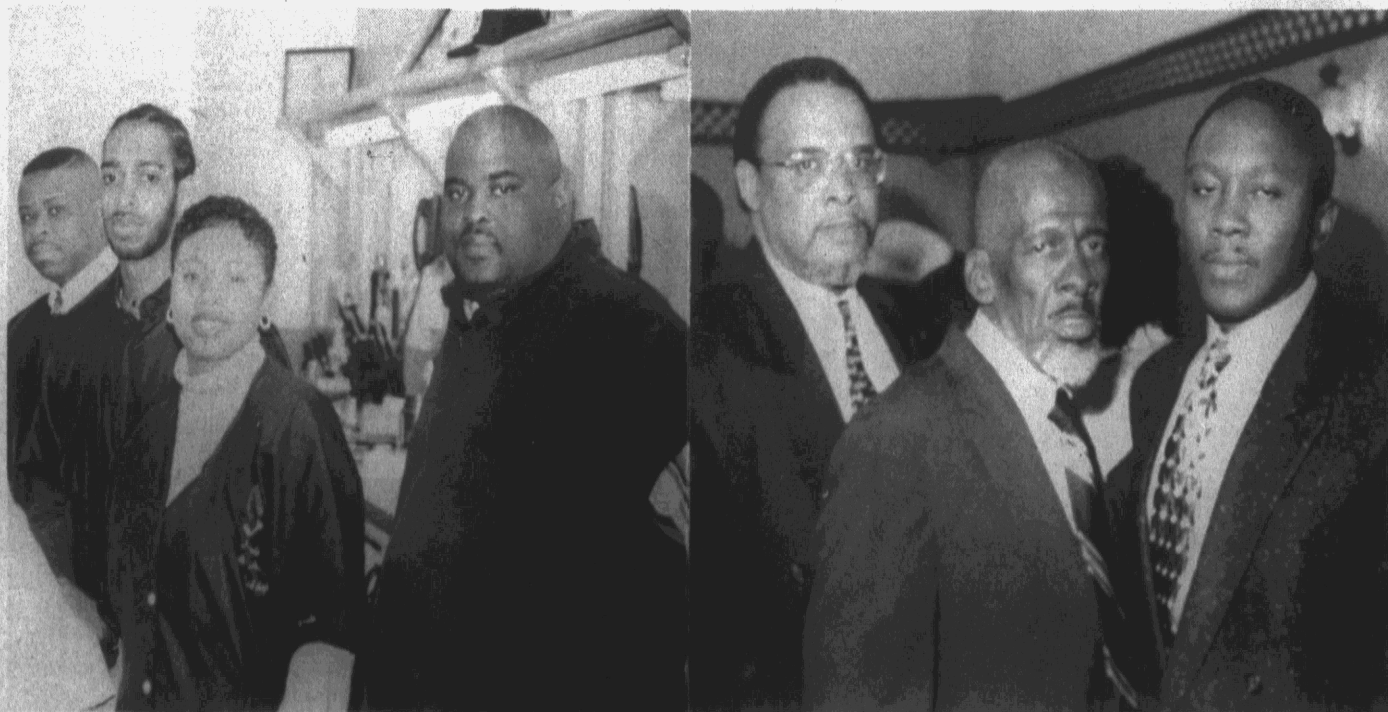
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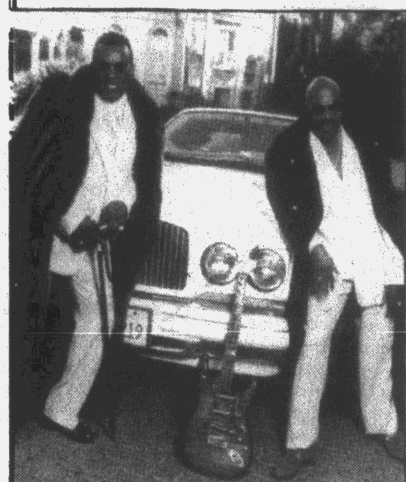


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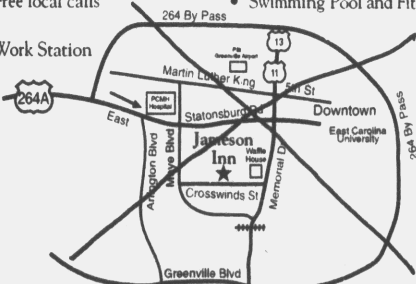
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EDITORIALS

Men! Prostate Cancer Awareness Week cometh

Statistics say that one in six African-American men will develop prostate cancer in their lifetime and their chances of dying is double that of other races. But the news does not have to be that grim. Survival rates go way up due to a simple 10-minute test next week, available for free or at low cost across the nation during Prostate Cancer Awareness Week, Sept. 16-22.

A Prostate Health Awareness Seminar is being held here, next Saturday (Sept. 22), at Boulevard Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 4439 Elvis Presley Blvd. The seminar, which begins at 10 a.m. with a free continental breakfast, will offer information for a free prostate screening. Seat reservations may be made by calling, (901) 345-1591.

Early screening, detection and treatment have begun to change the statistics, according to the Prostate Cancer Education Council (PCEC), and, when caught early, the chances of survival are almost 100 percent. The simple screening process has a high predictive value, which is remarkably accurate and has helped to lower the mortality rate. But more people need to know about the benefits of early screening. To find the nearest screening location at clinics, hospital and health facilities click on www.pcaw.com or call toll free 866-477-6788 (866-4-PROST-8).

The Tri-State Defender applauds Dr. E. David Crawford of the Prostate Cancer Education Council, who offers this advice to African-Americans:

• **Get screened!** Early screening saves lives. Over a 10-year period (1989-1999) only 5 percent of men who took advantage of the free screenings were of African-American descent. A recent study showed the benefits of 10 years of early screening. Among screened men versus the general population, African-American men were only slightly more likely than other races to have advanced cancer.

• **No Excuses!** Reluctance to be screened for prostate cancer is a major contributing factor to the high mortality rates among African-American men. Reasons for this range from a mistrust of the medical community to an erroneous belief that this cancer is an irrevocable death sentence.

Bush can now correct 'the snub' in S. Africa

As the most prominent public figure in America, President George W. Bush had a chance to have a representative for African and African American interests at the United Nations International Conference on Racism in Durban, South Africa, but allowed himself to be boondoggled by a brand of politics (racism) that does not have the best interests or concerns of Black people at heart.

We feel America's refusal to send Gen. Powell to the Conference is the ultimate insult to the legacy and memory of our ancestors.

America could have atoned, however, by rescinding its snub and sending a prominent

• **Diet makes a difference.** A Harvard study has shown that diets high in dairy and fats, particularly fats of animal origin, increase the risk of developing prostate cancer by 80 percent. Cultural eating habits need to be rethought. Studies of Asians reveal a low incidence of prostate cancer, possibly due to the consumption of fermented soy food products. In addition, anti-oxidants such as vitamin E and selenium have been shown to control cell damage and may prevent prostate cancer. It's worth thinking about what you eat.

• **Speak up!** In this case, silence is not golden — it could be deadly. In the African-American community, there is a need for more prominent African-American spokesmen.

• **Women Speak Up!** Women have a role in this men's health issue, too. Studies show that 60 percent of men who have been screened say their wife, girlfriend or another female encouraged them to do it.

• **Get Active!** Compression of the prostate gland from sitting in office chairs on car seats can result in poor circulation of blood to this gland. Vigorous to gentle exercise—basketball to walking to yoga—will lower levels of prostate-stimulating androgens, increase circulation and lower stress.

• **Do your homework.** Get informed. There are positive life changes that can make a difference and help prevent disease. Treatment works. Read as much as you can, talk to others and go on-line. There are many options for the prevention and treatment of prostate cancer, both traditional and alternative, that can be combined for a personal plan of action.

The PCEC was founded in 1988 and is a consortium of physicians, health educators, scientists and patients. Through its sponsorship of the annual Prostate Cancer Awareness Week and screening effort, the council has prompted the screening of millions of men over the last 12 years. Since initiating the Awareness Week in 1989, the amount of research dollars earmarked for prostate cancer has tripled, and public awareness of the importance of early detection has markedly increased.

Come on men, take advantage of these concerted efforts to extend your lives!

representative of Blacks to the conference, who could have expressed the African's and the African in America's pain and frustration at slavery and the legacy of the outrage of forced segregation.

It is way past time that America accepted and atoned for the most venal sins against mankind—slavery and its aftermath and we had hoped that it will begin to do so at the Durban conference.

Mr. Bush, you like to call yourself the "compassionate conservative," one with an affinity for Blacks and other minorities. You can prove it now, by appointing someone to correct this American tragedy and ending the snub of the Durban conference.

the U.N. for not paying back dues. Additionally, we refuse to support the anti-genocide treaty, and oppose current plans for reducing environmental pollution. Of course, our leaders always have good-sounding reasons as to why they take what seem to be extremely backward stances on issues that would positively impact the world's people. But no matter how you cut it, a stance is a stance, and our government has come out against the positive issues identified by many others in the world. Why?

It's no secret that White supremacy is at the foot of many of the ills in the world, especially America. However, if elite White males are so superior, and if the rest of us are not fit to rule, then why is the world going to the proverbial "hell in a handbasket?" Why must our leaders be coerced into doing the right thing?

The answer is, unfortunately, that our leaders are beholden to moneyed elitists who feel that the rest of us don't count, and they feel comfortable, therefore, in turning their noses up at something as important as the anti-racism conference. They are saying that they won't play ball if the game is not played their way, and they have the support of a high-level Black man who is dancing to their tune. It just goes to show that "Black ain't always about color."

Whatever the case, Black Americans should continue to push for some type of reparations, if only for tax relief. And Blacks should certainly press for an apology. There are enough Black consumers in America to hit where it hurts — in the pocketbook, if this high-level disrespect continues. Keep that on your mind.



COMMENTS

Turning the tax tables on Tennessee's governor

by Raymond J. Keating

Like any other state, Tennessee has its problems when it comes to government and taxes. However, the Volunteer State benefits enormously from imposing no general personal income or capital gains taxes. Republican Governor Don Sundquist, though, is obsessed with ruining a good thing.

Each year, the Small Business Survival Committee ranks the 50 states and District of Columbia according to their public policy climates for entrepreneurship and small business, and Tennessee performs quite well.

The Small Business Survival Index 2001, published in late July, ties together 17 major government-imposed or government-related costs impacting small businesses and entrepreneurs across a broad spectrum of industries and types of businesses—personal income taxes, capital gains taxes, corporate income taxes, property taxes, sales taxes, death taxes, unemployment taxes, health insurance taxes, electricity costs, workers' compensation costs, crime rates, right-to-work status, number of bureaucrats, tax limitation status, Internet taxes, gas taxes, and state minimum wages.

With the inclusion of personal income, capital gains and corporate income tax rates, the Index recognizes how particularly harmful income-based levies are to the economy. For example, the top four states in the Small Business Survival Index 2001—Nevada, South Dakota, Washington, and Wyoming—do not impose any personal income, capital gains or corporate income levies. Meanwhile, the worst performers—Maine, Hawaii, Rhode Island, and the dead last District of Columbia—all impose very high income tax rates.

In the end, income taxes are so destructive because they directly raise the costs of working, saving, investing and risk taking, which are the driving forces behind economic

growth.

To its benefit, Tennessee inflicts no general personal income or individual capital gains taxes. As a result, the state ranks 10th best on the Small Business Survival Index 2001. However, Sundquist wants to change all of this. Since 1999, he has been on a crusade to impose a broad state personal income tax and had proposed hiking the corporate income tax in 1999 as well.

Thus far, Tennessee legislators deserve enormous credit for having fought off Sundquist's income tax death wish for the state, with the help of some courageous tax activists. On July 12, tax protesters literally stormed the Capitol to warn against any last minute effort to pass an income tax. A budget was passed without an income, but was subsequently vetoed by Sundquist. On Aug. 7, tax protesters showed up again as the state Legislature wisely overrode Sundquist's budget veto.

Sundquist, though, is like the high-tax, big-government version of "the Energizer Bunny." He has said that if his budget veto was overturned, he would call legislators back for a special session on taxes. Regarding the veto override, Sundquist declared: "We can do better for the citizens of Tennessee than the short-sighted budget that squanders all the tobacco money and failed to invest in our children and the future of our state."

Of course, one might ask what Sundquist and other elected officials have been doing with all the money rolling into state government coffers? For example, from 1990 to 2000, inflation-adjusted per capita total state taxes jumped by better than 26 percent. Tennessee's problem is not the absence of an income tax, but instead, politicians who are too willing to spend other people's, i.e., the taxpayers, money.

(Keating is Chief Economist of the Small Business Survival Committee, the country's leading small business advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C.)

A Presidential calling for Washington Reform

by Sen. Fred Thompson

Public criticism of the way government operates is not a new phenomenon, nor is it entirely unhealthy. Our democracy benefits from the voices of critics and champions alike who drive the constant battle for improved efficiency and transparency in Washington. But the watchful eye of the public cannot itself bring about change in Washington. What is needed and has been sorely missed in recent years is real leadership from the Executive branch in enacting management reform.

Too often, seemingly urgent national problems shine the limelight of hope on the newest, fix-all government program. Soon such hope fades into indifference and the program is doomed to join the long list of government programs that meant well, but just didn't achieve their goals. The President needs to work with Congress to put an end to the Washington way of constantly creating and expanding federal programs before looking strategically at what would actually produce improved government performance. I am pleased that President Bush is making good on his pledge to do just that.

This spring, Director Mitch Daniels of the President's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) joined me as I released a comprehensive report, titled "Government at the Brink," documenting the daunting management problems the Bush Administration inherited. It included an analysis of management challenges involving the federal workforce, government finance, information technology, and overlap and duplication, as well as recommendations for addressing those problems. OMB Director Daniels welcomed the report and promised to work with Congress to curb pervasive mismanagement.

Recently, President Bush took the next important step in reforming the federal government by outlining and impressive management agenda, integrating government-wide and program-specific initiatives that

will improve the government's performance. His Administration not only identified 14 long-neglected management problems in the federal government, but set forth logical and realistic goals for fixing them. By targeting specific deficiencies and setting achievable goals for improvement, we have the opportunity to see real results.

A number of the reforms the President outlined complement the work of the Governmental Affairs Committee. For instance, the agenda calls for improved financial management to curb the loss of billions and billions of taxpayer dollars each year, something the Committee has been addressing for many years. It encourages a strategic approach to hiring, training, motivating, and retaining the right employees for federal jobs. It proposes increased competition throughout government to improve efficiency and encourage innovation. It advocates tying the federal budget process to performance measures so that federal dollars will produce maximum results. And it promotes efforts to use the power of the Internet to make interacting with government easier, cheaper, faster, and more comprehensible.

President Bush's substantive initiatives for reforming the federal government illustrate that his administration refuses to succumb to the contagious indifference that has afflicted so many in Washington for so long. By tackling mismanagement early and head on, the President is walking the walk of positive change he and I both hope will spread from the highest office in Washington to the local post office in rural Tennessee. Genuine, results-oriented leadership from those working in government is necessary for real change in the federal government. I am encouraged by President Bush's management initiatives and look forward to working with him to make sure that the American people are provided with the efficient and effective service they deserve.

(Thompson represents the state of Tennessee.)

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MDA knew it could depend on Memphis!

Dear Editor,

I knew we could depend on the kind people of Memphis to come through again! Thanks to the many generous people in the Memphis area, you helped the 2001 Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon raise a record \$56,780,603 in contributions and pledges.

Across the country, nearly a million volunteers, including hundreds of celebrities, donated their time on the Labor Day weekend to help people of all ages with neuromuscular diseases, including many families in your community. I applaud the people of Memphis for phoning in pledges to the Telethon and for so generously supporting MDA programs throughout the year, such as Shamrocks Against Dystrophy, MDA Lock-Ups and fire fighters' Fill-the-Boot drives — to name only a few.

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Jerry Lewis,

MDA National Chairman

National Coalition urges trillions for reparations

Dear Mr. Bush:

The Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA), its organizational and individual members across the United States and in Africa, request that you identify at least two trillion dollars as a two-year down-payment on the extraordinary debt which the United States owes to Blacks in this country. We are shocked and disappointed at your failure, in this age of United States budget surpluses and your Administration's Congressional leadership, to address this debt in your budget.

Your failure to act at this propitious moment, as your Administration prepares to go to the U.S. Senate with plans for cutting taxes, based on huge projected surpluses including plans for discretionary funds, constitutes an insult to the greatest magnitude to a people who have given so much to America. True, though it is, that much of what we gave was stolen from us during the regimes of slavery and racial discrimination. The long overdue payment continues to accumulate interest ad nauseam.

Your failure to act is reminiscent of the way in which George Washington, as U.S. president, fueled the hatred of White people for Black people when, while personally holding 200 people in slavery, never once in his two inaugural addresses or in his farewell address did he mention, as a public policy concern, the 750,000 people of African descent whom his government held in cruel and exploitative chattel slavery.

For your part, after visiting the racist Bob Jones University early in the year 2000, you came to Prairie View University in Texas, after an invitation from students and some faculty, and pledged support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities but refused to address reparations, as faculty and students had requested. This and your failure to ask the House of Representatives and, so far, the Senate to designate a two trillion-dollar payment on reparations for our people of African descent in the United States projects the astounding proposition that you are willing for the United States to remain in the eyes of the world as a nation of unrepentant thieves.

Rather, your support of our just reparations demand would be an important way of your party, the Republican Party, completing the work it began by the emancipation of our people from slavery but without the reparations, the resources which would have made freedom real.

As you must know, our people are prepared through N'COBRA and its network of organizations, including the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, all in consultation with key organizations and individuals, to receive this proposed down-payment and manage it under plans approved by our people at large.

We strongly encourage you to bring this matter promptly before the Senate.

Baba Hannibal Afri,
Dorothy Benton Lewis,
National co-chairs;
Marvin Haire, Ph.D., President,
National Conference
of Black Political Scientists

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Imam Jamil



Iman Jamil
Back in the hot seat;
will he get a fair trial?
by: Sabeen Shaig

Iman Jamil Al-Amin has gone through many phases in his life. He has gone from strident Black Power activist, to Islamic spiritual leader, and is now accused of a serious crime.

Born: Hubert Gerold Brown, aka H. Rap Brown, he converted to Islam and became Iman Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin (ironically, Al-Amin means the trustworthy) while serving time for armed robbery and attempted murder. When he was paroled in 1976, he went for Hajj before moving to Atlanta, where he established many businesses and a religious community. The story of Hubert Gerold Brown is the story of two men. One from his past, H. Rap Brown, and the man he is now, Iman Jamil Al-Amin, a man currently incarcerated on the allegation of murdering one police officer, and wounding another.

THE CURRENT CASE

In October 2001, Iman Jamil Al-Amin will be put on trial for the shooting of two sheriff's deputies. He could face the death penalty for a crime of which he says he is "absolutely innocent."

On the fateful night of March 16, 2001, Deputies Ricky Kinchen and Aldranon English were shot by an unidentified assailant. English would survive a serious wound, but Kinchen would die shortly afterwards. Both were trying to serve an arrest warrant for Iman Jamil.

Iman Jamil has missed a January court appearance in connection with minor charges that he contested. On a day on which Muslims from around the world were celebrating Eid Al Adha, a warrant was issued for his arrest. Soon after they arrived, they were shot.

A grand jury in Atlanta indicted Iman Jamil, who is a presiding officer of the national committee of the Shura Council of North America and Iman of the West End Neighborhood of Atlanta, on one count of murder, four counts of felony murder, two counts of aggravated assault, and six other lesser charges.

Both deputies insisted they had wounded their assailant. "I shot him. I know I shot him," said Ricky Kinchen to his fellow deputies before he died. A trace of blood was found at the scene.

One officer was following a trail of blood to an abandoned house. Yet, when they arrested Iman Jamil he had no wounds on his body.

According to Ed Brown, Iman Jamil's brother, "They first said there was blood to get a search warrant, and, after they found out he wasn't injured, all of a sudden the blood isn't important. All of a sudden it's vanished. Nobody can remember anything about it. It's a mystery." Interestingly enough, on the night of the shooting, police received reports of a wounded man trying to flag down a ride five blocks away.

Two vehicles had also been damaged by gunfire that night. However, one of the cars was repaired and the other was impounded, sold, and could not be found. These vehicles could have proven to be crucial pieces of evidence in relation to the location of the shooter. When Iman Jamil was arrested, the two weapons used in the shooting were allegedly found "near" him, according to the media. Upon further investigation it seems that the guns were actually 1.3 miles away from where he was arrested. One gun

was found the day of the arrest, while the other was found the next day. His fingerprints were not detected on the guns; in fact, the person traced to be the owner of the guns had no connection to the Iman.

Three weeks after the shooting, a man bearing a striking resemblance to Iman Jamil, Otis Jackson, confessed to the shootings. However, he later recanted his confession, saying, "...I love Jamil but I did not do anything, I killed no one, and Jamil killed no one. I'm sorry for making (the) FBI feel as if I did this."

HISTORY OF IMAN JAMIL

To fully understand the current situation, it is crucial to look at Iman Jamil's past.

H. Rap Brown was a black civil rights advocate during the 1960s and 1970s. He eventually became chairman of the Student Non-Violent Coordination Committee (SNCC) and Minister of Justice of the Black Panther Party.

Like all civil rights leaders of the era, Brown was a target of the FBI.

The FBI used a program known as COINTELPRO, (Counter Intelligence Program), to "expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit, or otherwise neutralize" groups whose views the FBI considered threatening to the status quo. The FBI used

COINTELPRO to target Martin Luther King, Jr. Stokely Carmichael, Malcolm X, Huey Newton, H. Rap Brown, and others.

In the 1970s, H. Rap Brown was imprisoned for his role in a robbery. During this time, H. Rap Brown found Islam and changed his name to Jamil Abdullah al-Amin. In 1976, after finishing his prison sentence, he made Hajj and settled in Atlanta, Georgia's, West End. While in the West End he established the Community Mosque of Atlanta. In the 1980's Iman Jamil and his community were involved in cleaning up drugs and prostitution in their area, similar to Brooklyn, New York's Iman Siraj Wahhaj's campaign in 1988. In August of 1995, Iman Jamil was arrested in connection with a shooting of a young man in his neighborhood. His community is united in the belief that vengeful law enforcement officers framed him. During this time, CAIR stood by Iman Jamil, and urged the Department of Justice to fully investigate the incident so that he could receive a just trial. Iman Jamil was charged with aggravated

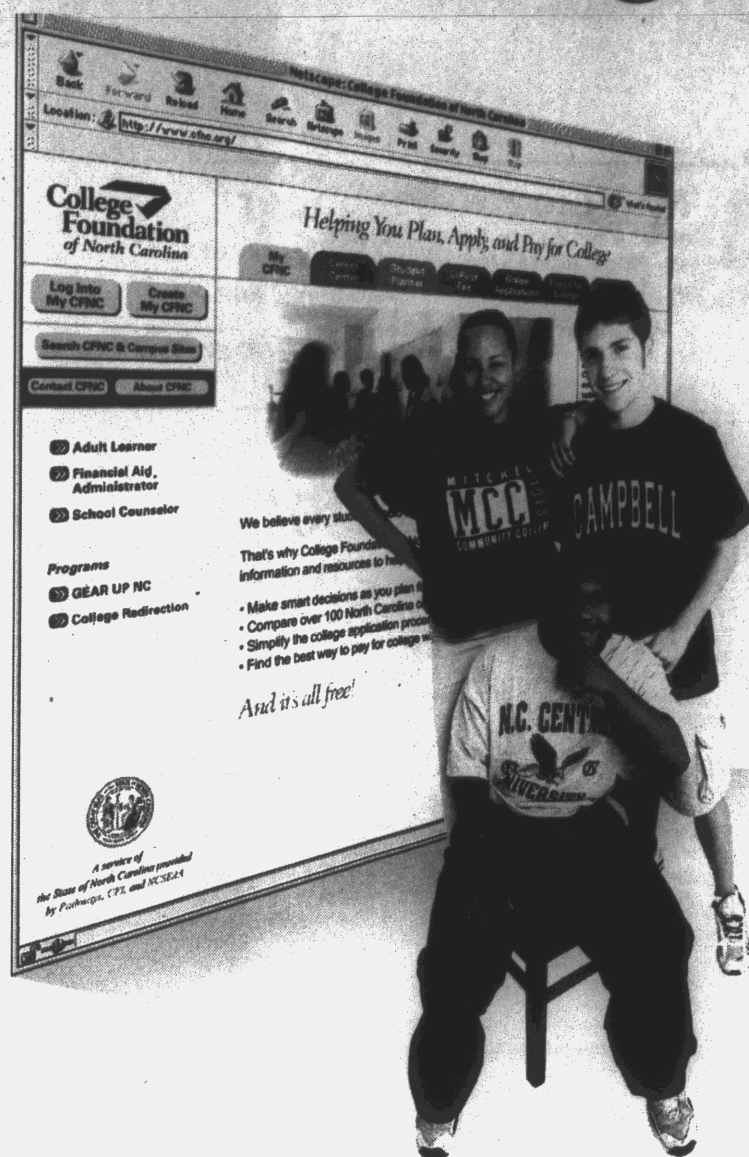
assault after the victim claimed he shot him. Later, however, the same man who accused Iman Jamil withdrew his statement, saying he was pressured by authorities to identify him as the assailant.

Both The Atlanta Journal and Constitution and The New York Times quote the victim as saying he repeatedly insisted to the police that he did not see who shot him; this man mentioned being threatened with legal charges if he did not agree to identify the Iman as the assailant. In what police described as a "routine aggravated assault," agents of the FBI, the FBI's Domestic Counter Terrorism Task Force, and the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, and Firearms got involved. This was strange for something described by the police themselves as "routine."

Iman Jamil Al-Amin is facing the death penalty. In order for him receive a competent defence \$500,000 must be raised before the trial begins. The money will cover expenses for four expert lawyers, key witnesses, ballistic and DNA test, and hours of research. Send all monetary donations to the address listed below:

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County Application

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The package length should not exceed twenty (20) pages plus the SF 254 form. Cover page and back page count towards this limit. Please submit a sample of two (2) Phase I reports completed

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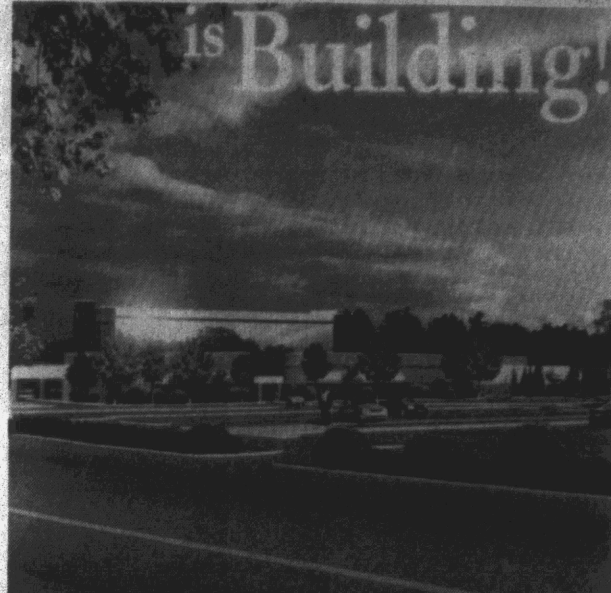
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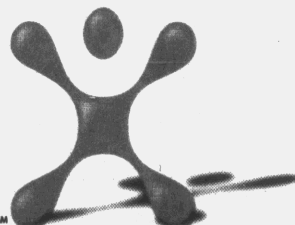
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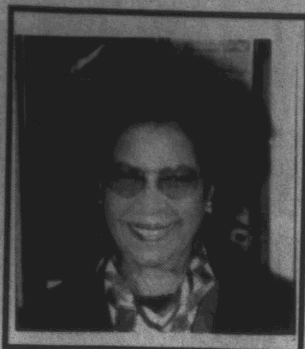
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Mrs. Beatrice Maye

The Black Man's Guide to Good Health by James W. Reed, M.D., one of America's leading African American Physicians

Black men in America live on average of 70 years, whereas white men live on average of 73 years. Too often, we think about our health only when we become ill. By that time, illness is costly, not only in money but also in lost time. Men in general, and black men in particular, are inclined to avoid medical care unless they are seriously ill.

To be a strong African American man is to be responsible to those you love and to yourself. Often, bad health is the result of bad choices. Not exercising, not eating right, ignoring those early warnings the body sends to tell us that unless we pay attention, there's going to be trouble. These are bad choices. Prevention is the best medicine, and early diagnosis is a close second. Take control of your health by eating a healthy diet that includes fresh vegetables, fresh fruits, whole grains, reduce salt, cooking with herbs and spices, reduce your intake of fried food, limit intake of red meat, eat fish instead of red meat, no more junk food, drink lots of water and fresh fruit juice, choose a healthier snack, stop smoking, stop substance abuse, exercise every day, reduce your stress, get support and do things in moderation.

How Can I Prevent High Blood Pressure?

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How Can I Treat My High Blood Pressure?

Exercise. Limit your alcohol intake. Take your high blood pressure medication.

How Can I Prevent Heart Disease?

Stop smoking. Fight obesity. Lower bad cholesterol. Avoid fast foods. Reduce your stress.

How Do I Tell If I Have Heart Disease?

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Steps You Can Take to Lower Your Risk Of Cancer

Eat less fat by choosing lean meats over fatty ones, and by cutting down on butter, margarine, fried foods and rich desserts. Eat a variety of vegetables and fruits every day. Eat foods high in fiber every day. Good choices include whole grain breads, cereals and pasta, rice, dry beans, fruits and vegetables. Cut down on smoked and salt-cured meat like ham, bacon, and hot dogs. Go easy on alcohol, if you drink. Watch your weight. Exercise daily. Cover up when the sun is hottest (10a.m-3p.m). If work with or near chemicals, wear the right clothes and follow directions exactly.

To the editor! From good parents come good children". Matthew 7:18, "A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good

fruit'. As good parents we are continually challenged by raising good children, not chemists, not star athletes, but good children. Many of us spend so much of our time raising a good child that we don't think much about teaching moral and ethical values. Woodrow Wilson, while president of Princeton University, addressed an assembly of parents of the student body. He said he received many letters from parents about their children. They wanted to know why the faculty couldn't make more out of the students and why they couldn't do more for them. Mr. Wilson wanted the assembly to know that he wasn't trying to shock them or to be rude but the main reason the school couldn't do what they were requesting them is because the students were offspring of the parents. They were reared in the parent's homes, blood of their blood and bone of their bone. They had absorbed the ideas of their homes. The parents had

formed and fashioned them. We all want our children to do better than we have done. We want them to enjoy a higher standard of living than they have experienced in our homes, but as parents we often don't realize that a child will rarely display a higher standard of ambition, virtue, character, and godliness than that which is reflected by the parents. As parents we can't expect someone else to do a better job with our children than we have done. We are the true educators of our children; all others are merely part of the supporting cast. We are accountable to God to raise our children according to sound biblical principles. Let's not be ready to farm these truths to outside agencies. We are the teachers and must never give up that responsibility no matter how busy we become in life.

Negroes, Puh-leaze

There's That Race Conference Again: A Prelude

by: C.D. Ellison *from the Black World Today

Whoever in the Black intelligence thought Colin Powell was going to reign as some free thinker once confirmed State Department head must have accidentally smelled a few bottles of glue. Not defending him, but who cares if Secretary of State Powell doesn't clock the Durban Race Conference? And if he really doesn't care like I don't care that he's not really caring about it, then he's probably not caring about it based on reasons unbeknownst to his Blackest detractors who care too much ado about nothing. Apparently, The Washington Post's Courtland Milloy recently cared enough to crack a few Negro snaps at the former G.I. Joe and Persian Gulf war hero--"Colin Powell: Bush Man or Black Man?" (7/29/01). Ouch--that was pretty cold. Like I said, Powell doesn't need any defense, but I'm not one to front: Powell is cool in my book. I don't hate on brothas who got credit for winning a war; caused presidential front-runners to get mad nervous because his poll numbers hyped a first Black president; raked in millions on an autobiography, then became the first Black secretary of state, thereby setting the trend for future appointments. Dodging bullets, death and calamity in the selfless pursuit of combat objectives at risk of life would seem enough to not warrant the King-of-Black litmus test presently placed on Powell. Let's get real for a moment. So maybe Powell is just like:

"Whatever. I've got the possibility of full-scale war in the Middle East, China flexing muscles, Russia getting cocky, a Balkan Armageddon repeat, cyberterrorism, economic meltdown in Latin America....let's see what else?"

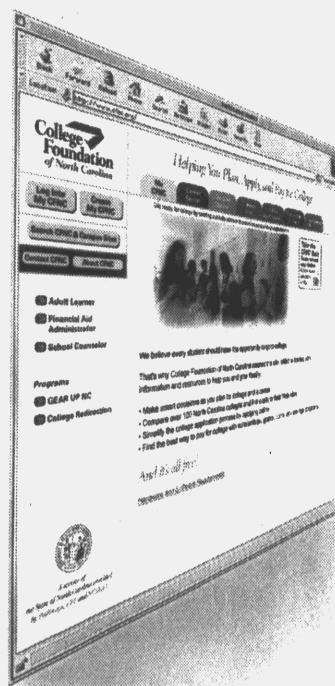
Well--too much Spam on my plate to regurgitate reparations. **Negroes, puh-leaze!** If they haven't given the loot up yet, what makes you think they'll give it up now? We prepare then for another talk. And ad nauseam of ideas followed by...no action. You know how it goes. Lots of sizing up; lot of huff; lot of puff; "eating lots of cheese," as my Vietnamese kickboxing instructor loves to observe. The name says it all: The World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Tolerance. As it approaches, conversations on the topic become claw fights gnawing away on gritting clauses, and explosive phrases, bouts of unrestrained turpitude unable to reach beyond the first flare of anger. Do you actually read the words or do you instead try to fill in between them? Do you read in between the lines or do you actually see them? The elders continue to contemplate what has happened with little consideration for what has happened with little consideration for Rome. Failing to understand Rome, that is, "It was what they did to us!" firing the accusatory index finger in the direction of the Roman legionnaires

spying from the back of the audience. The elders, choking on vanity, fail to remember that the Romans are, indeed, well trained. However, there is a fundamental, most tragic flaw subtle to the open eye, but frighteningly obvious to the third eye unseen and talked of in roundabout ways unheard of by those who claimed to listen. The elders continued looking at wrinkled reflections, the wrinkles through time in the ripples slashing the inward mirror and thought deep like fish with half-closed bedroom eyes dragging fins across the ocean floors. They had studied maps, persued the time lines and drawn conclusions once they had seen the massive migrations wiggling spasmodically from the northeast, through and around the continent, falling off into the deep blue of the Atlantic towards their unusually cruel fate.

And then they miscalculated Rome's next move. Burning questions of race presently rattle the brains of these social experts meandering the halls of the intellectual academy in search of answers. These are the ordinary and timeworn discussions on "race matters". The same ideas are thrown, screamed and whispered about in various, conferences and forums. Half attending know about...half of what they are talking about. Talk takes up time, space and energy, when we could all be off actually doing something else. Conferences come and go.



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African American Leads The Way In Computer Technology

America's Hi-Tech "Invisible Man" Is An African American

by Tyrone D. Taborn
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"Black kids might embrace technology with more enthusiasm if they knew someone like Dr. Mark Dean already was leading the way."

You may not have heard of Dr. Mark Dean. And you aren't alone. But almost everything in your life has been affected by his work.

See, Dr. Mark Dean is a Ph.D. from Stanford University. He is in the National Hall of Inventors. He has more than 30 patents pending. He is a vice president with IBM. Oh, yeah. And he is also the architect of the modern-day personal computer. Dr. Dean holds three of the original nine patents on the computer that all PCs are based upon. And, Dr. Mark Dean is an African American.

So how is it that we can celebrate the 20th anniversary of the IBM personal computer without reading or hearing a single word about him? Given all of the pressure mass media are under about negative portrayals of African Americans on television and in print, you would think it would be a slam dunk to highlight someone like Dr. Dean. Somehow, though, we have managed to miss the shot.

History is cruel when it comes

to telling the stories of African Americans. Dr. Dean isn't the first Black inventor to be overlooked. Consider John Stanard, inventor of the refrigerator; George Sampson, creator of the clothes drier; Alexander Miles and his elevator; Lewis Latimer and the electric lamp. All of these inventors share two things: One, they changed the landscape of our society; and, two, society relegated them to the footnotes of history. Hopefully, Dr. Mark Dean won't go away as quietly as they did. He certainly shouldn't. Dr. Dean helped start a Digital Revolution that created people like Microsoft's Bill Gates and Dell Computer's Michael Dell. Millions of jobs in information technology can be traced back directly to Dr. Dean. More important, stories like Dr. Mark Dean's should serve as inspiration for African-American children. Already victims of the "Digital Divide" and failing school systems, young, Black kids might embrace technology with more enthusiasm if they knew someone like Dr. Dean already was leading the way.

Although technically Dr. Dean can't be credited with creating the computer -- that is left to Alan Turing, a pioneering 20th-century English mathematician, widely considered to be the father of modern computer science -- Dr. Dean rightly deserves to take a bow for the machine we use today. The computer really wasn't practical for home or small

business use until he came along, leading a team that developed the interior architecture (ISA systems bus) that enables multiple devices, such as modems and printers, to be connected to personal computers. In other words, because of Dr. Dean, the PC became a part of our daily lives.

For most of us, changing the face of society would have been enough. But not for Dr. Dean. Still in his early forties, he has a lot of inventing left in him. He recently made history again by leading the design team responsible for creating the first 1-gigahertz processor chip. It's just another huge step in making computers faster and smaller.

As the world congratulates itself for the new Digital Age brought on by the personal computer, we need to guarantee that the African-American story is part of the hoopla surrounding the most stunning technological advance the world has ever seen.

We cannot afford to let Dr. Mark Dean become a footnote in history. He is well worth his own history book.

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News Release

Justin Mebane Vines sponsored by Mr. Frederick Graham and American Legion Post #372 of Farmville, N. C. recently attended the American Legion's Sixty-Second Annual Session of Tarheel Boys' State on the Wake Forest University campus in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Boys' State is a six-day program designed to teach rising seniors the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society. It focuses on participation and personal experience in a model state complete with governing bodies and elected public officials. Graduation Exercises were held Saturday, June 16th at the Wait Chapel. Justin M. Vines is a rising senior at J. H. Rose High School in Greenville, N. C. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas F. Vines and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Francis H. Mebane



A Special Thank You to Flanagan Funeral Home

The family of the late Cora Blount would like to acknowledge Flanagan Funeral Home in regards to the support that was given to us at the time of my mother's death. It was truly a blessing to have met Esther Hammond who was very thorough and encouraging. She conducted herself in a

professional manner along with her team player Ms. Vemestine Paige. I was very observant of these two wonderful ladies working so closely together that I was in awe. So many times we see so many chiefs and no Indians. We thank Rev. Hammond for his sense of humor and Mother Hammond his wife a woman that loves the Lord and believes in treating people fairly. We can't leave out our driver Mr. Shephard a man

of wisdom and patience. Esther continue to allow God to use you and God is going to overturn in the business. Ms. Paige continue to be a good team player because of your working closely with the Hammonds. In my spirit the Lord is saying, "Expansion in your business."

Sincerely,
Gloria Summers
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Tribute to Dr. Issac Artis

The family of the late Cora Blount would like to thank Dr. Issac Artis for being such a compassionate, understanding, and kind doctor. We have called on Dr. Artis at numerous times when his office was closed and he always responded immediately. Very rare do you run into contact with people that will go beyond the call of duty. Some people who are highly professionals have a tendency of forgetting where they've come from and you can't even communicate with them, however Dr. Artis always took the time out to

explain to us every detail what was the diagnosis and if he couldn't he made excellent referrals to other physicians. Dr. Artis demeanor has always been low and humble. My mother loved herself some Dr. Artis. Me and my daughter recalled on one office visit (with her being diagnosed with dementia and being bedridden) she said, "Dr. Artis can't you hear me talking to you" me and my daughter laughed because of the way she said it due to the fact my mother was very quiet individual. We can't leave out his staff Mrs. Artis, Mary, and Amy for all they've done and Mary with that warm and friendly smile always having an encouraging word to give

in our time of going through. Dr. Artis you are a special doctor who takes up a lot of time with your patients especially the geriatric population, because you've been faithful over the few things God is going to make you ruler over many. He's going to pour you out blessings that you won't have room enough to receive. Thank you so much Dr. Artis for being such an EXCELLENT DOCTOR.

We personally would refer anyone to Dr. Artis. Again we thank you and you'll never be forgotten.

Sincerely,
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Kim Denmark - Inspired by GOD to Walk Across America

by Michael Adams
The Minority Voice

Kim Denmark is on a spiritual journey will take her through all 50 states. Since the start of her journey she has traveled across Ohio, (her home state) Indiana, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington D.C., New York, New Jersey, and Virginia. She is now in Greenville N.C. and we have had the divine pleasure of being in her presence. It is very seldom that you see someone who has sold out all to God. She is a living example to how God can change a life. By her own testimony she once lived a life of luxury, not once thanking God for the success she achieved in owning her own business. Soon the emptiness of having all the toys of life and no happiness set in. Sickness and depression were her only friends. On the verge of having a stroke, the God of heaven stepped into her life. Kim says that God spoke to her and gave her a new direction. "He told me to walk" she said. And that's exactly what she did. Now one step at a time she is walking across America for those on welfare, the homeless and the poor. Her mission is to take the concerns of a mediocre welfare system to city and state governments. A system that has so many living in poverty.

"People don't realize that welfare only makes up 2 percent of the federal budget," she said. The walk across America has brought different reac-

tions from both blacks and whites. Some have even went as far as to spit at her and throw things.

In Petersburg, three men doused the engine of her friend's van with gasoline, resulting in a fire that destroyed the vehicle. In downtown Norfolk, lunch



time customers at two upscale MacArthur Center restaurants grinned and giggled while she marched past them and chanted about welfare rights.

But Kim Denmark has also made many new friends. During her three-week stay in South Hampton Roads, she received sneers - but also hugs and kisses. People give her food, money and places to sleep. The mayor's office in Virginia Beach arranged a fancy hotel room for her for one night. Children and parents autographed her blaze orange jump suit.

On Sat. Sept. 15, 2001 there will be a march/rally beginning at the Philippi Church of Christ at 10:00 A.M.

On Monday, Sept. 10th she was in the studios of

WOOW radio station where the owner, Mr. Jim Rouse gave her his full support. At the time of this writing we're looking forward to seeing her on tomorrow. On her second interview of the day, Bro Reggie Price focused on more of the intimate details of her commitment to God. Mr. Bennie Roundtree, (North Carolina's State President of the SCLC) escorted her to the interview also giving her his full support noting the days of the civil rights marches. She has also been endorsed by the NAACP and the Coalition Against Racism. The Mayor of the City welcomed her and now she is well on her way through North Carolina with Raleigh North Carolina being her next stop.

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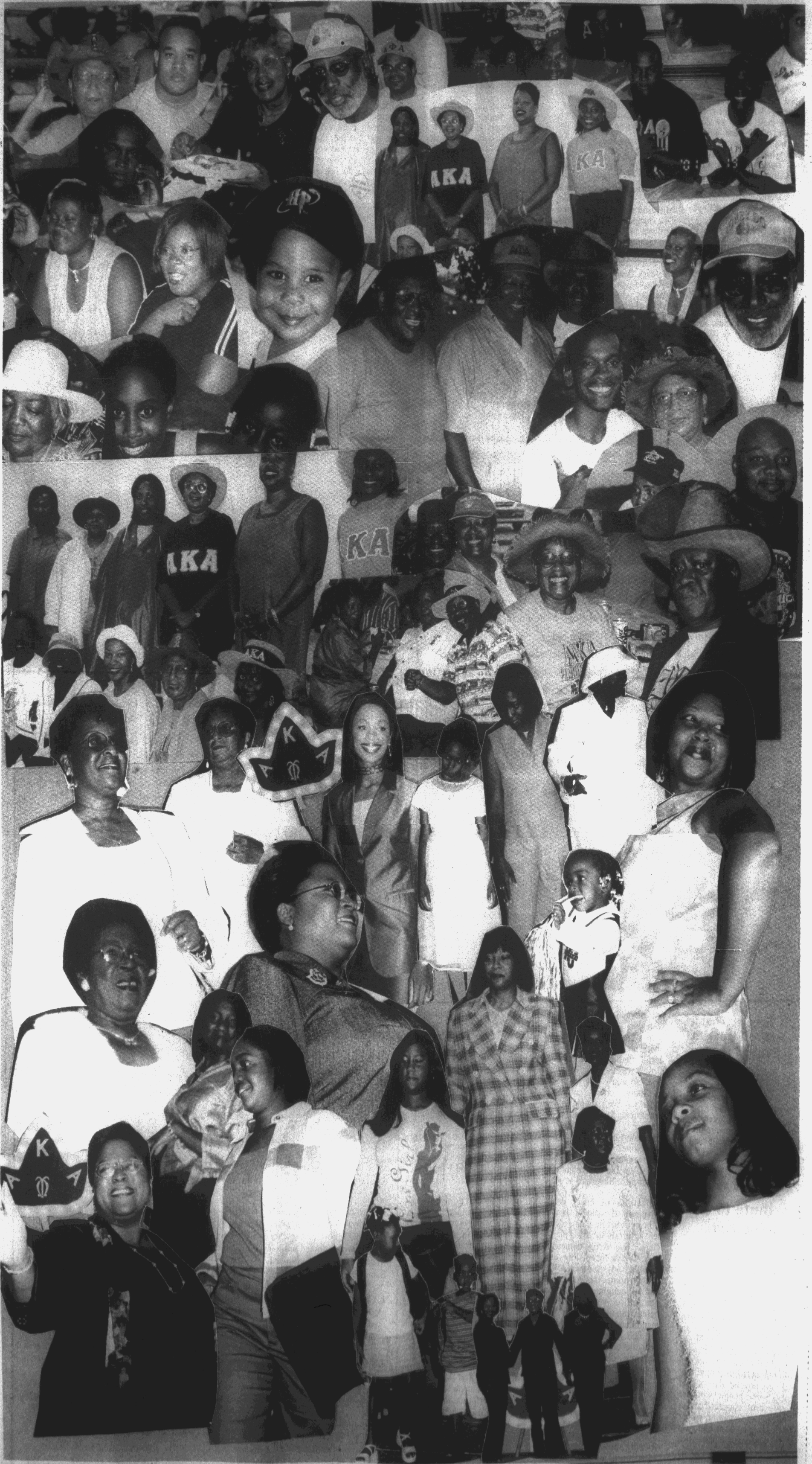
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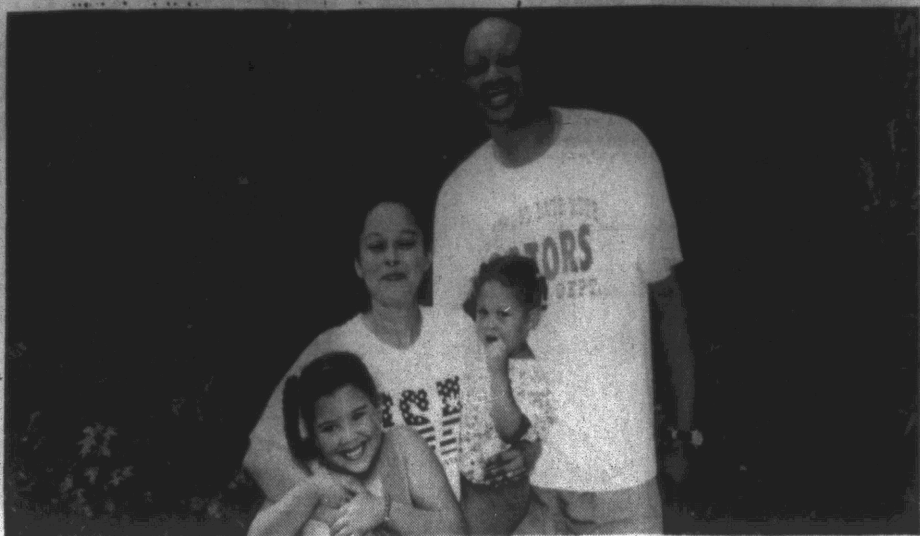
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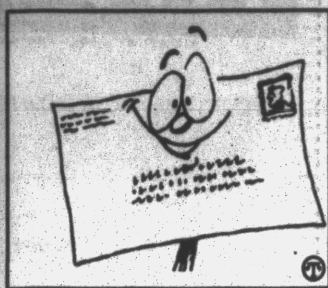


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