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AMERICA DROPS THE BOMB

Bush Warns 'Taliban Will Pay a Price'

By PATRICK E. TYLER
NEW YORK TIMES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7 — Striking at night from aircraft carriers and distant bases, the United States and Britain launched a powerful barrage of cruise missiles and long-range bombers against Afghanistan today to try to destroy the terrorist training camps of Osama bin Laden's Qaeda network and the Taliban government that has protected it.

"On my orders, the United States military has begun strikes," President Bush said in a televised statement from the White House at 1 p.m., just more than half an hour after the first explosions were reported in Kabul, the Afghan capital.

"These carefully targeted actions are designed to disrupt the use of Afghanistan as a terrorist base of operations and to attack the military capability of the Taliban regime," Mr. Bush said.

The Taliban was warned, he said, to meet America's demands to surrender Mr. bin Laden, stop supporting terrorism and release foreign aid workers they hold. "None of these demands were met," he said. "And now, the Taliban will pay a price."

"Today we focus on Afghanistan," he added, but "the battle is broader." Alluding to the Sept. 11

terror attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center, damaged the Pentagon and killed more than 5,000 people, Mr. Bush again warned that nations that sponsor or protect "outlaws and killers of innocents" will "take that lonely path at their own peril."

The skies over Kabul lit up with flashes, and thunderous explosions rumbled through the night, witnesses said. The Taliban fired anti-aircraft guns into the dark sky, and their tracers could be seen by residents of the capital and around the cities of Kandahar and Jalalabad, strongholds of the radical Islamic regime.

Mr. Bush's statement was followed by one from Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain. Both leaders emphasized that the military campaign was not "a war with Islam," as Mr. Blair asserted, though no Muslim country took part directly in the attacks and many refused to allow offensive operations to be staged from their territory.

Mr. Bush said "we are the friends of almost a billion" people worldwide "who practice the Islamic faith." Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld noted that the United States had sent its armed forces five times in the last decade to defend oppressed Muslim populations — in Kuwait, northern Iraq, Somalia, Bosnia and Kosovo.

Shortly after Mr. Bush

spoke, Mr. bin Laden issued his own threat. On what appeared to be a recorded videotape beamed worldwide by CNN, he staked a claim to lead all Muslims in the fight against America, casting it as the murderer of Iraqis and of Palestinians oppressed by Israel, America's friend.

Mr. bin Laden blessed the hijackers who staged the Sept. 11 attacks and warned, "I swear to God that America will not live in peace before peace reigns in Palestine, and before all the army of infidels depart the land of Muhammad."

Abdul Salam Zaeef, the Taliban's ambassador to Pakistan, called the assault a terrorist attack and vowed that America would "never achieve its goal."

The opening aerial campaign could go on for a week and will be followed by ground operations by Special Forces units to garner information and hunt down the leaders of the Qaeda network, administration officials indicated.

Gen. Richard B. Myers, the new chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the bombardment began at 12:30 p.m., Eastern time, and included 15 land-based bombers and 25 strike aircraft from aircraft carriers. Their weapons included precision-guided bombs, and American warships and British submarines fired 50 Tomahawk cruise missiles. A B-52 pilot who took part in today's attack said by

telephone afterward that the nose of one of the bombers had been repainted shortly before the mission to read, "NYPD, We Remember." Mr. Rumsfeld said Mr. bin Laden was not a specific target. The initial bombing, he said, was intended "to create conditions for sustained antiterrorist" operations against his organization.

Mr. Bush did not mention Mr. bin Laden in his remarks, suggesting that the White House was seeking to lower expectations of his capture even as Central Intelligence Agency and Special Forces teams were said to be working feverishly to locate him. He is suspected of being the mastermind behind terrorist strikes on Americans and American interests even before the Sept. 11 assault — in Somalia in 1993, on two embassies in East Africa in 1998 and on the destroyer Cole in Yemen a year ago.

A spokesman for Al Jazeera television, in the Persian Gulf emirate of Qatar, said Mr. bin Laden's words had arrived at the network's satellite uplink station in Kabul.

"People bring tapes," said Omar Bec, head of news gathering for Al Jazeera. "They deliver them to the office or leave them at the door." This tape, he said, "was delivered today to us." "We, honest to God, don't know when it was shot, where it was shot, or how it

was shot," Mr. Bec said.

Mr. Bush ordered the attack 26 days after hijackers, several of them now linked by investigators to Mr. bin Laden's network, seized four airliners, crashing two of them into the World Trade Center in New York and one into the Pentagon in Washington. A fourth crashed into a Pennsylvania field after passengers apparently tried to overpower the hijackers.

Mr. Rumsfeld made clear that the United States was seeking to orchestrate the overthrow of the Taliban by providing military aid and "developing relationships with groups in Afghanistan that oppose the Taliban regime" and the "terrorists they support." The major opposition force is the Northern Alliance, but he also said disaffected members of the Taliban and other groups could coalesce to challenge the Taliban.

The secretary said the goals of the military operation were to punish the Taliban for "harboring terrorists," to "acquire intelligence" that will help future operations against Al Qaeda and to weaken the Taliban so severely that they will not be able to withstand an opposition assault.

Another goal, Mr. Rumsfeld said, is to provide relief aid "to Afghans suffering truly oppressive living conditions under the Taliban regime." To that end, the Pentagon today sent two C-17 cargo

planes flying from Germany to drop 37,500 packets of food and medical supplies to help perhaps hundreds of thousands of refugees who may flee Afghan cities during the bombing campaign. With no Muslim government taking part in the attack — in contrast to the case a decade ago when Arab forces helped to eject Iraq's Army from Kuwait — Mr. Bush nonetheless stated that "we are supported by the collective will of the world."

"More than 40 countries in the Middle East, Africa, Europe and across Asia have granted air transit and landing rights," he said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, concerned about more terrorist attacks, urged law enforcement agencies across the country to move to their highest level of alert.

"All law enforcement agencies have been asked to evaluate whether additional local security measures are warranted in light of the military operations and the current threat level," the F.B.I. said.

Security at public buildings and key installations was reported high across the United States and at American missions abroad as administration officials — and the public — braced for any attempted counterstrikes by terrorists.

Vice President Dick Cheney was placed in a secure location, while Mr. Bush

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Petey Comes Home RAISE! UP!

By DAVID MENCONI STAFF
WRITER Tri - State Defender

If the rise of the Dirty South has made regional pride fashionable in the hip-hop world, rappers don't get much more fashionable than Petey Pablo.

The 28 year-old Greenville native's debut album "Diary of a Sinner: 1st Entry" (Jive Records) is chock-full of regionalisms.

"Diary," which is due for release next month, includes Pablo's flat independently released single, "919," named after one of North Carolina's area codes; the time-honored catch phrase "Cackalacka"; and the first single, "Raise Up," an anthem of state pride. "Raise is already making noise on the charts, hitting No. 1 on Billboard's rap singles chart and cracking the top half of the main "Hot 100" pop singles chart.

Since connections are how most people break into hip-hop, it comes as no surprise that Pablo's associates are also deeply of the South. He first came to attention via a cameo on New Orleans rapper Mystikal's chart-topping 2000 album, "Let's Get Ready." And one of the main producers of "Diary" is Timbaland, the Virginian whose grooves slinky beats are a hallmark of the Dirty South sound.

There is also no mistaking the Southern flavor to the soul and gospel overtones on "Diary," especially in Pablo's gravely soul-man voice. Had he come along 30 years earlier, Pablo probably would have been cast as an Otis Redding-style soul shouter.

"I didn't choose music; music chose me," Pablo says. "I didn't wake up one day and say to myself, 'Rap is a style, that's what I wanna do.' I don't even consider my music all-the-way rap. It's got words and rhymes, sure, but also a lot of melodies and harmonies. I like to sing as well as rhyme words, do whatever I feel. Otis Redding, Marvin Gaye, Bobby Womack, Curtis Mayfield - I'm all about that."

Pablo comes by the churchy overtones of "Diary" honestly. Just like the soul singers of old, he grew up in church.

"That's right I went to a Free Will Baptist church right on outside of Greenville," he says. "I haven't been back there since my aunt passed away. It's kinda hard for me to go back but eventually I'll get past that. If I find the time, I'll walk on in there. But I do like it when I go and people don't pay attention to The Word but to Petey Pablo." Although Pablo does seem to take religion seriously, he has a criminal past - as implied by his album title and the al-



"GREENVILLE NATIVE COMES HOME..."

Up and coming rapper Petey Pablo, whose hit single "Raise Up" representing North & South Carolinas was recently home visiting family and friends, and dropped by the Joy 1340 AM studios.

(Staff Photo)

bum's themes of knowledge hard-won. He declines to discuss in detail what happened. But according to the state Department of Correction database, he received a 14-year sentence, in 1993 on a charge of robbery with a dangerous weapon. He was released from Prison in 1998. By then, he says, music had helped him find his way.

"In Prison, people would say my music changed their lives," he says. "Inmates would be fighting or stabbing, then not doing it 'cause they were listening to me. They'd come to me and ask about some song: 'Sing that for

me, I need to hear that.' Someday somebody might be going through a situation, and I can change that. Anything that feels like it can make a difference, I want to give it to the world. Perhaps as a way of making amends, Pablo donated \$2,400 this year to the Garner Road Family YMCA. The money established the PLP Fund (Petey's Little People)

to pay for disadvantaged kids to attend the YMCAs summer camp.

That comes from growing up, from the heat" Pablo says. "I didn't have to learn that. I've always been a

giving individual because that's the way my mother and grandmother raised me. I never look down on an individual unless I'm picking em up."

If all goes according to plan, "Diary" will enable Pablo to do a lot more good things. To that end, he went along with his record company's request that he do an All City Request of "Raise Up" for radio. Where the original version of the song is strictly North Carolina-centric (which is the one getting airplay) gives shout-outs to a roll call of other cities across America: New York, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Atlanta, New Orleans.

"Doing that did kinda bother me because it defeat the purpose of the song," Pablo admits "You know, it says,

"This one's for us.9 Then there are all those other cities in there. But I understand why my label wanted it because at the end of the day it's 'au about politics. Somebody asked if I felt like I was selling out. But how else can I take care of unfortunate children or build parks and recreation centers if I don't have money?"

Having all those other cities on the record allowed L.A. and Oakland and St. Louis to start playing it know what I mean? Those are spins and spins is money, record sales. Now let's do something with it. We have some attention on North Carolina now. So now, North Carolina, let's branch out and put some Carolina colors on L.A. All over the map, all over the world."



Shown above is local bail bondsman Jackie Parker, Petey Pablo, along with up and coming rap artist AbdulRouse aka "Vocal Don", and a sweet young lady fan, hanging out in the Joy 1340 AM studios.

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EDITORIALS

What lessons can terror teach America, the world?

The mind cannot comprehend the depth of the terror that America experienced Sept. 11. While many have compared it to the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor—"the date that will live in infamy"—in some ways the horror is even larger than that catastrophe.

Pearl Harbor was a surgical attack against a military target. But this coordinated strike only tangentially touched on the military, with the crashing of one of the hijacked planes into the Pentagon. This was a strike designed primarily to maim, murder and terrorize those who had not engaged in any war at all.

We can count the numbers: more than 260 killed in the four hijacked airplanes; possibly up to 200 at the Pentagon; possibly thousands more in the two towers of the World Trade Center, which collapsed into twisted piles of glass, steel and concrete. As the dust begins to clear we will ultimately begin, in some way, to calculate the financial losses that have been incurred in an attack designed to devastate America's and the world's financial markets.

But there is truly no way to calculate the breadth of the horror that has been visited upon the nation, or to understand the twisted evil that chose to perpetrate it.

The mind is awed by the level of precision that went into the four hijackings—all occurring within moments of each other, at three different locations. We are amazed by the expense and planning that it must have taken to coordinate this activity. We are overwhelmed by the evil that would engage in such precision, planning and execution without a shred of conscience or compassion for all those who would be lost. And we are amazed, and saddened, by the pictures taken in parts of the Arab world—rejoicing at the devastation and tragedy that had befallen the "Great Satan" the United States.

But as vile as this event has been, there are lessons and warnings-in the holocaust.

The lesson is that we are not invulnerable. America has truly been a blessed nation. There has not been a single shot fired by a foreign power on American soil since 1815.

But the blessing that God has extended upon us is just that—a blessing, not a birthright. We live in a world that is filled

with evil people, people who will stop at nothing to destroy what they cannot build. The terrorist attack has made a direct hit on our sense of complacency, comfort and arrogance.

And there are warnings, as well. In our anger, we cannot be too quick to assume we know who committed this vile act.

Much of the discussion has centered around Osama bin Laden, the fanatical Muslim cleric who is apparently in hiding in Afghanistan. Others have said that this could have been state-sponsored terrorism, with Iraq as a chief suspect.

But, as this is being written, no one has taken responsibility. Therefore, we do not know. We cannot forget what happened in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing, when-before we learned that the bombers were right-wing White men-Arabs around the country were being harassed because of the mistaken belief that the bombing was Arab terrorism.

A religion or a nationality did not commit these acts: evil men did. Their evil was truly indiscriminate: there were Blacks and Whites, Jews, gentiles and Arabs, men and women in the airplanes they hijacked. All nationalities and cultures were represented in the World Trade Center, and even in the Pentagon.

We cannot allow our fear to cause us to kill the very liberty that makes us the envy of the world-and, yet, that makes us more vulnerable to these attacks. And we cannot allow our anger to cause us to lash out at people just because they do not look like we do-or just because they look like the people we believed may have terrorized us. As African-Americans, we understand the shame, horror-and evil-of being singled out for abusive treatment just because someone in power believes that our skin color or nationality in some way links us to other folks like us who engage in criminal behavior. We all grieve.

We have experienced a terror that is unfathomable. But the nation will recover. We will emerge stronger and wiser from this-if we do not allow fear and rage to compel us to commit suicide on our own liberties or social homicide against those who are different from us. If we do that, then we will have given our enemies the victory they wanted-a victory they could not achieve on their own.

at the time accused of using bin Laden as a faAade to shield him from the Monica Lewinsky debacle. Head of cells or groups that pervade over 50 countries, including the United States, bin Laden, son of a former Saudi Arabian oil magnate, is worth \$300 million and bank rolls his wide network of terrorists known as The Base (Al Qaeda).

In nefarious activities last year, they bombed the USS Cole off the coast of Yemen in the Middle East and killed 17 U.S. service personnel.

Then, on Sept. 11, they executed their most sophisticated and devious attack yet in the history of terrorism by hijacking four commercial aircrafts and plunging three of them into the twin towers that used to house the World Trade Center in New York and The Pentagon in Virginia. More than 5,000 people are feared to have perished in those attacks. The fourth plane did not get to its destination because of the heroic feat of some of the passengers on board, who forced the aircraft to crash in Shanksville near Pittsburgh.

Investigations have found bin Laden's network responsible for the crashes and President Bush has named him a prime suspect. In fact, bin Laden's atrocities have now made Libyan leader, Muammar Gaddafi look like an angel and Ayatollah Khomeini a saint. He is indeed, Adolf Hitler reincarnated and Americans are his Jews.

It is for this reason that the highest support and encouragement must be given President Bush in his noble quest to rid the world of terrorists. This is not vengeance; it is justice and the right thing to do under the prevailing circumstances.

(Guest editorial by Sam Doku, writer for the Washington Informer.)

WHERE DO YOU HIDE? YOU'VE BEEN AT THIS LONGER THAN ME



COMMENTS

Osama bin Laden's terrorist background is unimaginable

by George E. Curry

Though they are reluctant to admit it, George W. Bush and Osama bin Laden have something in common besides being millionaires: Each firmly believes the other one is a terrorist. Unfortunately, many more innocent lives will be lost in the United States and in Afghanistan while each man seeks to annihilate the other.

Without a doubt, the loss of lives in New York's World Trade Center and at the Pentagon is a tragedy, an act of cowardice that cannot be condoned or defended on any grounds. And if the United States wants to be viewed as anything other than a punching bag for Islamic zealots, it has no choice but to retaliate.

Characterizing the Sept. 11 assaults as "barbarism," Bush said: "This administration, along with those friends of ours who are willing to stand with us all the way through, will do what it takes to rock terrorism out of the world. The American people should know that my administration is determined to find, to get them running, and to hunt them down."

Bin Laden, the person being hunted, issued a statement denying he had "carried out this act." But Jamal Ismail, a Palestinian journalist, said an aide to bin Laden had called him immediately after last week's devastating attack to say his boss had denied orchestrating the recent violence but "thanked almighty Allah and bowed before him when he heard this news."

To begin to understand how bin Laden could be thankful for the bloody deaths of thousands of innocent people in New York and Washington, one needs to trace the roots of his anger.

Bin Laden was born in 1957 to a Syrian mother in Saudi Arabia, the 17th of 52 children. His father, Mohamed Awad bin Laden, had emigrated from South Yemen, eventually owning the Bin Laden Group, the largest construction company in the kingdom, now worth about 5 billion.

Instead of continuing to live a life of privilege, young bin Laden chose to travel to Afghanistan to help successfully repel the 10-year Soviet invasion, which ended in 1989.

A year before the Soviets withdrew, bin Laden established his own organization, Al-Qaeda, an Arabic term meaning "the base." He became involved in a series of regional disputes, including Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Bin Laden anger toward the United States escalated after the commencement of the Persian Gulf War in 1991, according to his associates. He was particularly upset with the decision to station American troops in Saudi Arabia, which he saw as

"latest and greatest" aggression against the Islamic world.

The riches-to-rags leader was indicted after he was linked to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing that took six lives. He was also said to be implicated in the attacks on the U.S. embassies in East Africa, leaving 224 dead.

But bin Laden contends that he's not the problem.

"The American imposes himself on everyone," bin Laden said in a 1998 interview with ABC-TV Reporter John Miller. "Americans accuse our children in Palestine of being terrorists-those children, who have no weapons and have not even reached maturity. At the same time, Americans defend a country, the state of the Jews, and that has a policy to destroy the future of these children."

Bin Laden is said to loosely affiliate with Islamic radical in 50 to 60 countries.

Intelligence sources say that in addition to sharing a deep hatred for the U.S. and Israel, bin Laden has been able to tap into the religious fervor of the region by going to local clerics and having them give their blessing to the impending anti-American action.

Larry C. Johnson, deputy director of the U.S. Department Office of Counter terrorism from 1989 to 1993, said intelligence operatives are not prepared to deal with the likes of bin Laden.

"The fundamental problem the United States faces in dealing with entities like bin Laden and his supporters is that the existing intelligence apparatus is still organized to defeat a conventional Cold War enemy, "Frontline," the PBS documentary unit.

"...How do you penetrate an organization which is largely ideological and bound by religious fervor? They don't have membership. You don't have to fill out an application. It's not like joining a country club. You are brought together by commonness of belief that is shared in worship. And in the faithful application of your religious faith."

But religion plays another role that might explain why bin Laden's followers don't mind dying for their cause.

"Being killed for Allah's cause is a great honor achieved by only those who are the elite of the nation," bin Laden said in a 1997 interview with Peter Arnett of CNN. "We love this kind of death for Allah's cause as much as you like to live. We have nothing to fear for. It is something we wish for."

As long as the United States has that kind of unconventional enemy, conventional warfare, as well as conventional wisdom, is useless.

(Curry is an opinion writer for the NNPA)

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Metro Council told to wake up to issues

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter out of concern for the citizens of Davidson county. My concern stems from the inability of some members of the Metro Council to accept the fact that the citizens of Davidson county has given their views about term limits, and want the issue behind them. The people have said No, No, No!

Yet there are some council members who either refuse to accept the mandate of the people, or they think the voting public is too dumb to know what they were voting for when they so soundly defeated the effort to repeal in the last Metro General election.

It was obvious in the last vote on Term Limits, almost four years ago, that the latter is the case. When those responsible for placing the language on the ballot, used the confusing words that was used, any voter with an ounce of voting savvy should have known that this was an attempt to hoodwink the voting public.

Nowhere they come again with the ideas, advanced recently by Councilman Phil Ponder, on the Editorial page of the Tennessean, where he indicates that new additions to the council aren't very bright. In his theory that a third term would make the Council more efficient, he further sealed the thought that a person has to be in the council almost eight years before they know what they are doing. If that is the case, the public had better examine the qualification of those we vote into office, and not be so worried about extending the terms of those who are too dumb to grasp the city's business.

I would offer one consideration for the public, not the council, to ponder. (No pun in tended). And that is to start staggering Councilmanic terms, by voting on different districts at different times for a third of the council members, until there is no danger of more than one third of the council members to be freshman at one time. That way the city would always be assured that a healthy number of the members are seasoned legislators and are full aware of the needs of the people of Nashville. How the one third would be selected could be the responsibility of a panel of citizens selected from the city at large. Until that time my personal opinion is: STOP TRYING TO REPAEL TERM LIMIT. THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN. THREE TIMES!

Since some are still worried about being one-term council members, why not make each term one of eight years, and bar anyone who have already served one four year term at any time, from running in any election until the formula for staggering the terms have been solidified. In those original eight years any person smart enough to get elected, should at least know how to govern their district. Mr. Ponder seems to think the freshman members are still wet behind the ears after almost four years, so give them eight years, since the older and wiser councilmen do not deem it their responsibility to teach the newly elected members. What selfishness on their part!

Rev. James T. Morris Sr.
Nashville

Expensive hotel rooms available to everyone

Dear Editor,

Those readers who say that race relations are no better than they were 40 years ago ("People's Pulse," Aug.23), were not here 40 years ago. I just returned from Biloxi, Miss., where I was welcomed with open arms at the Beau Rivage Hotel. My money was as good as anyone else's.

In 1965, I couldn't get even a room in Biloxi, not that I would have wanted to.

Arthur Lewis,
Los Angeles

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Sneak attacks represents much of what is America

by Bob Brown

As I watch, over and over again, the reruns of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on fire, the symbols of white supremacy, of the U.S. military-industrial-police-intelligence complex smoldering in ruins; and as I listen to the growing and racist drumbeat for war, I remember the wisdom of Malcolm X and Kwame Ture.

The master, and his/her "western civilization," is sick, not us slaves. His/her house, the racist capitalist system, is on

fire, not our plantation shacks.

Hell no, I did not go to Vietnam, or Grenada, or Haiti, or Iraq, or Libya, or Panama, or Somali, or Sudan. Hell no, I will not go, to Afghanistan or Columbia!

Victory of the Oppressed Peoples of the world is certain, no matter the time or sacrifice! Then and only then, will there be no more mourning, or grieving, or tears. In the meantime, the struggle continues, and the work of the genuine progressive and revolutionary forces of the world intensifies.

(Brown is an opinion writer for the NNPA.)

REFLECTIONS, EXPRESSIONS and REVIEWS



Ms Suejette Jones

BOOK REVIEW*

The Great Investment: Faith, Family and Finance By T.D. Jakes

In this book, Jake outlines five key concepts for achieving success in any endeavor.

Faith is the favor of God---Pastor will come to your life when you understand who God is and who you are, and when you find out your unique purpose in life in the light of God's will.

Identify your gifting---God gives each one of us our own unique gifts. It is our job to recognize these gifts, nurture them, and

utilize them to live up to our full potential. Many people do not succeed because they have more appreciation in what God has given someone else than they do in their own resources and gifts.

The power of a plan---Many people fail to attain their financial goals due to no plan. A plan takes all your dreams and must include setting a budget, living within your means, and planting some of your seed into savings and investments for a future harvest.

Giving is the cycle that releases more---The accumulation of wealth should never be the Christian's final goal. Wealth in the kingdom is not the end but the means to the end. Generosity is a spiritual investment principal that works. You don't have to give away everything you have and live like a pauper in order to be blessed but generosity protects us from falling prey to the sin of serving money.

Ten percent is not yours but belongs to God---Paying the tithe to the work of the kingdom is a key to breaking the temptation to hoarding what we have, and key to breaking the temptation to hoarding what we have, and key to releasing

the blessings of God in our lives.

Note: Bishop T.D. Jakes is the author of several books. His weekly television broadcasts are seen in Europe and South Africa in addition to the United States. Recently named one of the nation's most influential ministers by The New York Times, Jakes is the founder and pastor of The Potter's House in Dallas, Texas. T.D. Jakes was featured on the cover of Time magazine, September 17 issue, as The Next Billy Graham. Both are the only two evangelists who could pack Atlanta's 79000 Georgia Dome. Part of what stokes Jakes' enthusiasts is his bounty of black Pentecostal preaching, "soaked in the Holy Spirit" with its prophesying and speaking in tongues. The style is increasingly popular in non-Pentecostal black denominations and beyond: one tongues-talking black Methodist calls Bush "Brother President" and prays with him on the phone. Globally, Pentecostalism is the fastest-growing Christian faith.

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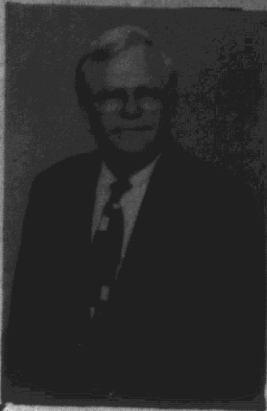
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remained at the White House. The American Embassy in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, closed until further notice. The State Department urged Americans overseas "to exercise caution." The United States warned its citizens in Indonesia to prepare for evacuation after the radical Islamic Defenders Front warned that it would begin attacking Americans and other foreigners if Indonesia did not break diplomatic relations with Washington within 72 hours. Secretary of State Colin L. Powell was scheduled to visit India and Pakistan at week's end, "to keep things balanced between them," an administration official said. Though the opening hours of the campaign were dominated by images of fuzzy explosions beamed out of Afghanistan by television networks, intensive diplomacy was under way behind the scenes to hold together the coalition. One concern was that Iran had called a meeting of the 56-member Organization of Islamic Conference, which will meet in Qatar on Wednesday. An Iranian official today called the American and British assault "unacceptable," but stopped short of saying Iran condemned it. "It was conditionally condemned," said Hamid Reza Asefi, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, because of its

potential "to result in the loss of life among civilians." Still, the prospect that the Islamic Conference, which represents a billion Muslims worldwide, might declare opposition to the assault loomed as a crucial test for the Bush administration's ability to sustain support for military action. Even Palestinian leaders said they were hoping for a "joint" Muslim position on the American strikes. Israel today offered political support, including the all-important step of refraining from direct military operations that might undermine Muslim support for the fight against terrorism. In doing so, Israel repeated the step it took during the Persian Gulf war in 1991. A statement issued by the office of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said that in the last three days Secretary Powell had kept the Israeli leader "informed of the preparations for the U.S. attack." It added that "Israel helps and will provide its help but is not taking part in the war." Today's attacks set off anti-American protests in Pakistan, where some of the country's most influential Islamic clerics called on Muslims "to support their Afghan brothers" against American "aggression." Gen. Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan's president, placed a militant cleric under house

arrest and re-organized his military command to limit dissent among top generals. At the White House, Mr. Bush telephoned leaders around the globe. He spoke with President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia just before the attack began. Mr. Bush and Secretary Powell also spoke with leaders of Canada, Australia, Germany and France, which have "pledged forces" for the operation, the president said. President Jacques Chirac of France told his countrymen today that "our forces will take part" in coming operations "in a spirit of solidarity and responsibility." "At this stage," he added, "French ships are associated with this operation." In Berlin, Chancellor Gerhard Schröder said Germany would join with France "to make its contribution." In Ottawa, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien said Canada would provide "a number of units" for unspecified operations to come. China offered a cautious endorsement. In Iraq, President Saddam Hussein called an emergency meeting of his inner cabinet, and a communiqué issued afterward said, "True believers cannot but condemn this act, not because it has been committed by America against a Muslim people but because it is an aggression perpetrated outside international law.

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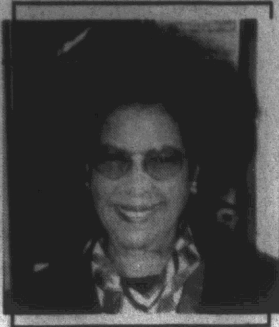
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From The Desk Of Mrs Beatrice Maye



Mrs. Beatrice Maye

HAIR STYLES/EAR RINGS.....UNIVERSITIES

Question: Have you noticed all the fellows on Duke University, NC State, Wake Forest, and UNC-Chapel Hill's basketball teams do not wear braids; instead each one's hair is cut appropriately.

Do you also notice that each one's face is clean-shaven, no full facial hair?

These fellows on these teams are worthy of emulating---evidently their standards coincide with the schools/universities they attend, and most of the fellows on these teams are Black, too. Doesn't that tell you something about the schools, the coaches and the fellows who attend them.

Braids, earrings, and necklaces don't belong on their teams. The "cream of the crop" are highly selected, both academically and athletically. Not just anybody is accepted. So, let's set our standards high, achieve well and don't follow every style and fashion that comes along.

A WOMAN'S TOP 10 REGRETS

1. Not enough education.
2. Wrong career, wrong job, wrong work situation
3. Marrying-----marrying too early, marrying too late, marrying the wrong person
4. Having children too early or not at all.
5. Not being assertive enough.
6. Not being self-disciplined.
7. Not taking risks
8. Not having gotten along better with parents or not appreciating them enough.
9. Not having been more active in the neighborhood or community affairs.
10. Not having gotten along better with parents, brothers, or sisters.

Adolescents/Stages/Concerns

1. What kind of person are you?
2. Do you fit in with your friends?
3. How do you create distance from and remain connected to adults?
4. What kind of skills, reasoning and values do you need, as you get older?
5. How do parents prepare adolescents for adult life?
6. What are some unusual concerns of adolescents? Of adults?
7. How will you change the way you eat? Dress? Study habits?

Peer Pressure?

Complete freedom?

8. Choices? How will you make them?
9. Your mom's and dad's divorce---any impact now?

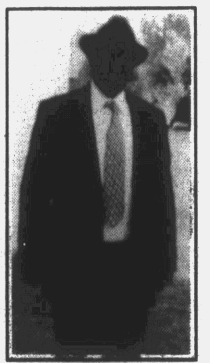
10. Are you kind and loving?
11. What kind of person should I marry?
12. Your drive toward competence and how your parents have facilitated that drive even though divorced?
13. Have you looked for love elsewhere?
14. Are you a normal teenager?
15. Are you competent for the task before you?
16. There are many distractions to studying and making good grades and sticking to the task. Name them.
17. Are you able and do you chat frequently with your mother. Do miss that in your father?
18. Do you talk about more than grades?
19. Boy's changes can come anytime between 9 and 15 -----weight, size, bumping into furniture, enlarging penis and testes, growth of pubic hair, longer arms and legs, broader shoulders, bigger feet, reshaped face, deeper voice.
20. Do something you love. Most students this age are excited by sports, art, or music, computer and video games.
21. Stay on top of what you are doing well.
22. About one in every four live in homes without a father.
23. Involve kids in organized sports after school.
24. Do not allow pierced earrings in boys, sagging pants, or earring in the nose of girls or boys, no green hair, no red or blue shoestrings, no sandals.

Bring your membership card everyday. This is the requirement of the Challenger Club. Also, parents, you must join and volunteer four hours each month at the club. If you don't your child can't attend. You must attend a monthly Mandatory Saturday session. If you're late picking up your son, you'll be charged \$2.00 per minute. This is just not a place you come to drop off your kids. 25. Doing well in school is one of the best guarantees for success later in life. 26. Teach children to take care of themselves in tough situations. 27. Some boys and girls begin what they call "going with" as early as 4th & 5th grades. Going with means they talk at lunch, pass notes at school, walk home together. By 9th grade, they are dating. 28. Adults unwittingly launch kids toward dating by saying in jest, "Got a girl friend or boy friend yet?" 29. Parents, discourage one-on-one dating until age 16. 30. Girls and boys who date early come from single-parent homes or divorces parents. 31. Further distant relationships seek out boys who paid them special attention. 32. Why should I wait until I'm married to have sex. My parents didn't. 33. Do you know how to say "No" to sex? 34. There is no fruit, which is not bitter before it is ripe. Publius Syrus.

PROFILE:
William James "Moses"

Vines, the son of deceased Moses and Sarah Vines, the husband of 39 years (divorced) to Mary Ruth Vines, the father of five children: Gretchen, Kervin and Stephen of Greenville, North Carolina, Emory, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Michael, Berkley, California, and the grandfather of eight children, lives at 608-A Pamlico Avenue, Greenville, North Carolina. Moses also has two deceased sisters - Mary Ruth and Peggie Vines. Moses attended Sadie Saulter School and dropped out of C. M. Eppes High School in the ninth grade to assist his deceased grandmother, Annie Vines with chores and responsibilities. His Boy Scout activities were connected with Sycamore Hill Baptist Church on First and Green Streets. As a person, who had nothing, yet he has accomplished much, he says. He proudly assisted with the naming of Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive on Fifth Street. Moses joined Cherry Lane Church early in life, followed by Wells Chapel, finally ending in Sycamore Hill Baptist Church in 1995 as a dedicated and committed member, attending Sunday school, Bible Class and prayer meetings, and Sunday Services regularly. My church is my life now, he says. Moses, as he's affectionately known served two years in the army at Fort Jackson, Columbia, South Carolina, Fort Lee, Petersburg, Virginia, Fort

Houston, Newport News, Virginia, and Fort Story, Virginia Beach, Virginia. His work experience has been with the janitorial division of East Carolina University for 24 years and with George Pugh Parts on Dickinson Avenue. In retirement, though a diabetic, he volunteers, visiting the sick and shut-in in homes, hospitals and nursing homes. Several people have influenced his life, but among them are Deacon Matthew Lewis, Mr. Ernest "Red" Eaton, Mr. William "Tip" Taft and Mrs. Beatrice Maye, who sits beside me in church services. I am honored, he says. His advice to young people: the Court House and Jails are filled with Blacks. Somebody is watching you all the time. Don't run from one church to another; they all have problems. Stay in school. I want to be remembered as someone who tried to help somebody.



William James "Moses" Vines

Spiritual Reflections



Dr. George Hawkins

Playing With The Anointing

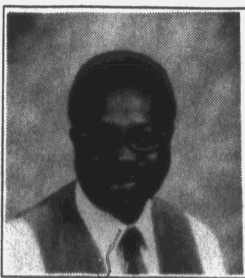
Part II

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ:

Judges 15 11:15 records the time when Samson first began to flaunt God's anointing on his life. Thinking himself invincible, he allowed the Israelites to tie him up hand him over to the Philistines. Once in the enemy camp, he broke the cords easily, picked up a bone from the ground and killed 1,000 men. He thought he was

mocking his enemies, but actually he was setting himself up for his undoing. He had begun to compromise what he believed---just as many people today compromise what they believe in order to be accepted. Samson had a great anointing, but he came to a place in his life where he thought he could do anything he wanted and get away with it. I'm convinced that many men of God come to that place not because they lack the anointing, but because of the anointing God placed on their ministries. Because of the signs, the wonders and the miracles, they begin to think they can do anything they want. Shortly after the incident in the Philistine camp, Samson again opted to toy with the anointing. Scripture says he went to Gaza, where he "saw a harlot there, and went in to her" (Judg. 16:1). While he was with her,

the townsmen encompassed the house, then waited into the night by the city gate and hatched a plot to kill him in the morning. But Samson lay quietly until midnight. "Then he arose at midnight, took hold of the doors of the gate of the city and the two gateposts, pulled them up, bar and all, put them on his shoulders, and carried them to the top of the hill that faced Hebron" (Judg. 16:3). In Samson's day, the walls of some of the cities were so wide they could ride six or eight chariots abreast on the top of them. This man had just been with a prostitute; but he got up out of bed, ripped up the city gates and walked away with them. In effect, he said to his assailants: "I'll show you. You lie in wait for me by the city gates, but I'll show you who you're up against. I'll take your gates away." To Be Continued.....



'If I can help soinebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain.'

The Women Fellowship of the Little Creek United American Free Will Baptist Church Highway 903 South, Seufftton. N.C. will spotlight and honor Brother Anninias C. Smith in an appreciation service on Saturday, October 6, 2001 at 5:00 P.M.

Brother Smith was honored for membership at the church for 47 years and 34 years of dedicated and untiring service as Church Secretary. The honor of your personal attendance Fraternal orders, church oraanizations or social groups was appreciated. We are certain that Anninias has touched you or many of your lives. Brother Smith is also a Prince Hall Master Mason, Royal Arch Mason, Knohts Templar Shriner, 33d Dezree Mason, Eastern Star. Heroine Cvrene and Odd Fellow Supervisor. A reception followed the service in the Feilowship Hall of the church.

You may respond to the Women's Fellowship representative: Mrs. Elinor O'Neal 521 Greentfield Blvd. Greenville. NC 27834 (252) 752-4158



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"Shown above is Mother Judy Ward and Sister Brenda Rouse at ECU with the Mississippi Mass Choir and The Williams Brothers.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND MANY MORE BLESSINGS !!! " (Staff Photo)

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The times I'm weak, my God gives you the strength to comfort me and nourish me.
For I love God for bringing you forth to me.

I'll give you all my love, just as God gives his, all toward us.
We lie and cheat ourselves sometimes but that's just a simple test we take when we're feeling lost about things.
For you are Wisdom and I am Knowledge.
Wisdom supports Knowledge.
Just like You will support Me, as Caring will support Feelings,
as God will support Us, as parents will support their children.

You're like 120 Degrees in my circle and I'm another 120 Degrees, which forms 2/3rds of a Circle Of Love.
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Like a kidnapper, plotting to take away from US, Our Children.
I need your full cooperation of LOVE . in order to live a sound and prosperous Rooted Life.

For I AM LOVE and you're MY PEACE that I hold on the inside of me.
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Which will bring a Full "LOVE", "PEACE", and "HAPPINESS" to Our Lives!
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Author: Abdul Rouse
AKA ME =YOU= CHILD
Vocal Don LOVE=PEACE=HAPPINESS
120 + 120 + 120

360 DEGREES OF LOVE

Our Role In The New War

(An "M" Voice Exclusive)

We are now living in an unusual era within the history of America. As Black Americans, no matter how much we despise the past and present oppression toward our people, we must never forget that this country belongs to us too and we belong to it as citizens. With that in mind, we must find ways to do our part to protect our families, our communities and the future of our children. It's easy to say 'what can I do' or 'that stuff is all about New York, Washington or other far away places'. But there is very much that you can do; especially if you live in the Black Community.

First of all, be very careful where you spend your money; even small amounts at neighborhood stores. Many of these stores have been bought by people from middle eastern countries such as Afganistan and Yemen. Many terrorist organizations have connections into our neighborhoods and into your pockets through merchants who have set up stores in our communities. Make no mistake. They are very loyal to their homelands. How many do you see displaying the American flag ? The answer to that question should tell us a lot.

These stores are convenient, but now is the time to put convenience aside. Over 5,000 innocent men women and children, many of them minorities were slaughtered on September 11th. Some of our money helped pay for these murders. Deep down inside, we know that these people have no love for us or our neighborhoods. It should make us sick to see them pretend to be friendly by making small loans or giving short-term credit when our pennies are short. The prices are always high, so you are borrowing your own money.

Certainly not all middle eastern merchants are sending money to terrorist. But, we have no way of knowing who does and who doesn't. The surest way to do the right thing is to make the sacrifice and avoid them all.

WAKE UP BLACK PEOPLE !!! HAVE ENOUGH DIGNITY TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THOSE WHO EXPLOIT YOU FACE TO FACE EVERYDAY !!!
Now you know. There is something that you can do. Spread the word and make a difference !

Mchael Garrett
Jim Rouse

PICTURES FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE



HERE'S ANOTHER ONE FROM OUR ARCHIVES.....Father Bell is pictured here with members of the Bell generation at a family gathering held at the Dubois Center
staff photo by Bro Jim Rouse



"HANAGIN" OUT ON THE BLOCK".....Caught by the M'Voice camera was Filmore Bell, Prince Hemby, and a friend hanging out at the Ice House on the block (Albermarle Ave.), which back in the day was a popular hanging spot for the locals. *staff photo by Jim Rouse*



FROM THE M'VOICE ARCHIVES..... Can you name the people in this picture??? (Hint...Popular beauty/barber shop inGreenville) Send your answers to the M'Voice Newspaper and win a free compact disc.
staff photo by Bro Jim Rouse



LIVING WITH AIDS DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY INC., along with the ECU Division of Student Life, KAPPA SIGMA CHAPTER sponsored a lecture at Mendenhall Student Center on the campus of ECU on Sept. 18, 2001 with special guest lecturer, Rae Lewis-Thornton.
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PASTOR WILLIAM SAVAGE AND FIRST LADY BRENDA SAVAGE

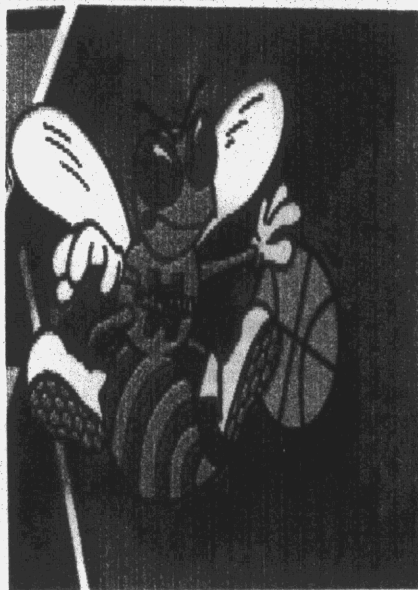
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF THE SAVAGE BROTHERS OF WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA AND WASHINGTON D.C.

The savage Brothers were born and raised in Capital Heights, MD. They started singing in the local church at the age of 8 and 6. The members of the group are William Savage 10, John Savage 10. They are twins. The newest member is Jamal Lewis age 10 of Goldsboro North Carolina Through the Lord Jesus Christ, their God-parents Sis. Rosetta Thompson of RT Productions and Brother Horace Thompson of the Sensational

Nightingales doors has opened for the Savage Brothers. Their first major performance was with RT Productions in Washington, DC at Bibleway Temple Church on Dec. 1, 2000 for a Pre-Christmas Program where they opened with the Gosp Keynotes, The Sensational Nightingales, Arthur Crue & The Soul Stirrers, Spencer Taylor a] The Highway Q-C's, The Soul Stirrers, Spencer Taylor and The Highway QC's, The Swanee Quintet, and Johnny Peoples and The Gospel Crowns. *photo by Faith May*



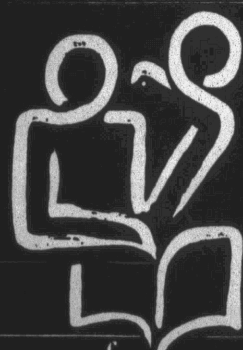
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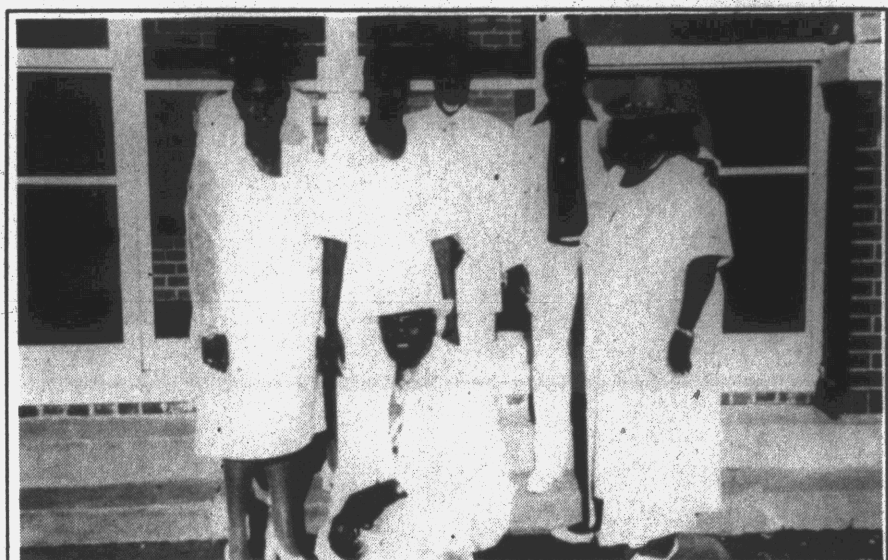
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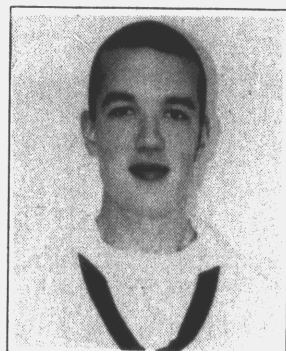


Three Lovely Ladies..... caught by the M'Voice camera from left to right, Mrs Gloria Brewington Person, Gospel Diva Vanessa Bell Armstrong and Gospel Promoter Audrey Tyson beaming with smiles before as a crowd anticipates the music ministry of one of Gospel Music's Top Artist enters Greenville.
 photo by Jim Rouse



On Oct 7, 2001 there will be a building fund program sponsored by Roosevelt and the Mighty Mighty Allstars of Snow Hill NC. The time is 7:00pm and the doors will open at 6:00pm. This will be held at Macedonia House of Prayer in Ayden NC on U Street. On that program will be - Frankie and the Soulseekers of Ayden, The New Gospelaires of Ayden NC, The Carolina Jubilaries of Wilson NC, Bo-Zo and the Angelaires of Wilson NC, The New Silver Stars of Kinston NC and The New Gospellettes of Kinston NC. If you would like to get in contact with Roosevelt Moye & the Mighty All Stars of Snow Hill call or write : Roosevelt Moye, P.O. Box 300 Walstonburg, NC 27888. Call (252) 753 - 6866 or Angel Ellis, (secretary) at (252) 234 - 5863
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September 27, 2001(FHT'NC)--Navy
 Petty Officer 3rd Class Paul C.
 Copeland, son of Charlotte H. and

Paul W. Copeland of 2044 Mazingo Road Greenville, N. C., recently completed the NATO Staff Officer Orientation Course at the National Defense University, Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, D. C. During the two-week course, Copeland was prepared to assume NATO staff duties for the first time. The course facilitates the integration of field grade officers like Copeland into the Alliance structure and environment, allowing them to function effectively with their NATO counterparts. Copeland is a 1999 graduate of Farmville Central High School of Farmville, N. C. and joined the Navy October, 1999

Public Notice

North Carolina Department of Transportation

Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises
 In
 The Department's Federal-Aid Program

The North Carolina Department of Transportation has established an overall Departmental Goal for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in conformance with 49 CFR 26 for Federal Fiscal Year 2002. The overall goal will be 12%. 2.94 is race/gender-neutral and 9.06 is race conscious.

The Department has set a goal for Public Transportation at 16.89%, which is all race/gender-neutral and an 8% race/gender-neutral goal for ApplCart. For Aviation there is an overall goal of 8.4%. 8.1% is race conscious and 0.3% is race/gender-neutral.

Your comments on these goals and the methodology used in establishing these goals are welcomed. All Comments should be submitted within 45 days (beginning September 2, 2001 through October 16, 2001) to Mr. Delano R. Rackard, Director, Civil Rights & Business Development Section, North Carolina Department of Transportation, 1511 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1511 and for further information at 1-800-522-0453 or (919)733-2300 between 8:00am and 5:00pm..

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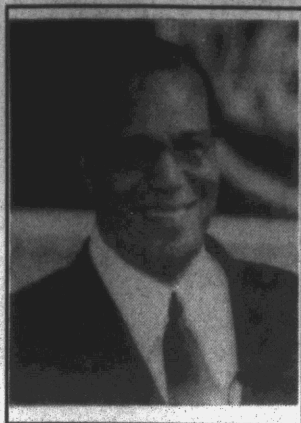
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Min. Farrakhan advises Pres. Bush

Spiritual Guidance needed to avoid War of Armageddon

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CHICAGO-The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan advised President Bush to move carefully and seek spiritual guidance as the U.S. government prepares to prosecute a war in response to the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. "I, on behalf of all members of the Nation of Islam and on behalf of many millions of Muslims here in America and throughout the world, lift our voices to condemn this vicious and atrocious attack on the United States," said Minister Farrakhan during a press conference held at Mosque Maryam on September 16 that was transmitted via satellite throughout the nation and world and broadcast on six Internet sites. "We mourn the loss of the many who have perished in the national and international tragedy.

"Mr. President I plead with you that this war that you intend could trigger that war that all the scientists of religion and of war have desired to escape, the war that would end all wars, the War of Armageddon.

I would appeal to the scriptural scientists among us, those of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, to be utilized by President Bush to help him understand this hour from what the prophets saw and predicted," he said. Denouncing the attacks as conduct that is absolutely un-Muslim-like, Min. Farrakhan also cautioned the public against retaliation on Muslim citizens for the evil actions of those who only profess the religion of Islam. While standing in agreement with the leaders of this country in their hunt for the perpetrators, Min. Farrakhan implored them to

take the same courage to examine the effects of U.S. foreign policy in producing such heinous crimes against humanity.

"A better foreign policy in America would defeat terrorism forever in the world", he said.

Min. Farrakhan addressed the public moved by sadness and anguish over the horrific suicide missions which resulted in the loss of thousands of lives, total destruction of the World Trade Center and tremendous damage to the Pentagon. It was an act of war, he declared, to target America's symbols of financial strength, military might, architectural genius and aviation brilliance. The greatest need in this dark hour, he said, is the "perfect and unequal guidance of God" which has the power to properly direct the anger that has been justifiably incited within the American people.

The Minister stressed that the triumph of the human spirit that has emerged from this tragedy can begin the process of rebuilding spiritual values in this country. The tragedy united the country behind its President, united Democrats with Republicans, united

diverse segments of society and caused the nation to bow down in prayer and reflect on God, the Minister acknowledged.

"Allah (God) used this tragedy, hopefully, to bring a great nation to Him, he added, saying that only in humility can the guidance of God be heeded. Only divine guidance from scriptural scientists of all faiths, the Minister stated, can prevent the U.S. government from violating international law in their stated mission to rip up the nest of

terrorists.

With representatives of Chicago Police and Fire departments seated before him, and a host of community and religious leaders in the audience, Min. Farrakhan commended the courage, valor and sense of duty of the firemen and policemen who risked their lives to save others, calling them heroes.

He expressed gratitude to New York and D.C. city officials and medical staff who worked to ease the suffering in the aftermath of the catastrophes, as well as the common citizens who donated blood. He also thanked the media for their continual coverage that informed the people as events unfolded.

Before ending the press conference with an ecumenical prayer, Min. Farrakhan said, "I hope that President Bush and all those with him will turn this tragedy into triumph of right over wrong, of good over evil, of justice over injustice, and let not the blood of those who died be shed in vain.

Following the message, mosques and other venues where the signal was pulled down were abuzz with activity and hope.

"I'm very excited and it was a very meaningful message from the Minister today," said Jacqueline Jackson, wife of Rev. Jesse Jackson, who sat privately with Min. Farrakhan and wife Mother Khadijah following the press conference. "I hope his words will be healing and we will bring this tragedy to a peaceful and reconciling solution."

Former Chicago School Board President Florence Cox told The Final Call that Min. Farrakhan spoke the feelings of many Americans

"His admonition for the leadership of this country to seek spiritual advice should be really taken to heart. When you look at some of the predictions that have been made by great minds, you will find that what we need is divine guidance. We need spiritual wisdom with the hope that all of this will lead us to peace and international healing to prevent this from happening again," she said.

Rev. Janette Wilson, an attorney and associate pastor at Cosmopolitan First Baptist Congregation, agreed that the answers lie in God.

"My answer is not in people," she said, "it is in our faith and our faith traditions. Our God can interpret things. It appears to be foreshadowing of the end of times. It is not yet the end, but it is a shadow of things to come. I think God is speaking to us in a very critical and definitive manner. When the Minister says we should pray, that's what we must do at this moment. Not respond in anger, but respond in faith."

Representatives of the Chicago Police and Fire departments absorbed the words of Min. Farrakhan and expressed appreciation

for his outreach. "It was a terrible thing that happened in New York and it was nice for Minister Farrakhan to invite us here to show his regret also about what happened," Deputy Fire Commissioner, Derrick Jackson told The Final Call. Commander Bill Power of the Chicago Police Dept. added, "This is a show of unity. People have to understand that we're all together in this. This is an attack against America and we're all united as one community against that type

of terrorism."

In Los Angeles where the overflow crowd spilled onto the street, the sense of fulfilled expectation filled the air.

"He addressed some very important issues that are not being addressed, such as the certainty of evidence in seeking justice," commented former Congressman Mervyn Dymally, a Democrat who represented parts of Los Angeles. "It was a direct message calling upon the country to be even handed, not to strike because of suspicion and without evidence. But these truths are not very popular in the media. The media wants war and that's the only cry that they want to cover," he said.

Kay Benjamin, a Los Angeles actress, said the tragedy was a very painful thing "because it was man's inhumanity to man. I'm so grateful for the Honorable Minister Farrakhan's speech because we got the voice of reason.

In Washington, where more than 1,000 people filled Lincoln Auditorium for a satellite feed of the message, Pastor Lorman Lykes of Washington Church told The Final Call that, the Minister "has a very unique

and accurate perspective of the events as they unfolded and his perspective on the political and foreign policy of America is accurate. I believe that all Americans should hear his comments."

Marilyn Preston Mllingham, 68, past-chair of the Republic of New Africa, said she welcomed the statements but felt one aspect was missed.

"As one who prayed for and participated in a preparatory conference in Geneva, Switzerland, in preparation

for the World Conference on Racism, I strongly felt that [the racism conference] might be the world's last chance for peace," she said adding she hoped that the recently concluded conference held in Durban, South Africa, would have been mentioned during the press conference.

In Harlem, N.Y., a short distance from "ground zero" of the attack on the World Trade Center, more than 1,000 people came to Muhammad Mosque No. 7 to listen to the press conference. Walls inside the mosque burst to capacity and offices were used as make-shift auditoriums, while hundreds more filled the streets to listen via speakers set up to accommodate the overflow crowd. Foremost on the minds of people was trying to understand what exactly happened and what should be the appropriate response, not just for themselves but for the country. They were not disappointed.

"Personally, it was what I needed," said Leonard G. Dunston, president emeritus and national political advisor for the National Association of Black Social Workers.

"Minister Farrakhan did

several things for me today. One was to help me get through this feeling of great grief for those who have lost their lives and, two, he also challenged me to understand some of the historical and political dynamics that would lead individuals to commit this kind of act," said the 61-year-old who once had offices in the World Trade Center.

(Brenda Muhammad, Charlene Muhammad, and Corey Muhammad contributed to this story.)

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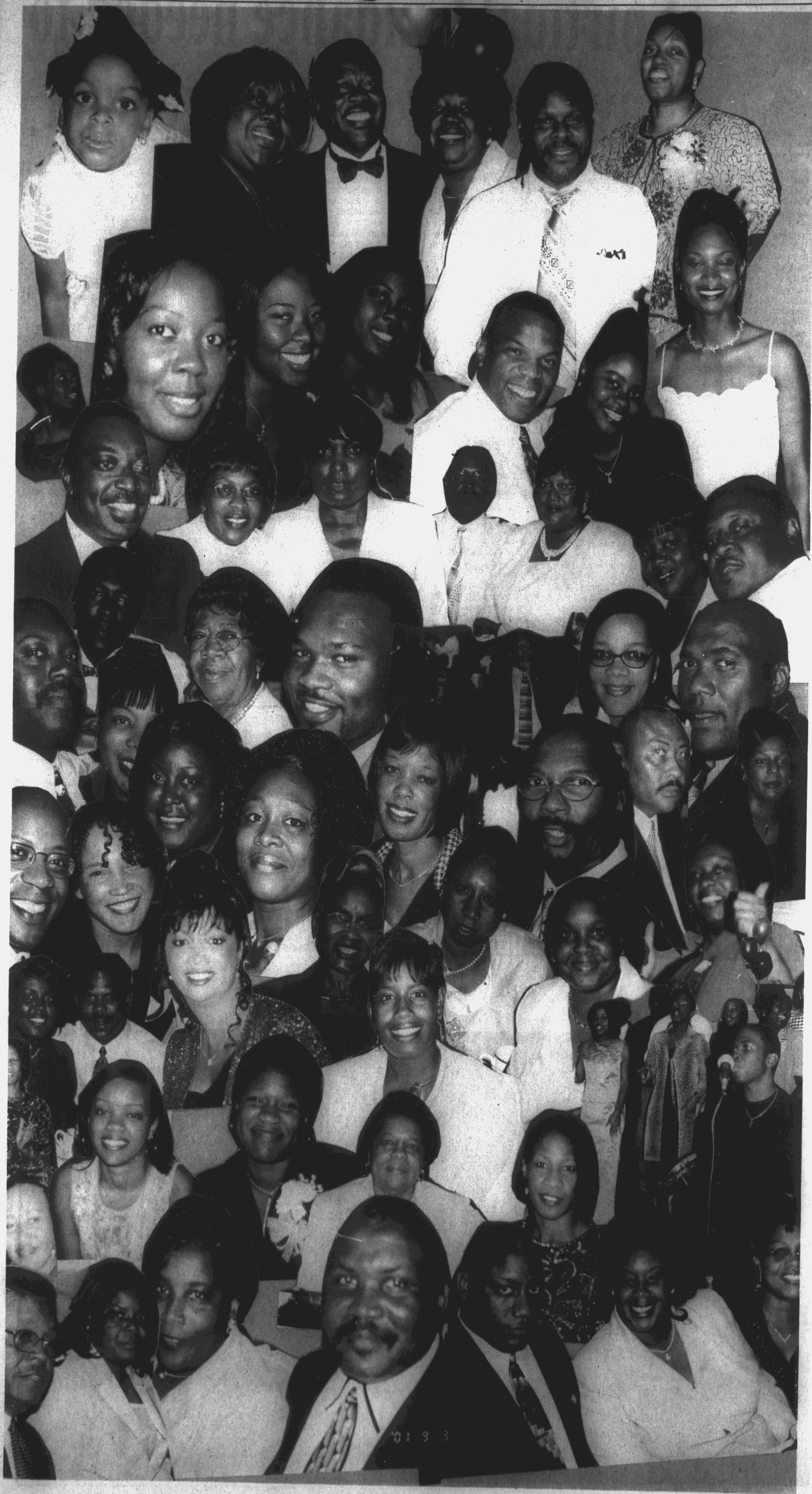
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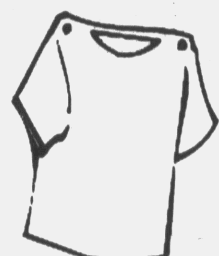
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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Local Groups Shed Light On Domestic Violence

by Donna Stefanik
The Skanner and The Black Press

In the time it takes to read this story, about 60 women will be battered by men that profess to care about them. They will be Black, White, rich, poor, old and young. They will be among the more than one million women a year who are victims of domestic violence. Violence against women is a problem so serious it is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44. According to the FBI, that's more injuries than women receive through accidents, rape and mugging com-

bined. Bettie Williams-Watson, executive director of seattle's Project MIC (Multi-Level Interfaith Communities), is working to change those statistics. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and Project MIC is sponsoring a number of events intended to foster recognition of the scope of the problem. Williams-Watson, herself a survivor of domestic violence, calls her work "what I live for." After extricating herself 14 years ago from an abusive marriage to a minister, she has worked steadily on behalf of victims. She focuses on faith-based communities because of her own deep roots in the church.

For many African Americans, especially women, she said, the church is the lifeblood of the community. Project MIC works to educate ministers and congregation members on how to reach out to battered women and to prevent violence against them. Working through the church is also important, according to Williams-Watson, because as a rule, Blacks don't always feel comfortable going to traditional programs. Project MIC's programs include related youth violence, sexual assault and chemical dependency workshops. Several of the seven-member churches have created a protocol that addresses the issues. Holgate Street Church of

Christ, the original home of Project MIC, will go a step further: Sunday school teachers will be prescreened for chemical dependency and domestic violence. Williams-Watson uses a "wraparound" approach with Project MIC, involving clergy resources and local domestic violence agencies. She said that establishing a network including agencies, churches, the police department and the court system is the eventual goal. Project MIC will go to area businesses as well to help them create an effective response to domestic violence, which can spill into victims' workplaces. Involving a wide network is the best way to address

domestic violence, Williams-Watson said. Making scattered efforts doesn't work, she said. "We need a concentrated effort." Project MIC is a labor of love for Williams-Watson, an outgrowth of her years of working with a variety of area agencies, including shelters and transitional housing. There is no regular funding for the project, though she is working to change that. "I made a vow to help others when I got away," she said. Though she has a full-time job as a housing counselor, Williams-Watson puts in more than 40 hours a week on Project MIC. "Everything else is second," she said of her calling. Williams-Watson calls on

everyone to get involved. "I take it personally. We all need to take it personally to stop domestic violence. People have let it go on for too long."

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Erskine Bowles was in, then out, and now back in again. Erskine Bowles, Charlotte Investment Banker and former Chief of Staff for the Clinton Administration, has decided that the best way to serve his country in this time of crisis is to run for the United States Senate. Bowles admits that he is not a politician and not "Pretty", but thinks he has the message and the stuff to win. His messages (Early Childhood Development, Healthcare and the Environment) are very safe and typical Democratic messages. But having the right stuff is yet to be determined. The one thing Bowles does have, and have plenty of, is M-O-N-E-Y. Bowles' moneybags will change the fundraising strategies on both sides of the primary. On the Republican side, Richard Vinroot and Liddy Dole have been counting on financial support from some of Bowles' investment buddies - who will now, in all likelihood, give financial support to their buddy Erskine. But Bowles' moneybags will have the greatest impact on his Democratic opponents - Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and former House Speaker Dan Blue. Elaine and Dan are gonna have to raise substantially more money now that Erskine is in the race. This is gonna be an "odd person out" race

between Bowles, Marshall and Blue. It is unlikely that either candidate will garner 40 percent of the vote. Forty percent is the magic number to avoid a primary runoff. This means that all three candidates are running for the 1st or 2nd place and hoping to get the endorsement of the third place finisher. A runoff between Bowles and Blue would be exciting and Elaine Marshall's endorsement might be the deciding factor. In this scenario race becomes a factor. If Marshall should finish third in the primary she could still run for reelection as Secretary of State in 2004. She may not want to send the wrong message to Dan's supporters by endorsing Bowles. If Blue is the odd person out, his endorsement will be critical in the runoff due to the strong African American presence in Democratic primary races. If Bowles is the odd person out, he can be king or queen maker. His moneybags will speak volumes. This will be an interesting race. Keep your ear to the ground and your eyes on the horizon. A couple of early warning keys to focus on are the Hunt and Easley high dollar donors and the diversity that Marshall and Bowles have on their staff. Either way you cut it, the African American vote - which comprises about 30 percent of all Democratic votes in a statewide Democratic primary election - and M-O-N-E-Y will play a huge role in the 2002 Democratic primary race for the United States Senate. Stay tuned.

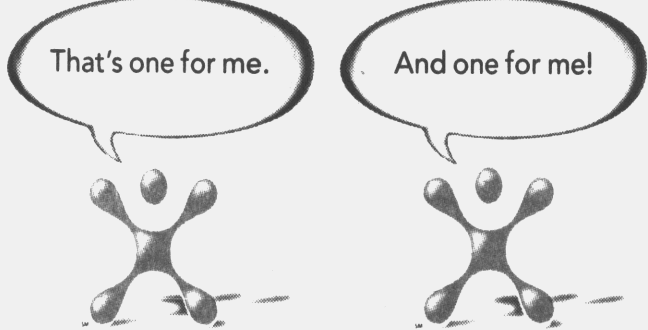
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