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## Interracial Increase: More Black Woman / White Man Couples

Taken from the Tri-State Defender

For years Black women watched as Black men dated and married White women, gallantly strolling down the street with them or awkwardly bringing them to family reunions.

Sometimes when a Black man achieved fame and fortune, Black women would hold their collective breaths, wondering whether he would bypass someone like them for a woman of another race. And among them, Black women have talked endlessly about the shortage of eligible Black men.

Now, as if to say, "enough of that," Black women have begun their own silent march across the color line. In growing numbers, they are dating and marrying White men.

"It's not as easy for women of any race to find good men nowadays, so why shouldn't we broaden the horizons?" says Manhattan author Brenda Lane Richardson, 53, a Black woman who is something of a pioneer of the trend—she has been married to a White man for 18 years.

"The biggest change in intermarriage in this last decade has actually been Black women marrying White men," says Maria P.P. Root, a clinical psychologist in Seattle who has studied interracial relationships and multiracial families extensively. "It's a very significant demographic trend that nobody has picked up on."

In the last 40 years, all marriages between Blacks and Whites have increased, but recently interracial marriages have climbed faster for African-American women than for African-American men, according to a 1996 article in *The New Democrat* written by Douglas Besharov, a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research.

The number of Black female-White male marriages remained fairly static between 1960 and 1980, going from 26,000 to 27,000. But by 2000, the number had almost tripled, to 80,000, according to Current Population Survey figures. By comparison, the number of marriages between Black men and White women rose from 94,000 in 1980 to 227,000 in 2000.

"Black men have been doing this sort of pairing up, particularly with White women, for such a long period of time. I think that actually opened the door" for Black women, theorizes Root, whose book, *Love's Revolution: Interracial Marriages* (Temple University Press, \$22.95), was published last year.

Two years ago, Richardson published *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: Celebrating Interethnic, Interfaith, and Interracial Relationships* (Wildcat Canyon Press, \$14.95), partly to acknowledge the increase in interracial unions and to show how such unions can help people look beyond race.

This "quiet revolution fueled by love," as Root calls it, obviously is happening not only because Black women have become more open to the idea of interracial relationships.

"One of the reasons we're seeing more Black women going out with White men is because White men are changing, too," Richardson says. "When I say changing, I mean losing, prejudicial thoughts. They're in the office with us, at the health clubs with us. They're being confronted with the truth of who we really are."

And their attitudes, in fact, may have changed faster than Black women's.

According to a 1995 study on interethnic marital attitudes conducted in 21 cities, White men were the group most willing to intermarry; Black women and White women were the least.

"I've always been willing to think outside the box," says Chicagoan Matt Wukitsch, 33, a social worker, on why he had no qualms about marrying an African-American woman. "We felt a connection right away. The first day I saw her, I was like 'Wow, who is that?'"

That first day was at a youth workshop that he had arranged at the Black Ensemble Theater, where Andrea was an artistic director. Within two weeks she told her mom that he was the one. They've been married 2 1/2 years.

This, despite the fact that Andrea, 31 and now an actress, used to be "that Black woman looking at Black men with White women, thinking 'Whaaaat?'" she says, laughing.

What's behind the greater openness to Black female-White male relationships?

Hollywood has played a small role in the last few years, on both film and TV. Most notably, Halle Berry won an Oscar for her role in *Monster's Ball*, in which she plays a waitress who gets involved with a White man (Billy Bob Thornton) after her Black husband is executed in a Georgia prison.

Last year Berry played John Travolta's girlfriend in *Swordfish*, and Angela Bassett was cast as the girlfriend of Robert DeNiro in *The Score*, a condition many Hollywood types say DeNiro prefers off the screen.

In 1998, Berry played Warren Beatty's love interest in *Bulworth*.

Another factor, often referred to as the "shortage" of eligible Black men, stems from the fact that so many men of color are incarcerated, unemployed or just emotionally absent, many Black women say.

And equally significant is an increasingly integrated society, and the fact that during slavery, White masters often mated with Black female house slaves. It was then and continues to be more readily accepted in mainstream society than the reverse. And there are other conditions, too, that have enhanced Black female, White male relationships.

"The Civil Rights movement and upward mobility" among African-Americans have brought about "more equal-status contact across groups," says Claudia Mitchell-Kernan, a UCLA anthropologist who conducted the 1995 study that examined interethnic marital attitudes and dating patterns.

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## Fundraiser for Justice

G. K. Butterfield



Supreme Court Justice shown above at a Fundraiser for Supreme Court Justice G. K. Butterfield that took place last week at the home of Wilson's Police Chief Willie Williams. Posing for our cameras are Gov. Jim Hunt, State Senator Frank Ballance, Justice G. K. Butterfield, a former Justice, and NC Court of Appeals Jim Wynn. Shown below are Chief Williams and G.K.'s campaign manager. Photo by Jim Rouse.

## Heritage Banquet



Annual Banquet..... pictured from left to right attending the annual NAACP Heritage Banquet was Rev. Dick Dickens, Senator Frank Ballance (speaker of the evening), NAACP Gaston Monk & his wife Dr. C.B. Gray and Mrs. Ballance, wife of the Senator. Of course the engagement was a success. photo by Jim Rouse



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## Bell: ECSU Champion



Pictured here are Mr. & Mrs. Bell and son. photo by Jim Rouse

A retired educator of ECSU and NYU joins the group in its recruitment effort.

Rosa Mackey Bell, a graduate of Elizabeth City State Teachers College and the class of '44 joins the Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter in the effort of recruiting students to attend Elizabeth City State University and to encourage other alumni to join in our recruitment effort.

When Mrs. Bell graduated from Elizabeth City State Teachers College, she was fortunate enough to go back to work at the high school in which she finished. An alumni chapter of Elizabeth City State Teachers College was organized and she became the president of that chapter and, as they were to

meet often in Elizabeth City, she met Mr. Melvin Roundtree and a few others attending our alumni meetings. Mr. Roundtree was affiliated with the Eva J. Lewis Chapter at that time and the chapter members were hard workers making great progress.

After working in Hyde Co. for 19 years, she married and moved to Greenville and, when she got to Greenville, the Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter had gone down and Mr. Roundtree and a few others had to go from house to house to collect enough money to represent their chapter. This great chapter had gone down and often representatives from Elizabeth City State came to Greenville and held meetings with the alumni

members to encourage them to reorganize.

In 1985, a group of us met at various homes and other places to develop interest. We did reorganize. Effie Thompson was our president and Rosa M. Bell was the secretary. We had a very interested group for a while with large numbers and we made progress. Since then we have worked very hard under the leadership of Mary L. Cates. Our effort now is to encourage and recruit students to attend Elizabeth City State University because they can go there and do as well in life as they can from attending any other school. We also would like to encourage the graduates in this city to support our chapter. We have worked hard and have been well-represented in recent years. Now we need all that will fall in line with us.

Rosa Bell retired in the year of 1981 after working 37 years in Hyde and Pitt Counties. She is a high school graduate of the Hyde Co. Training School. She is a member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church where she is affiliated with many organizations and the Ladies Delight Chapter No. 10 Order of the Eastern Star. She held the secretary position of the Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter from 1984-1992. She is the founder of the Hyde Co. O. A. Reay Alumni Chapter of Hyde County. She is the widow of Millard Filmore Bell.

Her motto is "If I can help someone as I go along then my living will not be in vain."



# Lifeline: Edification Of The New Generation



**IS IT TRUE THAT THE BIBLE HAS THE ANSWER TO YOUNG TEEN QUESTIONS?**

by Faith May

our health, our hopes and our happiness all hang in the balance.

But what if the most published book in the world has the answers to our most troubling questions. If you wonder if there is hope for you and your family according to Genesis, the first book in the Bible, God created the family. The rest of the scriptures assume that the One who made marriage and parent relationships is the One who knows how to make work.

Consider chapters 5 and 6 of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Here the God of the Bible gives clear principles for a healthy family:

Husbands (5:25-28). They draw on the spiritual strength of God to faithfully show self-sacrificing leadership that displays character and integrity.

Wives (5:22-24). They find security in their relationship to Christ so they can complement the strengths of their husbands.

Parents (6:4). They learn from their own Father in heaven how to provide loving instruction and wise correction that equips children for life.

Children (6:1-3). They honor the loving, though imperfect,

example of their parents who are accountable to God for their care and development.

Husbands, do you want to alienate your wife and drive a wedge in your marriage? Then don't give yourself for her, don't give her the dignity and respect she deserves. Don't pay any attention to the biblical instruction to love her as Jesus loves His church.

Wives, do you want to drive your husband away? Then don't give him the loving supportive partnership that God's Word, the Bible describes.

Parents, do you want your children to despise you and everything you stand for? Then be inconsistent, unfair, and unrealistic in your expectations. Try to dominate them without genuinely loving them. Ignore the biblical direction about giving them loving, consistent discipline that does not provoke them to anger.

Children, if you don't want your home to be a place of anger, frustration, and constant turmoil you must obey your parents. Don't forget the debt of gratitude you owe them for giving you life and caring for your needs.

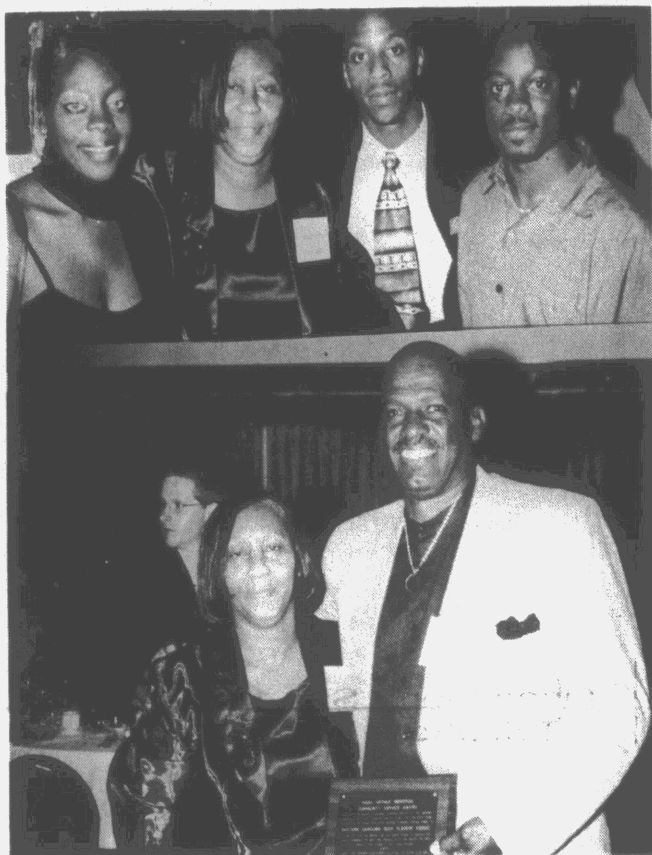


## "SYLVIA'S RESTAURANT...."

Shown above are the fine ladies that serve the hot and delicious food at the Sylvia's Restaurant located in Wilson, NC. Shown is Carla, Sharon, Tasha, Robin, Connie, Annie, & Mrs. Hill. The Minority Voice Newspaper would like to encourage everyone...when in Wilson, NC...stop by Sylvia's Family Restaurant.

(Photo by: Jim Rouse)

Many of us like to watch game shows on television like "The Price Is Right" or "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" Some of us find it entertaining to watch someone else sweat in an effort to get rich quick. Yet we also know that the questions the contestants have to ponder no matter how intriguing are not in themselves all that important. The really important questions are those that haunt us in the darkness as we lie in bed trying to sleep questions that eat at our hearts because we sense that our lives and relationships, our work and



**Lil Willie Anniversary.....** Shown above top is Mrs Arrington with her kids who are all college students. Below she stands with our beloved brother, Eyes (holding the award) Congratulations to the Lil Willie Center on another great year.

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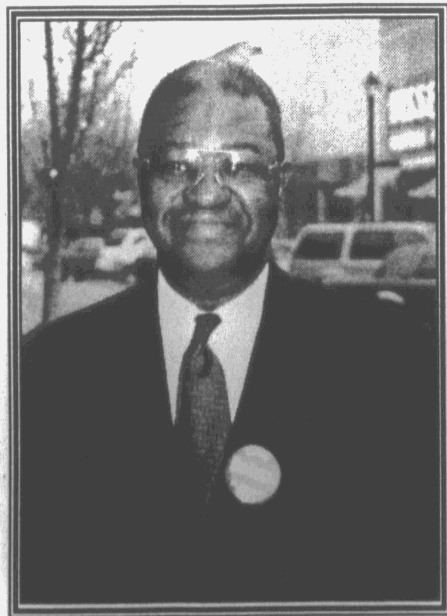
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with raping Black women with impunity, but the near rumor that a Black man had raped a White woman could get him killed," she says. Related resentments formed the barrier between Black women and White men.

The history of racial oppression and perceived sexual exploitation as a part of that racial oppression is a factor that early on discouraged Black women from involvements with White men," says Mitchell-Kernan, now UCLA's vice chancellor and dean of graduate studies. "The mythology was that White men had a sexual interest in Black women but were not interested in marrying them."

The resulting skepticism helps explain why, in the study Mitchell-Kernan conducted, Black women as a group indicated they were less willing to marry outside their race than other groups.

But reality, not just mythology, plays into the divisions, says Haley, 51. Black female slaves were "sexually exploited by White men who were in the position of their masters. So that history of rape often hardens Black women to even the possibility of dating, or contemplating in a romantic way, White men," she says.

In her own way, Haley has dealt with what she refers to as that "conflicted history." Her husband of 27 years, Adrian Pollock, 51, is White. He is, however, not an American White male.

He's from England. And I think that's why we've lasted this long," she says half-jokingly. "He wasn't socialized into the American—which is, bottom line, a racist—society."

While progress has been made, interracial couples say they still confront the occasional subtle slight or glare that reminds them, and their children, that they constitute another category of minority status.

Haley and her husband have a son, 24, and a daughter, 18, who have grown up biracial in a predominantly White area of central New York state. Because her daughter looks White—blond hair, blue eyes—"she's caught it from both sides," Haley says.

What's most hurtful to her is that her schoolmates, acquaintances (who) may not know she has a Black mother and will assume she's complicit in Whiteness, will tell her racist jokes."

Until the late 1960s, it was illegal in many states for Blacks and Whites to marry. In 1958 two Virginia residents, Mildred Jeter, a Black woman, and Richard Loving, a White man, were married in Washington, D.C. When they returned to Virginia, they were charged with violating the state's ban on interracial marriage. The couple took their case to the Supreme Court, and in 1967, in *Loving vs. Virginia*, the court declared anti-miscegenation laws unconstitutional.

Where there are fewer legal and societal obstacles from outsiders, some women acknowledge that personal or familial ones remain.

Veronica Chambers, 31, a fiction writer and freelance journalist, says she faced her own before becoming engaged to Jason Clampet, 28, who is White.

"The hardest hurdle for me is that I just remember being in a really close relationship with a Black man and being able to come home at the end of the day and say to him, 'It's hard being me. It's hard being a Black woman in a predominantly White field.'"

"I needed to be able to say that to Jason or else I couldn't live with him. . . . He can take it. He knows how to give me space to talk about a situation with White people without having to defend himself."

And while Andrea and Matt Wukitsch say their families largely welcomed their marriage, Andrea says her father initially had a hard time with the idea that his daughter was marrying a White man. But she held her ground, and by their wedding day her father was there to give her his blessings.

"When you're willing to stand up," she says, "ultimately the good wins out, because you're with the person that you love."

At one time, she adds, a Black female and White male had very limited contact.

"These days a White male college professor will come in contact with a Black female college professor," Mitchell-Kernan says.

And although Black male-White female couples still outnumber Black female-White male couples 4 to 1, some think that it's easier for American society to accept a White man and a Black woman being together.

"Of the two types of Black-White couples, the Black male-White female has historically always bothered people the most," says T. Joel Wade, an expert on interracial relationships and a professor of psychology at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

Black male-White female pairs still seem "most repugnant," he says, and perhaps that explains why it's rare to see those pairs even today in movies and soap operas. "That's still much more upsetting. A lot of sexual baggage goes into it."

That baggage is rooted in the history of slavery, when the "whole myth of the Black rapist" arose, says Shelley Haley, a classics professor at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., who teaches a course titled *Black Women's Experiences in the United States*.

Haley says that myth offered "an excuse for lynching" Black men in the South, a topic she took up recently in her class. "I pointed out the irony that White men could get away

### You Can't Doesn't Exist for Me

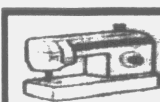
Recently, a concerned citizen of the Greenville, NC area asked me why I attended East Carolina University. This gentleman made the assumption that I chose to go to a "white" school because I wanted to be white, I wanted to surround myself with white people, and because I felt that the only way I could succeed was by going to a "white" school. Of course, I had to disagree. I chose to go to ECU, number one, because I wanted a university education without leaving home. Also, I knew for a fact that ECU provided excellent programs for my intended major at the time, computer science. This gentleman also made the statement that the majority of successful blacks graduated from historically Black colleges. He insinuated

### By Cynethia Griffin

that I would not be successful in life because I chose not to go to one of the Black schools. I heartily disagreed. I informed this brother that, although I don't dare to diminish the many advantages of going to an all Black school, I would NOT fail in life because I did not attend one. I let him know that my success in life depends on me, on achieving the goals I set for myself. It doesn't matter what school I go to, I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. I will NOT be limited by any man. Instead of encouraging me to be an exception, this older, well-known citizen, who also happened to be African American like me, decided to try to discourage me. I am here to say that he failed miserably. Yes, his-

torically Black schools tend to produce highly successful African Americans; I am very proud to be African American and know that my fellow brothers and sisters are making things happen for themselves. But that doesn't mean I'm limited. True, it may be harder for me; I may hit some roadblocks along the way, but I AM going to reach my goals, no matter what anybody says. So, to all of the young Black students who plan to attend college, I say, "Don't let anyone stomp on your dreams. No matter where you choose to go, you can do anything you want to do. Don't let 'I can't' OR 'you can't' be a part of your vocabulary."

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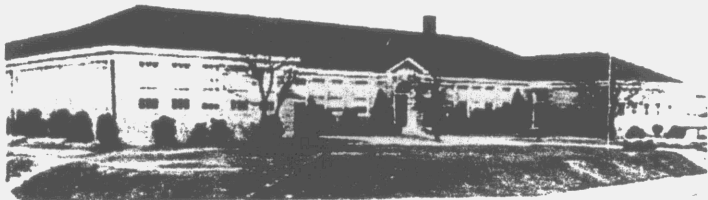
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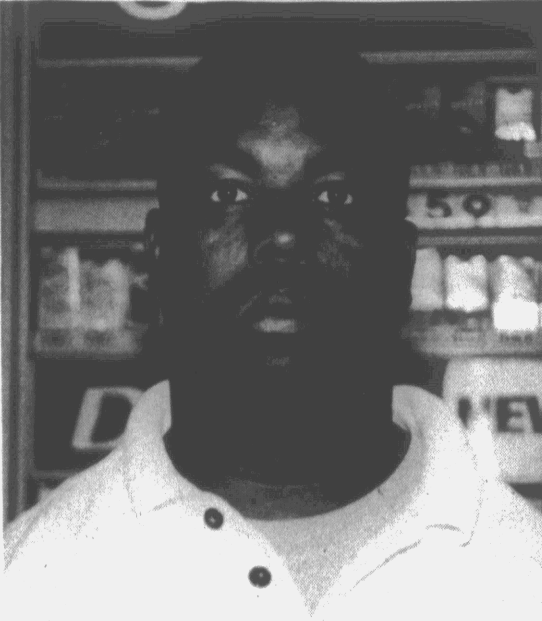


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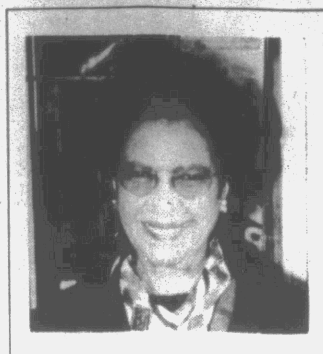
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# From The Desk of Mrs Beatrice Maye



Mrs Beatrice Maye

## BLACKS DON'T READ.....

Grandma Williams' e-mail this.....Blacks Don't Read.

Blacks use the current methods of containment (controlling) on themselves: Ignorance, Greed, and Selfishness.

A great man said, "The best way to hide something from Black people is to put it in a book." We live not in the Information Age.

They have gained the opportu-

nity to read any book any subject through the efforts of their fight for freedom, yet they don't read.

Greed is another powerful weapon of containment. Blacks have large amounts of money at their disposal. Last year they spent 10 billion dollars during Christmas.

They continually want more, with little thought for saving or investing. They would rather buy some sneakers than invest in starting a business. Some even neglect their children to have the latest Tommy or FUBU. And they still think that having a Mercedes and a big house gives the "status" or that they have achieved the American Dream. They are fools. The vast majority of their people are still in poverty because their greed holds them back from collectively making better communities. They'll continue to show off to each other while we build solid communities with the profits from our businesses that we market to them.

Selfishness is one of the major ways we can contain them. Their selfishness does not allow them

to be able to work together on any projects or endeavor of substance. When they do get together, their selfishness lets their ego get in the way of the goal. They are content to sit in conferences and conventions in our hotels, and talk about what they will do, while they award plaques to the best speakers, not the best doers. Is there no end to their selfishness?

They steadfastly refuse to see that TOGETHER EACH ACHIEVES more (TEAM). They do not understand that they are no better than each other because of what they own. In fact, most of them are but one or two paychecks away from poverty. Yes, we will continue to contain them as long as they refuse to read, continue to buy anything they want, and keep thinking they are "helping" their communities by paying dues to organizations which do little other than hold lavish conventions in our hotels.

By the way, don't worry about any of them reading this letter, remember,

"THEY DON'T READ!!!!"  
Prove them wrong. Pass this on.

## JABBERWOCK PAGEANT 2002

The Jabberwock Pageant was held at 6pm on Saturday, May 4, 2002, at the JH Rose High School Performing Arts Center. The theme for the event was

"Building America's Future Through: Scholarship, Citizenship, and Service."

The biannual pageant is sponsored by the Greenville(NC) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Fifteen area high school juniors and seniors were seeking to be Miss Jabberwock, and two girls in grades third through six were competing for the Little Miss Jabberwock title.

Since December, the participants have been involved in educational, cultural, career and personal development. They competed for the crown by soliciting sponsorships. The

Jabberwock is a mythical character in Lewis Carroll's

"Alice in Wonderland." He invites his friends to join him in celebrating the Jabberwock by bringing girls together to share their future dreams and aspirations.

When the Greenville (NC) alumnae chapter was chartered in 1965, the pageant featured high school seniors. Through the years it has gained its participants and has included male and female high school seniors and female high school juniors and seniors. In 1992, elementary girls were added to the pageant. This event follows the national organization emphasis on education.

Shammah Daniels, vice president of the alumnae chapter, is chairperson of the pageant, and Annette Goldring is chapter president. Participants in the high school pageant from DH Conley High School were:

Jessica House, daughter of Johnnie & Phyllis Thompson; Kristian Jordan, daughter of Maurice & Cheryl Jordan; Diandra Miller, daughter of Mary Miller; Angel Smith,

daughter of Ada Smith; Erin White, daughter of Haywood & Linda White; Marquita Williams, daughter of Jimmie and Pat Williams.

From Ayden Grifton High School is Jacquell Smith, daughter of Gwendolyn Turnage. From North Pitt High School is Roychelle Payton, daughter of Patricia Dunn. From Farmville High School is Sharira Baker, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Baker. From Northwest Halifax High School is Andrea Hunter, daughter of Matthew & Gwendolyn Hunter.

JH Rose High School participants are Antoinette Boskey, daughter of Sandra Strickland; Diedre Hagans, daughter of Jay & Debbie Hagans; Chandra Maultsby, daughter of Mary Maultsby; Kimberly Moore, daughter of Jackie Blount; and Le'once Wilkins, daughter of Leon and Claudette Wilkins.

Participating in the Little Miss Jabberwock is Shonita Johnson, daughter of Benjamin Johnson and Monica Daniels; and Alexis McDowell, grand-daughter of Wilson McDowell.

# Reflections Expressions And Reviews

## The Lottery Question

North Carolina has no state lottery because too many voters believe it is evil, one of which is that poor people would waste their money that is needed for the bare essentials like food, shelter, and clothing. Governor Mike Easley recently announced cuts in state spending. During that press conference he reminded voters that we wouldn't have to cut jobs and services if we had a lottery. Education in the state would improve. In other words, I told you so. The debate is on the table. No one doubts the advantages of a state lottery.

People will drive a long way to get a chance to strike it big. Many North Carolinians

drive every week to Virginia and South Carolina to purchase lottery tickets. That's not to mention the people in this state who buy ball tickets and play numbers in our cities and small towns all over North Carolina. This illegal gambling has happened as long as I can remember and still happens as I write. No one cares because for many, it is considered legitimate recreational activity. Men who are leaders of churches buy tickets or play numbers. They are deacons and trustees, ushers, and from pulpits across the state without bringing attention to the illegal gambling that takes place all over the state. Pastors contend that a lottery would lead to the deterioration of society; yet, many churches put

on raffles with the offering of a free TV or a free turkey or even cash money if the holder's lucky number is drawn. The goal is to "raise money for a church project."

Recently, a North Carolina man spent a weekend in jail, in part because he had some lottery tickets in his pocket; however, prosecuting North Carolina residents who legally purchase lottery tickets in other states makes as much sense as prosecuting state residents who gamble in the Las Vegas or Atlantic City casinos.

One thing is certain: Something has to be done to improve education in the state

of North Carolina. Taxpayers will not support a tax increase. The options are simple: Go forward with the lottery, accept what we have, or increase taxes. It's only a matter of time before

we move forward with a lottery. Our fiscal problems don't give us much option -- whether it is good or evil.

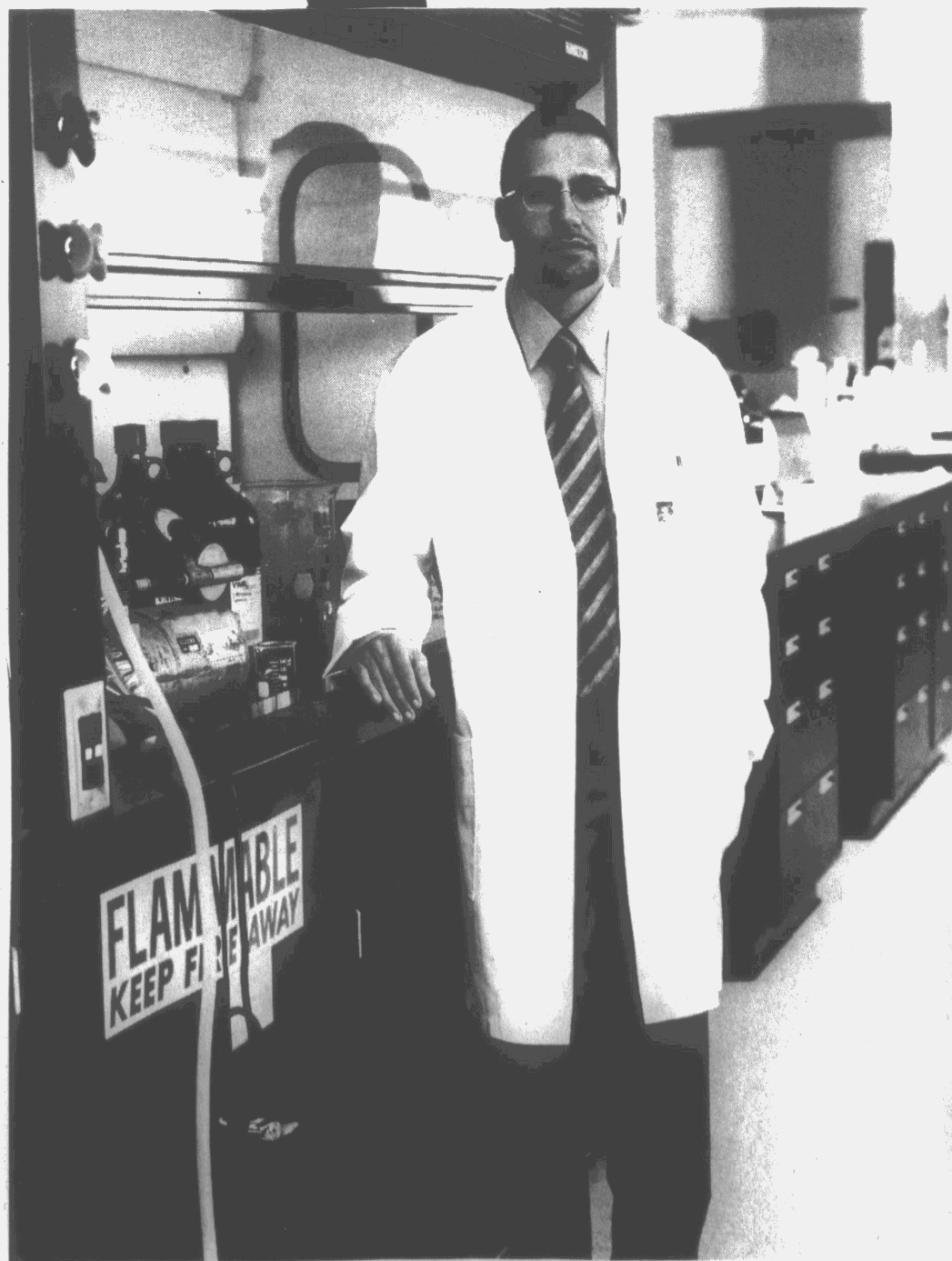
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"Annual Fish Fry....."

Shown above at the Annual Fish Fry held in Snow Hill recently. Shown standing with the newly elected Mayor of Snow Hill, Don Davis and fellow citizens of Snow Hill.  
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"100 BLACK MEN OF AMERICA....."

Shown above are members of the 100 Black Men of America organization that recently held a community and education forum at Pitt Community College, to discuss violence, education opportunities, and those pondering questions that we arise when in the presence of law enforcement.  
(Photo by: Jim Rouse)



20th Century Banquet.....Shown above are our brothers and sisters that were on hand for another 20th Century Celebration. This year's event was held at the Hilton Inn with renowned speaker The Honorable Judge Jim Wynn - NC Court Appeals  
photo by Jim Rouse



Phillipi Missionary Baptist Church of Simpson. Name these three beautiful ladies who work for the Phillipi Missionary Baptist Church in the Missionary Department. If you name them, you can win a "JOY PACK" courtesy of WOOW JOY 1340 AM.  
Photo by Jim Rouse



Shown above with Sis. Rosa Harris of Mt. Calvary FWB Church, along with Rev. Molly Davis of Progressive FWB Church, and other special guests that attended the scholarship banquet held at the Hilton of Greenville.  
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July 15 - July 24, 2002 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
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## Minority Business Serving You for Over 20 Years

By Cynethia Griffin

There is a business in town that has been serving you for over 20 years; you are probably asking yourself, what business? That business is Jim Rouse Communications, consisting of WOOW Radio, WTOV Radio, and The Minority Voice Newspaper. Jim Rouse Communications has been providing you with over 20 years of news, music, and information. It is the voice of minorities in eastern North Carolina, serving Pitt, Beaufort, and Edgecombe counties. The slogan of the "M" Voice Newspaper is "What you see is what you get, what you read is what you know and save."

Our specialty is getting your message out to the booming African-American consumer market of eastern North Carolina. To best do that, we must be second to none. We have thousands of loyal consumers listening to our broadcasts and reading our newspaper each week who need to know where to buy the products and services they need and want for their families. For the best way to reach them, just ask us. The enormous popularity of AM radio has returned to broadcasting with a "BANG!" and it's highly regarded by savvy advertisers as the sure-fire way to reach the consumers with the most buying power. In the Greenville/Pitt County metro area, WOOW is a "must buy" if you want your message, service, or product to pene-

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itself is a problem," said Pires, the Washington lawyer. "Because everybody says: My God, who would the plaintiffs be? Who is this class? Is Oprah Winfrey a plaintiff? Is Michael Jordan a plaintiff? Is Tiger Woods a plaintiff? Tiger Woods isn't even pure Black." Although Pires is pursuing similar litigation, he says he does so with his eyes open to the challenge. "If these cases were easy, everybody would do them,"

he said. "These cases are brutally, brutally difficult to pursue. They're very hard. They're filled with problems: the definition of the plaintiff, the counts, the liability issues, the damages issues, the venue issues, the jurisdictional issues, the statute of limitations issues. There's a ton of problems."

Edward Fagan, the Livingston, N.J., lawyer who filed suit last week against Aetna, Boston-based Fleet Bank and the railroad company CSX Corp., of Richmond, Va., is undaunted, saying he has a legal theory to combat each obstacle. Fagan argues that the statute

of limitations will be extended because the plaintiffs could not have known until recently about the involvement of specific corporations in the slave trade. Diane Sammons, another attorney working the case, likens it to buying a home and discovering the soil had been contaminated with mercury a century earlier. In addition, "slavery was a crime against humanity," Fagan said, "and there is no statute of limitations on a crime against humanity."

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# Reparation effort just begining

Legal experts: Win or lose, the discussion is worth having.

from The Tri-State Defender

It may become the most divisive issue in the nation: the unsettling question of compensating African Americans for the atrocity - and the legacy - of slavery.

But, for now, as the debate finds a national platform with the filing last week of class-action lawsuits, supporters and critics of reparations agree on this much: The landmark suits, targeting companies with links to the slave trade, come burdened with a virtually unconquerable mountain of legal obstacles.

And they agree on this, too: With all the fanfare accompanying the suits' filing, the slim prospects for their legal success may be thoroughly irrelevant.

Instead, lawyers and academics say, the suits should be seen as the first - and almost certainly not the most significant - salvo in a battle that will reach far beyond the marble walls of the federal courthouse in New York. The new lawsuits seek money from companies, including Aetna and Fleet Bank, that participated in or profited from the slave trade.

Dozens of other companies also may be named in suits - some as early as next week.

But in the months ahead, other teams of lawyers, including some of the most prominent litigators in the nation, will meet to craft far larger reparation suits aimed at federal and state governments, and possibly universities and private individuals. And the suite are just one arena in a coordinated campaign that ultimately will involve appeals to Congress the White House and, of course, the American people.

"I guess you could call it Round One from a weapon that has, obviously, a big chamber," said Alexander Pires Jr., a Washington, D.C., lawyer who won a \$1 billion settlement in 1999 for

Black farmers harmed by discrimination in federal farm loans.

PiTes, has joined with other high-profile lawyers, including Johnnie Cochran and Harvard University's Charles Ogletree, to form the Reparations Coordinating Committee, which plans to bring its own lawsuit around the end of the year.

Pires sees the current lawsuits as a "prelude" that gives lawyers in future cases a chance to gauge press reaction and public response.

And others say all of the litigation may serve only to raise public consciousness and build support for congressional action or voluntary payments by companies.

"The larger point is not whether the claims survive or not, but whether they generate constructive societal discussion about the role commercial entities played in the slave trade," said LaUra Dickinson, a University of Connecticut Law School associate professor who teaches a unit on reparations.

"This shows how litigation plays an important role ... that lawsuits can generate public discussion, attract media attention and legislative attention," she said.

"in that forum, it's an excellent piece of work," said Doug Rendleman, professor of law at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Va. "It's part of the effort that is being pursued in the media, the Congress and now the courts to make the case on a moral level."

"It is certainly much sounder right now on a moral or cultural level than on a technical legal level," said Rendleman, an expert in restitution issues.

That moral argument is infused in the nearly identical lawsuits filed last week. In compelling detail, the 21-page complaints recount the

brutality of slavery on American shores, which ensnared at least 8 million Africans from the earliest slave ship in 1619 until the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery in 1865.

They describe how slaves built the U.S. Capitol and cleared the forest lands between the Capitol and the White House; how money from the slave trade helped found Brown and Harvard universities; how Black cemeteries teem with the bodies of slaves who were worked to death; and how the vestiges of slavery linger in the 21st century.

The suits then argue that companies linked financially to slavery - Hartford-based Aetna, for example, sold life insurance policies on slaves - were "unjustly enriched" by the institution and should be held liable for their slavery-related profits.

Owen Pell, a New York lawyer who defended J.P. Morgan in a suit accusing the banking giant of blocking wartime accounts held by Jews, said the wrongs alleged in the suits need to be resolved by legislators, not judges. "In my view, as a litigator, it should never make it to trial, because I think it should be dismissed before that," he said. "I don't think these claims really state a valid legal theory, so I don't think they should make it anywhere near a trial."

Pell sees a litany of legal hurdles. Among the biggest: Statutes of limitations generally ran out more than a century ago; slavery was the law of the land at the time Aetna and other companies acted; and it may be difficult to draw a legal connection between the acts of individual companies in the 19th century and the harm suffered by modern-day African Americans.

"On top of all these problems with these types of cases, class certification

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## EDITORIALS

## The truth about the 40 acres is worse than you may think

**T**he repeated reference to the U.S. government's renege on the the alleged promise to give a free 40 acres to former slaves needs further scrutiny. First let me clarify the situation. I use the term allgedge in reference to the 40 acres because this land was never promised free. If you're surprised at that statement don't feel bad because it's a misconception shared by the overwhelming majority of African Americans in this country.

The facts are these. The Federal Confiscation acts of 1861 and of 1862 allowed the national government to seize the property of all persons who were considered in rebellion against the Union. This included not only Confederate soldiers but all persons who in any way form or fashion supported the cause of the Confederacy. Property was defined as 'any possessions'. This property by definition, then, included slaves as well as land. Slaves who came into the 'possession' of the U.S. government were considered contraband of war with the contraband camps being established to house, feed and, in some instances, provide for rudimentary education of the former slaves. In reference to the land that came into the Union governments possession, its disposition was to be administered by the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands and this is where the 40 acres comes in.

This agency, that began operation in the spring of 1865 and is commonly referred to as the Freedmen's Bureau, was charged with the responsibility of dividing the thousands of confiscated lands into 40 acre plots. The land was then to be made available for sale or lease to former slaves as well as to southern Whites who supported the cause of the national government.

Between the time the Freedmen's Bureau began operation and sometime in 1867 some former slaves as well as southern whites who supported the Union government were able to position themselves to acquire one of these 40 acre plots. Following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, however, his successor in office Andrew Johnson, soon brought the process to an end.

One of Johnson's primary objectives was to reunite the war torn country. He set out to do this by granting wholesale pardons to former Confederates thus restoring their right to ownership of land that had been confiscated. This ended the prospects of the government facilitated ownership of 40 acre plots by former slaves.

The point of this commentary is not to absolve the government of any historical guilt but rather to get the facts straight. We have enough misconceptions regarding African-American history without perpetuating this crucial piece of it. Even though the 40 acres was never to be given, Andrew Johnson's action still removed the availability of the land. This situation was as punitive as it would have been even if the land had been promised free and not given. The majority of former slaves went to work following the Civil War in an albeit shameful system of sharecropping (the subject of a future commentary) but Johnson's action still left them at the mercy of southern whites who were more often than not inclined to refuse to sell even to those former slaves who might be able and willing to afford the terms.

We have to understand, then, that the 40 acres was not just for former slaves and it wasn't to be free. A promise of a free 40 acres and a mule to compensate our ancestors for having been enslaved was not broken ...it wasn't made at all!

## The past — and future? — of the AIDS crisis

**U**nder a sedate headline, "AIDS Services Slow in Reaching Latinos," the April 22 news report in the Washington Post on the growing impact of AIDS among the Immigrant Latino population of Washington, D.C. told a grim, alarming story.

The Washington area's increasing Latino immigrant population is being hit hard by the AIDS virus, according to public health experts and AIDS caseworkers. They add that their ability to reduce the sweep of the scourge is being severely hampered by cultural and economic realities that make it difficult for them to provide aid for Latino immigrants to seek out AIDS-care services.

Does this grim tale sound familiar? You bet it does.

Substitute for Latino immigrants: African Americans, who though 12 percent of the American population, make up 54 percent of new H.I.V. infections and 47 percent of AIDS cases.

Or, black Africans throughout sub-Saharan Africa, where 25 million people are now living with H.I.V., and where in the year 2000, more than 2.4 million died from AIDS.

In one since, then, the Post report could be read as a stark reeling of how this devastating scourge has been able to cut into various demographic groups here in America and across the globe.

Beyond the boundaries of the highly-educated, resource-rich and well-connected middle classes, those mired in poverty (or ensnared in drug usage) for various reasons have few defenses against a disease for which no cure has yet been found.

No matter where the AIDS scourge has rooted itself, the response of the healthy has to be the same: More money and more resources have to be devoted to put in place the treatment and preventive programs that will beat back this disease.

It is no exaggeration to say that the future depends on it.

are often fatal. Simply put state sponsored legal executions are politically constructed, unjustly administered, and morally indefensible.

Contrary to the development of a world civilization, the United States is the only remaining democracy to continue the barbaric act of legal executions. Such a dubious distinction, places America in the callous company of China, Iraq and Saudi Arabia.



## COMMENTS

## Getting reparations requires due diligence

by William Reed

**P**ass it along. There's a landmark class action federal lawsuit seeking damages for 35 million living descendants of enslaved Africans that should be fueling discussions among African Americans about reparations. With 80 percent of African Americans saying they deserve some form of payment for slavery and its legacy, an activist has filed a lawsuit in Brooklyn's U.S. District Court, Eastern District showing that we are on the right track. Going after Corporate America and the role they played in slavery, the suit accuses Aetna insurance company, FleetBoston financial services group and CSX railroad of being "unjustly enriched" by slavery.

The case comes through the due diligence of 36-year old Deadria Farmer-Paellman. It helps increase public awareness that the Trans Atlantic Slave Trade and slavery was a complex criminal enterprise that reaped huge financial gains for over 1,000 corporations between 1619 and 1865 and carried forth fortunes for their descendants of today. The lawsuit concludes that defendant companies "knowingly benefited from a system that enslaved, tortured, starved and exploited human beings."

Aetna collaboration was issuing life insurance policies on enslaved Africans with slave owners as beneficiaries. The "Slave Policy" mitigated the financial losses of slave owners and perpetrated the institution of human chattel slavery. FleetBoston's corporate predecessors financed slave ships and traders on voyages known as the "Trade Triangle" encompassing Europe, Africa and the Americas. CSX is a descendant of railroad lines constructed by enslaved Africans.

Deadria Farmer-Paellman spent years researching her family's slave history and corporate accessories to slavery. Inspired by her grandfather's grievance, Paellman researched

and documented links between big business today and slavery. Paellman says, "My grandfather always talked about the 40 acres and a mule we were never given." She says corporate defendants from the industrial, manufacturing, financial and other sections would be named in subsequent actions. It's estimated that the current value of slaves' unpaid labor is \$1.4 trillion (The 2001 U.S. gross product was \$10.25 trillion).

There is little question that blacks still suffer from the effects of slavery—disparities in income, education, literacy, health, life expectancy and judicial cases. Recent discrimination cases at Coca Cola, Winn-Dixie, Bell Atlantic, Texaco et al. show Corporate America's continuing disparities around the issue of race. Paellman has warned tobacco and shipping companies that they will be sued unless they fund a commission to examine slavery and its effects: and improve health, education and child development among blacks.

Blacks have been keeping the issue of reparations alive since 1865 when the Freedmen's Bureau promised freed slaves 40 acres and a mule. An 1867 bill called for confiscation of Confederate property to be given to freed slaves. Since that time several lawsuits have been filed seeking compensation for descendants of slaves. Robert Brock, a D.C. lawyer is leading a 1997 class action asking for \$250,000 in gold bullion per person plus financial support of a country in Africa blacks could resettle in if they choose. Charles Ogletree, Johnnie Cochrane and a bevy of lawyers also have a government reparations case pending. With over 80 percent of African Americans believing significant reparations are due, good attendance is expected for a Millions for Reparations Rally scheduled in Washington, D.C. Saturday, Aug. 17, 2002.

(Reed is president of the Black Business Exchange, Washington, D.C.)

## Tracking the number of Black elected officials

by Ron Walters

**T**he newest roster of Black elected officials released by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies shows that their number has grown to 9,040. This is a long way from the 1,500 Black officials counted in 1970 when the Joint Center first began to keep these records, but it raises the question of the nature of the gains that have been made because of such growth.

Increases were recorded in 19 states, with Mississippi, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York leading the way. The increases were mostly among judges and other law enforcement officials.

Otherwise some key trends are apparent in these results. First, Black women are making strides. They account for all of the net increases of 104 officials between 1999 and 2000. Women now constitute 35 percent of all Black elected officials, a number that has been growing by roughly 1 percent per year. At the same time, the latest roster shows that for the second year in a row, the number of Black males elected to office continued to decline. One reason for this is the growth in the number of Black women enrolled and graduating from colleges and universities, not only at the undergraduate level, but in graduate and professional schools such as law, where they have outstripped the number of Black males in recent years.

Moreover, Black women have developed their own "old-girls club" of political appointees, which also has grown substantially, increasing the pool of those eligible to run for office on credible records.

A prime example is the recent appointment of Regina Thomas as secretary of state for New Jersey. Appointed by Gov. James McGreevy, Thomas has been a grassroots organizer for the Democratic Party for years, beginning on the national level with the presidential campaign of Jesse Jackson in 1984. She became a prime organizer for the Democratic National Committee, directing field operations all over the country for local candidates and nationally for Al Gore. Her record of political contacts now include some of the most widely respected politicians in the country.

Another trend in the findings is that nearly 60 percent of the cities presided over by Black mayors now do not have majority Black populations. While there

have always been a healthy number of Black elected officials in Black majority jurisdictions, this change is significant because it suggests there are a limited number of Black majority cities. Blacks will have to run in white majority settings.

What this will do the character of Black mayors is not certain, since it will make it increasingly difficult to generalize about their positions on various issues. One clear example of this is the vice mayor of Cincinnati, who is Black but does not support the economic boycott called against the city by the Black community because of repeated instances of police brutality.

Then, while there was a slight decrease in the number of Blacks holding elected statewide offices between 1999 and 2000 (from 35 to 33), and 65 percent of these were judges, there are still a substantial number remaining who could run for statewide office in the future. This list includes a possible match-up between Lt. Gov. Joe Rogers of Colorado, who is a Black Republican, might also run against the Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, who also is Black. In the current election cycle, there are many Blacks running for statewide office, such as U.S. Senator or governor, the largest number in history.

Lastly, while there are increases in the number of Black elected officials, there has also been generational change. The Joint Center study indicates that about 25 percent of elected officials have been replaced, usually by younger people. Dramatic evidence of this was the election of 31-year-old Kwame Kilpatrick, a former state representative, as mayor of Detroit.

What changes will result is not certain, as previous Joint Center surveys have indicated differences between younger Blacks and others on issues such as Social Security and retirement, political partisanship and school vouchers. However, as public servants, these younger politicians cannot change much more than their constituents will allow.

The hard question to answer about the increased number of Black elected officials is what difference they will make. My answer would be marginal. The political bodies in which they operate have not favored liberal public policies in the past two decades.

(Walters is professor of Government and Politics at the University of Maryland.)

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### 10th annual food drive

Dear Editor;

Every day, more than 26 million Americans, many of them children, rely on food assistance programs to provide them with needed nourishment. A growing number of them are from working families who have to make tough decisions between shelter, medical needs, clothing and food on a daily basis.

On Saturday, May 11, the National Association of Letter Carriers (AFL-CIO) and the United States Postal Service will conduct its annual food drive in an effort to **Stamp Out Hunger!** On that day, the nation's 240,000 letter carriers will collect non-perishable food items to benefit local food banks and pantries across America.

Last year, with donations from millions of generous Americans, we delivered more than 70 million pounds of food to help those in need. Again this year, Campbell Soup Company is kicking off the drive with a donation of 1 million pounds of food. We hope we can count on your help too!

Participating in the food drive is easy. Simply leave a sturdy bag of non-perishable boxed or canned food items such as soup; pasta; canned meats, fish, vegetable and fruits; cereals or rice next to your mailbox, before your letter carrier arrives on Saturday, May 11. Your letter carrier will do the rest - collecting and delivering your donation to a food bank or pantry that serves your own community.

Campbell Soup Company and the Postal Service's Priority Mail are sponsoring special postcards being mailed to nearly 100 million homes to remind postal customers about this important effort. If you have any questions about the **Stamp Out Hunger!** drive, just ask your letter carrier or contact your local post office.

Please take a moment to make a difference on May 11 and help needy children and families in your community. Thank you for your support!

Vincent R. Sombrotto,  
 President,  
 National Alliance of Letter Carriers

### Proud to live as a Black American

Dear Editor;

February was set aside for Black History Month. It is the time when people look into the history of Black America, or is it African American, or is it Afro-American, or is it Negro American history?

Nevertheless, one of these titles or labels you will be or were addressed with, sometimes in the worst way, depending where you live or what area you travel in the city or the town you might be in. If I were to prefer to be called, it would be Black.

Over the years, there were such slogans as "Black is Beautiful" (which I agree) and "Proud to be Black." Just to reflect on our Black history, there's plenty to be proud about and thankful about.

As parents, we should tell our children about the struggles your parents and their parents and so on had to go through. Not just in the month of February, but tell them always.

Tell them about slavery how our grandparents worked the fields from sun-up to sun down without being paid, tell them how they were beaten constantly and sometimes killed. Tell them how our mothers, mothers were raped and beaten, also tell them how their children were taken from them and sold for a few dollars.

Tell them they didn't have any freedom. Tell them they were not allowed to eat in certain restaurants and tell them that at one time they were told to drink from **COLOR-ED ONLY** water fountains.

Now tell them our ancestors would not be proud of them to know that they worked and paved the way to make the world a little bit better for us to live, just to find us in the 21st Century killing one another with all this Black-On-Black crime, drive-by-shootings and gangs selling drugs to each other.

Tell them the struggle is still going forward. We must continue to take the positive steps by keeping our faith in God, to show and have love for one another and get our education.

If we can come together as a people, we can once again sing that song, "Say it loud I'm Black and I'm Proud." And being Black can be beautiful because "Black is Beautiful."

Dennis Turner

### The Proverbs of Solomon

A wise son maketh a glad father: but a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing: but righteousness delivereth from death.

The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish: but he casteth away the substance of the wicked.

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich.

He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.



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# Greene County and Snow Hill Black Folk Sticking And Staying Together

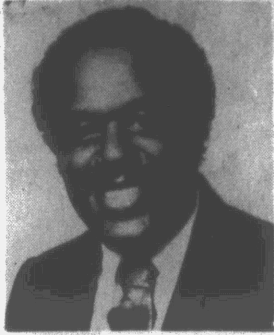
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# Spiritual Reflections



Dr. George Hawkins

Is It Really a Blessing?

Greetings....

I am sure you, as well as myself, have heard some believers testify or make the comment the Lord blessed me with a house. The Lord blessed me with a car. The Lord blessed me with this and etc., etc., etc. It sounds good and we rejoice with them and are happy for them, but not long afterwards, some of these same people fall into a struggle with their "blessing". They begin to have a problem with their "blessings". These once happy, overjoyed, rejoicing people are now sad, depressed and worried almost to death.

I began to ponder about this because it disturbed me as to why this was happening to the people of God and then one day while reading Proverbs 10:22 caught my attention. It reads The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. After the scripture, I began to meditate on

it. The Lord began to reveal to me that when He blesses you with something, it is not going to bring you sorrow. This scripture is self-explanatory right by itself. You cannot get any plainer than this. Why would God give you something and then cause you to be in sorrow. Another translation defines sorrow as grief. Why would God cause you grief with His blessings? God cannot be tempted with evil neither does He tempt any man.

Take a moment to think back to the prosperous people in the Bible like Abraham, Joseph, David, Solomon, e.g. These people had great wealth and it did not bring them sorrow, grief, aggravation, worry, torment, depression nor oppression. They enjoyed what God "GAVE" them.

They were able to bless others with their wealth. God's blessing made them rich. Sorrow did not accompany the blessings but joy accompanied the blessings.

People need to re-evaluate where these "blessings" are coming from. God will allow you to get what you want in His permissive will, but when you are walking in His perfect will, He will allow you to get things without it becoming a burden and a hindrance to you. I make the following comment all the time, if you have a good paying job and fairly decent credit, you can basically get what you want, but what about when the odds are against you? You had better have the favor of God in your

life. Many times we see what we want usually get it without counting up the cost.

It doesn't matter that it's out of our budget or above our income. You may have already prayed about it and God said no, not now. He may have told you to wait, but because of the lust of the eyes, we see it, got to have it and nine times out of ten, we get it. "Later for", what comes afterwards. We live for the now. So now this wonderful blessings has turned into a curse, and to top it all off, the devil starts playing with your mind to stop tithing and giving in special offerings. He starts telling you "you know you need that money to pay a bill". Beloved, this is the time to start giving even the more. (I will go into this in a later article). You cannot afford to stop tithing and giving. You only make things worse.

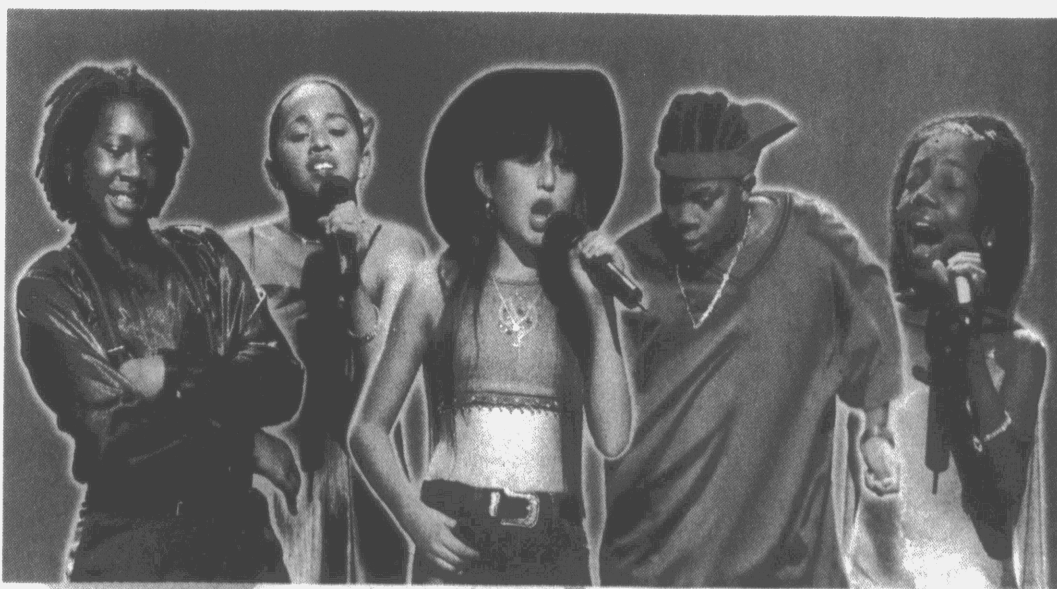
Solomon and all the other wealthy people in the Bible did not struggle with their blessings from God. We can learn from them. God will supernaturally open doors for His people. It is not His will that His people be in need; lack and the struggle stage all of their lives. He promised to supply all of our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. It is His will that we prosper and be in health. It is His will that our souls prosper as well.



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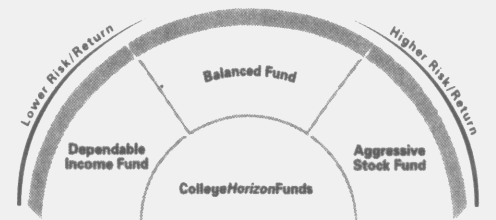
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# The Luther Jordan, Jr. Legacy: 1950-2002

## Senator Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. dies at the age of 51

BY CASH MICHAELS  
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

There is sadness in the Port City and across North Carolina this week, as friends and colleagues pay tribute to the memory of New Hanover State Sen. Luther Jordan. The five-term Wilmington Democrat died late Monday night at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill of throat cancer. He was 51. "I was deeply saddened to learn of Sen. Jordan's death and offer my heartfelt condolences to his family," Gov. Mike Easley said in a statement of sorrow Tuesday. Sen. Jordan served his district and all of North Carolina with leadership and devotion to make this state a better place for all people. His role as chairman of the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, even during his illness, is a testament of his commitment. "Luther was a tremendously positive influence in the Senate and in the state," Senate leader Marc Basnight [D-Darel] said. "He had a way of reaching out and making people truly understand the needs of others—he was a real voice for those who needed one." NC Democratic Party Chair Barbara Allen joined in the tributes. "North Carolina and the North Carolina Democratic Party lost a wonderful man and a great leader when Sen. Luther Jordan passed away," Allen said in a statement.

"Luther Jordan diligently served his community, his business and his party. His pioneering career in politics is an inspiration to other North Carolinians and his devotion to the North Carolina Democratic Party [where he served as second vice chair] was a blessing to Democrats."

"Luther Jordan left us far too

soon," Allen added, "and North Carolina will sorely miss his presence both inside and outside of the legislative chamber."

Fellow Black Caucus member Rep. Dan Blue [D-Wake] was shocked to hear the news Tuesday morning. (April 23rd) His friend had been in remission for the past several months.

"Luther was a tremendous human being, and a tremendous leader," Blue told The Wilmington Journal by phone Tuesday from Winston-Salem, where he was campaigning for the U.S. Senate. "He was an astute businessman, organizer and leader well before he got to the Senate."

"Luther made a real difference in the lives of everyday people."

Born in Harlem, New York City on June 1, 1950, Luther Henry Jordan, Jr. moved to Wilmington in 1954. He was preceded in death by his mother, the late Daisy Fields Jordan, and father, the late Luther Henry Jordan, Sr. Luther, Jr. was one of the first Black students to attend New Hanover High School, graduating in 1969. Young Jordan grew up working with his father in the family's mortuary business, becoming certified in mortuary science at Gupton Jones College in Atlanta in 1972.

Years later he would become president of Jordan Funeral Home, Inc. in Wilmington, and Jordan Columbus County Chapel in Riegelwood.

"Funeral directors in North Carolina get to know each other at workshops, conventions and such. Luther has been a friend and colleague since we were mere youngsters," Bruce Lightner,

president of Lightner Funeral Home, Inc. in Raleigh, told The Journal. "He will be dearly missed."

It wasn't long before the political bug bit Jordan, and after failing, twice to win a Wilmington City Council seat, he was appointed to finish out the term of departing Councilman J. D. Causey in 1978. Jordan won his next three re-elections, but lost in a bid for mayor in 1983.

"In December 1981, he welcomed me to the Wilmington City Council as we were both elected together in that year," former Mayor Don Betz said, recalling when he first served as councilman.

"[Luther] had previously been appointed, but it was important to him to be elected. We sat side by side for over ten years and we shared many issues together. When we couldn't agree, we agreed to respectfully disagree with each other."

"He loved life," Betz continued. "He enjoyed his family and his friends. He was a man to turn to when in need. He made a difference, and I for one, will miss him."

Jordan served on the council, at one time as Mayor Pro tem, for 15 years.

In 1992, Jordan was elected to the N.C. Senate, representing parts of Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow and Pender counties.

There he would remain serving two terms as majority Whip, chairing the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Justice and Public Safety and as vice chairman of the State and Local Government and Personnel Committee among others. Jordan was a strong advocate for community, sponsoring bills at established commission to

investigate the 1898 Wilmington massacre speaking out to fairly and fully fund historically Black colleges, and standing strong for equal treatment when there was none forthcoming.

"In the last five years of my serving in the general Assembly, I've noticed that everything that you might bring up about Blacks, African Americans or any minorities, is basically slammed dunked," the New Hanover senator told The Journal several years ago.

"[White] legislators don't want to speak about that, they feel that minorities actually are doing well, and need no help, need no such thing as a level playing field."

"There's not enough to be said," said Wade Chestnut, Party Affairs Director of the State, Democratic Party, and personal friend. "Luther made his mark. From Wilmington to the Legislature, he was all about caring, making sure he took care of business, and that everything was done professionally, first class and beyond reproach."

On May 10, 1997, Sen. Jordan proudly earned a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from Shaw University. "It was the summer of 1999 when Sen. Jordan was admitted to UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill for treatment of throat cancer after a malignant tumor had been found."

He had complained about feeling exhausted and drained, in addition to having trouble eating and drinking six months earlier.

"I'm sure I'm coming back strong," he said then, knowing that he would be out for the rest of the legislative session, undergoing rigorous treatments.

True to his word, Jordan

returned to work, a bit gaunt, but full of the same commitment that was always his trademark.

In December 2000, Sen. Jordan was voted in as chairman of the N.C. legislative Black Caucus in an effort to bring the fractured group back together.

"We are united under one banner and one cause [now]," Sen. Jordan told reporters during a joint press conference with the state NAACP in February, 2001, "and we will move forth the legislation that we should be about for African Americans throughout this state."

"We will be working within these walls, daily, constantly on getting things done," Jordan continued, citing juvenile and criminal justice, healthcare and education as priority issues Black lawmakers must be on the cutting edge about.

"We will not fail you in the next couple of years. We're all bonded together to be one family in North Carolina, and we will carry that message throughout."

"I can't underscore the significance of the leadership he provided before he became so ill," Rep. Blue recalled Tuesday. "That's why, even with his illness, the caucus elected him to be the leader, because they knew that he could unite us."

Here in Wilmington, while there is sorrow for his loss, there is also pride in his accomplishments.

"It's a blow to the community," Karen Davis of French-Davis Funeral Home, Inc. told The

Journal. He's going to be missed a lot."

Sen. Jordan, a Ruling Elder in his church, Chestnut Street Presbyterian in Wilmington, is

survived by his three daughters, Kisha Renee Jordan, Angela Rhodes, and Tamela Malloy all of Wilmington; one granddaughter, Spone Madiana Brooks of

Wilmington; two grandsons, Malik Williams and Michael Love both of Wilmington, and a host of other relatives and friends.

"The loss to our community and this Party is great, and my thoughts and prayers go out to Luther's family," Gary Shipman, chair of the New Hanover County Democratic Party said.

"Luther was my friend, and one that I will sorely miss."

Over the past several months, I've had many occasions to talk to Luther, about politics, and more importantly, about life. Luther faced his illness like he faced other obstacles in his life—with much class and dignity, and without fear.

"I called Luther, fondly, Mr. President," Shipman continued. "He called me, fondly, 'Your Honor.'"

I salute you, Mr. President. May you rest in Peace."

Funeral arrangements for Luther Jordan were, Friday, April 26th, 1:00 p.m. at Union Baptist Church, 2711 Princess Place Drive.

The Jordan family is requesting that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Spone Foundation, c/o Attorney Erma Johnson, P.O.

Box 980, Wilmington, N.C., 28402.

The foundation, named after Senator Jordans granddaughter, was established by him to help disadvantaged youth in the Wilmington area overcome educational obstacles, and attend college.

The fund provides scholarships, programs and mentors for needy young people.

## A Plea for Help

By Cynethia Griffin

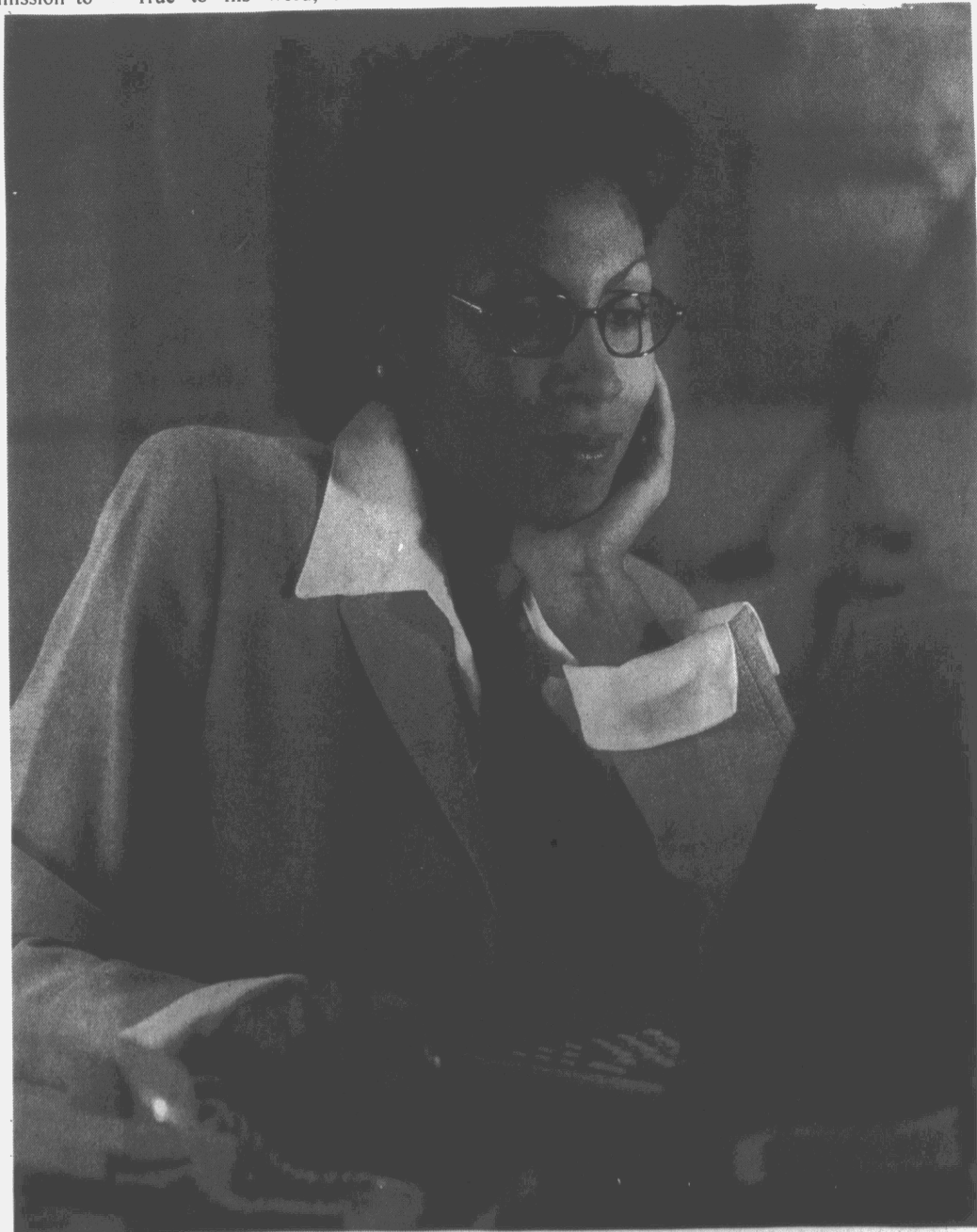
Imagine this. You are the mother of identical twins. Your children have autism and chronic asthma. They are learning disabled and they have speech and language delays. The children's father, your ex-husband, who also just happens to be an African American Literature professor at UNC Chapel Hill, is fighting for the right to have them visit him without supervision, yet he has no idea how to care for them. This is the drama that Ms. Evelyn Dove-Coleman goes through on a daily basis. Ms. Dove-Coleman is a native of Kinston, NC. She graduated from UNC Chapel Hill in three years with a B.A. in English and from UNC Chapel Hill's Law School with a J.D. degree. She practiced law and has given motivational speeches around the country.

Ms. Dove-Coleman's ex-husband, Mr. James Coleman, asks constantly to keep the children, but he does not know how, nor does he wish to learn how to care for them. Ms. Dove-Coleman attends parent classes at the autism center, sessions with special teachers, speech and language classes, and occupational therapy sessions to learn how to care for the children. She attends these classes alone. Her ex shows no inclination to attend. He does not know how to take care of the children properly. He brings them back home sick when he does keep them because of his lack of knowledge. For instance, because of their asthma, they are allergic to mold and mildew. If they are in contact with mold and/or mildew, it could cause a severe asthma attack. This could be fatal if the asthma medicine is not administered properly, and quickly. The ex-husband does not understand this concept. Once, while with him, one of the children complained that he could not catch his breath. The father just told him to lie down and see how he felt in the morning. One of the twins also had his femur broken while with his father. It was a clean break. Mr. Coleman claimed he tripped over a toy. One of the children was left alone at a local park at the age of four.

When asked why he left the boy, the father said that he had told the child to come one, that it was time to go, but the child would not come, so he left him. Mr. Coleman's roommate tells the children that they need to be tough like marines and to go out and wash the car in the snow. When the children were sick with tonsillitis, the father was nowhere around. How can such a person believe that he is capable of properly caring for two special-needs children? Furthermore, children with autism must have a routine. This has been verified by doctors. If that routine is interrupted, the children become upset and unmanageable. Ms. Dove-Coleman tried to be reasonable. She was willing to have her ex-husband visit with the children with supervision by someone who knew how to care for the children or at her home where she would be near by if she was needed so as not to disturb their schedules, make sure they are properly cared for, and allow him to spend quality time with the boys. Mr. Coleman refused to cooperate.

As if that wasn't bad enough, Mr. Coleman has been quoted as saying that he feels overwhelmed when he thinks of his sons and what they need.

Ms. Dove-Coleman just wants Mr. James Coleman to stop harassing her and the children. She wants him to be considerate and cooperative. Mr. Coleman accused her of failing to respond to his interrogatories, which he sent the same week that her mother passed. Ms. Dove-Coleman had already answered them and they were already in the court file. He accused her of living out of her trust account, which was a lie. He said she had not turned in the children's medical records, also false. What will it take to get this situation corrected? What can be done to protect these innocent children? If you know anything that can be done to help, please contact Ms. Evelyn Dove-Coleman at P.O. Box 1930 Kinston, NC 28503 or call (252) 527-1845.



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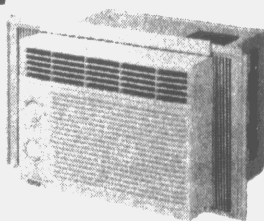


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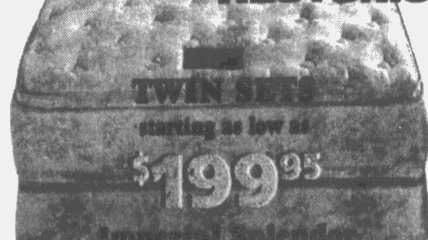
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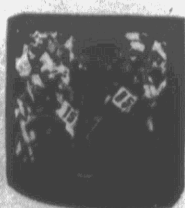
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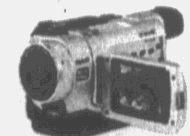
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