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Redistricting Maps Set To Weaken The Black Vote

Yale University 2002 Graduate

Dems Pin Hopes on Feds in Redistricting...
By: Cash Michaels
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There may be no November elections if the current battle over legislative continues unabated, at least one black lawmaker says. Two weeks ago, the Democrat led State Board of Elections petitioned a three-judge federal panel in Washington, DC, to review the Republican-majority NC Supreme Court's April 30 decision to strike down the Democrat-controlled state Legislature's House and Senate redistricting maps. The Carolinian has learned that at least one of those federal judges is a Democrat, appointed during President Jimmy Carter's administration. If at least one of the remaining judges is also a Democrat, state Republicans may have something to worry about. The State Board of Elections' hope is that by applying federal, not state law to the review, those judges will not only reverse the state High Court's ruling that the original maps were unconstitutional per North Carolina law, but strike down Johnston County Superior Court Judge Knox V. K. Jenkins' subsequent maps which have been submitted to the US Department of Justice for preclearance, and rule that the state Constitution's mandate not to split counties while drawing redistricting maps, is in itself contrary to the US Constitution, and violates the principle of one man-one vote, and ultimately the 1965 Voting Rights Act. On Friday, Democrat legislative leaders House Speaker Jim Black and Senate leader Marc Basnight asked that federal panel to restore the Legislature's original map that the state Supreme Court struck down as violating

NC's Constitution by today, Thursday. They voted that the US Justice Department precleared that map. Black and Basnight added that if Judge Jenkins' maps are allowed to stand, then many black candidates may lose because of the likelihood that there won't be a runoff primary if they come in second. "Without these runoff elections, majority-black districts may no longer serve their purpose of providing an equal opportunity for African-American voters to elect candidates of their choice," the Democrats motion to the court said. Federal officials have never been asked to rule directly about the constitutionality of the "no splitting counties" before, though the state was forced over a span of 30 years to redraw maps because lawmakers held to it. After calling the redrawn maps the Legislature produced in special session "unconstitutional" without stating a reason why, Judge Jenkins substituted his own maps earlier this month which make the Republicans very competitive in this fall's races in both houses. Winners in the November elections would then draw new permanent maps that would, if accepted, last until 2012. But while white Democrats argue that their districts have been gutted so that Republicans have a better shot at taking them over, black Democrats complain that many of them were "packed" into majority-black districts, a violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Not surprisingly, state Republican leaders like Senate Minority Leader Leo Daughtry, along with others who've been patting themselves on the back for successfully guiding their lawsuit against the redistricting maps from one conservative judge to another,

are now concerned that the feds may cancel out all of their hard work with one stroke of the pen, and have asked this week that the State Elections Board request be postponed as not to delay this fall's elections. At the rate this political and judicial drama is playing, there seems to be no guarantees that the long postponed May primaries will held in late August or September as some have speculated. In fact, if the Democrats and Republicans continue to battle it out to the highest court in the land, there may be no November elections either. What happens then, especially when a new General Assembly is scheduled to take office in January? "If nothing is done in time for this election to take place in November for the Legislative races, it's not inconceivable (that) the current (General Assembly) members would be held over until the next year," Martin, who is also a 13th Congressional District candidate, added. "That could be constitutionally done if necessary if there's not enough time to hold an election," he said. "There are several different things up in the air. We just won't know for at least a few more weeks. "Or a few more months." That's exactly what the Democrats would love to do to hold onto power, the Republicans charged in their brief this week before the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.. "This court action serves no purpose other than delaying the (Voting Rights Act) Section 5 review and creating a platform for other parties to attack the validity of the court's plan and the Justice Department's review," the GOP said in their motion to hold the State Board of Elections' petition.

The Republicans want the U.S. Justice Department to preclear Judge Knox Jenkins' redistricting maps first before any judicial review, and ignore the state Supreme Court's ruling, so that the September primaries and November elections can be held. Democrats counter that the Legislature's original maps, though drawn to ensure Democratic dominance for the next 10 years, were perfectly legal under federal law because they upheld the "one man-one vote" federal principle, validated by the preclearance of the U.S. Justice Department. Besides, Democrats argue, 40 counties in North Carolina that fall under the Voting Rights Act are already split to ensure voting rights enforcement for blacks and other people of color. And for the past 20 years, North Carolina has submitted redistricting plans that routinely split counties to meet federal guidelines, without nary a whisper from Republicans. Meanwhile, members of the N.C. Legislative Black Caucus holding their 17th annual scholarship conference and banquet in the Research Triangle Park last weekend raised concerns about how Judge Jenkins' redrawn maps impact majority black districts. Fourth-term Rep. Flossie Boyd-McIntyre was drawn out of her Guilford County majority-black district, and placed into a white majority district. Jenkins also reduced the percentage of black voters in Rep. Dan Blue's majority-minority Wake County district to below 50 percent, creating eight House districts that could lean more favorably to Republicans. Though not officially involved, the state NAACP has vowed to monitor how the redistricting court case progresses.



(MARIA and dad, Dr. Lee Trent, poses for our camera.)
photo by Jim Rouse

Miss Marie Lee Trent, is the daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Lee R. Trent, III of Greenville, NC. She graduated from Yale University in New Haven, Ct., on May 27, 2002.

Miss Trent graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. While at Yale University, Maria was a Science, Technology, and Research Scholar; President of the Pre-Health African-American & Latino Students Association; and Chaplain and Ivy Leaf Reporter of the Xi Omicron Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She was also a member of the Yale University Gospel Choir, Varsity Track and Field Team, and a mentor and group discussions leader in the Health Professions Recruitment and Exposure Program. In the fall, Maria will pursue a Doctor of Medicine Degree at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Medicine on a full four year scholarship. Maria gives God the glory for all of her accomplishments and thanks her parents for all their love and support. Maria advises others who are seeking success....to find your passion, set lofty goals, and work diligently and consistently to reach those goals.

The Minority Voice Newspaper and staff would like to say congratulations to Miss Maria Lee Trent and all graduating classes of 2002 !!!



'Thumbs up' NFL hero aids local fund-raiser
By Jenna Hunt, The Daily Reflector

The relationship between a local doctor and an injured NFL football player has led to a fund-raising event to help an area nonprofit program for children and fund research to find a cure for paralysis. A dinner banquet started off the Dream America-Mike Utley Celebrity Golf Classic on Friday at the Hilton Greenville. The golf tournament starts today at Bradford Creek Golf Course. Dream America is a new Greenville-based, nonprofit tutoring and mentor program for children. The program will benefit from a portion of the proceeds raised during first-ever golf

tournament. "Every kid deserves a chance to succeed," said Utley, who was paralyzed during an NFL game more than a decade ago and has become famous for his courage and the "thumbs up" gesture he gave while being carried off the field after his injury. He has served as a motivational speaker for hundreds of children's events since the injury. Utley's fighting spirit has enabled him to regain the ability of his arms, hands and fingers and helped him lead an independent life full of adapted sports, strength training and the energy to lead his own foundation, he said. His recovery has amazed the medical community and he said he plans to keep

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pushing to the next level until someday he will defy the odds and walk. His motto is "tough times never last, tough people do," he said Friday night. Utley has teamed with local physician Dr. Anton Usala to help research possibilities with cell regeneration to rebuild nerves and tissues damaged after spinal injuries. Usala owns Ectocelle, a new cell regeneration research company based in Greenville. He also is a part-time professor at the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University in pediatric endocrinology. "We think it's a great fit," Usala said of his partnership with Utley. The golf classic proceeds also will benefit the research through the Mike Utley Foundation. Utley wants to fund research that will lead to functional improvements in people with spinal cord injuries. He hopes someday to find a cure through research that leads to successful clinical trials in neural repair or

regrowth giving him and others the ability walk and run again, he said. "The bottom line is to get appropriate research to find the cure for people with spinal injuries," Utley said. "We are looking for doctors and researchers who come together and work together for a cure for paralysis. We

need to pull together." Utley, 36, is a native and resident of Washington state. Utley's love of sports landed him a college scholarship and eventually launched him into a professional football career. In 1989, he began his professional career for the Detroit Lions as a starting

right guard. He suffered injuries in his first and second year before the career-ending injury in his third year. Utley broke his neck in a game against the Rams on Nov. 17, 1991. His first major sporting event after the spinal cord injury was the annual Mike Utley Celebrity Golf



OPINION

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EDITORIALS

Tougher sentencing needed
in drive-by shootings

Last Saturday, another child in Memphis was injured by a "drive-by shooter". This madness has to stop! The persons responsible for this latest and other recent shootings appear to internalize few positive values and have no respect for human life.

We have more churches and "programs" than ever before and the problem simply worsens and the "so-called" rehabilitative efforts of our penal institutions have failed miserably.

In absence of positive values and respect for human life, the existence of "shyster" money-hungry lawyers and weak sentencing guidelines, there is little discouragement for last week's and other recent senseless shooting tragedies.

When individuals who commit crimes such as this are apprehended and brought to trial, judges are handcuffed by weak laws. In addition, lawyers operating under the cover of "everyone deserves a fair trial" bleed the perpetrators and their families until all their money is gone and then advise to "cop a plea" to a reduced charge (Dis-

trict Attorney General Bill Gibbons boasted a "no plea-bargaining policy a couple of years ago. What ever happened to that?).

The problem is about values and those entities in our society that teach and instill values aren't getting the job done. The parents, the churches and the "programs" aren't getting the job done.

City Councilman Myron Lowery has proposed raising the Crimestoppers reward from \$1,000 to \$5,000. While that will provide more incentive to turn these heathens in, stiffer penalties once they come to trial is the order of the day.

The solution? The penalty for any first degree murder should be stiff. But when an individual (adult or juvenile) commits such a crime and a child is injured or killed, when that individual is apprehended and convicted, the mandatory sentence should be a minimum of life in prison with no chance of parole — no plea bargaining — no work release upon incarceration — just rot in jail!

The people who built Alcatraz years ago had the right idea — we need to learn from that.

City school board
makes the right move

In a long overdue move, the Memphis City School Board voted 8-1 to mandate school uniforms in our city's public schools.

While all the particulars have yet to be worked out, the move will go a long way in helping restore the type of discipline many parents, students, teachers and school officials crave.

Uniforms are not a cure-all for the many problems that are experienced in an urban school district but any barrier that is removed that will enhance focus on the primary purpose of school attendance — education — should be welcomed. Any other benefit is secondary and should be recog-

nized as such.

The lone dissenting board member, Hubon 'Dutch' Sandridge, reportedly said that students dress is the responsibility of the parent. That responsibility, however, includes using good judgment relative to the environment in which children exist. It is apparent some parents don't internalize that responsibility appropriately.

We are confident that as the specific guidelines are developed by our school board members they will take all factors into consideration with the result being policies that will enhance the educational environment for our future citizens.

In scientist's vision, all
Jefferson's progeny unite

Imagine an endless, boundless dream filled with all God's people, a consciousness within which we know and understand everyone who has ever lived.

It's the theory, one of ultimate brotherhood, by which rocket scientist Werner von Braun explains our destiny.

Nothing in the universe, he said, can be destroyed. Matter and consciousness can only be changed, and in his vision of the great beyond, all minds and spirits become a single consciousness, united in a vast otherworldly awareness.

If that state of everlasting, living knowledge occurs, then people will become as one. Families will enjoy true unification in an external family of man, one that embraces all of its members, one that is profoundly unlike the worldly descendants of Thomas Jefferson and his beloved Sally Hennings.

Researchers believe and science confirms that Jefferson and Hennings, a slave, produced offspring. Historians declared it official two years ago in a scholarly jour-

nal, the *William and Mary Quarterly*.

In the von Braun view of the heavens, heirs of both the Hennings side and on the White Jefferson side will, for eons, rejoice with our famed founding father at the same table, in the same state of transformed being.

That figures to be a far different existence than is our present worldly state, where Jefferson's White progeny refuse to permit the Black descendants to join the Monticello Association, the White's exclusive club. It excludes his beloved Sally's descendants and forbids their burial in the White's cemetery.

The White side argues that it lacks "universally acceptable information" about Jefferson and Hennings.

For now, that's the state of affairs. In the distant future, we would love to be there when old Tom Jefferson and von Braun and all Hennings and Jefferson brothers and sisters pat backs, nudge elbows forward to handshakes and rejoice in heavenly, universal acceptance of one another.

STOP SMOKIN... CUT DOWN EATIN'... WHAT'S NEXT... STOP BREATHIN'?



COMMENTS

Racial divisiveness: Perception
is not necessarily reality

by Arthur L. Webb

Is it a fact of life that perception is reality in the mind of the perceiver? The answer to this question is obviously yes. The key however, is whether or not the perception is valid. Attitudes are developed based upon perceptions. When perceptions are based on misinformation or a lack of information the danger exists that attitudes will be formed void of rational justification.

Because attitudes determine in large measure the manner in which people interact, it is important that perceptions be based on experiential discovery. In a segregated society, positive interaction does not result as a natural byproduct of the interaction itself but must rather be consciously developed — often in spite of preconceived attitudes.

The Attitudinal divide

Inherent in the evolution of attitudes of separate groups of people who have little contact with one another are stereotypical definitions of each group by the other. A White individual need not be an aggressive racist in order to be victimized by stereotypical thinking which can result in bigotry toward African Americans. Similarly, an African American need not be personally or overtly victimized by bigotry in order to form a stereotypical distrust of all Whites.

Whether segregation is imposed or whether it is circumstantial, the inevitable stereotypical attitudes that result begets discrimination. In a segregated society many Whites' experience only minimal exposure to African Americans except through the media. If African Americans are stereotypically portrayed as criminals, vagrants or welfare abusers in newspapers, on television and in the heaters it is easy to understand that many Whites will place "all" African Americans in those categories.

It is also understandable that as socio-economic class definitions become more evident within the African-American community, many middle class African Americans will form a similar stereotypical attitude about poor and inner-city African Americans. One contemporary phenomena that fosters this attitudinal divide is the radio talk shows that

play the demagogue role and help to perpetuate stereotypes of all kinds.

When school desegregation began, many White families whose economic circumstances allowed them to provide their children with excellent pre-school advantages or who could at a minimum relocate to areas outside the city limits, withdrew their children from the city public schools. This pattern continued until African-American children constituted the overwhelming public school population majority. Many of these children lived in poverty and had extremely limited pre-school exposures. The result was that overall achievement test score averages dropped.

Many White citizens and some African Americans as well, formed the opinion (and media has not seen fit to editorially address this with any degree of consistency) that city public schools (i.e. African-American schools) headed by what is now a majority African-American school board, three successive African-American superintendents and other African-American administrators were and are woefully inadequate. The fact of the matter is that the "poor" scores were always there. They were simply "hidden" by the scores of those students (many of whom happened to be White) who had the economic (not intellectual) advantages of positive pre-school and away from school exposures.

Today, if African-American families whose circumstances lend to positive pre-school and positive away from school exposures were to withdraw their children leaving only the children of poor families in our city public schools, we would witness an even greater drop in overall test score averages.

Another attitudinal phenomena that results from segregation is that many Whites who do interact with African Americans in the workplace often view those African Americans as being "different". A parallel example of this is the attitude of earlier years in instances where White families who viewed their African-American maid or nanny as "almost like a member of the family" while being totally uncomfortable in the company of other African Americans whom they normally had little contact.

(Webb, is a nationally recognized historian and a staff writer for the Tri-State Defender)

Slavery reparations
aren't a 'free lunch'

by Michael King

For fans of science fiction and mysteries like me, the acronym TANSTAAFL means a lot. It refers to the notion that if something is too easy it is either too good to be true or has much larger and harsher consequences down the road.

When it comes to the reparations debate, Black America needs to learn about TANSTAAFL. "There Ain't No Such Thing As A Free Lunch." Many of us believe the government "owes" us reparations for the years of slavery in the United States and British Crown Colonies. Members of the so-called 'Black elite' such as former TransAfrica head Russell Robinson and Congressman, D-Mich., hold that view.

Robinson authored *The Debt: What America Owes To Blacks* in which he lays out his case for government reparations for Black Americans. Conyers repeatedly introduces legislation for reparations payments to the descendants of slaves in the United States.

Robinson and Conyers hang their hat on the concept of "40 acres and a mule." It's the failed Reconstruction idea to give freed slaves 40 acres of farmland and a mule to plow it. This notion, championed by Gen. William Sherman after the Civil War, was vetoed more than once by President Andrew Johnson. The misconception of a government promise to provide land and labor to emancipated slaves persists today.

On talk shows from coast to coast, people sell the sizzle of a payment in the form of land, money or both. Hucksters set up scams, promising to create a massive class action lawsuit to force the government to "enforce their own promise." You must, however, pay them fees in advance "to help defray legal costs." Others claim to offer reparations payments if the gullible simply provide their credit card numbers.

When people pursue the fallacies relating to the reparations debate, and they are

Black themselves, they are derided as sell-outs, "Uncle Toms," "Oreos" and far worse names. They are told they have forgotten who they are and that they are helping the "White devils" keep the Black man down.

But these people seek to point out rational and reasonable truths: there are no living slaves left. If the government gave money to every descendant of every slave, the government would quickly go bankrupt. Finally, if the government were to make payments, how could the government determine exactly who descended from slaves and who descended from free Blacks in the North, free citizens from other countries or whose ancestors immigrated after slavery was abolished?

In the rare instances where reparations were paid to ethnic groups for past injustices, they were paid to the individuals to whom the injustices were inflicted or immediate family. I know there isn't a single slave and probably no immediate family member left alive to receive government reparations from when slavery was legal for less than 100 years.

That's right. Slavery was legal in the United States for only 89 years. It may not have been right in the eyes of God, but it was right and legal in the eyes of the law of the era. Should the government apologize for slavery? Yes and no. Yes, apologize for the wrongful treatment of the countless Blacks enslaved in this country. However, no apology is necessary for the fact that, at the time, it was legal. You don't see the government apologizing for not granting women the right to vote prior to 1920.

All I want people to do is think rationally and get away from the emotionalism that the so-called Black leaders are using to rattle-rouse us.

Trying to goad, push and blackmail the government into paying out what amounts to a winning lottery check to Black Americans is nothing more than trying to get something for nothing. And, as we all know, there ain't no such thing as a free lunch.

(King is a member of the African-American Leadership Network Project 21.)

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Boycott
Tyson

Dear Editor;

Mike Tyson is a Black racist fascist. He slurs Whites including Jewish people, women and gays.

He said Whites are gay cowards — we will not fight back. Are the firefighters in N.Y. cowards? We should get one of them to fight him. He states that the more he slurs us the more we will go to see and watch his fight on cable. Are we only interested in money? Will we have self-esteem or will we prove his slurs are true? Are we money hungry, gay cowards or not?

He is also a racist and a rapist who abuses women as sex objects — not an ounce of respect for them. He degrades all the women reporters and sexually harasses them. The Women's Movement and Gays should join in the boycott.

He has a chip on his shoulder — an old grudge. Does he think we're genetically guilty of slavery (another big fascist lie) or that we're guilty of not paying enough welfare?

He says he's from Brownsville-Brooklyn but so was Willie Randolph of the Yankees and he is a gentleman as were also other heavyweight champions who had no problems.

Now he says it's an act. I say it's a bad act and his only answer should be to apologize or be boycotted.

I'm also from Brooklyn, the neighboring area of East New York, and have no problems. I was in the Golden Gloves in 1977 and would fight Tyson even though I'm 44 — or we could get a firefighter, etc. to do it. We need some self esteem not denigration of our heritage, people and race (European Whites including Jewish people).

As a consolation prize I hope that Lewis (my Joe Frazier, Great White Hope) knocks out Tyson. Nevada refused the Tyson fight and I hope the fans in Memphis do the same. I wrote and called the Nevada Boxing Commission and called talk sports radio. You can do the same concerning the Tyson fight which was approved without any notice to the public or to me in Brooklyn.

Anthony Curci,
Brooklyn, N.Y.

Memphis
is wonderful

Dear Editor;

I had a first time visit to your fine city in early May. I was so overwhelmed with absolutely everything including the people. I tried to capture Memphis, I share the following:

A Portrait of Memphis

Just as the Iris captured Van Gough, Memphis captures me. A powerful yet gentle city. An important City mentoring social change to the world, sifting through the winds of change, keeping that which is important. From the banks of the mighty Mississippi — can you see the riverboats playing their trade? — to the ducks splashing in the fountain of the timeless lobby of The Peabody hotel.

All my senses are overwhelmed as I savor that last morsel of rib before heading across Beale Street to be immersed in the blues. The next day I sit solemn over breakfast at the Arcade restaurant. Did Elvis look out these windows as I do now wondering about the state of youth today? What would Elvis have been thinking?

After breakfast I easily walk the short walk to the Lorraine Motel, the walk that took Martin, Meredith and others 300 years and many miles to get there. I stand at the balcony reflecting one more time before turning to head North to home. Walking away I look over my shoulder to witness a scene from Calvary high in the clouds. The gentleness of Memphis is the gentle spirit Dr. King left. It is his legacy.

Now when I gaze at Van Gough's *Iris*, I see Memphis in all its captivating glory, its history, its culture and the beautiful people who have passed through and those who have stayed.

Dave Battaino,
Sudbury, Ontario Canada

"When provided with adequate and accurate information, people will make the right choices."

— Edgar L. Brown

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BLACK JUDGES ON CRIME

Are Black Judges Tougher on Crime
By Michael S. Muhammad,
The Final Call

PHILADELPHIA -- Ten Black male judges in four Pennsylvania counties from 1991 to 1994 were more likely to mete out jail time than those handed down by 80 White counterparts in the same counties during the same period, a recent study found. Authored by Darrell Steffensmeier, a professor at Penn State University and Chester L. Britt, of the Arizona State University, the study was an attempt to assess the role of a judge's race on sentencing in criminal cases.

The report titled "Judges, Race and Judicial Decision Making: Do Black Judges Sentence Differently?" was initially published in the December 2001 issue of Social Science Quarterly. When its results were publicized in Philadelphia in recent days, it became an important topic for discussion. Though short on conclusions as to why Black judges handed down harsher sentences on average than their White counterparts, the study seemed to suggest background, not race is more of a factor in a judge's decision. A Black judge who wished to remain anonymous commented as much in the study. "Really, as far as toughness, the Black judges I know are as

tough or tougher than White judges," the judge said. "They (Black judges) know in a personal way how crime affects the lives of people and will feel in a personal way the need to do something about it."

Researchers looked at records from Philadelphia, Allegheny, Dauphin and Lawrence counties where the only Black judges in the state were located at the time of the inquiry. Pennsylvania was chosen for the study because its judges are allowed more sentencing discretion than judicial systems with similar guideline structures, the researchers said. The discretion could allow a higher likelihood of sentencing disparity from judge to judge.

The study looked at more than 38,500 sentences decided by the 90 judges. Although the White judges were more likely to give longer prison sentences, the difference on average was about a month, the study found.

Of more interest was the finding that Black judges were 12 percent more likely to sentence offenders to prison and six percent more likely to jail drug offenders, the study said. Robert Muhammad, a long time defense attorney in the city, told The Final Call the study did not surprise him.

"I think the Black judges are probably

under tougher scrutiny," he said. "They have to show they are willing and able to give out the type of punishment that their administrators or supervisors or the public really wants them to give out."

But, he added, "You need to look at the cause of something and then look at its root cause if you really are sincere about solving the problem."

"When many of these judges make the statement they have been personally affected, I say, and so what? That means there is even a greater demand on their part to deal with the cause, as well as the problem," he said.

The Barristers Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association would not provide comment, saying they were not familiar with study. Attorney Leon Williams, a recent candidate for Philadelphia district attorney, doubted there was much to the study.

"I haven't seen Black judges being

tougher. I have seen some Black judges who have felt, just like Black cops, who like to show White people how tough they are with Black people. I can't say however that is the rule. Most of the Black judges that I know, when I am in front of them, they tend to try to be fair," he said.

7/1/02 Police Reports

The Daily Reflector

First-degree burglary reported Saturday

A first-degree burglary was reported on Saturday at 4:40 a.m. when someone entered a home through the back rear window damaging the glass and frame, according to the Greenville Police Department. No one was injured, and nothing was stolen during the burglary on Whitaker Drive, the police report said.

Woman assaulted

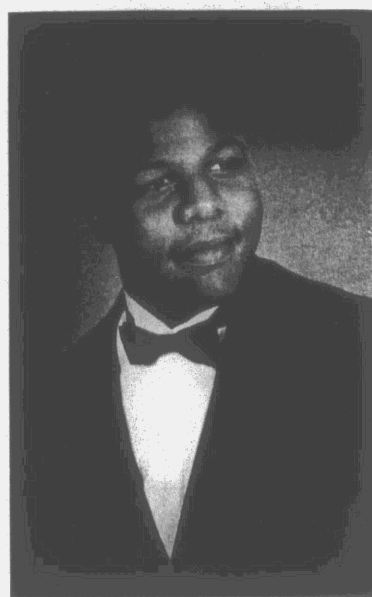
A 59-year-old woman reported her boyfriend, Donnie Maye, hit her in the face with his fist and threw her bicycle from a second-floor window during a domestic assault on Saturday at 7:45 p.m., according to police reports. She had minor injuries, the report said. Maye was charged with assault on a female and damage to personal property and placed in the Pitt County Detention Center without a bond, according to an arrest report.

Assault reported

A 36-year-old woman reported she was hit about the body and punched in the face by her boyfriend at her residence on Pitt Street Friday night. She reported minor injuries in the assault, which did not specify if any arrests were made, according to the Greenville Police Department.

CD player stolen

A 1992 Honda Accord was broken into on Red Banks Road overnight Thursday, and \$550 in compact discs and a \$200 compact disc player were reported stolen, according to a police report.



Arthur Napoleon Wallace

Arthur Napoleon Wallace recently graduated from North Carolina Central University. Napoleon, a business major with a concentration in marketing and finance, maintained honor roll status for four years. As a scholarship recipient, he received the John V. Turner Scholarship Award, the Board of Trustees Scholarship, the Catherine Wallace Ruffin Scholarship, and the Mutual Community Savings Bank Scholarship Award.

Last summer, Napoleon was awarded scholarship funding to attend University International, the Center for Bilingual Multicultural Studies in Mexico. Living with a host family, he learned to speak Spanish fluently.

This past year, he was chosen from the business department to serve as a paid intern trainee at Mechanics and Farmers Bank's Corporate Office in Durham. He was honored by Financial Executives International Chapter of Northern Carolina as a FEI Scholar.

Napoleon graduated as a University Scholar and an active member of Three-Pointers - Comprehensive Academic Support Center participant. He was commended for completing over 171 hours of volunteer service by the Academic Community Service Learning Program of Durham. Due to his scholarly endeavors, he graduated Cum Laude in the business department.

Napoleon is the son of Arthur and Faye Wallace of Grimesland and the grandson of Napoleon and Catherine Minor of Edwards.

BLAST CLAIMED A FARMVILLE, NC SAILOR - 1944

David Barnes was one of the victims of the explosion at the US Naval Magazine, at Chicago, California. He was 22 years old, and was one of the most popular members of the Barnes family.

He was a graduate of Farmville High School Class of 1941, and attended State Teacher's College in Fayetteville, NC. When he was inducted, he was employed at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia. He entered the Navy in April 1943, and received his basic Training at Great Lakes Center.

Mr. Barnes is survived by his father, Mr. Clarence Barnes Sr. and was preceded in death by his mother, Mrs. Julia Tyson Barnes; Three sisters, Mrs. Annie Barnes Lee of Washington, DC; Miss Eva Mae Barnes of Bluefield, West Virginia; and Miss Evangeline Barnes of Farmville, NC; Six brothers, Jimmie D. Clarence Jr. James, Robert, Joe B. and Grant Barnes, all of Farmville, NC. One niece Shirley Ann Green of Farmville, NC.

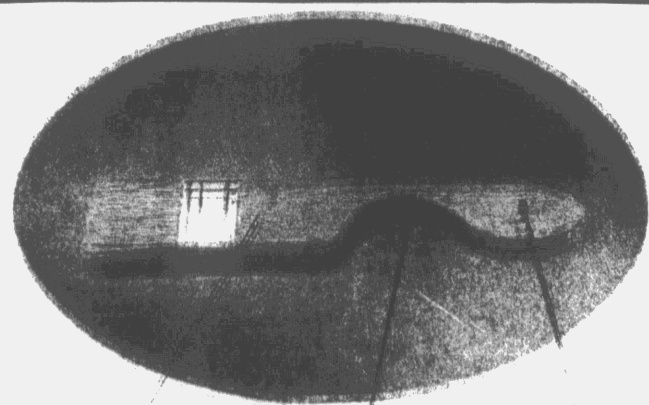
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Rouse Files 2nd Bid for NC 8th District



A Welcome Home Celebration Social was held for Walter Baker Council III on his arrival from the International Fellows American University in Cairo Egypt on June 6, 2002, 6:30pm at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville, NC. The event was sponsored by friends and love ones in the community. Walter shared his experiences while in Egypt accompanied with a display of artifacts and pictures. Walter Baker Council III (better known as "Baker") is a student studying abroad for the Spring 2002 semester. Fifteen (15) hours from this excursion

will be applied to his studies at Shaw. Baker is a Senior Presidential Scholar graduating in 2003. While at Clark University in Atlanta he became a member of The Institute for International Public Policy in the summer of 2001, a Five (5) year program. This summer Baker is enrolled in the IIPP at the University of Maryland College Park. In the summer of 2003 he will be in the Summer Language Institute in Middlebury, Vermont for 6-9 weeks. Upon completion of the program he will receive an Internship. After all components of the program are

completed Baker will attend graduate school to pursue a Masters Degree in International Affairs. Any interested College Sophomore who would like to apply for this program please contact Walter & Mildred Council at (252) 757-1037. This is a five (5) year program and all expenses are paid.

On Friday, March 1, 2002, Greenville businessman, Jim Rouse, announced his second attempt to unseat the incumbent for the North Carolina 8th District House of Representatives.

The 8th District comprises, in part, Pitt, Martin, and Greene Counties.

Jim Rouse first ran for County Commissioner in 1984. At that time he recognized that Blacks did not have representation in the legislature, although they worked hard and paid taxes for this service in Eastern North Carolina. Four years later, he ran for the same seat in the City Council; two years ago he ran for County Commissioner again. Mr. Rouse notices that the present legislation is inadequate. There are no new jobs, but there are tax

increases and decreases in health care benefits. There is a rising lack of affordable housing and a continual disrespect of and unconcern for senior citizens.

Why is Jim running again? He says that today, more than ever, we are in need of dedicated people to get involved with all decisions being made about the communities in which we live. Leaders like Mr. Rouse are needed to bring forth new ideas that address those important issues that affect our citizens in the 8th District every day.

Rouse goes on further to claim that the current representative of the 8th District has failed citizens by not bringing forth ideas to adequately address the needs of citizens still struggling to recover from the devastation left by

Hurricane Floyd, or any new ways to counteract the loss and lack of high wage-paying jobs in the counties of the 8th District.

Other issues that prompted Rouse to reenter the race include the absence of major highway projects, the skyrocketing costs associated with basic health care and the need to improve access to affordable health care, and the burden taxpayers have to bear to house inmates in North Carolina's jails and prisons.

The "Rouse for 8th House" campaign committee is seeking volunteers.

The committee needs people to assist with many different forms of advertising Mr. Jim Rouse as the representative for North Carolina's 8th District.

To reach Mr. Rouse and/or his committee, for any reason, call (252) 757-0365 or (252) 329-7102.

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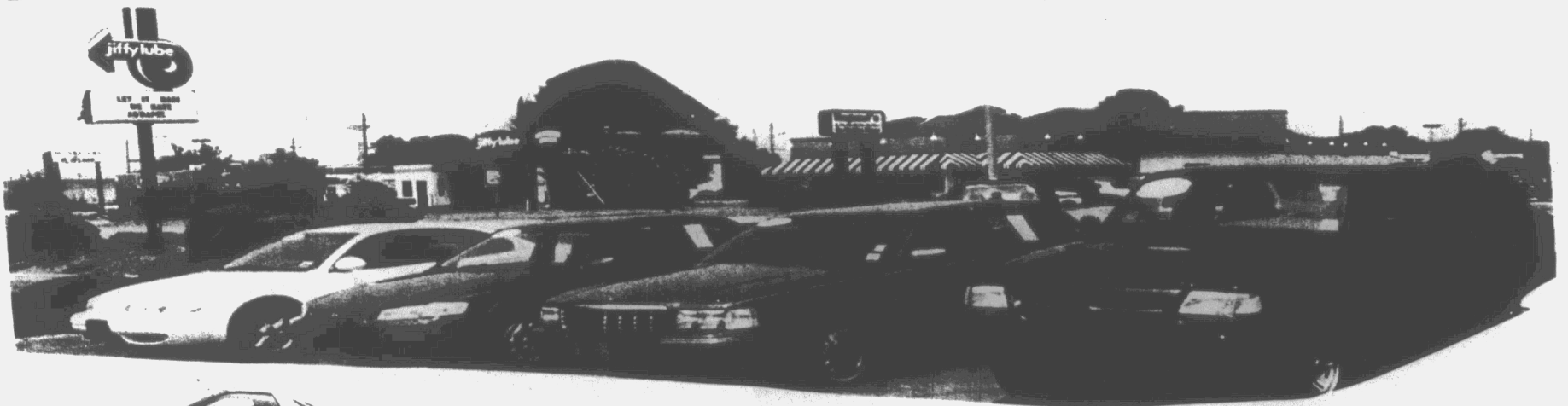
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individual winner will be.

The field is crowded and may become even more crowded. After it's finally decided which legislative district everybody belongs to, then we'll have new filing dates. With new legislative lines and a new filing date, we may have 13th Congressional District candidates filing for legislative seats and legislators filing for the new 13th. The 13th Congressional District is an open district and open districts always attract a wild bunch. Folks who wouldn't even think twice about running for office against an incumbent will run in an open election at the drop of a hat.

Democrats out-number Republicans 6-3 on the current filing list. This may be due to the fact that the district is a Democratic leaning District and many think that if they could just win the primary, they'd have a very good chance of becoming North Carolina's 13th and newest Congressperson.

The current Democratic candidates are Ronnie Ansley of Wake Forest, Lawrence Davis of Raleigh, Gene Gay of Charlotte, Bill Martin of Greensboro, Robin Britt of Greensboro and Brad Miller of Raleigh. Republicans who've filed are Graham Boyd of Raleigh, Carolyn Grant of Raleigh and Paul Smith of Raleigh. And although there's no front-runner yet, it's noteworthy to mention that over 51 percent of the new district is in Northern Wake County, the remainder of the district stretches upward and westward to cover Granville, Person, Caswell and Rockingham Counties.

This is going to be an interesting race for several reasons. First of all, it could yield the third African American in the North Carolina Congressional delegation in the person of State Senator Bill Martin of Greensboro. Secondly it could send another Democrat to Washington, and irrespective of the winner, the impact on the state

senate will be felt with the loss of Martin and Miller. African Americans will play a pivotal role in the Democratic primary as well as the general election. African Americans

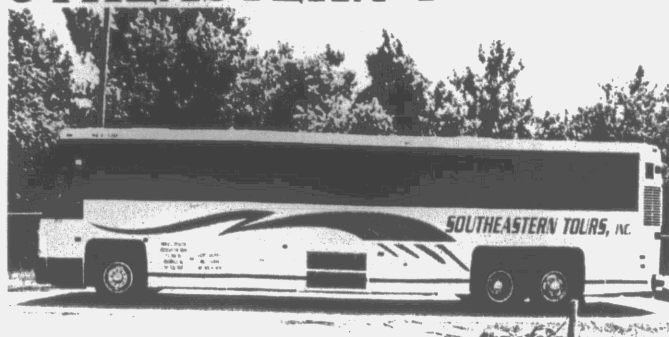
make up a sizable portion of the Granville, Person, Caswell and Rockingham County vote.

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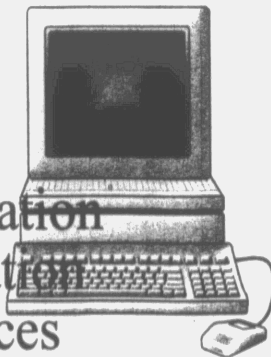
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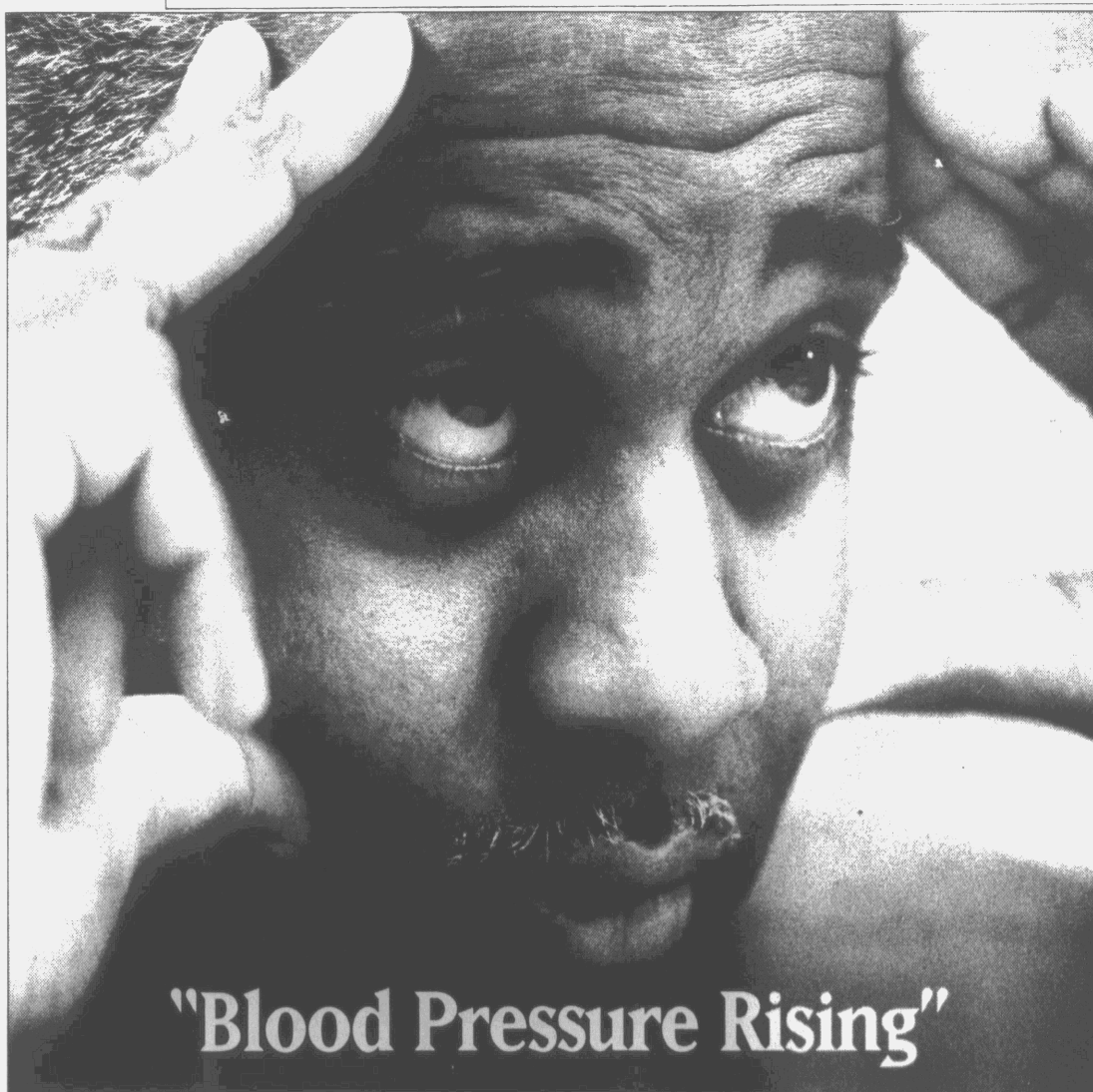
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Reflections, Expressions, and Reviews



Suejette Jones

A Double Standard

Whose fault is it if a person living in the same house is involved in narcotics? According to the Supreme Court, the entire household is at fault. Recently the court backed rules that permit evictions of families of federally subsidized housing if any family member or guest is involved in drugs. Public housing directors can evict entire families for drug use by one member, regardless of whether the use was on public housing property or if anyone else knew about it. Should grandma and baby Jane be forced to find a new place to live because of the knucklehead who sleeps in the same house?

The court has endorsed a rule that further divides those who live in public housing from the general population. The rules are different because the residents are receiving government assistance. Their

rights to live in decent housing are pulled from underneath them if a person has used drugs. What would it look like if we applied that same principle to persons not living in public housing? Couldn't it be argued that a family should be evicted when a person in the household gets stopped for a DWI? Why not? Shouldn't we blame everyone in the house? People in public housing don't get the benefit of the doubt. Since the home environment was such that a person in the home used drugs, the entire household will be punished.

The court ruling follows a new trend in the way people look at the substance abuse problem. It has long been understood that drug addiction is a disease. Despite the research to justify the need for more substance abuse treatment facilities, the few services offered to addicts are being closed. Insurance companies are making it harder for people to get treatment for addictions. Those who are addicted and in search of a way to change their lives are finding it harder to locate a place to get help. Now the court has taken things to another level. Not only do we refuse to help you with your problem, we're going to punish you and your family because of you. The opinion of the court failed to take into account the nature of addiction and the impact the disease has on

the entire family. Four California senior citizens received eviction notices because of drug use by relatives or caregivers. The court ruled in favor of the decision to kick grandma out because of the habit of another person. The saddest thing is the senior citizens didn't know about the drug use.

There is a double standard in the way we deal with the poor. The issue of substance abuse touches all of us. The bad news is we think differently about the way to approach the issues based on the income of the persons involved. Last year, President Bush's underage daughters were caught trying to buy alcohol (which is also a drug) in a Texas restaurant, and his niece, the daughter of Florida Governor Jeb Bush, was admitted to a drug treatment center in February after being arrested on a prescription charge. Most would agree that their problems are not to be blamed on he president or Jeb Bush. It would be foolish to assert that the president should vacate the White House. We can't hold him responsible for what happens under his nose. Why???? Because he doesn't live in public housing.

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GRASPING FOR THE WIND

Reaching out and trying to catch a piece of a breeze is an exercise in futility. You may as well be attempting to tame a tornado or harness a hurricane. Chasing fulfillment in life can seem just as impossible, especially if you're looking in all the wrong places. Listen to someone who learned the hard way.

I...was king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under the sun" this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may

have exercised. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity and grasping for the wind (Eccl. 1:2-14).

To this author, life "under the sun" appeared to be nothing but vanity, futility, meaninglessness. He struggled to find significance in the pleasures and pains of everyday existence.

In trying to understand the book of Ecclesiastes, it helps to know who the author is and why he wrote his journal. He never identified himself by name. But his self-description as "the son of David, King in Jerusalem," as well as his comments about wealth, power, wisdom, great achievements, and many wives, point to King Solomon (see 1:1,12,16;2:4-9; 7:26-29;12:9). If we accept Solomon as the author, then we see in Ecclesiastes glimpses of the dramatic story of a king who began his reign well but then lost sight of what's most important in life (1 Ki. 11:1-13). In his latter years he reviewed how he had spent his days. The conclusions he came to are both troubling and hopeful.

Solomon found out that even though he was able to accumulate vast amounts of knowledge, he still had a huge void in his life. As he grew older, he tried to fill that ache for something more by seeking answers from the gods of the nations around him (1 Ki. 11:1-13). All his knowledge, though, could not fill the emptiness he felt. Solomon eventually recognized that he had gotten off track.

So I said in my heart, "As it happens to fool, it also happens to me, and why was I then more wise?" Then I said in my heart, "This also is vanity." For there is no more remembrance of the wise than of the fool forever, since all that now is will be forgotten in the days to come. And how does a wise man die? As the fool! (Eccl.2:15-16).

The more we learn, the more we will realize how little we actually know.

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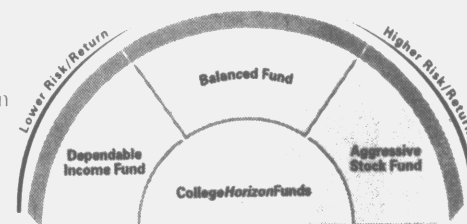
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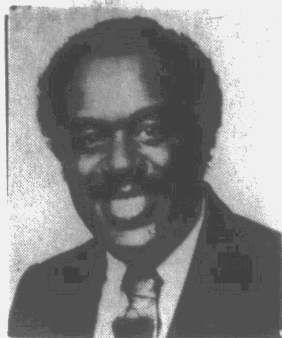
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Spiritual Reflections



Dr. George Hawkins

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each man. Colossians 4:6

Is Your Speech Seasoned?

Greetings.

There is a tremendous difference between salty

speech and speech seasoned with salt. Salty speech is offensive, sarcastic, sharp, bitter, and biting. Speech seasoned with salt is attractive, appetizing, flavorful, and tasteful. It fulfills the very words of Jesus who urged His disciples to "have salt in yourselves." (Mark 9:50).

In sharing our faith with others, we need to be able to capture their interest and keep their attention. One way to do that is to make sure that our speech is well seasoned with salt. Just as salt adds appeal to food, so it adds appeal to our witness to others.

Salt enhances and enriches; it adds flavor to that which is dull, bland, and tasteless. Well seasoned speech adds flavor to the Bread of Life which we

share with others to enhance and enrich their lives.

Salt is use as a preservative; it prevents corruption in meat. Likewise, "the meat of the Word," which we share with others, can be kept pure and uncorrupted when our speech is well seasoned with salt.

Salt produces thirst. Well-salted speech can actually incite a thirst for the Water of Life. The salt Jesus was referring to symbolized the unction, freshness, and vital liveliness which characterizes the Holy Spirit's presence and work in a man.

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Tournament at Desert Mountain Golf Club in Arizona, where helped raise more than \$200,000 from 1992-1995. In July 2000, he started the annual Thumbs Up Bike Tour in Detroit.

He now lives with his wife and gym partner, Dani, in Wenatchee, Wash., where he enjoys all types of outdoor sports, he said. He is active in everything from skiing, boating, kayaking, scuba diving, to hand cycling, sky diving and hamming it up with golfers, he said.

Golf was never his preferred game, but he enjoys cheering his fellow golfers from the sidelines.

"I've been a winner all my life, and I'm not stopping now," he said. "I want Greenville to know that Mike is here. This event is going to be very productive." Utley received a key to the city from Mayor Don Parrott on Friday.

Jenna Hunt can be contacted at jhunt@coxnews.com



" In My Spirit "



Bro Adams

Greetings:

Let me once again begin by saying, what follows are the things that bring questions to my mind about everyday life. You may have asked yourself questions and just didn't know where to find an answer. Hence the title " In My Spirit ". You may not agree with what I say (We do have freedom of speech in America) and if by chance you think I am talking about you, don't flatter yourself. Moving On ! In My Spirit?

Voting!!! Is anybody Voting!!!

Why is it that we are so easily taken by the people who visit our churches, our lodges and meeting

places? For instance, it was a little while ago that we were anticipating changes in our government and every day life because of the people elected to several offices. It doesn't matter which take your pick. Okay, let me pick. Ooops the names have been changed to protect the innocent. One particular candidate was running for a particular seat and he visited this certain church. He was all smiles and stated that he believed in moralistic living and had high hopes for our youth. Well this same person today enters the court room and even most whites hate to see him come. What's wrong people? Did you forget his prior record of hard-balling. Sit in his courtroom and you see prejudice oozing from his pores. Unfortunately for all it is directed at youth of all races and of course minorities. Bet we won't make that mistake again! (Nuff Said) Speaking of voting. What's up with the poor turn outs of guess who? My brothers and sisters. Actually, if you don't vote - Don't

Complain. Listen! !! If the vote didn't count or matter please tell me why did someone in Florida call on State Troopers to delay black voters from getting to the polls. I don't think it takes that much to figure that one out. Now, all together. Nuff Said.

Oh but listen to one excuse. Why vote, they gon do what they want to do anyway. Who is they. WHO IS THEY!!

And to those who are in office; Stand for your people OKAY. You have not arrived because you are in office. You know who you are. One person got in a race against another black person and you know that would split the vote, well, were you paid or what? I know, you thought you were the better candidate. How about working with the more popular candidate. And that was.

" IN MY SPIRIT "

Jesus said. " He that is not with us is against us " Can you find that?

Nuff Said !!!
Michael Adams

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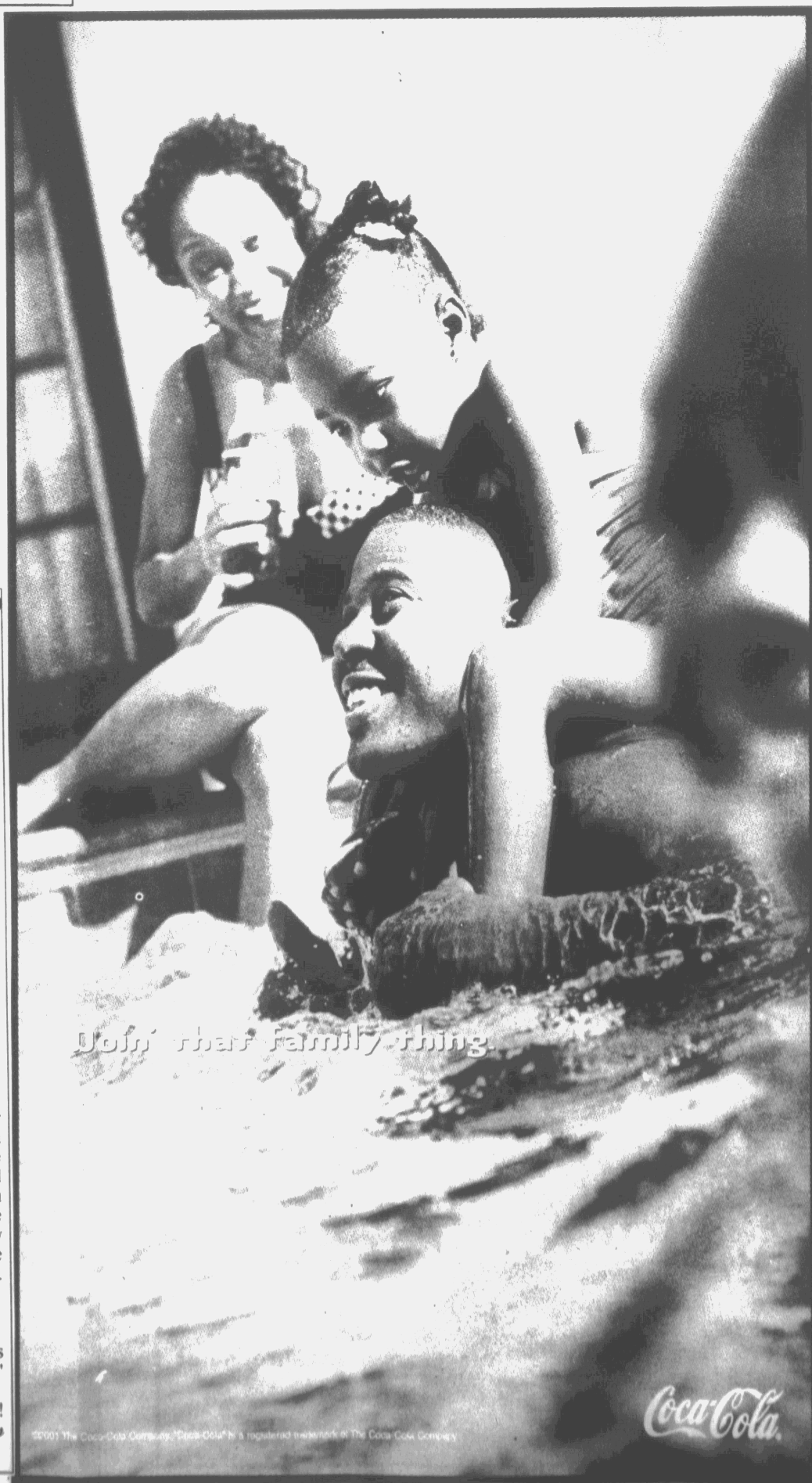
CONETOE, N. C. Deciding that enough was enough, about 20 Black landowners in the Conetoe/Penny Hill area of eastern Edgecombe County, fed up with their land being stolen and occupied by white developers, came together at Mildred's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church last month to form the Land Restoration Group. The group was set up to halt the loss of Black owned land thru the use of a combination of legal and protest tactics and to improve the quality of life for Black people in the area.

The group has engaged several attorneys familiar with legal questions concerning WO, including the Land Loss Prevention Project, located in Durham. White developers with powerful connections in the courthouse in Tarboro over the years have used questionable and flatly illegal tactics to take land acre by acre from Black ownership. Because of the lack of political power of Blacks in Edgecombe County, although Blacks are in the majority, comprising 60% of the county, whites were able to have their way.

However, it appears that things may be about to change. Ronald Wilkins and Deborah Arrington were arrested in separate incidents when they stood up and protested white incursion on their land. Ronald, after being advised by an attorney, was able to defend himself in district court in Tarboro and win a dismissal of the charges. Deborah, represented by civil rights attorney Theresa Smallwood of Windsor, had her charges dismissed as well. In both instances, Ronald and Deborah were supported by members of the group who held silent vigils outside the courthouse before the trials began.

In a related incident, two members of the Land Restoration Group, Black activists Judy Thomas and Jim Grant were arrested when they refused to move during the silent vigil across the street from the courthouse prior to Ms. Arrington's case on June 12. They had requested and were refused a permit to demonstrate because of a state statute which prohibits demonstrations within 300 feet of the courthouse. Grant and Thomas have the support of the Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ and the North Carolina ACLU is looking into the case.

Meanwhile the Land Restoration Group has served notice that it will not stand by and watch Black land being taken by illegal means. The group is planning other activities to highlight the struggle in eastern Edgecombe County. For further information contact Mrs. Alice Smith at 627- 5820 and Ronald Wilkin's at 823-1579.



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From The Desk Of Mrs Beatrice Maye



Beatrice Maye

To the editor,
Marian Wright Edelman, Director and President of the Children's Defense Fund says, "Our children are growing up today in an ethically polluted nation where instant sex without responsibility, instant gratification without effort, instant solutions without sacrifice, getting rather than giving, and hoarding rather than sharing are the too-frequent signals of our mass media".

Are today's parents really concerned? With most children now arriving at an empty house after school, does late-afternoon television fare matter? Does it matter if, instead of leaving our children to Beaver, we leave them to Beavis? Does viewing primetime influence their thinking and acting? Does the media mold us? Mirror us? Or both?

By the end of elementary school, the average child views some 8,000 TV murders and 1,000,000 other violent acts. In the entertainment world, implied

acts of sexual intercourse over-whelmingly occur between unmarried people. In soap operas, for example, unmarried partners have outnumbered married partners 24 to 1.

"Tragically, there are more young Black males in prison than college", Deborah Prothrow-Stith points out. Again the number confirms: in 1991, there were 517,000 Black male collegians at all levels, and some-550,000 Black males behind bars. Are these statistics frightening? Perplexing? Concerns? As parents, it's up to us to make changes in our home first.

Beatrice Maye

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Some Facts:

1. Girls' brains mature earlier than boys'
2. Girls tend to have better verbal abilities and rely heavily on verbal communication; boys tend to rely heavily on nonverbal communication
3. Males are impulsive and fidgety
4. Girls bond first and ask questions later; boys might be aggressive first and ask questions later
5. Girls and women hear things better than boys and men; sometimes a loud voice is needed for boys and men. This fact makes an

interesting basis for keeping boys near the front of the physical classroom

6. In music six times as many girls can sing in tune as boys

7. Females generally see things better in a darkened room; boys/males in bright colors

8. The female nose and palate are more sensitive than the male

9. Boys can store trivia better than girls for a long period of time

10. Males are not as tough as we think; often females are emotionally tougher

11. Boys shut off emotions and go to work whereas girls become aggressive and shut down after a crisis at home or a humiliation at school

12. Females produce more words than males

13. Girls are better listeners than boys

14. Boys are bored more easily than girls

15. Girls do not generally need to move around as much while learning. 37% of high school athletes are girls, the rest boys. Boys tend to be louder, more physically aggressive and more prone to attention getting devices in classrooms than girls, resulting in more teacher attention going to boys

16. Boys are approximately 2 to 4 points ahead of girls in math and science scores tracked by the U. S.

17. Boys score slightly higher than girls on SAT

and other college entrance exams

18. For every boy who attempts suicide, four girls do. 90% of fathers of children born to teen girls abandon the girl and child

19. Girls make up the majority of student government officials, after-school club leaders, and school community liaisons

20. Girls choose to take the harder courses in middle school and high school at a higher rate than boys do, they study harder on average for all courses than boys

21. Girls receive approximately 60% of the A's and boys receive approximately 90% of the D's and F's

22. Girls are approximately one and one and a half years ahead of boys in

reading and writing competency, according to statistics tracked by the Federal Department of Education.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mrs. Mattie Barnes, 1100 Hooker Road, visited her family in New York recently.

Ms. Wanda James, from Atlanta, Georgia, home for a few days

IN SYMPATHY

Mrs. Eula Edwards, the death of her son

The William Anderson Family

The family of Mrs. John Taylor, the death and funeral

of Mrs. Taylor's mother

The family of Lucille Taylor Daniels and Mrs. Mabel Hooks, Winterville NC

The Daniel Bullock Sr. Family

And all others whose names are not known

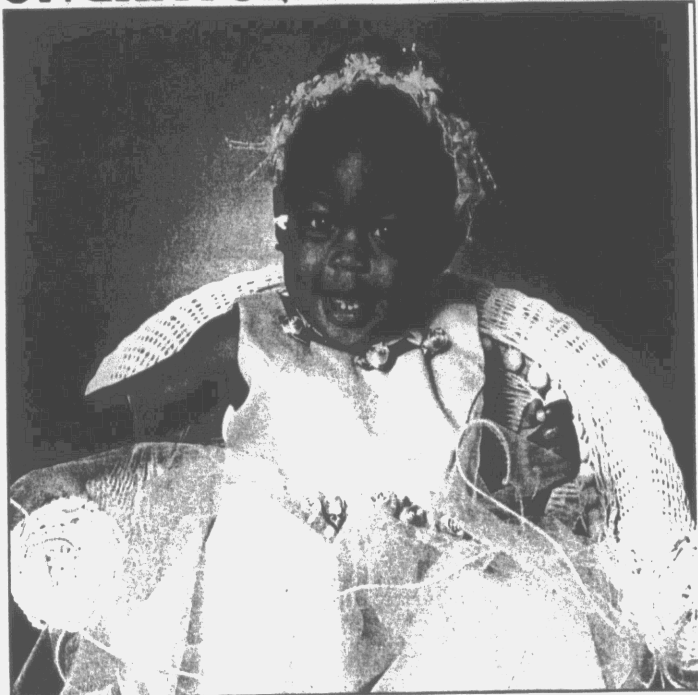
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