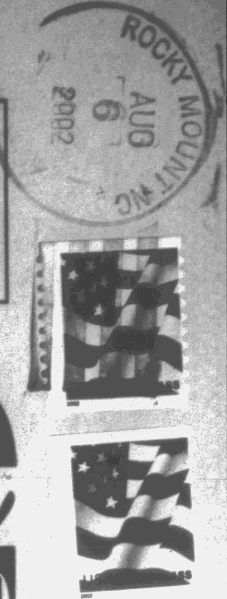


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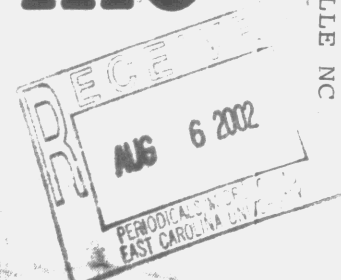
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CROSSING THE THIN BLUE LINE

Question :The Real Story Behind the Death of Tarik Rodgers



By Paulette Rodgers and James R. Brown

What happens when a twenty-six year old unarmed man is pulled to the ground by and under the control of a large canine police officer and is then brutally shot more than six times to the head and torso by multiple local and county law enforcement officers? Apparently, nothing! Three months ago, during the early morning hours of America's tax filing deadline of April 15th, Tarik Rodgers, an alleged kidnapping suspect was shot and killed on the streets of Williamston, North Carolina, under the watchful eyes of several witnesses. Although two officers have been suspended "with pay" and there is reportedly an ongoing investigation by the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI), the Rodgers family has been given no reason for the death of their son except a death certificate.

With the recent wave of unfettered police brutality incidences throughout the country, some of which have been captured by amateur video and aired on our local and national television channels, there is little public confidence in the sanctity of such SBI investigations. In the Rodgers case, with rumors of cross pollination of former SBI personnel on the Martin County Sheriff's payroll and a relative of the Williamston Police Chief currently working in the SBI office, the appearance of impropriety and the possible conflict of interest reeks of the need for the involvement of the State Attorney General's office or the Federal Bureau of Investigation. With the upcoming elections (DA, Sheriff, County Commissioner, etc.) in November 2002, the citizens of Martin County must hold the responsible parties accountable for this tragedy. Our dark history during the pre-Civil Rights era has taught us that we cannot allow the TRUTH surrounding the death of Tarik Rodgers to be swept under the carpet, wherever it may lead. In the case of Tarik Rodgers, it is not only for the sake of his family that we need to find out the truth of what happened, but also for the well-being of our own families and the entire society at large.

It is only when we look for justice above the interest of the individual, be they law enforcement officers, elected officials, or the common man alike, can we be assured that the rights of all people will be safeguarded. We pray only that the tragic death of Tarik Rodgers will force us all to hold up our own mirrors of accountability and demand a fair review of the facts by an impartial fact finder and the prompt disclosure to the Rodgers family.

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Reparations: One day at a time

BY EDMUND W. LEWIS

In a recent article published in the *Louisiana Weekly* newspaper, several Blacks spoke openly about their unmitigated disdain for the reparations movement.

One brother from Los Angeles thinks reparations would be "an insult to hard-working Blacks ... to insist they need some kind of government aid because of something that happened over a century ago."

Another cat said most Blacks are middle-class and "don't feel the crushing weight of slavery in their daily lives." I wonder what America he lives in and how many suns revolve around his world?

One conservative Black minister is so committed to undermining the movement that he is embarking on a "Stop Reparations Now" tour at universities, churches and community centers across the United States because he says supporters of reparations "know most White Americans are not going to stand up against it for fear of being called a racist."

"This is another shakedown," he insists.

Brother Minister says he is also heeding the call to fight for immigrants who tell him all the time, "My ancestors didn't own slaves, so why do I have to pay for something I didn't have anything to do with?"

Ain't that special. Sometimes it feels like opponents of reparations are using this issue to "get back" at African America for some

unknown transgression. Their scathing, parsimonious attacks on the movement's goals and supporters are chock full of spite, bitterness and old-fashioned mean-spiritedness.

David Horowitz, a recovering White liberal who no longer fights for the rights of people of color, would be proud.

In an essay titled "Understanding Times" in *The Washington Times*, an immigrant named Balint Vazsonyi, who serves as director of the Center for the American Founding, suggests that Black folks ought to shut up and just be grateful that our European brethren thought enough of us to bring us all the way to America to be enslaved.

"Americans are ... accustomed to the notion that, while the slaveholder benefited unfairly, the slave got nothing in return for the labor and services rendered," Vazsonyi writes. "...The matter is not that simple because slavery occurred during times when a majority of free persons in the Western world had not much more than what many a slave received, a roof over their head, and food on which to survive... [I]nsisting that slavery in America was some unusual aberration of history — a unique wrong committed by White settlers from Europe against Black captives from Africa — is simple demagoguery."

Vazsonyi doesn't stop there. The columnist goes on to describe how people of color benefit from living in one of the world's most technologically advanced nations. "The sons and daughters of slaves in America have become the beneficiaries of literally thousands upon thousands of inventions, discoveries, products of the mind and of industry, as a result of being in America," he

continues. "And the reality is that their ancestors' chances of ending up here under different circumstances were next to nothing. And, based on the record, the chances of their ancestors coming up with the inventions, discoveries, products were equally next to nothing."

"The foregoing was not intended to excuse, justify or in any way approve of slavery. But a broader view of history will reveal that people don't get something for nothing. The inventors, discoverers, producers whose beneficiaries we all are, struggled, sweat blood, fought and toiled. And they came mainly from Europe. Most people in Africa were

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content with life as it happened to them, and left the world much as they had found it.

"And now to the point: History exacts a price, levies tribute on all who come to enjoy a higher level of existence. Slavery was the terrible price extracted of Africa's chosen people for bestowing upon their descendants long life, literacy, prolonged hearing and vision, a vast choice of occupational and leisure activity, communication and transportation, as well as the myriads of small and large ingredients that make up daily living in an advanced society."

I don't even know where to begin addressing this misguided columnist. First, Egypt is in Africa and was for a significant period of time ruled by black-skinned Africans. So we know a little about civilization and ingenuity before the savages came to control, destroy, enslave and plunder.

Second, African-American inventors have proven to be every bit as innovative and brilliant as their European counterparts. Among the inventions to come from African America are the traffic signal and gas mask (Garrett A. Morgan), pressure cooker (Maurice W. Lee), envelope seal (F.W. Leslie), pencil sharpener (John L. Love), printing press (W.A. Lavallette), ironing board (Sarah Boone), fire extinguisher (Tom T. Marshal), home security system (Marie Brown), elevator (Alexander Miles), pacemaker (Otis Boykin), fountain pen (W.B. Purvis), typewriter (Burridge & Marshall), rocket catapult (Hugh McDonald), lawnmower (John A. Burr), shoe lasting machine (Jan E. Matzeliger), lubricators (Elijah McCoy), clothes dryer (G.T. Sampson), sugar refinement process (Norbert Rillieux), dust pan

(L.P. Ray), lawn sprinkler (J.W. Smith), blood plasma procedure (Dr. Charles Drew), open-heart surgery procedure (Dr. Daniel Hale Williams), cellular phone (Henry Sampson), helicopter (Paul E. Williams), refrigerator (J. Standard), roller coaster (Granville T. Woods), gas burner (B.F. Jackson), fire escape ladder (J.B. Winters), and the all-important toilet (T. Elkins).

Yep. Where would we be without our European saviors and oppressors? Anyone who doubts the truthfulness of this claim should do his own research.

All these important inventions aside, the incredible wealth that made the United States a global power was accumulated on the backs of Africans.

Four hundred years of free labor would give any nation a considerable advantage over the competition. I think a compelling argument can be made that Africans gave the most and received the least from the great experiment that is America.

For anyone, much less an immigrant, to come along and ignore Black contributions to the greatness of this nation and add that we should shut up and be grateful borders on lunacy. But I think we can learn a great deal from how immigrants are taught to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, revere the U.S. Constitution and disrespect and hate Africans in America. Once they have mas-

tered these skills, they can truly be called Americans.

For the record, Africans were not sitting around under baobab trees in the motherland waiting to be discovered by European explorers and conquerors. And to compare black Africa today to the prosperous United States is twisted, particularly since European colonialism, imperialism and shameless subjugation of Africa's peoples had a little bit to do with the "Dark Continent's" current state.

Regardless of how we have fought, bled, struggled and died to carve out an existence for ourselves in the U.S., we were not brought to America for our own good. Kindness, consideration and Christian charity were low on the list of reasons for us being kidnapped and dragged across the ocean to do somebody else's work in a land stolen from people who roamed this nation for millions of years.

It is the epitome of cultural disrespect for some immigrant to come to these shores, enjoy the many rights and privileges paid for many times over with African blood, sweat and tears and turn around and question the legitimacy of our struggle to recover what is rightfully owed to us.

That immigrants — White, yellow, olive, red, brown and, yes, African — could so uniformly hold such negative perceptions of and opinions about Africans in America speaks volumes about the fundamental lack of respect White America has for its citizens of African descent.

Centuries after America first began robbing Africans of their freedom, human dignity and inalienable, divine-ordained right to be, she still cannot admit the colossal injustices she committed against people of color or the profundity of

Voucher win to affect poor, underprivileged

Commentary



ARMSTRONG WILLIAMS

In the most significant decision affecting education since Brown v. Board of Education, the Supreme Court ruled 5-4 to uphold a Cleveland area voucher program. The decision has profound implications for the quality of education that America's poor and underprivileged receive.

Under a voucher program, the state would pay all or part of the tuition of children attending private schools. Supporters argue that vouchers would improve the quality of education received by urban students by enabling the parents to choose where their children learn, a choice previously maintained only by those families wealthy enough to afford private schooling.

A fledgling program before the Supreme Court decision, vouchers will likely now replicate across the country. That's good news for America's poor urban parents, mostly of color, whose children currently lack the opportunity for a quality education. As Professor Lawrence Stedman observed during a 1997 Brookings Institution conference: "Twelfth grade Black students are performing at the level of middle school White students. These students are about to graduate, yet they lag four or more years behind in every area [including] reading, math, science, writing, history and

geography. Latino seniors ... are also four years behind White 12th graders. The conclusion is distressing but unavoidable — [A] generation has passed and the achievement of educational equality remains an elusive dream."

Not surprisingly, a 1992 Gallup poll revealed that 73 percent of low-income respondents favor vouchers. For many of these families, the appeal is straightforward. Vouchers offer a way out of an urban school system that is failing to properly educate their children.

Previously, the school voucher program met resistance on Capitol Hill where its detractors argued that vouchers would only exacerbate the problems currently facing public education. They contended that parental choice would be tantamount to abandoning bad schools (as opposed to keeping intact their tradition of failure).

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They also argued that parents might not be competent enough to choose the best school for their children.

Not coincidentally, none of the politicians arguing against the voucher legislation sent their own children to public schools, including President Clinton who failed to support legislation that would have given disadvantaged parents the opportunity to send their children to a private school, just as the president did for his own daughter.

It should however be observed that those politicians who most vigorously opposed vouchers — mostly Democrats — stood to lose quite a few votes by alienating the powerful teacher's union, which opposed the vouchers movement for basic reasons of self preservation. Consequently, the Democrats have favored the sort education reform that consists largely of throwing more money at the problem. For perspective on how this brand of education reform works, consider the District of Columbia, which allocates between \$7,000 and \$10,000 per student (more than the national average). Yet, over 60% of the District's graduating class score below basic levels in reading and math.

Get it? Increased funding alone cannot ameliorate the education crisis in this country because it does not confront the fact that the public school system is, in effect, a monopoly. That is to say, public schools do not compete for a consumer base and therefore have no real consequence for failure. Giving parents a choice as to where their children learn however would suddenly make public education directly accountable to the consumer. Faced with the prospect of fleeing parents, schools would have to get their act together or risk losing their customer base.

The major implication: With today's Supreme Court decision, we will no longer write off entire generations of poor students just by virtue of their geography. That bodes well not only for education reform, but also for the complex struggle for social equality.

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the debt owed to their descendants. That kind of dogged arrogance, cultural insularity and stubbornness may ultimately lead to the downfall of this great nation.

Ironically, Africans in America have benefited less from the free slave labor this nation received between 1450 and 1865 than any other group, including immigrants.

History has taught us that justice is anything but color-blind in the United States. There is a long list of cases and incidents that make it crystal clear that the U.S. Justice Department was never intended to protect the constitutional rights of Africans in America. Dred Scott. Homer Plessy. Rosewood. Tulsa. Scottsboro. Emmett Till. Rodney King. Yusuf Hawkins. The Brownsville Incident.

When some segments of American society think of oppression, images of Black women, men and children being fire hosed and bitten by police dogs during freedom marches come to mind. The truth is, as bad as those times were, they represent but one aspect of the oppression Africans have endured in the United States.

There is not an aspect of our lives that has not been warped and poisoned by bigotry, economic exploitation and racial oppression.

When we started our own businesses, communities and towns, our White brethren

burned them to the ground or wrongfully seized our property. The government often helped Whites to do this, or stood idly by and did nothing.

When we dared to stand up for our constitutional rights, we were lynched, castrated, tarred and feathered and harassed by the federal government.

When we formed groups to fight for our rights, Black freedom-fighting organizations and leaders were placed under surveillance, infiltrated, destroyed, murdered and undermined by FBI programs like COINTELPRO. When we have demanded justice in American courts, we have been mocked, ridiculed and turned away.

Some might call that oppression, exploitation and taxation without representation. Anybody down for a little tea party?

The bottom line is that we have used every legal and socially prescribed means at our disposal to protect and liberate ourselves from oppression, exploitation and White supremacy, only to be blocked, denied and beaten down at every turn.

One of the latest examples of the shameless miscarriage of justice presented itself right here in New Orleans on May 31 when the Louisiana Supreme Court reversed the convictions of the first two men — both White — convicted under the state's hate-crime law. For those who don't

remember, Frank and Patrick Palermo were convicted in December 1998 of pouring gasoline on two cars — one of which contained a 3-year-old child — in an attempt to set the cars on fire. Only rainfall prevented the two men, who reportedly had gotten into an argument with several Black motorists, from possibly burning to death an innocent child. But hey, boys will be boys, right?

Oppression did not come down on Africans in one fell swoop. It came — and comes — one day at a time, all day, every day. If unchecked and unchallenged, it has the power to chip away at our personal human dignity, sanity and spirit. It tells us that we are worthless, our history and experiences are insignificant and our struggle inconsequential and unimportant. Despite our protests and tribulations, it continues to feed on us like an amorphous predator that won't — or can't — cease until we no longer exist.

It would be nice to not have to wake up and fight every day for things White Americans can take for granted. But we have never gotten "something for nothing" in this strange land. The battle we are waging is for our very survival. So fight we must, and fight we shall.

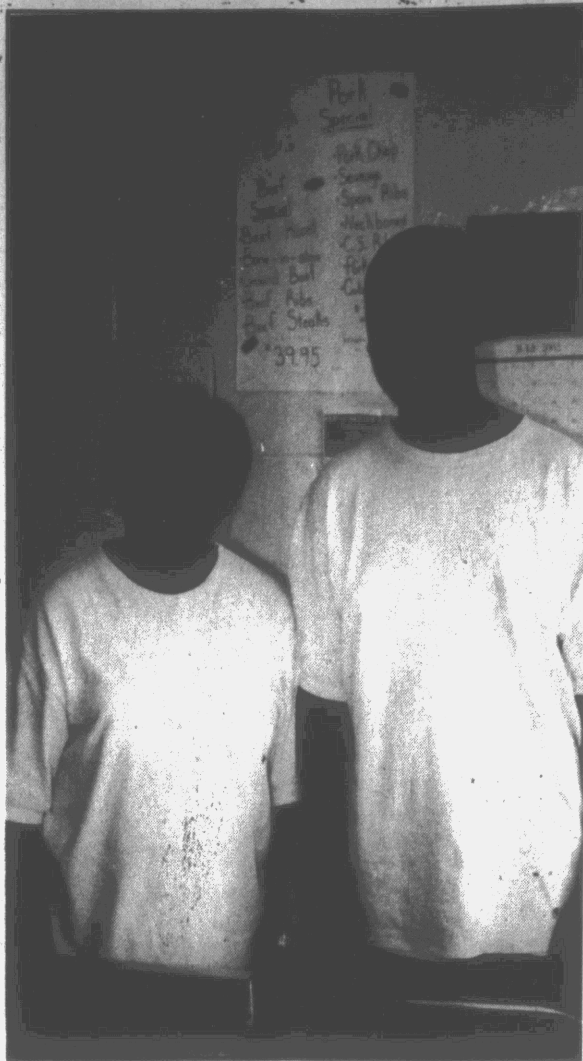
All power to the people.

Edmund W. Lewis is editor of the *Louisiana Weekly*.

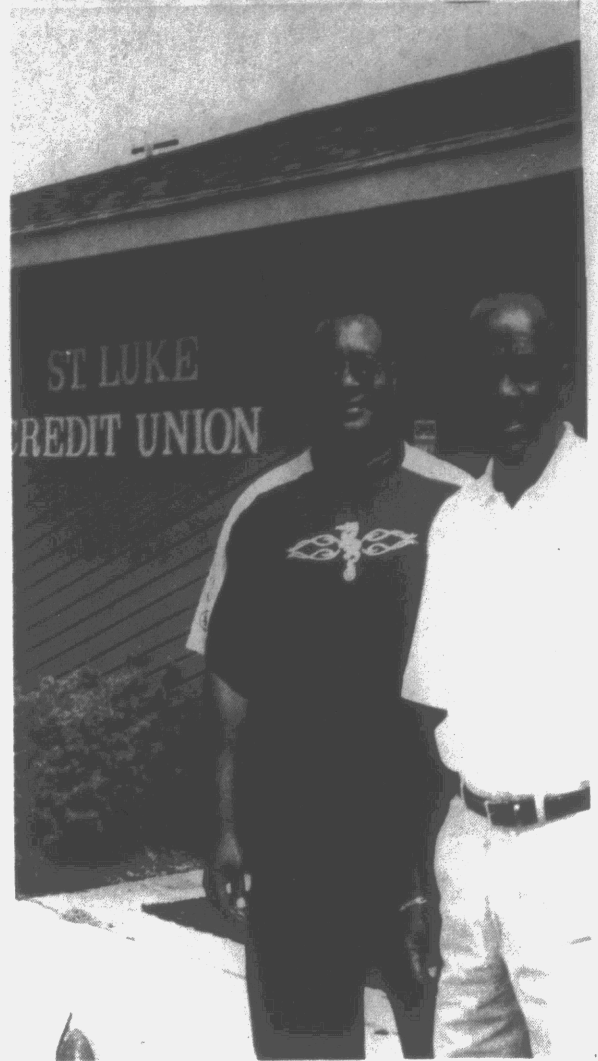
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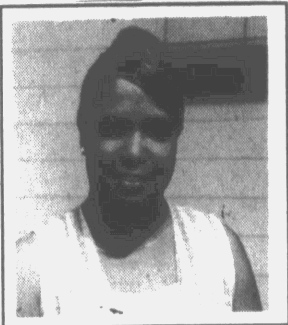
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"Evening and morning, and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Psalm 55:17)

For what are we to pray?
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another. "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another" (James 5:16).

Our Daily Bread.

"Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11).

Forgiveness of sin. "I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin...For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found." Psalm 32:5,6

The Holy Spirit. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field" (Zechariah 10:1).

For wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

For those in authority over us. "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty" (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

For the sick. "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.

For victory over temptation. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13)

Our enemies. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" Matthew 5:44.

Since the end of all things is at hand, what are we to do? "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." 1 Peter 4:7

What are we especially admonished to pray for at this time? "Watch therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" Luke 21:36

To be ready for Christ's coming, what admonition of His must we follow?

"But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is...And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch" (Mark 13,32-37).

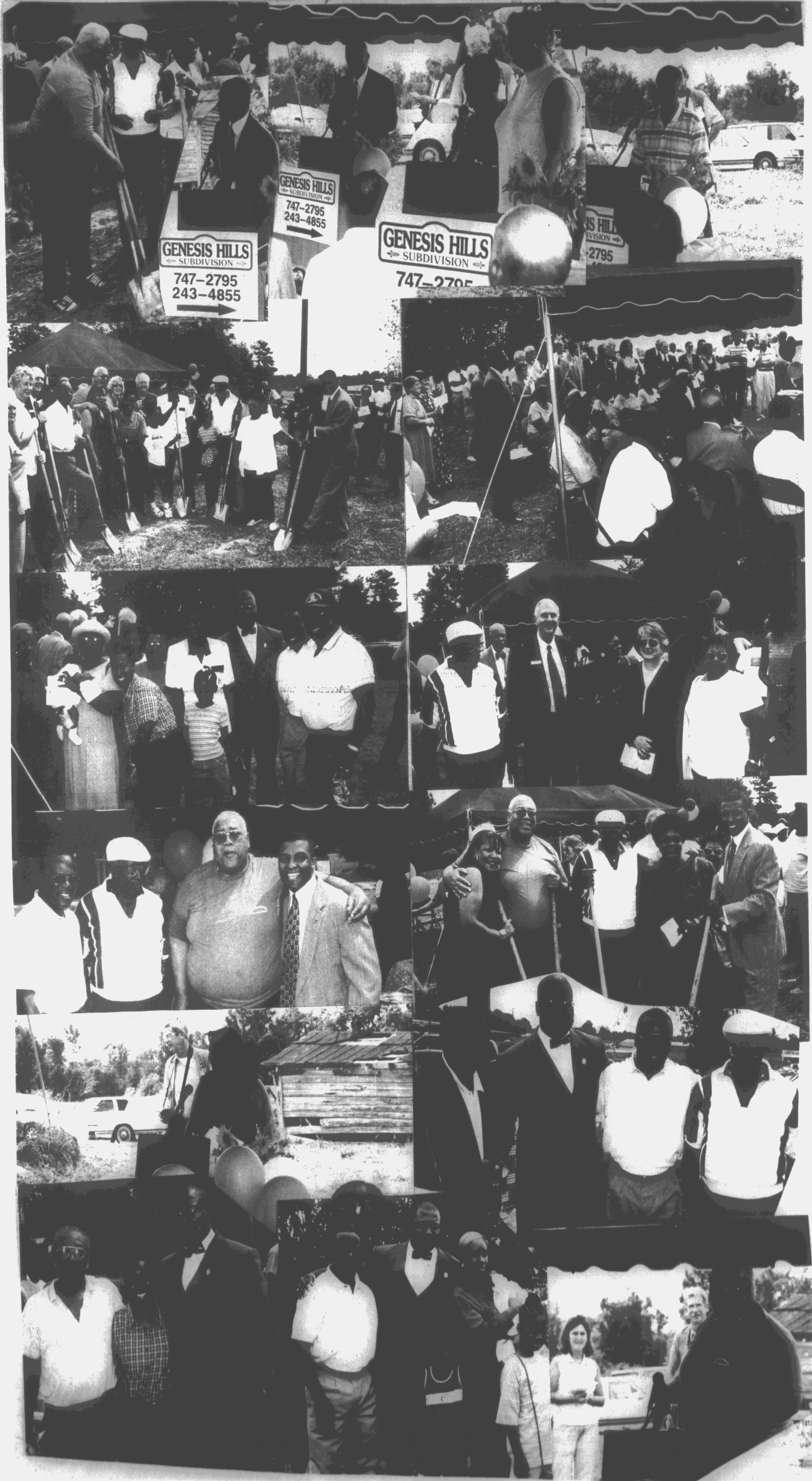
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Inglewood Beating Yields " 40 Day Protest "

By Charlene Muhammad, The Final Call

INGLEWOOD - More than 200 incensed protesters saturated the courtyards of the Inglewood Police Department and City Hall July 12 for a press conference, rally, and "march for justice" against a vicious police beating of a Black citizen reminiscent of the Rodney King affair.

Family members, religious and political leaders, grassroots activists, and national civil rights activists comprised the assembly, which crossed all ethnic, gender, age, spiritual, and political barriers.

"Police brutality affects Blacks across this country the way the sun affects White people: If you get out, you can't duck it," charged activist Dick Gregory, who was among a bevy of speakers.

Other speakers included family spokesperson Talibah Shekur; organizer Najee Ali (Project Islamic H.O.P.E.); Nation of Islam Western Region Minister Tony Muhammad; national civil rights activist Rev. Martin Luther King, III (Southern Christian Leadership Conference); Thandi Chumurenga (Donovan Jackson-Chavis Justice Committee); Dr. Maher Hath (Muslim Public Affairs Council-MPAC); and activist Malik Spellman.

Each called for swift justice, starting first with the immediate firing of officer Morse, presently on paid administrative leave.

The Brotherhood Crusade's Danny Bakewell, Inglewood Mayor Roosevelt Dorn, Inglewood Police Chief Ronald C. Banks, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Rainbow Push Coalition, and Rev. Al Sharpton (National Action Network) have released official statements or held various press conferences voicing concerns.

Also present were representatives of the African American Cultural Center (US Organization) and its founder/director Dr. Maulana Karenga.

A videotape by Good Samaritan Mitchell Crooks show the beating of 16-year-old Donovan Jackson-Chavis by Inglewood Police Officer Jeremy Morse during a July 6 traffic incident at a gas station, while his father, Coby Chavis, handcuffed and detained in the back of a police car, watched helplessly.

The beating has prompted a lawsuit, filed by attorneys Joe Hopkins and John Sweeney against the City of Inglewood and the LA Sheriffs Department for assault, battery, and violation of their civil rights. In recent developments, famed Defense Attorney Johnnie Cochran was set to join the legal team.

Predominantly Black and Latino, Inglewood's two top officials - a Black mayor and police chief - are at opposite ends of the incident and its outcome. In early statements, Mayor Dorn called the beating racially motivated and sought the termination of Officer Morse. Chief Banks said evidence suggested otherwise. He said to term the matter racial profiling is unwarranted.

Minister Tony, citing child abuse - referring to the way young Donovan was lifted and slammed into a car before being punched in the face by a cop - labeled the officers criminals who "should be brought to the full extent of the law."

Malik Spellman said that Blacks have a better chance of survival on the Gaza Strip than on the Crenshaw strip, and he chided protesters for their absence on numerous daily murders caused by Black-on-Black crime.

Inglewood joined other US cities like Los Angeles, Riverside, New York, and Cincinnati as its bold citizens shut down the streets bordering the city's core legal and business district.

Motorcycle officers and patrol units kept careful watch over the explosive, yet non-violent group, while city employees and local observed the marchers, who cried out, "no justice, no peace!" At *Final Call* press time 40 days of rallies were planned, the most recent scheduled for July 15.

The Jackson-Chavis Justice Committee demanded, through Ms. Chumurenga, a swift and immediate investigation, that criminal charges be filed against all officers involved, an immediate end to racial profiling and felony-type traffic stops, and that punitive damages be levied against all officers found guilty of police abuse. He also called for grassroots support for a center for all victims of police abuse and an independent civilian review board of officers.

Neither Donovan, who has an auditory disability, nor his father were criminally charged, though they were booked and cited by Inglewood Police, stated Sandi Gibbons, public information officer for the LA County District Attorney's Office.

They are due in criminal court September 6 and 9 for hearings, and if the D.A. decides not to file charges, Ms. Gibbons said, then, nothing else will happen with the case.

She said the officers involved are under investigation, and will be charged if the D.A. determines that they in fact committed crimes.

Mr. Crooks, who is White, was arrested by D.A. officers on July 11 on a warrant for failure to surrender for grand jury testimony, and extradited to northern California where he faces jail time.

Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-Cal.) is raising \$10,000 for his legal defense. Rev. Sharpton has donated \$1,000.

Mr. Morse's attorney, John Barnett, claims that physical force was necessary because the boy grabbed his client's crotch, despite the cuffs, but Donovan's defenders deny the charge, saying he was visibly dazed and semi-conscious.

Attorney Hopkins said the beating is more of the same policies and practices, which allow officers to repeatedly violate citizens' rights without punishment.

Donovan and his father, he said, are under immense psychological treatment, as well as medical treatment.

"That's why Blacks didn't get as upset as Whites about September 11, because it happens to us all the time: unexpected attacks by our enemies," he added.

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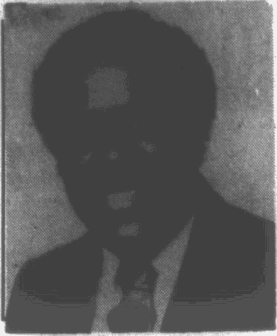
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Spiritual Reflections



Dr. George Hawkins

A Victorious Christian

Greetings,

In our daily walk with Christ, we as Christians are faced with much opposition from our opponent Satan. We are in a constant battle against the forces of his kingdom. From the time he was expelled from heaven, he has been at war with God through mankind. He is constantly trying to take what belongs to God. He hinders people from coming to Christ. He invades the lives of people through de-

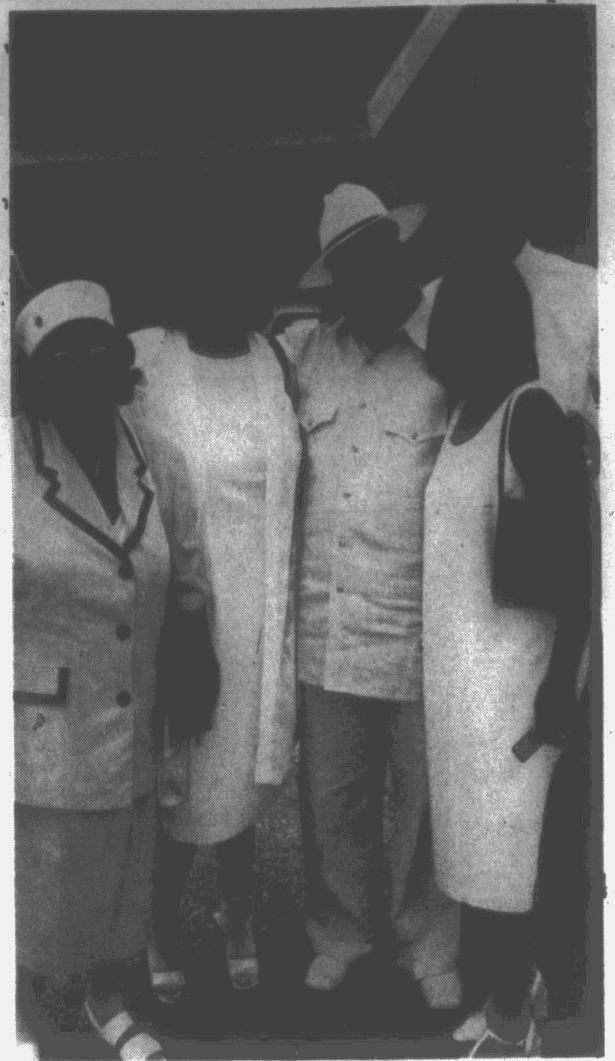
monic possession, oppression, depression, obsession, suppression, regression, etc.. His purpose is to kill, steal and destroy. We are helpless against trying to fight the devil with our flesh. He is a spirit; therefore, we must fight him in the spirit. We must engage in spiritual warfare. This is why Jesus came into the world. First, to redeem us back to God after the fall of Adam and Eve and to destroy the works of the devil. The Bible tells us in 1 John 3:8 "He that committeth sin is the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. Jesus spoiled principalities and powers. He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it (Colossians 2:15). He was triumphant over death, hell and the grave. Therefore, all that we need to live an overcoming, conquering, and victorious life is in Jesus. We not only have victory in the flesh but victory in our health, victory in our fi-

nances, victory on our jobs, etc..

I often ask myself the following question. If Jesus has provided us with all this victory and everything we need to be overcomers, why are there so many Christians living defeated lives? Why can't victory be gained over minute things? Why do we constantly battle with an enemy that's already defeated? It's because the devil is a great illusionist. He can make things that aren't real appear as though they are. He toys with the mind. He is able to plant a seed of doubt in our mind. He will do anything he can to keep us from focusing on the Lord and what he has already done for us. Many times, we focus on the situation and not the solution. We need to apply the Word to any given situation that is put before us. When Jesus was in the wilderness being tempted by the likewise. When we are confronted with circumstances and situations, we must strike back with the Word of God. We must always keep a praise on our lips. We

may not feel like it at times, but this is when we must sacrifice. We must sacrifice a praise.

We can no longer sit back and allow the devil to wreck havoc in our lives after all Jesus has done for us. When we use the Word of God, which is also referred to as the Sword of the Spirit, and when we praise God, we silence the devil. When we praise God in the midst of what seems like hopeless situations, we confuse the devil. He can't understand what is going on. When we are supposed to be crying, murmuring and complaining but instead we are praising God and singing hymns, the devil can't understand this. He has to desist in his maneuvers. The devil is a liar and the father of lies. Everything he speaks is a lie, but God is truth. There are two immutable things in that He cannot lie! There is victory in Jesus, and once we realize who we are in Him, we will never be defeated in any situation any more!



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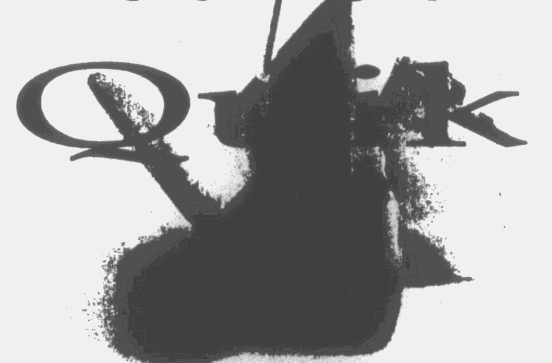
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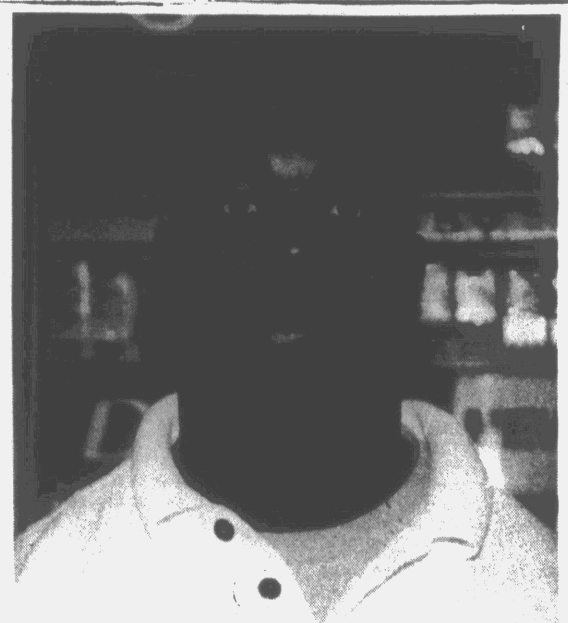
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Farrakan Supports Zimbabwe Land Resettlement Program

By Askia Muhammad
(White House Correspondent),
The Final Call

HARARE -- Despite withering propaganda attacks in the West, and targeted sanctions which limit the travel of Zimbabwe government officials and even political supporters of President Robert Mugabe in the West, the country's "fast track" land resettlement program will continue and it will enjoy the support of the Nation of Islam, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan pledged in a two-hour meeting here July 13.

"With the help of Allah, we believe we will be successful (with an historic Peace Mission to Africa and the Middle East), as we believe you will too, if the people have the resolve to stay the course and not compromise their valuable principles, in spite of the negativity and the hostility," Min. Farrakhan told Pres. Mugabe.

"You might want to give in, but you should not give in for the sake of your children and your grandchildren. You must stay the course," said Min. Farrakhan.

The controversial land reform program --which has targeted vast land holdings of more than 30 million acres, more than the size of Belgium, in the hands of just 4,000 White farmers for redistribution to millions of landless Blacks-- is aimed at correcting historical injustices, Mr. Mugabe pointed out.

While unsympathetic European critics complain about what they call "seizures" of the land from White farmers -- most of whom are the descendants of British and South African colonial settlers-- they never mention that the land was originally taken by force from the indigenous Africans in the first place, Mr. Mugabe said.

During the meeting with Min. Farrakhan, Pres. Mugabe recited the history of the armed struggle to topple the entrenched colonialists as well as the two-week-long 1979 negotiations at Lancaster House in London, which led to a peace agreement. The ma-

nor sticking point in those talks, Mr. Mugabe pointed out, was the issue of land resettlement.

A pledge of financial assistance from US President Jimmy Carter sealed the land deal by making up for the otherwise inadequate amount that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher offered the new government in order to buy the land from the European settlers. Ironically, Pres. Mugabe said, the settlers took the land by force from the original African occupants, never compensating them for that stolen land.

The debate over the land reform question never discusses some of the enormous land holdings of multiple tracts held by members of Britain's House of Lords, or by White South Africans like Nick Oppenheimer, said Pres. Mugabe.

Mr. Oppenheimer, for example, is the scion of South Africa's DeBeers diamond company, and the Anglo-American gold and nickel mines. Those operations alone control as much as 40 percent of neighboring South Africa's economy. In addition, Mr. Oppenheimer personally owns more than 32,000 acres --an area equal to nearly half the size of the entire state of Rhode Island-- on several farms in

Zimbabwe.

The government insists on one farm per owner, and that there can be no more absentee land owners. These are among the regulations to which White farmers object.

Despite a fierce anti-Mugabe opposition political movement funded by Europeans, no one should reverse the land reform program because it has become the cornerstone of peace and potential prosperity. Min. Farrakhan told reporters following a visit to the National Heroes Acre, where he laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

"From what I have seen and observed, the soldiers who fought for the liberation of this country should take everything which they fought for day and night during the war of liberation.

The West should not worry when the war veterans take their land because the land belongs to the ordinary people of Zimbabwe.

"It will be a sin to God if the government ignored those who spearheaded the land reform program," Min. Farrakhan continued, according to a published report. "Long life to the war veterans because they are the vanguard of the liberation struggle."

Toward the goal of regional steadfastness, Pres. Mugabe said that Southern Africa's former liberation movements --ZANU in Zimbabwe, SWAPO in Namibia, Frelimo in Mozambique, and the ANC in South Africa-- have begun to meet and to strategize among themselves in order to counter the negative forces mounting against them from the former colonial powers to surrender their economic authority and their sovereignty over their own land and resources.

"We want you to know of our great admiration and respect for you, and our prayers that God will keep you healthy and strong that you may see this revolution through to completion, and if not that whoever succeeds you will, as you have laid the foundation for them to do," Min. Farrakhan told Mr. Mugabe who is now 78

years old.

President Mugabe was a former school teacher before he joined the Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) in 1960 as it launched its armed struggle. He holds several college degrees and he has led this country since its independence in 1980.

"We appreciate the solidarity to the common cause that brings us together," Pres. Mugabe told Min. Farrakhan in response to the Nation of Islam leader's pledge of support.

The Rev. Al Sampson, a member of Min. Farrakhan's peace delegation, presented Pres. Mugabe a copy of the Original African Heritage Bible, published in 1993. The Rev. Sampson was one of the Black theologians and scholars who researched the original

Biblical texts in order to produce an authentic and more accurate scripture than the commonly used King James Version.

"In the Original African Heritage Bible there is commandment from God to 'possess the land, be strong and of good courage. Do not move to the right or to the left for the land is your land.' I signed the book encouraging the President, in his quiet moments, to

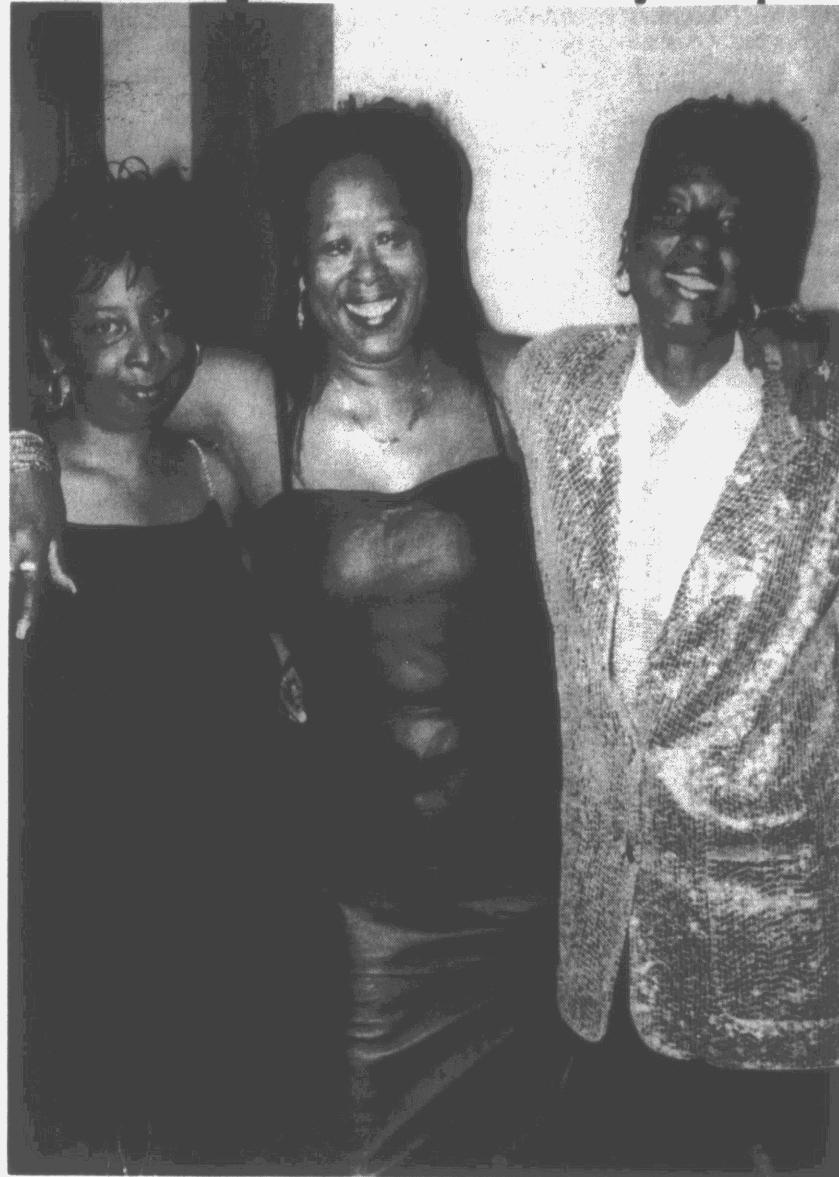
read Joshua 1, verses 1-18," the Rev. Sampson told *The Final Call*.

He is pastor of Fernwood United Methodist Church in Chicago, which participated in an important United Nations pre-independence conference of Zimbabwe liberation movements in 1978. His worldwide United Methodist Church supports the largest seminary on the continent of Africa --the African

University, outside Harare.

"This was a 25-year dream come true," the Rev. Sampson said, expressing his gratitude to Min. Farrakhan especially for bringing him to this country, "to know that I did not sell out and to visit Zimbabwe and to present this Bible on behalf of brothers and sisters in America who fought to support the brothers and sisters here on the soil."

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D. Paul Sullins of Catholic University says, "Occupants of a church's back pews are less fully engaged in the church's worship and life than those seated farther forward." Sullins further says, "It pretty much confirmed that those who sit in the front, in lots of settings (not just worship services), tend to be more engaged."

Some other conclusions: People who come the earliest and sit in the back tend to sit on the end of the pews, so they can get out of there; people who arrive just in time may be more, concerned about things that are "externals" in the worship

service, such as being near exits, which they were doing before the service, and what they will be doing afterward.

To Sullins, worship isn't the only reason people attend services. "Religion is very much a socially approved behavior in American society. People want to appear to be religious. People perceive themselves to have better status when they are religious. This is the motivation for those who come to the service, but don't want to be invested in it. It's convenient because people can get out of the parking lot before it gets congested.

An advantage of being up front in worship is that you don't have the entire church distracting you. We have turned the service into a performance. We have changed the service trying to please people instead of trying to please the Lord.

Older people may sit in the back or the sides so they can get up if they need to, and some may sit up in the front to hear better.

What's Up With Black Males?

(A Black Male's Point of View)

I have never left my race. I'm black, reared black and go out of my way to talk with black females. Why show cases the white women but make love with black women? Why do we give the black women all the grief, no child support, AIDS, black eyes, beatings, but flip the coin, we'll take care of the white lady, no questions asked.

The black male needs the backbone to do what is right. Why steal? If you need food, work for it; if you don't want to work, ask. Why kill? Can't we solve our problems, our differences without killing? Stop crying. If you have no skills, create, make yourself marketable. Enroll in the GED program, go back to school, stop loafing.

However you dress, dress appropriately, neat hair, whether braids or a clean cut, facial hair always trimmed neatly, wipe off those sneakers, wear clean clothes that are in taste.

People who stand on the corner all the time are merely an image of the stop sign, which means, STOP. You're not going any place. Knock it down and proceed through the traffic light with improving yourself. Every

black male needs to know, meet and talk with his father. Find your kids and tell them, "I may not be giving you quality time, teaching you right from wrong, teaching you how to tie a tie or a shoe, go fishing, or just be there for you, or taking you to Sunday school and church, but I'm starting now to be a man, shouldering my responsibilities." Every boy needs his father.

Additionally, respect black public facilities the same as you do white facilities: restaurants, parks, public libraries, black neighborhoods — loud voices, blustering music, littering the streets, vulgar and curse language. Clean up your mess, BE a man.

"Are Boys the WeakerSex"

" by Anne Mulrine in READER'S DIGEST, Feb. 2002

SOME STATEMENTS:

1. Boys get the lowest grades teachers deal out.
2. They make up two-thirds of students labeled learning disabled.
3. They are the suspects in eight out of ten arrests on drug and alcohol

charges, and are arrested from over 70% of juvenile crimes.

4. They are less likely to go to college.

5. Research indicates that vulnerabilities can be traced back to the womb. The male fetus is at greater risk of peril from obstetric complications such as brain damage, cerebral palsy and premature birth. By the time a baby boy enters the world, he trails the average girl developmentally.

6. Girls have higher aspirations and claim better assertiveness skills.

7. Regularly girls are both valedictorian and captain of the soccer teams.

8. Boys are more selective about where and with whom they reveal thoughts and feelings that might make them vulnerable.

9. Girls are associated with emotional intimacy and boys with sports and activity-oriented friendships.

10. Conventional wisdom is that gossip and arguments with friends don't affect boys, or that they'll fight it out, then let it roll off their backs.

11. Boys and girls process information and emotion and may make boys

better at gross motor skills.

12. On average, women's brains are about 11% smaller than men's but the female brain is slightly more finely developed.

13. Research shows that males have a lower proportion of gray matter than females.

14. Boys are better in spatial abilities.

15. The female brain is easier to teach.

16. Boys have trouble verbalizing when they're upset.

17. Boys have an easier time talking if they are walking, too.

18. The average 11th grade boy writes with the proficiency of the average 8th grade girl.

19. Start boys in kindergarten later. Boys are expected to do too much too soon — their brains are not ready.

20. In conclusion, give your body your undivided attention at least once a day.

21. Encourage his expression of a range of emotions — happy, sad, nervous, lonely.

And if he seems to be in emotional pain, reach out !!!

Reflections, Expressions, and Reviews



Suejette Jones

ECSTATIC UTTERANCES (A Heavenly Language)

Speaking in tongues remains fascinating and controversial. The sounds are hard to put into words because they aren't words, as far as anyone knows. Depending on who is speaking, it can sound like a foreign language, sticks clicking together or a baby's babbling. Some people confine their "prayer tongues" to the privacy of home. Others do it in small groups of like-minded believers. Rarely does an outbreak of tongues sweep over an entire congregation.

There is disagreement about how widespread speaking in tongues is among Pentecostals and Charismatics. Most pastors say a majority of their members speak in tongues,

though not always publicly. Some critics say it's a thing of the past. They don't see the value in speaking unintelligible words, but supporters point to its biblical precedence. They call it a miraculous gift available to believers, a direct line to God.

To outsiders, hearing tongues sparks questions. Where does it come from? What does it mean? One can argue about the validity of speaking in tongues, but it's hard to ignore — especially after encountering it as I experienced in the Tabernacle Center Church of Deliverance. Some might think this is hype. Some might think this is fanaticism. But it is Holy Ghost power! When you believe in God, that's what moves the hand of God. Then signs and miracles will follow. Tongues are one of those signs and are evidence of a second blessing after the born-again experience.

One believer observed that when she accepted Jesus Christ as her savior, the pastor prayed over her — her mouth came open, her tongue wagged up and down. The sounds are like soft cries. Her tongue works them as fingers would a guitar, changing the

pitch. She spoke in tongues for forty-five minutes) "It feels like I'm close to God," she said. "Only God hears what I say. It's nothing I can control."

Tongues are indecipherable syllables that pour from the lips. Only if you ask for it will you receive the gift. I personally asked my pastor, Dr. George Hawkins, to pray that I might receive the Holy Spirit. First, he asked me if I believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, to which I replied, "yes". He then proceeded to anoint me with oil (which is a symbol of the Holy Spirit) and continued with the "laying on of hands". Subsequently I began uttering ecstatic sounds which were unknown to me. Some people ask, but in their hearts, they don't desire it. They are afraid people will think they are weird or acting stupid. You can't fake speaking in tongues. You can chant, but this is different. It flows out of something inside of you. Some use tongues when they aren't sure what they should pray for, evidenced by a string of unfamiliar syllables. Some believe that speaking in tongues is the mark of the true Christian.

In the book "Fire From Heaven", a Harvard University professor writes

that speaking in tongues allows less-educated and less-articulate people to express themselves without learning the proper language of the clergy. Most often, he writes, Pentecostals call tongues "evidence of the wonderful nearness of the Spirit, as close as one's larynx and vocal chords". Tongues can

be part of the Catholic Mass. But more often, tongues speaking occurs in small charismatic meetings at parishes and homes.

Tongues require giving up a certain amount of intellectual control and giving in to the Holy Spirit that dwells within. Dignity and tongues do not co-exist. It is a

letting loose your praise and letting God manifest Himself.

The early disciples needed the gift of speaking in tongues. If they needed it, we need it. Ask for it and you will receive it.

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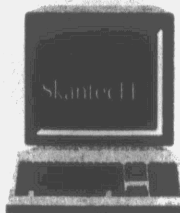
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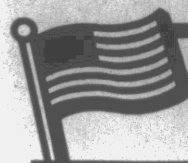
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Absentee ballots will be available through mail beginning Aug. 16, said Marvin McFadyen, deputy elections director.

One-stop absentee voting begins Aug. 22. This year Pitt County's one-stop voting is being moved to the Elections Annex, located at 1800 N. Greene St. in the Technology Business Incubator building. Absentee voting for the primary will end Sept. 7, a Saturday, at 1 p.m. The local elections office will be open that day. Voters must register by Aug. 16 to vote in the Sept. 10 elections. Registration is easy. Forms can be picked up at the public library and some area town halls. People also can register at the Division of Motor Vehicles.

"The easiest process is to call the Board of Elections and request an application, or go to the Web site, print the application and mail it into the office.

Pitt County has about 80,000 registered voters. Registration for the general election will continue until Oct. 11. General election absentee ballots will be available Oct. 1. One Stop absentee voting for the general election begins Oct. 17 and will end Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

The General Assembly redrew the legislative districts last year to reflect the population changes found in the 2000 census. Local governmental units like the Board of Commissioners and Education also redrew districts.

The Board of Elections will begin notifying voters in early August in which voting districts they live.

ATTENTION GREENVILLE RESIDENTS BECOME INVOLVED IN CITY GOVERNMENT

The Mayor and City Council will soon be considering appointments to the Affordable Housing Loan Committee, Board of Adjustment, Citizens Advisory Commission on Cable Television, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Relations Council, Planning and Zoning Commission, and Public Transportation and Parking Commission. If you live inside the city limits of Greenville and would like to be considered for an appointment, please call 329-4423 to obtain a talent bank form to indicate your interest or send a written request to the City Clerk's Office, P. O. Box 7207, Greenville, NC 27835. Also, you can access a talent bank form on the web at <http://ci.greenville.nc.us/>.

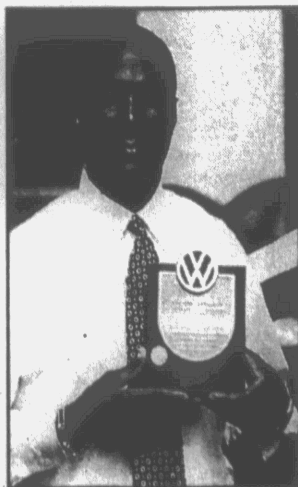
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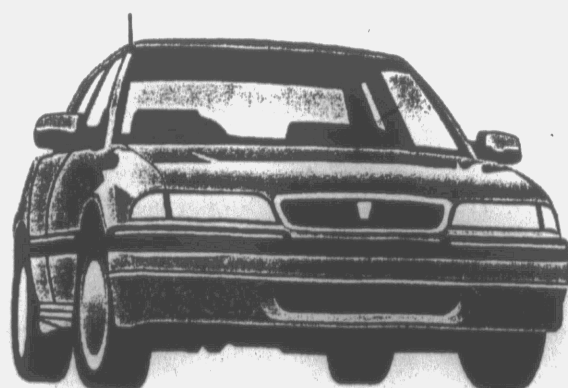
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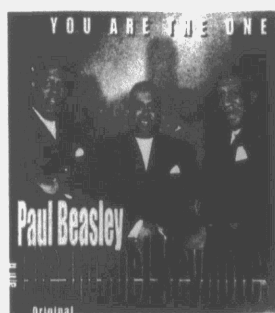
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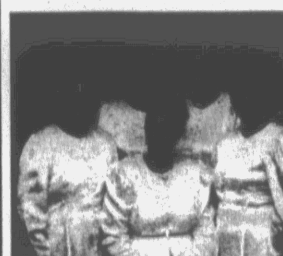
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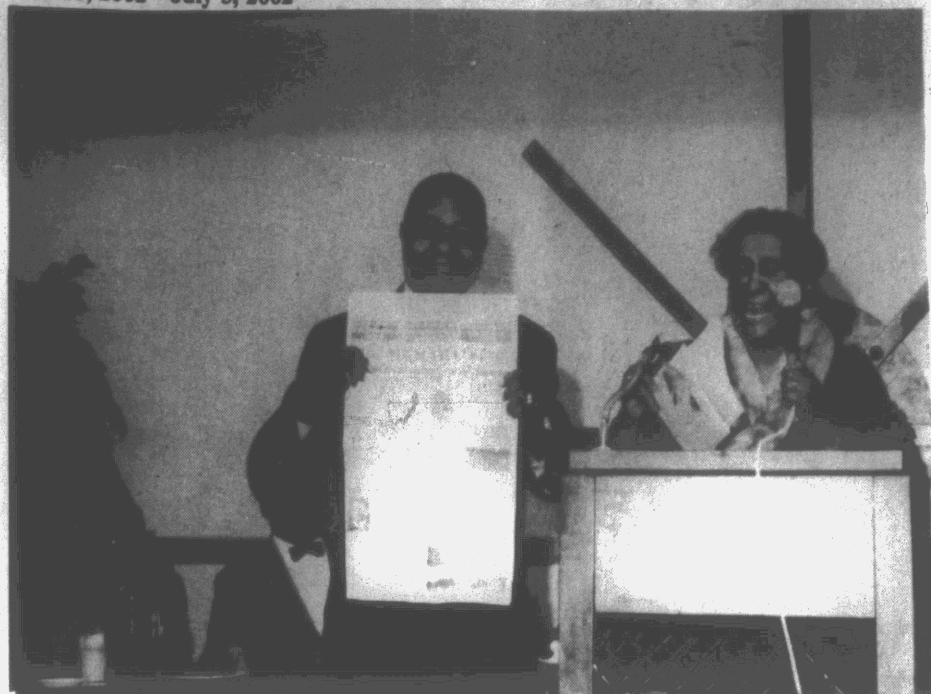
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Taking the Reparations Movement To The Street

*By Conrad W. Worrill,
Los Angeles Sentinel*

African people in America have a historic responsibility to never forget how we came to America, what happened to us in route, what happened when we arrived upon these shores and how these events continue to impact on us everyday. The vestiges of the trans-Atlantic slave trade and slavery are at the root and foundation of our oppressed condition in America today. In this spirit and in this context, through the momentum gained from our participation in the United Nations World Conference Against Racism held in Durban, South Africa last summer, the Durban 400 (led by the December 12th Movement International Secretariat and the National Black United Front / NBUF), has called for a Millions For Reparations Mass Rally to demand reparations from the US government in Washington on August 17.

At this point in the development of the reparations movement in America, it is time to take our organizing efforts to the streets in a mass way to demonstrate to the world our unity in the quest and demand for reparations for African people in America from the US government. Thus far, the organizing work of the reparations movement has centered around educational forums, lectures, radio and television discussions, flyers, brochures, and pamphlets explaining why we are owed reparations, and articles and books explaining the many facets of our demands. The National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA), since its founding in 1987, has been the major force in educating and inspiring thousands of African people in America to understand our demands. Through its national conferences, local chapters, and educational campaigns, N'COBRA has been the major organizing force in helping to build and ignite the reparations movement in America.

We must now unite our reparations organizing efforts to mobilize African people in America to participate and actively support the Millions For Reparations Mass Rally on August 17 in Washington.

The organizing and mobilizing taking place in the reparations movement throughout the United States has the potential revitalizing the Black Liberation Movement. A broad spectrum of Africans in America organizations, associations, institutions, sororities, fraternities, churches, and just everyday African people in this country support the just demand for reparations. Millions of African people in America clearly understand and support the demands for reparations from the government and a variety of private institutions and corporations who all benefited from more than 400 years of free labor.

August 17 is also the 115th anniversary of the birth of Honorable Marcus Mosiah Garvey, who was born in the small town of St. Ann's Bay, Jamaica. In selecting Garvey's birth date for the day of the Millions For Reparations Mass Rally, we are paying tribute to the person who led one of the greatest mass movements for African redemption and liberation in this country during the 1920's. A great deal of the success of the Garvey movement was focused around organizing in the streets. We must understand that our most successful organizing efforts have been when we have taken our issues to the streets. Since "the call" for the Millions For Reparations Rally, the reparations movement is in the streets!

Perhaps Garvey's greatest contribution to the upliftment of our people was his ability to organize African people around the African principle: the greatest good for the greatest number. This was reflected in the first International Convention of the Negro Peoples of the World in Madison Square Garden in 1920. More than 25,000 African people from all over the world witnessed the

choosing of Red, Black, and Green as the colors of the Provisional Government.

In the Durban 400 Call for the Millions For Reparations Mass Rally we say, "The exploitation of African people in this country has taken many forms through the years. The centuries of the chattel slavery laid the foundation for our relationship to America. From the sharecropping fields to the factories, African labor built the "super power" that is the United States. In return we have endured the terrorism of the Ku Klux Klan, systematic lynchings, chain gangs, plantation prisons, police torture and murder, poverty, miseducation, inadequate housing, unemployment, welfare programs, ACS child kidnappings, voter discrimination, crack, heroin, Rockefeller drug laws, political prisoners, and the assassination of our leaders. However, we are still here!

The demand for reparations for African people is just and simple.

It is simply an attempt to "repair" to "make whole" the descendants of the victims of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, which was a crime against humanity! Crimes against humanity have no statute of limitations. And our people still suffer from the vestiges of enslavement and colonization.

If we truly internalize this call, we will prepare to go "to the Capitol of this nation, built on slave labor, the rightful and only place to declare our human and legal right to Reparations... They owe us! The reparations movement is in the streets!

Conrad Worrill is the national chairman of the National Black United Front (NBUF) located at 12817 S. Ashland Ave., Floor 1, Calumet Park, IL, 60827.

Contact the organization by phone, (708) 389-9929; fax, (708) 389-9819; or e-mail: nbufchi@allways.net.

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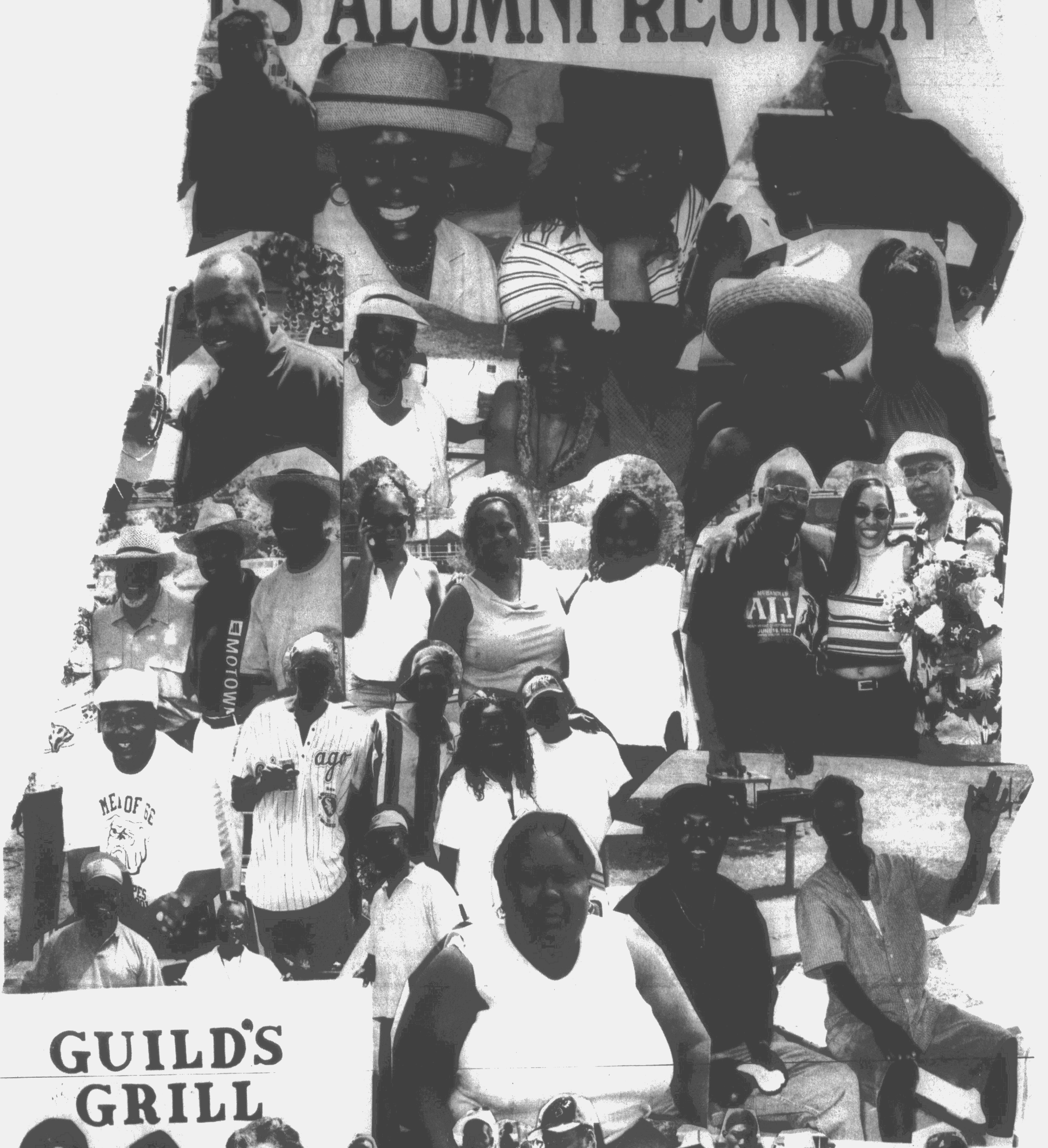
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