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## Inglewood Woman Allegedly Assaulted By Morse, Darvish

By F. Finley Mcrae  
Sentinel Staff Writer

INGLEWOOD-Charging that the county District Attorney routinely ignores police misconduct, a prominent civil rights attorney on Friday again called for criminal indictments against former police officer Jeremy Morse and his partner, Bijan Darvish, for allegedly assaulting an Inglewood mother last fall. Morse - terminated by the Inglewood Police Department for alleged use of excessive force in the Donovan Jackson incident and Darvish, who has been charged with filing a false report - entered the mother's home without a warrant on Oct. 21 of last year. Morse then assaulted and handcuffed the mother, Patricia Surjue, the attorney, Cynthia Anderson-Barker, wrote in a complaint filed in federal District Court on July 22 and amended Aug. 12. Ronald Browner, Darvish's attorney who has offices in Orange, had not responded to telephone calls for comment by The Sentinel presstime on Tuesday. (Nov 26, 2002) John Barnett, Morse's attorney, was also unable to be reached at presstime. Friday's demand was the second such call for action against the two men since Oct. 22, when mid-Wilshire-based Anderson Barker, in a plea to Gov. Gray Davis and state Attorney General William Lockyer, asked them to "bring attention to this case and the

issues it raises regarding the failure of the District attorney to prosecute police officer misconduct."

Davis, said Byron Tucker, his Los Angeles spokesman, is waiting for Lockyer's report. Lockyer, according to his spokeswoman in Sacramento, Halle Jordan, is completing a report which will reportedly be sent to Anderson-Barker within days.

In her letter to the two highest ranking officials in California government, Anderson-Barker alleged that a county District Attorney "was anxious to have criminal charges for assault and illegal entry into the Surjue home."

At some point later, however, according to Anderson-Barker, District Attorney Steve Cooley "decided that because there was no videotape of the incident, the District attorney's office decided not to seek a criminal indictment of the officers."

Anderson-Barker told Davis and Lockyer that "Ms. Surjue and her son (Stephen) were deeply disappointed in this failure of the criminal justice system to vindicate their rights" and asked them to meet with the mother and Cooley. The alleged assault was reportedly triggered when a bewildered Surjue asked Morse and Darvish why they broke into her home without a warrant. Morse and Darvish, Anderson-Barker's complaint alleges, became angry when Stephen, disagreed with their claim that he had given them permission to

enter the home and opened the front door.

When his mother attempted to speak to Stephen, Anderson-Barker contended in the suit; "Morse, in a rage, pushed Stephen aside and charged Ms. Surjue on the stairs." Morse then "grabbed Ms. Surjue and threw his body weight against her, causing her shoulder to hit the wall and the staircase railing."

As Stephen and her other son, 5-year-old Gareth, an asthmatic, watched helplessly, both men screamed at Surjue, and told her to

"Ms. Surjue cried out that she had done nothing wrong and told Morse to stop hurting her and let her go," according to Anderson Barker.

"Morse responded by pulling Ms. Surjue's hand from the staircase railing, twisting her arm behind her back, and forcefully shoving her down the stairs." The shove caused Surjue to fall and hit her back on the wooden steps, Anderson-Barker alleged.

Then Morse soon used his knees to push Surjue while she was on the staircase and shoved her down the remaining steps, Anderson-Barker noted. The boys, apparently horrified, "cried and screamed" as they watched. Surjue, who "feared for her safety, urinated on herself," according to the complaint.

As Surjue remained handcuffed, both men searched the home.

Police Supervisor D.E. Brown arrived, but did not respond to

Surjue's complaints and told her to "be quiet," she told Anderson-Barker.

After the search, Brown finally removed the handcuffs. Surjue called the Inglewood Police Department and spoke to Watch Commander Knapp, who, she said, would not file a complaint against Morse and Darvish. After going to a hospital for treatment, Surjue drove to Police headquarters where Knapp told her that he "regretted he did not arrest her" but that if he had, "she would be in jail right now and her children would be in foster care."

The Sentinel, in an attempt to ascertain the District attorney's position, contacted Max Huntsman, the assistant prosecutor who allegedly claimed that no case could be pursued against Morse and Darvish for lack of a video-tape.

Huntsman said he "certainly did not tell her (Anderson-Barker) that." He said "we (the District Attorney's Office) file cases without videotapes all the time, and have successfully prosecuted officers without them." Huntsman also alleged that neither Cooley nor anyone in the District Attorney's Office told Anderson Barker that no case against Morse nor Darvish could be pursued.

He claimed that the case remains open and "we have been working very hard on it," but did not say whether charges will be filed.

Anderson-Barker, interviewed again on Monday, once more stood on her assertions

## 139th Annual Conference of The AME Zion Church



"York Memorial AME Zion 139th Annual Conference" Shown above is Pastor Williams and his lovely wife, and family friend at the York Memorial AME Zion Church 139th Annual Conference, that was held at the church this year. The conference is held annually where ministers from all over the state of North Carolina come together in praise and worship. Bishop Battle was this year's host. (Staff Photo...J. Rouse)

## Monk Passes Area NAACP Torch To Henderson After 14 Years Service

Monk passes area NAACP torch to Henderson after 14 years' service

By Jenna Hunt, The Daily Reflector

FALKLAND — Gaston Monk's role as president in the Pitt County chapter of the NAACP has ended after serving the organization for the past 14 years.

Monk past the torch to President-elect Calvin Henderson, who will serve a two-year term officially beginning Jan. 1.

Henderson and other incoming officers were installed during the December meeting at St. John's Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday night. Pitt County District Judge Gaylen Braddy officiated in the ceremony during which all officers swore to uphold without personal interests the mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Monk, 78, said that during his tenure he has had the honor of attending numerous national events in Washington D.C., Charlotte, Houston and other areas and meeting former President Bill Clinton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and members of the Justice Department.

"It has added much to my life, and I have served to the best of my abilities," Monk said Sunday. "I just felt that 14 years was enough, and I wanted to give someone else a chance."

Monk said he is proud that he has established a scholarship program for college students locally and has left the organization "financially better than it's ever been," with \$5,000 in

the bank. The Pitt County chapter also established an office at 800 W. Fifth St. and has bi-weekly office hours from 9-2:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Former NAACP presidents continue to serve on the chapter's executive committee, and Monk will join the ranks with Evelyn Little, D.D. Garrett III and Charlie Patrick.

Garrett congratulated Monk on a job well done in his seven terms as president and urged Henderson to continue the fight for equality.

"I want to say to young folks today that the fight is not over," Garrett said. "Discrimination is one of the leading problems in this country. The job is not finished."

Garrett also thanked Pitt County Sheriff Mac Manning for attending the event.

Garrett said he looks forward to a day when the mass of people follow the Bible's golden rule.

"When people start treating people the way they want to be treated, then we will go out of business," he said.

Henderson, 65, who has been an active NAACP member for more than 15 years, said he is looking forward to taking the helm and steering the chapter toward further growth and prosperity. Henderson is a Winterville resident and has run for mayor in two elections.

"I plan to run again," Henderson said. "I don't quit."

The NAACP was founded in 1909 in New York City by white and black people, and Henderson said he hopes more people of diverse racial backgrounds join in the future.

"It's not just for black people," he said. "It's for all people." In his term, he said he wants to target black voters and youth in the community in his new position. He said he will have eternal gratitude for Monk's dedicated "struggling for freedom and equality in Pitt County."

"Racism is very much alive and well and it's not dead yet, and if we as a people come together in unity, we can solve many problems," Henderson said. "But I cannot do this job alone. Let's join hands together ... and reach out into the community."

Other officers selected were first vice president William H. Worthington Jr.; second vice president Arthur Wallace; secretary Linda Conner-Howard; and treasurer Pearl Frizzell.

For more information on the NAACP contact 758-7645. Jenna Hunt can be contacted at jhunt@coxnews.com



Shown above is Mr. Calvin Henderson and his beautiful wife Beatrice, posing for the M'Voice News cameras. Mr. Henderson was recently elected Pitt County NAACP's new chapter President. Congratulations (Staff Photo...J. Rouse)

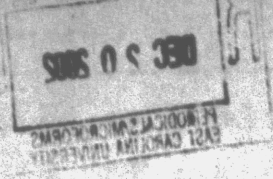


"Celebrating... Anniversary Style... Congrats! Bishop Randy B. Royal...." Shown above is the Bishop Randy B. Royal of Philippi Church of Christ with his lovely wife Glenn and family celebrating his anniversary at the City Hotel & Bistro. The Congregation showed Bishop Royal just how much they love for all that he does for them and his community. (Staff Photo...J. Rouse)



"HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE SHRINERS...." The holiday is the season for giving and helping those in need...and shown above are the happy faces of some fellow Shriners & Masons standing in front of K-Mart asking the community for donations to help the needy. Thanks go out to Brother Barrett, Brother Vines, Brother Kimble and others working during the holiday season. (Staff Photo...J. Rouse)





TO BE EQUAL

# An open letter to President Bush on affirmative action



BY  
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PRICE

December 3, 2002

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
Washington,

Dear President Bush:

Monday, the U.S. Supreme Court announced it would review two University of Michigan cases challenging the constitutionality of institutions of higher learning including race as one among many factors in admissions decisions.

I write to implore you to stand with those of us who fervently believe in opportunity and inclusion. More specifically, I urge you to instruct the Justice Department and the Solicitor General to stand by the U.S. Supreme Court's *Bakke* decision, in which the Court ruled it permissible under the Constitution for colleges and universities to consider race as one among many factors, not just to combat discrimination, but as a way to pro-

mote diversity. The admissions procedures crafted by the University of Michigan and its law school follow that requirement.

The University of Michigan does not use quotas or set-asides, nor does it admit applicants who aren't qualified and can't handle the academic work there. Indeed, it's noteworthy that the law school admits a smaller percentage of Black applicants than the proportion of Blacks in the U.S. population, and rejects a higher percentage of African American applicants than white applicants.

*Bakke* has been the law of the land for a quarter century. It has served America well in expanding opportunity and will continue to do so in the years ahead. Affirmative action is both a philosophy of inclusion and a set of tools for accomplishing that objective.

It's important to remind ourselves that the philosophical and constitutional debate over it doesn't exist at colleges and universities with roughly as many openings as they have applicants. Instead, the debate is about what happens at highly selective institutions that have many more qualified applicants than openings, and thus, a competitive admissions process.

The University of California

at Berkeley and UCLA, and the University of Texas at Austin, the flagship campuses of their respective states, have suffered sharp reductions in the enrollment of minorities because race and ethnicity can no longer be considered in admissions decisions. Minority applicants, those student bodies at large, the institutions themselves, the states where they are located and society at large are all losers as a result of diminished inclusion and diversity on those campuses.

America's evolving and inexorable demographic change provides all the moral and economic rationale we need to view inclusion as a compelling public interest; and admissions policies like those at the University of Michigan and its law school have clearly contributed to advancing the preparation and productivity of minorities. The proof of impact is found in the dramatically changed ethnic composition of college campuses and corporate workplaces.

In 1961, 134,000 Black students attended predominantly white colleges and universities around the country. Since then there's been an almost ten-fold increase, to 1.2 million, in the number of African American undergraduates at such schools. Similarly, America's white-collar labor mar-

ket is vastly more integrated today than it was four decades ago.

These education and employment gains help explain the marked growth in the Black middle class—an expansion overwhelmingly fueled by the offspring of working class and low-income families. Their rise stems from the potent combination of their own individual drive for achievement and the determination of universities and employers to tap this great pool of talent utilizing admissions policies like those at the University of Michigan.

Affirmative action is needed because America's economy (and the maintenance of Social Security, Medicare and private-pension benefits of aging baby boomers) will increasingly be borne by minority workers, entrepreneurs, taxpayers and customers; and because its civic life will depend increasingly on a literate and engaged populace of color who are well equipped to exercise the ballot and meet the obligations of citizenship.

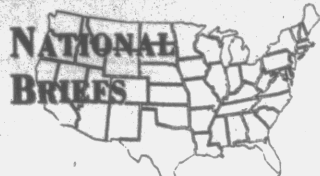
The better educated these future citizens are, the more robust our economy, the more harmonious our society and the more secure the entire population will be: This is the essence of a compelling public interest.

Universities that practice constitutionally permissible forms of affirmative action adhere to none of the practices — like quotas, set-asides and acceptance of the unqualified — that opponents of affirmative action find objectionable. That is why the principles governing admissions policies like those at Michigan deserve your enthusiastic support and should be upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Now more than ever, strengthening America's commitment to inclusion will determine whether it will continue to maintain the most robustly diverse, yet cohesive democracy in the history of humankind. That mission can't be left entirely to chance. Common sense dictates that we keep the doors of higher education wide open for promising young African Americans and Latino Americans.

Thank you, Mr. President, for your consideration.

Best wishes,  
HBP  
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## Supreme Court to rule in affirmative action case

(SPECIAL TO THE NNPA)—The U.S. Supreme Court will decide if race can apply in the admissions process to public colleges and universities, re-igniting the affirmative action debate it addressed 24 years ago in the landmark ruling, *Bakke vs. University of California*.

The court will decide if the University of Michigan's school of law intentionally turned down White applicants because of their race. The outcome will determine whether affirmative action will be banned in higher education or how much meaning an institution may apply to an applicant's race.

"It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the court's decision in these cases will directly affect the lives not only of this generation of students but of generations of students to follow," Theodore Shaw, counsel for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, told justices in a filing on behalf of Black and Hispanic students.

Barbara Grutter, 43, sought legal action, claiming she was denied admission to Michigan's law school in 1996 because minority students received preferential treatment. She claims she had better grades and test scores than some minority applicants who were admitted.

The court of appeals upheld the law school's decision last May saying that the Constitution allows institutions to seek "a meaningful number" of minority students, as long as the school avoids a fixed quota system. In 1978 the court outlawed racial quotas on a 5-4 vote. Two current justices, Chief Justice William Rehnquist and John Paul Stevens, served on that court.

The cases "represent the most significant civil rights cases the Supreme Court will have decided in the last quarter century," Shaw told reporters.

The Supreme Court plans to review the case by March 2003 and to hand down a decision before July.

## Vegas hotel settles bias suit for \$1.14M

(SPECIAL TO THE NNPA)—The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) has settled a \$1.14 million dollar lawsuit against the Mirage Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas for discriminatory practices against Black job applicants.

The settlement agreement, filed concurrently with the EEOC's lawsuit, provides for \$840,000, in compensation for African American and Hispanic workers, along with implementation of appropriate complaint procedures, anti-discrimination training and record-keeping obligations to be monitored by the EEOC.

Olophius Perry, director of the EEOC's Los Angeles district office, which has jurisdiction for Nevada, told reporters: "In addition to providing a substantial amount of monetary relief to the victims, the settlement puts in place extensive mechanisms to help prevent discrimination in the future. By monitoring the employer for the next three years, the Commission will be in a position to act quickly should discrimination or retaliation occur again."

Remarking on the cooperation between the EEOC and MGM Mirage in resolving the suit, Anna Y. Park, regional attorney of EEOC's Los Angeles district office, said, "The Commission congratulates all concerned in reaching this settlement. We believe that The Mirage and its parent company are committed to a policy of non-discrimination. During the next three years, we will work with The Mirage to ensure that the procedures put in place by this Settlement Agreement will be administered properly."

## WITNESS FOR JUSTICE

# Remembering World AIDS Day



BY  
BERNICE  
POWELL  
JACKSON

Every year December 1 is set aside as World AIDS Day, a day to remember the millions who are living with HIV and AIDS as well as those who have died from this disease and to recommit ourselves to ending the HIV/AIDS pandemic. It's important to remember that there are still Americans becoming infected with this disease every day and that there are 14,000 new infections every day worldwide. HIV/AIDS knows no borders and respects no boundaries. It is a disease of all races, all classes, both sexes, all nationalities and

sexual orientations.

A decade ago, when the deaths from HIV were sweeping across this nation, HIV was often in the headlines and on television and radio. Today, because of the success of drugs which are available to many Americans, that death rate in the U.S. has dropped dramatically and AIDS is not in the forefront of our minds. Instead, our national attention is turned to terrorism and security issues.

But Danny Glover, the actor and a spokesman for the United Nations, reminds us that for many around the world AIDS is their primary national security threat. Indeed, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan has said that while 200,000 Africans died in wars in 2000, 2 million Africans died of AIDS that year. In Africa, in 2000 there were 7,000 AIDS funerals every day—that's more than twice the number of people

who died on 9/11. Those deaths were two-thirds of the worldwide deaths from AIDS that year, meaning that Africa is bearing the burden of this disease. In fact, 95% of the cases of HIV/AIDS are in the world's poorest countries and in several southern African nations, one out of every five people is infected. In South Africa alone, 25% of pregnant women have the disease. The world has more than 13 million AIDS orphans, 95% of whom live in Africa.

The theme for this year's World AIDS Day was "Live and Let Live," with a focus on all people with HIV/AIDS living in dignity. Yet, we know that is not the case. Around the world, including in the U.S., people with HIV/AIDS suffer greatly from being stigmatized. They face irrational fears and prejudice. In many cases, the stigma can be as

burdensome as the disease itself and some people are denied even the basic rights of food and shelter because of it.

The question for us in the U.S. is how to end the stigma—how do we open our homes, our schools, our workplaces, our places of worship to those who have HIV/AIDS. The question is how we talk about it and do the prevention work.

But the question for us in the U.S. is also how can we make more available the funds for the world's poorest to have access to the drugs which can keep them alive. Although some progress has been made over the past two years, the fact is that millions of Africans still cannot afford the life-saving drugs. We are still requiring many African nations to repay their debts—the total debt repayment by Africa is \$14 billion per year, while the cost for

AIDS drugs for all Africans would come to \$10 billion.

All the progress which Africa has made since independence is being lost because of AIDS. A whole generation—including teachers and doctors and engineers and farmers—is being wiped out and now a second generation is being threatened by it. The fact of the matter is that HIV/AIDS is not just a security threat for Africa, but it is a security threat for the whole world. It's a security threat that we can do something about—both here and abroad. *Bernice Powell Jackson is Executive Director of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice and can be reached at 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115-110, voice, (216) 736-2168 or fax, (216) 736-2171.*

## SPECIAL COMMENTARY

# Poor substitute for affirmative action



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Some states have adopted percentage plans in recent years—where a certain percentage of high school students are automatically accepted into the state universities—as a substitute for affirmative action. However, in every instance, the states are doing the same or worse in bringing about campus diversity than they were prior to the elimination of affirmative action.

That's the conclusion of detailed 115-page draft report by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights titled "Beyond Percentage Plans: The Challenge of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education."

After examining percentage plans in California, Texas and Florida, the commissioners immediately went to the heart of the issue: "Can percentage plans achieve the goal of equal education opportunity? Based on the analysis performed here, the answer unfortunately is no."

They conclude, "Percentage plans alone do not improve diversity by reaching underrepresented minority groups and will only have their desired effect if affirmative action and other supplemental recruitment, admissions, and academic support programs remain in place."

Percentage plans were adopted after affirmative action programs had been eliminated at the state level. In California, voters amended the state constitution in 1996 by passing Proposition 209.

That same year, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals—which has jurisdiction over Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi—ruled in *Hopwood v. State of Texas* that race or ethnicity could not be used as an admissions criterion.

In 1999, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush signed Executive Order 99-281 banning the use of race or ethnicity in university admissions.

California's Board of Regents adopted a plan guaranteeing admission in the University of California system to the top 4 percent of students in California high schools, provided they meet all other admission requirements.

Texas' percentage plans guar-

antees high school graduates in the top 10 percent of their class admission to the public college or university of their choice.

And Florida assures admission to one of its universities to 20 percent of graduating seniors. But like California, it did not match Texas' provision that the student could select any state university of his or her choosing.

Asian-Americans were the only underrepresented group that made gains in California.

"The preponderance of Asian Pacific Americans and whites in the UC system and its campuses hide, however, the subtle dwindling in the enrolled proportions of Hispanic, black and Native Americans—the underrepresented minority groups," the staff report found. "The UC system had 16 percent Hispanics in 1995-96, but has had only 12 to 14 percent thereafter. It had 4 percent blacks in 1995-96, but has often had only 3 percent since then. It had 1.1 percent Native Americans in 1995-96, but only 0.5 to 1.0 percent in the ensuing school years."

The problem was even more acute at the Berkeley and Los Angeles flagship campuses. While people of color had been

represented in the 26 to 30 percent range, that percentage later slid to 16 and 17 percent.

A similar problem was encountered by the state of Texas' flagship university.

"Outlawing race-conscious affirmative action programs in higher education in Texas had a negative impact on minority enrollment at the University of Texas-Austin," the report stated. "Between 1996, the year that the courts handed down the *Hopwood* decision, and 1997, minority enrollment at UT-Austin declined for both blacks and Hispanics."

Of the three states studied, Florida did perhaps the best in maintaining the level of Blacks enrolled in college. Even those results were mixed. At Florida State University, for example, the percentage of African-Americans increased from 10.2 percent in the 1999-2000 school year, the last one under affirmative action, to 10.7 percent the following year, to 11.8 percent for 2001-2002.

At the more prestigious University of Florida, Black enrollment increased from its pre-ban year of 9.6 percent in 1999-2000 to 11.6 percent the following year before dropping



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## Is There Hope — The Central Park 5

Angry mothers demand justice for Central Park Five

By Herb Boyd, *Special to the AmNews*

When the mothers of the Central Park Five -- Yusef Salaam, Kharey Wise, Kevin Richardson, Raymond Santana, and Antron McCray -- were told of another delay in a case that many believe is as interminably long as it is unjust, they put their complaint in a letter and addressed it to acting Justice Charles Tejada, whose decision it was to give District Attorney Robert Morgenthau additional time to investigate the case.

"We have suffered for 13 years," the mothers began, "but it seems like an eternity, while the so-called justice system refused to hear our laments or even objectively review our many legal concerns regarding the many improprieties that we perceived to be evident in this case."

The mothers were informed last week that the scheduled hearing on Dec. 5 had been canceled, with a new hearing slated for some time in February. This is the second or third postponement, depending on how you count the court dates, and it remains to be seen if and when the prosecution will vacate the case, in which there appears to be new and incontrovertible evidence to vindicate the convicted youths.

"It has been our hope, although not our belief, that we would be treated fairly and democratically, given the confession of Matias Reyes and the forensic verification validating his admissions," the mothers continued.

Reyes, who is serving time for other crimes, confessed earlier this year that he alone raped and beat the young investment banker that fateful morning in 1989. A later examination of DNA samples from the crime scene matched Reyes, and this, along with his confession, are the grounds upon which the defense, primarily attorneys Roger Wareham and Michael Warren, is basing its demand for exoneration and acquittal.

But the DA's office, in an attempt to fortify its case, is pulling out all the stops, including the reintroduction of former prosecutor Linda Fairstein, who was chief of the Sex Crimes Unit at the time of the attack, told The New Yorker magazine that she believes Reyes finished the attack, but she doesn't think the defense has presented anything to clear the other five men.

"Linda Fairstein, who is using the power of her husband's money and law firm, Channel 5 reporter and retired detective Michael Sheehan, and Detective Burt Arroyo, who retired under questionable circumstances after being accused in 1994 of stealing drugs

from a deceased victim, are all busy trying to dodge the damage done by Mr. Reyes' confession by adding and compounding lies formerly created by them," the mothers asserted.

The mothers -- Sharonne Salaam, Deloris Wise, Linda McCray, and Grace Cuffee (Kevin Richardson's mother) -- contend that Fairstein and others on the prosecution team have built their careers at the expense of their children's lives. There are reports that Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly formed a new investigatory group to assist Morgenthau's efforts, ostensibly to disprove that Reyes was the lone assailant.

"And the aggregation that Kelly has gathered is one that shamefully reeks with blatant conflicts of interest," charged activist Elombe Brath, who has been a stalwart on the case since its inception. "Part of this is reflected in Kelly's selection of the law firm of Justin Feldman, the husband of Linda Fairstein, the assistant district attorney who was the architect of the infamous Central Park Jogger case, to be legal counsel in a case that more and more people are beginning to feel resembles a frame-up," Brath said. "Fairstein," Brath continued, "who stands to gain the most from the outcome of the report being in her favor, is being allowed to come out of retirement at the 11th hour to, both

figuratively and literally, investigate her own handling of the case, in order to try to salvage her reputation as the infallible 'queen of the sexual crimes.'"

"Justice delayed is justice denied," said Councilman Bill Perkins, who, like Brath, is determined to stick with the

case until the young men, all of whom have served time for their alleged role in the crime, are exonerated.

"The delay not only lengthens our personal anguish," the mothers concluded, "but also jeopardizes daily the lives and liberties of our chil-

dren, who remain convicted of crimes not committed by them. As parents we stand on the side that desires what justice really represents. What remains are the defenders of lies, half-truths, and outright deception. We demand that you do what is only right and honorable."

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## WEDDING BLISS



Sherll Ann Weaver and Jimmy Dale Showers were joined together in Holy Matrimony at the Holy Hill church here in Greenville NC. The parents of the bride are Mr and Mrs Andrew Hunter Jr and the late Arthaniel Pippens. The parents of the groom are the late Mr. and Mrs Frank Showers. The couple will reside in California. The staff of WOOW/THE MINORITY VOICE NEWSPAPER wish the couple many years of wedded bliss.

photo by Faith May

# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

## Rappers Jay-Z and DMX make giving thanks their mission

By VINETTE K. PRYCE  
Special to the AmNews

Man's no longer holds dominance over Thanksgiving Day festivities. Although the parade uniquely provides an opportunity to thank shoppers of the largest store in New York, two rappers have adopted the day to spend time with supporters.

Beginning at noon, DMX will return to Nepperhan Community



Center in Yonkers where, as a youth known as Earl Simmons, he was nurtured. Following a tradition for which he is now reputed, DMX will spend the day with his wife and children, feeding more than 400 families with a delectable Thanksgiving meal.

"DMX is committed to his community and feels being with his Yonkers neighbors on this day is his way of reconnecting with individuals he feels he has never left

since moving away," Angelo Ellerbee, DMX's publicist, said.

"Not only does he include his wife and children in this philanthropic mission, but he has also established the Mary Ella Foundation in his grandmother's name to provide educational opportunities for disadvantaged youths."

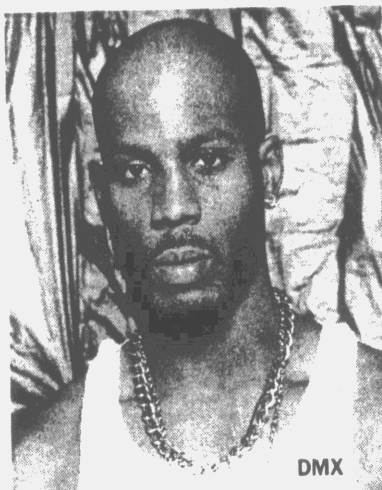
Compiled in a recently published book titled "E.A.R.L. the autobiography," DMX details his tormented childhood, which was made tolerable by his beloved grandmother.

According to DMX, his grandmother, Mary Ella Holloway, loved to cook, enjoyed feeding strangers and families, and celebrated Thanksgiving Day with gusto.

Since her death, DMX has been keeping her name alive by hosting the Nepperhan Thanksgiving feast. He has also provided computers to the cen-

ter, which provides refuge to many young people. DMX has also donated clothing, coats and shoes to as many as 250 children. A curious reader, DMX promotes academic achievement by offering scholarships of \$500 to high school students who maintain a B average or higher.

Also booked for a Thanksgiving Day outing is Jay-Z. Along with Damon Dash and his Roc-A-Fella family, the rapper plans a



benefit concert to aid the New York City Mission Society. Slated for 10 p.m. at the Hammerstein Ballroom, the benefit concert will help fund the Jay-Z scholarship effort and the NYC Mission Society's Team Roc program.

The latter is designed to reshape the lives of children who are at risk of academic underachievement.

"Utilizing the tenets of basketball, good sportsmanship, teamwork and discipline," Team Roc aids in "establishing an environment for academic excellence, community service and healthy development."

According to Tanya Kennedy, Committee member of NYC Mission Society, the organization is the city's oldest private social-service agency, which serves children and families of Central Harlem and the South Bronx through programs in education, personal growth and development, prevention services, arts and recreation.

Tickets for the concert are already sold out. However, information on the lineup and other pertinent issues may be answered by calling (212) 674-3500, ext. 229, or by logging onto [www.nycmissionsociety.org](http://www.nycmissionsociety.org).

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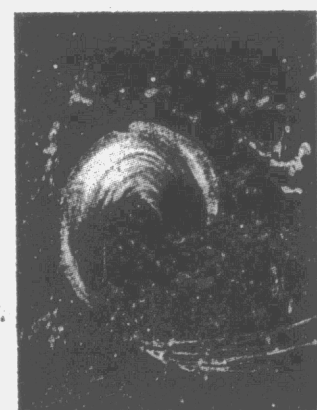
### Griffin lists art and music as first and second loves

By RON SCOTT

Special to the AmNews

Upon entering Dick Griffin's Midtown high-rise apartment, it's immediately apparent with the many finished canvases stockpiled against the wall, paint jars lining the windowsill and hanging colorful abstract paintings that capture your attention like a sparkling rainbow after a sun shower — he's an

artist. However, when noticing a piano in the corner and wall-to-wall cassettes of his many recording sessions, a nebulous haze appears.



"Music is my first love, and art is my second," states the noted trombonist. "Art, I see and talk. Music, I hear and feel good. It's the five senses that make art entertainment. It's the same energy that motivates me to play or paint."

As a prominent sideman, Griffin has performed on more

than 200 albums with such jazz icons as Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers, Lionel Hampton, Charles Mingus, the Count Basie Orchestra, the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis Big Band and Dizzy Gillespie. Earlier this month, he played in the McCoy Tyner All-Star Band with Gary Bartz, Hilton Ruiz, Billy Bang

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## Want A Better Quality of Life? Get Involved, says Taft

Is it really worth it to get involved with a resident organization? Or is it a bunch of trouble for nothing? A good person to ask is Barbara Taft, president of the Resident Council at Kearney Park. She's been an unofficial resident go-between with the Housing Authority for the better part of the last four decades, until they made it official last year. "I keep trying to tell people they need to get involved," Taft says. "They could find out that there's a lot of things they can use to their advantage. Things can come together for people if they would just get involved." She said she got involved with things shortly after she moved into public housing back in 1965; because she wanted help in keeping the area looking neat. Plus, she wanted to help build a sense of community where neighbors know and help each other. But, the payoff was even bigger than that. "People need to know that they can have more things done the way they want them done if they get involved," Taft said. "It's very good. It's a lot of education and a lot of enjoyment. And, things get done."

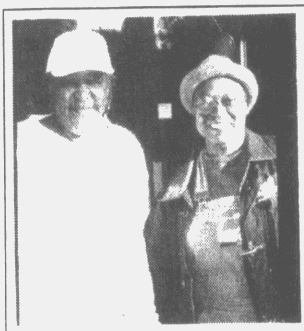
When the Housing Authority decided last year to appoint someone to represent residents on the Board of Commissioners, Taft was the logical choice. She is well-known and active in the community, helping run a local catering business. And, a few years ago, she and a friend founded the JOY (Jesus, Others & You) Soup Kitchen in a local church. The Kitchen has since moved into a modern building on Albemarle Avenue downtown. And, in addition, she is active with a group that helps the uninsured get medicine and see a doctor when they need it. Another major point is that Taft has long been looked to for guidance. "The way it's been is that if you don't want to talk to the executive director, you come and talk to me," she explained. "People call me on the phone, and I'm their eyes and ears with the Housing Authority. I was doing this long before I became a Commissioner. And, I don't really care about the title, anyway. I just do the stuff." Taft said she began working with people, trying to help others when she was a little girl, and it has simply eased into a way of life. "I just like it," she said, "and I always get it back. I get it back from God."

And, another way she gets it back is by watching those she's helped along the way as they improve their quality of life. There's not too much better than that, she said.

Residents can contact Taft at 561-7519 or at home at 756-8875.

Below is a list of the other Resident Council members:  
Bertha Woolard - 758-5759 Ida Jefferson - 756-4261  
Patricia Lightly - 329-0264  
Nerissa Robinson - 752-7784

Please contact them with questions, ideas, concerns or anything else that might be on your mind concerning public housing. They will either provide the answers you need or guide you to the right person.



Sister Taft and Sis Wilson smile for our camera. Thank You  
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### ANGELIC CONFLICT

With the approaching Holiday Season, we need to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. When we think of the holiday, we think of presents, decorations, cold weather, and beautiful winter scenes of children playing in the snow. Who watches over us and the little ones? Is it our guardian angel?

A lot of people wonder if angels really exist. The bible says that angels are just as real as you and I. They are a race of superb beings with an important mission.

They have a prominent place in Scripture, being mentioned over 300 times.

Angels are not only concerned with your personal affairs, they are also very much involved with the affairs of nations. Nowhere is this more clearly seen than in the Old Testament book of Daniel.

Daniel was a praying saint! He had been taken captive to Babylon when he was just a teenager. Daniel was someone who prayed the Word. He knew from reading Jeremiah's writing that the Jews were to remain captive in Babylon for 70 years, (Jeremiah 25:11).

When the 70 years were up, Daniel no doubt began praying for God to answer Jeremiah's prophecy. I believe the narrative that begins in verse five describes a visitation of the Lord Jesus Christ to Daniel. When Daniel experienced his great vision, he lost all strength to stand and fell with his face on the ground. Then the angel Gabriel appeared to Daniel:

*And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly-beloved, understanding the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling*

(Daniel 10:10,11). Beginning with Daniel 10:12 we have the curtain of heaven pulled back once again, and we are given a very intimate view of what happens between heaven and earth when men and women pray. In this account we see the star wars that literally go on in the spirit realm. The outcome of these

angelic conflicts, as we shall see, after the destiny of nations!

Does God take notice of the saints' prayers? Yes! Notice closely what the angel Gabriel told Daniel:

*Then said he [the angel] unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia (Daniel 10:12,13).*

Daniel's prayers were heard the very day there were 21 days of angelic warfare before Michael, another of God's mighty angels, came to the rescue of Gabriel. It took both of them to break through the satanic blockade that kept Gabriel from appearing before Daniel with the assurance of answered prayer. So we see that there is a spirit world very much involved in the affairs of men and the nations which are upon this earth.

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# From The Desk of Mrs Beatrice Maye



Mrs Beatrice Maye

It's the Little Things (SIMPLE Lessons for Teens) by Terrie Williams

- \*Treat people the way you want to be treated.
- \*Express gratitude.
- \*Remember your manners.
- \*Ask for help with school.
- \*When there is conflict, violence is not the answer.
- \*Stay real and be able to cut others some slack, everybody has some form of baggage or is hiding behind a mask.
- \*Tell the truth.
- \*Be kind to yourself and others.
- \*Eat healthy food and get plenty of rest.
- \*Be about speaking with love and respect.
- Save and share your money; it's a tool.
- \*Give your time and talent to your community.
- \*Talk to your mom, your dad, a friend, a counselor, or someone you trust when your thoughts or emotions seem all out of balance; keeping it all inside is a slow poison.
- \*Go for it. Nothing beats a

trial but a failure. (And we don't just get through failures, we grow through them).  
 \*Pay attention to your inner voice.  
 \*Sometimes you just have to deal with things.  
 \*Don't be so cool that you freeze people out.  
 \*Don't be afraid to change and always be willing to improve.  
 \*Honesty is an important part of you both in your public life and your private life.  
 \*Everybody has bad days. Problems are a part of life and we must deal with them.  
 \*Enjoy your slang but know when not to use it. Use your grammar -- the rules of Standard English.

## Good Manners

1. Sit up straight, you'll always be more comfortable.
2. Don't talk with your mouth full. Take small bites; finish chewing.
3. Break the bread and butter one piece at a time.
4. Don't leave lipstick stains on glasses or cups.
5. Be careful not to eat too fast when eating with others; everyone should start and finish each course about the same time.
6. Spread the napkin across your lap and leave it there. If you leave the table temporarily, leave the napkin in your chair and slide the chair under the table. The napkin should be used for careful dabs at the corners of your mouth.
7. Purses, briefcases, keys, gloves -- anything that's not a part of the meal -- do not

belong on the table. It is unsightly and unsanitary.  
 8. Bad manners make you look like you weren't trained right.

\*Get in the habit of excellence. Make sure your work is error free. Mistakes in grammar or spelling will count against you in school and when you start sending out resumes, maybe even your carrier tossed it right out into the old "circular file." You need to do your best in every area of life.  
 \*Look for friends who can build you up and support you and whose values and vibe you can support. The cool people are not the ones who matter.  
 \*To live out your values, you need to know how to value your time well.  
 \*Persistence is the quality that separates who make it from those who don't. Those who make it stay in the race. Create a good life for yourself.

## Parent to Parent

About 25 percent of all U.S. school age kids are overweight, and the numbers are climbing. As waistlines increase so do the health risks: U.S. hospital costs for diseases related to childhood obesity have tripled in the past 20 years, the American Academy of Pediatrics reports.

Why are more kids fat? Erratic eating habits such as skipping breakfast, too much TV, minimal exercise, and endless novelty foods get much of the blame. Another part of the problem shouldn't be overlooked. Ellyn Satter author of

"Feeding a Healthy Family" and a dietitian in Madison, Wisconsin says measuring weight for height doesn't tell the story.

When a teenager skips breakfast and lunch then grazes until bedtime, she's actually more likely to gain weight, not lose it. Despite what many teenagers think, skipping breakfast, going without, then overdoing it tends to cause a person to eat more and be heavier.

## Fatherhood

Many people today believe that fathers are unnecessary. I believe the opposite. Every man in the United States should be requested to take the following pledge: *I pledge to live my life according to the principle that every child deserves a father.* Marriage is the pathway to effective fatherhood. Part of being a good man means being a good father. America needs more good men. A few good men should start creating Fathers' Clubs in their local communities. A few well-known professional athletes should organize a public service campaign on the importance of fatherhood through public speaking in the schools and a series of public service television advertisements.

## One Sentence Sermons

1. Be fishers of men ... you catch 'em, He'll clean 'em.
2. A family altar can alter a family.
3. A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

4. Don't put a question mark when God put a period.

5. Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.

6. Exercise daily, walk with the Lord.

7. Forbidden fruit create many jams.

8. Give God what's right, not what's left.

9. Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.

10. God doesn't call the unqualified, He qualifies the called.

11. God grades on the cross, not the curve.

12. God loves everybody, but probably prefers "fruit of the Spirit" over religious nuts.

13. God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

14. Having truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.

15. He who angers you, controls you.

16. He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.

17. One's faultfinding is a sure sign of his own unhappiness.

18. Don't borrow trouble; the interest is too high.

19. Three ingredients for happiness: have something to do, someone to love, and something to hope for.

**Home Economics.** After 34 years of service, she retired from the Pitt County Public School System, yet she still serves as a substitute on occasion. As a nominator describes her, "she represents Shaw daily; she is well dressed and displays professional and religious ethics." Mrs. Anderson volunteers with the Meals on Wheels program, the NAACP, the Mental Health Association, and is a member of the Senior Choir of Philippi Missionary Baptist Church. Having left Shaw over 36 years ago, she still finds the time to attend Homecoming and supports events held in the name of Shaw University at both the local and national levels. She is a member of the National Alumni Association and serves as the treasurer of the Pitt County Alumni Chapter. Additionally, she is treasurer of the Davenport Street Community Club. Congratulations, Mrs. Anderson, and thank you for serving your institution and your community as well as your church extremely well.



## Recognition

Mrs. Pauline Moore Anderson received the ELIJAH SHAW MERITORIOUS AWARD at the Shaw University Alumni Awards Banquet, Friday, November 22, 2002. Mrs. Anderson is a 1946 graduate of Shaw University with a Bachelor of Science degree in



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# Reflections, Expressions, and Reviews



**Suejette Jones**

**HOUSE SLAVES**  
(Powell and Rice)

Working for the White House doesn't make a black man a traitor to his race, according to one newspaper editor. Singer and liberal activist Harry Belafonte apparently thinks otherwise. Recently, Belafonte caused a stir by saying that Secretary of State Colin Powell was serving as President Bush's "house slave", and had sacrificed his principles for a position in the master's house. "When Colin Powell dares to suggest something other than what the master wants to hear," Belafonte said, "he will be turned back out to pasture." Later, Belafonte, heaped another dose of this "Uncle Tom" scorn on National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice. Generally, I admire Belafonte and agree with his dim view of this administration. But I think

he's embarrassed himself here. "Who is he to question whether Colin Powell is "black enough"? Back in 1957, Belafonte divorced his black wife to marry a white woman." Some people suggested that he, too, was not black enough.

Harry Belafonte's remake were vicious, vile, and disparaging. These comments came from a man who made his fame and fortune catering to the musical tastes of white Americans back in the 1950's, during the height of segregation. Many Americans are resentful of the incessant accusations of racism by self-anointed, self-appointed black leaders.

Many black Americans are tired of this pathetic behavior. With apparently nothing better to do than disparage fine black Americans such as a Secretary Powell (a combat veteran and former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs) Education Secretary Rod Paige, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, just because they're black conservatives, Belafonte and others like him need to get a life and find a better hobby.

Black conservatives are often called, among other things, "race traitors" simply because they hold a differing viewpoint rather than following the established dogma of victimology.

It's time to give up this cruel and arrogant game, which some blacks use to control "how you think, what you do, where you

live, and who you love." That's not freedom. It's just a different set of chains.

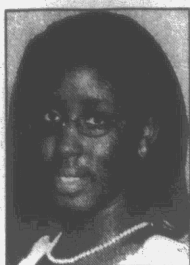
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Condoleezza Rice has never seen much point in frivolity. In her youth, the future national security adviser never rebelled, never toughed drugs, and always went to church. A classic overachiever Rice was an accomplished classical pianist in her teens, and enrolled at the University of Denver at age 15. There, she fell in love--not with a man, but with the inner workings of the Soviet Union. With complete confidence, she plunged into Soviet Studies, a field with few African-American women. She brushed off occasional encounters with racism with self-assurance. Once, one of her professors cited with approval the work of William Shockley, who was then making headlines for claiming that genetic differences made blacks less intelligent than whites. "You raised her hand and said, 'You really should not be presenting this as fact because there's plenty of evidence to the contrary. Let me explain to you: I speak French, I play Bach, I'm better in your culture than you are.'"

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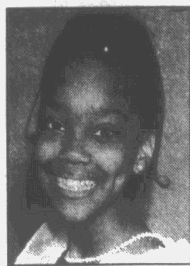
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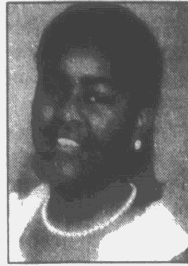
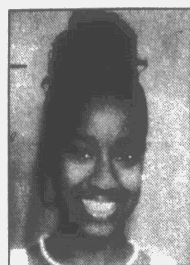
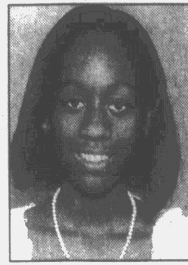
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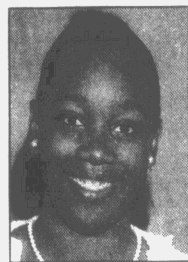
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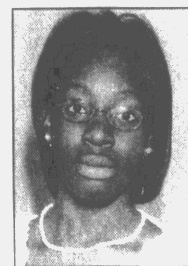
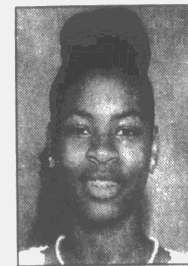
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## Area teens will compete Saturday in Miss Fashionetta

Eighteen teens in grades seven-nine will be formally introduced to the community on Saturday as they compete for the title of Miss Fashionetta 2002.

The 15th biennial scholarship pageant, which will be held at South Central High School Performing Arts Center, is sponsored by the Iota Kappa Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Contestants include: Yvette Deana Brooks, Latoya Renee Burton, Kelli O'Neal Clemons, La'Kia Ashley Cumbo, Amaleyah Leigh Dail, Christi Nicole Dashielle, Requita Marie Demery, LaShawn Denise Gibbs, Tina Dianne Gladney, Veronica Janine Jackson, Lauren Michelle Lee, Tracy Shontelle Price, Marquitta Ilecia Speight, Britney Nicole Stanford, Melanie Rachelle Taft, Kyra Mone Tyson, Rolanda Wynette Wilson and Courtney Deeaunna Wright.

Junior marshals selected to escort the contestants include: Marcus Best, Joshua Bowden, Joseph Bunch, Justin Ebron, Brenton Edwards, Maurice

Greene, Christopher Hardy, Gaston Jordan Jr., Nicholas Kelly, James Locks, Justin Moore, Rashawn Peppers, Josh Reddish, Corey Roberts, Malcolm Rook, Rashad Smith, Davis Stanford Jr., Orrin Tyson, Darion Vines and Logan Wiley.

The theme for the pageant is "A Night with the Fashionetta Stars. Talent will include instrumental and vocal performances, a creative dance, the escort step expression, the cotillion and the waltz with junior and senior marshals. Kimberly Dobson, Miss Fashionetta 2000, will crown this year's winner.

The pageant will culminate four months of cultural, educational and social activities that have included a mother-daughter tea, a Sunday social, an enrichment seminar, a family worship service, a tour of Hampton University, dinner aboard the "Spirit of Norfolk," a Pirate football game and a community service project.

The event begins at 7 p.m. There is no admission charge.

## Ms Alumni ECSU



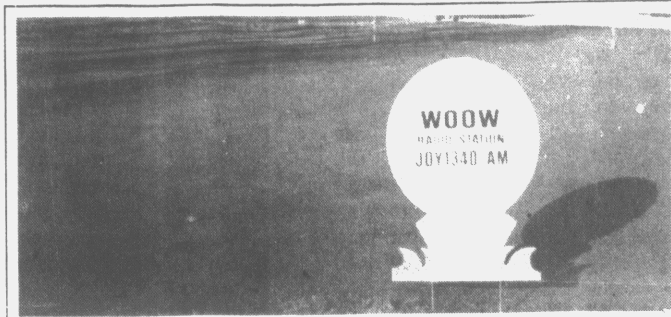
Minnie Johnson Anderson, known as "Ms Minnie" was honored and crowned Ms Alumni of the local Elizabeth City State University Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter. The program was given by the ECSU Eva J. Lewis Alumni Greenville Chapter and WOOW, Joy 1340AM. The honoree daughter, Annie O. Fuller was mistress of ceremony. The Oasis of Hope Praise Dancers performed. Mary Cates, president of the ECSU Eva J. Lewis Alumni Chapter gave highlights of what the local Chapter was doing and the recruitment effort and scholarship information. There were three recording artists performing a song from their CD's. Michael Dixon was the guest speaker. He gave a dynamic talk on what it means to have a great education in America. He spoke to parents that should help their children in making the decision to get on the best academic track possible. The alumni members presented her with roses and crowned her "Ms Eva J. Lewis Alumni. "Ms Minnie" will be running for ECSU Ms Alumni this year 2002-2003. The program ended with her daughter singing a song to her "Peace of the Lord." Minnie Johnson Anderson and the Alumni Chapter will be having fundraisers this year to help "Ms Minnie" win. All money will go toward the Scholarship Fund to help students get to Elizabeth City State University to get a good education. Minnie Johnson Anderson is a retired educator, author, inventor, real estate developer, motivational speaker, grief counselor and local radio personality known as "Ms Minnie".

"Ms Minnie" is on the Consumer Advisory Committee for Mental Health, Historical Preservation Committee, Planning Committee Winning With Diabetes.

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# An AFRO page from the 20th Century

Each week the AFRO reprints a page from its archives reflecting events that helped shaped the destiny of African Americans across the nation

## Magistrate Stanford Sent to Northern District 20 Millions for Officers

### Captive Coal Miners End Strike, Talk for Afro

Return to Work Because They Believe in John L. Lewis

By OLLIE STEWART  
(Staff Correspondent)  
LIBRARY, Pa.—Something like 15,000 colored captive miners and 25,000 colored

commercial miners picked up lunch pails and head lamps and trudged back to work Monday—along with 100,000 whites—all over Western Pennsylvania and Southern West

Virginia, but there was a noticeable lack of rejoicing. They went back into the pits because John L. Lewis, United Mine Workers' (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

BALTIMORE

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### 20 Millions Asked for Training

WASHINGTON.  
The House, Appropriations Committee was asked to earmark twenty million dollars for the training of colored officers and air-pilots without stipulating that the training shall be done in separate schools.

The money would come from the six billion dollar fund President Roosevelt has asked Congress to appropriate for defense. Appearing before the committee were Dr. W. H. Jernigan of the committee to fight Hitler and Edgar Brown, president of the United Government Employees, Inc.

They told astonished House members who were headed by Chairman Clarence Cannon (Demo., Mo.) of the one hundred thousand men drafted so far, only twenty had been trained as officers.

Ought to Have More  
"If we had twelve hundred colored soldiers trained and commissioned during the first World War, we ought to have more than twenty now."

Didn't Read Papers  
"It is disgraceful that with fifty thousand white officers in the United States Army we have only twenty new colored officers."

Congressman William Robinson of Kansas said that he had not heard any complaints about army jim-crow from his colored constituents.

Mr. Brown said that he was sorry Mr. Robinson had not read any of the hundreds of colored newspapers, that neither the President nor any of the Congressmen is appointing any colored men to the West (Continued on Page 3, Col. 8)

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## NYA Head Defies Orders

Studying Gasses



2ND LT. EDWARD H. HUNTER, of the 388th Central Postal Directory, New York, who, along with more than forty white commissioned officers, is enrolled in the Eleventh Unit Gas.

### Bethlehem Shipyard to Hire Colored

The Bethlehem Fairfield Shipyard, holders of \$75,000,000 in defense contracts, has argued to drop its color bar and is making plans to hire colored workers as electric welders, the AFRO learned on Tuesday.

Furman L. Templeton, industrial secretary of the Urban League, who has been working since last summer to get the company to revise its policy of barring colored workers, has announced that for men will join a class in electric welding in the fabricating plant of the company upon completion of physical examinations within the next two weeks.

\$25 While Learning  
They will study welding technique for six months during which time they will receive \$25 (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

### Refuses to Approve Mixed Youth Center

Glen D. Brown, white, State NYA administrator, defied the national heads of that organization and told the AFRO Thursday that he would not approve plans for a proposed mixed resident center for colored and white youths at Reisterstown.

Present plans call for converting a building in Reisterstown, formerly used as a children's hospital into a resident center for youths of both races enrolled in special defense training classes.

These plans are said to bar the approval of high officials in Washington who have passed word to regional directors to make the center interracial.

Cites Maryland Custom  
Supporting his negative stand, Mr. Brown explained that he is a class in electric welding in the fabricating plant of the company upon completion of physical examinations within the next two weeks.

Though Mr. Brown would not comment on this next point, it was learned that protests against colored and white citizens living in the proposed dormitory in Reisterstown would be lodged with authorities by both the owner of the property and the surrounding residents.

Favors Jim-Crow Center  
As an alternative, the administrator stated that he was more than willing to support a move for the establishment of an all-colored resident center and would endeavor to see that such a project materialized.

He said, however, he would approve this plan only after all of the available colored youth in Baltimore had been absorbed by private industry and the need for a project materialized.

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### Magistrate Transferred to Northern

Though referred to as a "transfer," Magistrate John Harwood Stanford, who for two and a half years has reigned over Northern police court in what observers call a "denotation," particularly the outlying sections, is referred to by patrolmen as the Siberia of the Baltimore Police Department. Very few of the more important cases break up there, and the chances of advancing in the department are, therefore, slimmer.

For the "Good of the Service"  
Governor Herbert R. O'Connor, when approached relative to the change which will bring Magistrate Walter J. Deves to the Pennsylvania Avenue station, told the AFRO "that the move will become effective as of Monday, December 1," and that it was for the "good of the service."

The governor did not explain whether the change was precipitated by mounting protests against Stanford's method of handling cases, nor would he admit.

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### EXTRA NEXT WEEK

How many colored commissioned officers are there at Fort Eustis, Va.? Do any of them serve on the same staff with white officers? What about the morale of the 1200 men stationed here? What sort of record has been made by the "Fighting 15th" Coast Artillery Battalion? From what sections are most of the men at Fort Eustis? What efforts are being made to stamp out illiteracy? What kind of a recreational program is provided here?

These questions, and many more, Ollie Stewart answers next week in his story on Fort Eustis, Va.

### No Action Yet on "Spite Wall"

No action has been taken by the zoning board on the proposal of Morris Macht, white, to erect a brick wall ("spite wall") trustees call it) and twenty garages along Hillen Road in front of Morgan State College.

The board, in a meeting last Tuesday, heard protests from Dr. D. O. W. Holmes, president of the

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### Bowie College President Should Be Above Suspicion

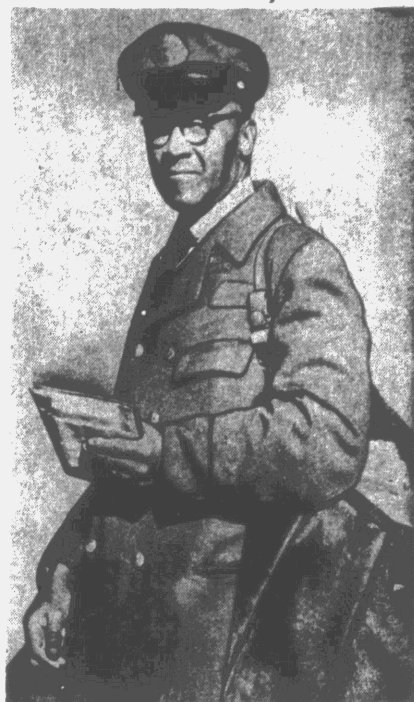
AN EDITORIAL  
If current reports are true, Leonidas James, president of Mary State Teachers' College at Bowie, has hired an attorney. For what?

Surely not to defend himself against alleged charges made by Mrs. James when she read her diary before the student body, which then walked out on a two-day strike.

Mrs. James told the AFRO that she had withdrawn her charges under pressure. So far as we know, no official charges are lodged against those who are re-

(Continued on Page 4, Col. 1)

### Ducks Holiday Rush



WILLIAM ARTHUR JONES,

of 1219 W. Lafayette Avenue, is a member of numerous other fraternal organizations and of Grace Presbyterian Church. Each day (Friday) after completing forty-three years of service, Mr. Jones is a 33rd degree Mason, notes twenty years of service.

### Officials Begin Probe of Bowie Incident

The State Board of Education and trustees of Bowie State Teachers' College in session today (Friday) started an investigation of charges of improper conduct made by Mrs. Leonidas S. James, against her husband, who is president of the college, and Mrs. Thalia Davis Thomas, his assistant, which resulted in a two-day student strike two weeks ago.

The board was scheduled to remain in session all day and Dr. Albert S. Cook, secretary and treasurer, told the AFRO that a statement would be given later.

Meantime, reports that Joseph F. Henry, Jr., local attorney, had been busy since the incident circulating petitions and urging citizens to recommend to the board that President James remain at his post, were denied by Mr. Henry.

He explained his frequent visits to the school since the incident by saying that he was a good friend of President James and he was afraid there might be some repercussions and for that reason he had kept in close contact with him.

Eggs Blamed for Incident  
According to reports, the disturbance was caused after President James took four eggs from his home and gave them to Mrs. Thomas, who is also instructor of physical education and college registrar.

Mrs. James' objection to this gift and charges against the two read from her diary, were given as the cause of the incident which led students to request Mrs. Thomas' dismissal. The students went on strike when this request was denied.

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### Scott Exonerated in Oil-Dispute Slaying

ELDORADO, ILL.—(AP)—Harvey Scott, head of the Black Panther Oil Company, who shot and killed one partner and seriously wounded another as a climax to a partnership disagreement, was freed Tuesday following an inquest in Saline County when a coroner's jury brought in a verdict of justifiable homicide.

The slain man was C. L. Faulkner of Chicago and Oklahoma City and the wounded man was L. H. Horne, also of Oklahoma City. Faulkner was returned to Oklahoma City for burial. Horne's condition is still considered serious.

### "Captive" Coal Miners Smile as They Return to Work; Majority Resent Arbitration Delay



Happy because the strike is over, these miners at Montour No. 10 mine near Pittsburgh, smile for AFRO cameraman.



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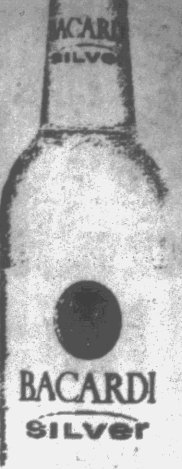






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# GIVE LOVE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

## Princeville Embraces New Mayor: Priscilla Everette-Oates



### Changing off the Guard

By Calvin Adkins, *The Daily Southerner*

PRINCEVILLE -- Mayor Priscilla Everette-Oates banged the gavel for the first time Monday -- signifying the changing of Princeville's guard.

"This meeting is now in order," she said.

Everette-Oates and other elected officials, Commissioners Isabelle Baker, Ann Howell, Johnny Clark, and Dorothy White, were sworn in at Princeville's new town hall in front of a standing-room-only crowd. The ceremony was the first official business carried out in the new building.

Selecting the mayor pro-tem was the first order of business for the new regime. Everette-Oates nominated Baker for the position. The board unanimously approved the decision.

Everette-Oates became the 21st mayor of Princeville -- incorporated in 1865 by freed slaves -- by defeating incumbent Delia Perkins in September. Everette-Oates ran against Perkins during the 1997 election and lost. The new mayor was then placed on the Board of Commissioners after former commissioner Frank Braswell resigned from his post. Everette-Oates is the fourth female to hold the highest government seat in the town. Perkins, Carolyn Powell, and Zelma Forman also banged the gavel for the oldest town in America chartered by blacks.

Everette-Oates said she wants the new administration to work as a team.

"We won't disappoint you," she told the audience.

The new mayor said she was destined to hold the seat.

"I knew that it was going to come," she said. "Now I'm looking forward to working to improve the town and the way of life for our citizens. I'm going to work on bringing the taxes and the water bills down. I would also like to bring jobs to the town."

During the beginning of Perkins' tenure, the town was facing financial woes and the charter was being threatened by the state. After the town's financial problems began to clear, Hurricane Floyd's floodwaters destroyed the entire city in 1999. Under Perkins' regime, the town survived both trials and rebuilt. Perkins, who served one term, thanked the citizens for their support.

"We leave you with a legacy intact. I will be here if you need my help," she told the new administration.

The new board has approximately 13 combined years experience in government versus the outgoing board, which had approximately 46 years. Baker, Clark, and White are first-time politicians.

Milton Johnson, who served the town for 17 years, was the senior member on the outgoing board and held the mayor pro-tem seat. Linda Worsley served 15 years and Perkins four.

Commissioner Ann Brown, the only Princeville politician who kept her seat, has 10 years experience. Brown represents Ward 2.

Johnson did not seek re-election and was replaced by Baker who ran unopposed in Ward 3.

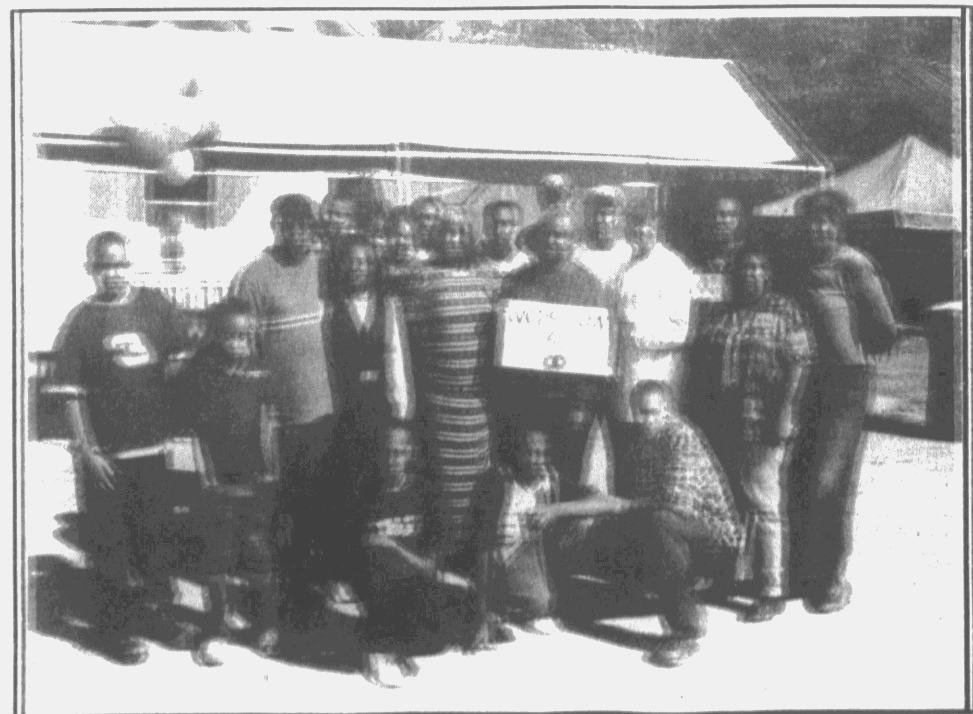
"It's going to be hard to follow in Johnson's footsteps, but I'm willing to accept the challenge," Baker said.

White replaced 16-year veteran Linda Worsley in Ward 1 and Clark replaced Everette-Oates in Ward 4.

The outgoing board members thanked the citizens for their support and gave parting advice.

"In the last 15 years I represented not only Ward 1, but the entire town of Princeville all over the country," Worsley said. "I enjoyed learning and I still have a lot to learn. I challenge you all to be the best that you can be. It's time for me to give up my seat and move on."

Johnson said he took his years on the board seriously and if the town needed him to come back, he would do so.



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### Governor Easley Requests Federal Disaster Aid for Winter Storm....

Governor Mike Easley today requested a federal disaster declaration for North Carolina to reimburse costs incurred by state government and affected counties in the wake of last week's winter storm. "The ice storm knocked out power to more than a million households and businesses across the state," Easley said. "I am requesting financial assistance from the federal government to help reimburse state and local government response and recovery costs."

Easley cited the downed trees, limbs, utility lines and poles caused by the ice as the

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### NGUZU SABA

#### The Seven Principles

1. **Umoja** (Unity)

to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.

#### Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)

to define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

#### Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility)

to build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together.

#### Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics)

to build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.

#### Nia (Purpose)

to make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

#### Kuumba (Creativity)

to do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

#### Imani (Faith)

to believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

- Maulana Karenga

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## December 26th - January 1st

### RANDOM NOTES

by Tim Butler  
Entertainment Editor

#### Die Another Day alive and kicking

Halle Berry helped Pierce Brosnan's *Die Another Day* land at the number one spot in its opening weekend of business. This 20th film in the James Bond franchise earned \$47 million at the box office. Quite naturally, this is the best-ever opening in the 007 money-machine's 40th anniversary.

With that kind of loot made, Brosnan will, no doubt, come back for a fifth time starring as the suave British secret agent man. And for Berry's part, there's talk about singling out her character, Jinx, for a movie of her own. So good is her performance!

Unbelievably, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* dropped to number two in its second week of release, but earning a magical \$42.2 million. This is good enough to make its total so far \$148.4 million. *Friday After Next* with Ice Cube and Mike Epps laughed up \$13 million, good enough for third place in last weekend's box office wars.

#### Pepper-sprayed for tongue lashing



D'Angelo

For his part in allegedly cursing out a lady and spitting at her following a road rage incident in Virginia, R&B crooner D'Angelo was charged with aggressive driving, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. Police say they had to pepper-spray the singer to contain him.

The official report says that D'Angelo apparently cut a lady off in a parking lot and an argument ensued, at which point things got very ugly. The lady involved says she did not know the angry man uttering the foul language at her was famous. (Not that that would have made a difference.)

The man who makes the ladies swoon will have his say when he'll have to appear Jan. 15, 2003 in Chesterfield General Court.

(So the moral of the story is: no matter how angry you get hold your spit!)

#### Queen's Cadillac pulled over



Queen Latifah

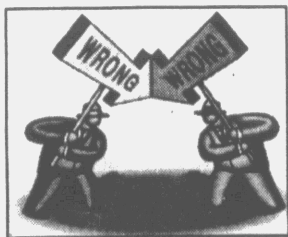
When celebrities get into trouble with moving violations, it's a good opportunity for the public to see what kind of cars they drive.

In Queen Latifah's case, she owns a 2002 Cadillac Escalade (doesn't everybody?). Anyway, she was pulled over on a California highway in the early morning hours for making an improper lane change.

Once stopped by highway patrol, she was most cooperative but failed a field sobriety test. Quite naturally, she was booked on a DUI charge but released on \$2,500 bond. A hearing is set for Dec. 12.

You may remember back in 1996, Latifah was arrested for possessing pot and a loaded gun. (I think at the time, the actress/rapper was driving one of those big BMWs. Quite obviously, she likes large, expensive automobiles.)

#### The reality of a law suit



For VH-1 deciding to cancel its proposed *Liza and David* reality show before it even hit the airwaves, Liza

Minnelli's husband, David Gest, is considering suing the network. Nothing's been decided yet, but he's considering every option.

The VH-1 show would have featured the celebrity couple hosting dinner parties in their well-appointed penthouse in New York City. Executives at the network were disappointed, though, with the way pre-filming was going for the show. They thought some of the initial guests were too old and not hip enough for the program. Added to this was what the network said of Gest himself: that he was difficult to work with.

So the whole project was scrapped before it got off the ground. And consequently, Gest's dander is up over the matter. What will happen next? Who knows. Perhaps, they should just film the drama that is taking place over the cancellation of the reality show - and call that their new reality program. (They may have a hit on their hands!)

#### Questions and more questions

If some of those *super stretch* limousines get any longer, will they transform into something altogether not resembling the brand? What real use can a 25-passenger limousine provide? Isn't the look spoiled when you pull up to a venue, dressed to the nines and almost 30 people pile out of the car?

Will there be many *real* divas honored at the next VH-1 *Divas* special?

### Sharpton: Election results prompts serious presidential bid

By Hazel Trice Edney,  
Tri-State Defender



WASHINGTON -- The Rev. Al Sharpton says the defeats that many Democrats suffered on Election Day expose the party's flawed campaign strategy and proves that it must move in another direction in order to win elections. "When you do an analysis of how the Democrats lost, they lost because they ran away from the base," says Sharpton, who is exploring a possible run for president. "This whole decade-long reach for the Right-wing, or what they now call the Independent White male vote, has been a hallucination. It energizes and makes my campaign more necessary." Sharpton has formed an exploratory committee and has begun raising money, but says he will not announce his decision until early next year. Some political analysts believe that he will not likely win the Democratic nomination, but could help the party revive its message to grassroots people and excite African Americans to the polls.

Democratic nomination, but could help the party revive its message to grassroots people and excite African Americans to the polls. Jesse Jackson was able to do that in his presidential campaigns in 1984 and 1988. "If Sharpton is able to capitalize on the Democratic Party's leadership and the confusion in the message and so forth, then that enhances what he's trying to do because he believes the Democratic Leadership Council has taken the party to the right," says University of Maryland political scientist Ron Walters, a former adviser for Jackson's presidential bids. "He believes if he runs, he will pull the party back to the left. This presents Al Sharpton with a golden opportunity to mount a campaign of political leverage inside the party, the same thing Jesse did." Sharpton says his issues will distinguish him from other Democrats. Although a recent survey by the Joint Center on Political and Economic Studies says only 6 percent of African Americans see the possibility of war against Iraq as a key concern, Sharpton says it will be a distinguishing issue for him. "We'll be the ones on the front line. Who will die first? And then when oil comes in, who will get less than us? And, who are in the major cities that are targeted in this war on terrorism? So war is a vital issue," he says. "And I'm the only one talking about running who has come out against the war." Several Democrats who have been mentioned as possible presidential contenders voted with Bush to authorize the war, including Senators Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Tom Daschle of South Dakota and Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt. Sharpton also said he will focus on those issues that are most important to Black people, such as jobs and the economy. Ron Daniels, executive director of the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York and chairman of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century, agrees Sharpton's position on issues will be key. "The Sharpton campaign becomes one of our most important vehicles for changing the Democratic party to have a focus and a message that will resonate with the majority of people in America, the struggling middle class, large numbers of people who are not registered and who don't vote simply because they don't hear themselves being talked to about issues like jobs and income and affirmative action and urban policy," Daniels says. "He's not trying to center himself, he will wage a crusading campaign. ... He's a dynamic spokesperson and he will elevate and put on the agenda issues that will not be discussed by the Democratic Party unless he runs." Not every one agrees. "I really want to say that Al is on to something there. But will the Democrats listen to him? I doubt it," says Linda Faye Williams, also a political science professor at the University of Maryland. "The problem with Democrats is that they don't appeal to the Black vote because they are more frightened of losing the White vote. That's the bottom line. We're sort of a date that you're so proud of, yet you go to the back of the restaurant in a dark booth. That's exactly how the Democrats want us to give our votes to them." African Americans have been giving their votes to Democrats by a margin of 9-1. Williams worries that Sharpton's appeal to the Blacks will be limited. "I'm glad that someone appeals to more working class Blacks," she says. "But, I think that there are some of these middle-class Blacks that absolutely will not be energized by Al Sharpton. I think we need to sort of start looking a little bit more at what is becoming a kind of conscience class divide in the Black community." Sharpton hopes the middle- and upper-class Black supporters he has already enlisted will provide a broad-based appeal.

His exploratory committee and private supporters are comprised of big names in academia, political circles, and the media. Among them are Cornell West, Princeton Black studies professor, and Charles Ogletree, Harvard law professor. Financial contributors to his exploratory campaign include Percy Sutton, a prominent New York civil rights lawyer; Cathy Hughes, owner and CEO of Radio One; Earl Graves Jr., founder and publisher of Black Enterprise magazine; and Robert L. Johnson, founder and CEO of Black Entertainment Television. Some observers say Sharpton's long-shot bid to become president is going against the tide of public opinion in Black America. "The problem is that African-American public opinion is moving closer to the mainstream and to the Right. The radicalism in the African-American community has waned considerably," says Katherine Tate, chair of the department of political science at the University of California at Irvine. "President Bush might even end up winning African-American support. He's certainly made top-level appointments who are African-Americans. So, his administration is actually doing very well, all things considered." Only 9 percent of African-Americans voted for Bush in 2000. An October Gallup poll reported Bush with a 33 percent approval rating among African-Americans. It is not unusual for wartime presidents to have high approval ratings. The Black approval rating for George Bush's father during the Persian Gulf War was 48.6 percent in October 1990, according to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies. In early 1991, Gallup reported his approval rating as 91 percent overall. He lost to Bill Clinton in 1992. Whatever Sharpton adopts will have an impact on Democrats. "The DNC strategy for getting out the vote was Bill Clinton," he says. "It's almost like they've been joking so long about Clinton was a Black president, they started believing it. It's one thing to joke. It's another thing when they have a strategy like that for real."



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