

low international aid in. The government has since imposed restrictions on the movement of aid workers and journalists. Aid workers have been told to inform the government of their travel plans or face expulsion and to take army escorts to most areas outside of Banda Aceh. Meanwhile, Indonesia's Vice-President Jusuf Kalla called on Wednesday for foreign troops helping with relief efforts to leave Aceh by the end of March.

Essence's Lewis Says He Didn't Seek Black Buyers

NEW YORK CITY, NC - Ed Lewis, a co-founder of Essence magazine and its parent company, acknowledges that the company did not seek to partner with other large black media firms before selling the business to Time Inc.

As reported Wednesday, Earl Graves Sr., publisher of Black Enterprise magazine, said that black entrepreneurs "could have made an offer for the company and possibly preserve Essence as a black-owned business and institution."

In an interview with Paul D. Colford in the New York Daily News, Lewis replied, "It would be naive to assume that Essence hasn't been approached over the years by both black and mainstream companies."

Beyond Elections

Continues from Page 3

how others voted. For King, no deformed franchise can make human subjugation legitimate. Over protests from liberals and Democrats, the boycotts, the sit-ins, the freedom rides, the freedom schools spread and grew.

Woolworths not only lost Black business in the South, it suffered economic downturns from demonstrations and pickets in the North. It was only a matter of time before Woolworths adopted its policy of total integration.

Other less-known boycotts took place throughout the South. The boycott of Rich's restaurant and other restaurants in

"His statement continued: 'We were also given a unique chance to "date" a potential suitor before hitching up for good,'" Colford reported.

"Essence became convinced 'that no other company could match the opportunities for international expansion and access to resources that Time Warner made available to us.'"

In a radio interview with Chicago Defender Editor Roland Martin, which aired on WVON in Chicago and was published in the Defender, Lewis agreed with Black Entertainment Television founder Robert L. Johnson, who told Journal-isms Wednesday that large black firms should form a conglomerate to be able to afford to purchase companies such as Essence.

"From John Johnson to Earl Graves and myself, there needs to be more of us in terms of having aggregation of wealth to be able to do something like this. That is just a long-term process. I think people should realize that Earl and I are the third generation that's going to be able to provide opportunities for his children, but I'm going to be able to provide opportunities for many more people who are going to come along and have the possibilities of doing these kinds of things; of getting an aggregation of wealth and being able to buy companies," Lewis said.

He also said he hopes to develop a political action committee.

Atlanta had immediate effects, and Rich's ended its policy of racial segregation.

King was almost fastidious about timing and tactics. At one period he noted that, "except for Christmas, Easter is the main shopping period of the year ... the best time to bring pressure to bear on the merchants for the needed change." King argued that it is almost impossible to change the political power structure without attacking the economic power structure as well.

A student activist captured the essence of movement strategy when he said: "You got to find out what your opponent cares about. Then go after it. We ask ourselves — What do we possess that our enemy needs? Man, if you answer that ques-

Somalia Seeking Aid For 50,000 Victims

NAIROBI, Kenya - At least 50,000 people in Somalia urgently need food, water, shelter and medical care a week after deadly tsunamis slammed African shores, officials said Monday.

Some 24 countries, including the United States, have pledged to send relief supplies to Somalia, but nothing has arrived on the ground, said Somali presidential spokesman Yusuf Mohamed Ismail. He said survivors urgently need help after losing their homes and livelihoods.

"We are very happy that relief supplies have arrived in Asia, which was hit the hardest by the tragedy, but Somalia - which has been ravaged from a 13-year civil war, drought and political neglect - also needs emergency help to deal with the latest calamity," Yusuf told The Associated Press.

At least 200 people were killed and many others are missing after violent waves hammered the Somali coast on Dec. 26, Yusuf said.

Some of those affected have begun receiving food aid from United Nations agencies that diverted supplies intended for Somalis suffering from a four-year drought, Yusuf and U.N. officials said.

But Kazimiro Rudolf, acting head of the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, said those supplies

tion, you'd be surprised how quickly negotiations take place."

In 1966 and 1967, King launched a major boycott in Chicago — the first Black employment affirmative action program in the U.S. Blacks refused to spend money where corporations refused to hire Blacks. "By 1967," King writes, "the results were remarkable.... Operation Breadbasket completed negotiations with three major industries: milk, soft drinks, and chain grocery stores." King argued that direct action against merchants is often more effective than verbal appeals to government officials and members of Congress. A strong non-violent movement beyond the halls of Congress is a pre-condition to legislative success.

need to be restored to the drought-relief program.

The latest U.N. assessment showed that some 54,000 people in the country were badly affected by the tsunami, Rudolf said.

Most of the victims are from the Indian Ocean coastline of the semiautonomous region of Puntland, including the northeastern Hafun island that was hardest hit by the tsunami.

The waves were triggered by the undersea quake centered off the Indonesian island of Sumatra, about 2,800 miles across the Indian Ocean.

The tsunami hit during fishing season, when Somalis set up temporary fishing settlements closer to the coast, Rudolf told the AP.

They lost fishing equipment, personal belongings and livelihoods. The few cattle herders along the coast have also been affected as their grazing has now been partly damaged, said Laura Melo, spokeswoman of the U.N. food aid agency.

All fishery activities along the Somalia coast seem to have been suspended, Melo said.

Members of the Somali community abroad are raising funds to help compatriots affected by the deadly waves, Yusuf said.

Unlike other affected countries in Asia, Somalia lacks the capacity to assess the damage.

The U.N. food aid agency has sent

out four teams to assess humanitarian need and distribute aid to Somalis affected by the waves, Melo said.

The presence of large numbers of anti-aircraft guns owned by local warlords prevented U.N. officials from flying over parts of the Somali coastline to assess the damage in those areas last week.

CIA: Iraq Becoming New Haven For Terrorists

NEW YORK CITY - The CIA's National Intelligence Council has released a new report that concludes Iraq has replaced Afghanistan as the main training ground for the next generation of so-called "professionalized" terrorists. The report found that following the US invaded Iraq become the prime training and recruiting center for jihadists around the world.

Bush Says War in Iraq "Absolutely" Worth It

Tonight ABC will air rare televised interview with President Bush by Barbara Walters. A transcript of the interview has already been released. When Walters asked Bush if the war in Iraq was worth it. He responded "absolutely."

Biggest Black-Owned Newspaper

Files for Chapter 11

LOS ANGELES, CA - The Wave Community Newspapers Inc. has

filed Chapter 11 forms with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Los Angeles. The nation's largest African-American-owned newspaper publisher runs a network of black and Hispanic papers totaling more than 150,000 in circulation. The Chapter 11 filing is in connection with a \$4 million loan Wave Community Newspapers received from Los Angeles Community Development Bank, company officials say.

James Brown's Cancer Surgery Successful

James Brown's surgery to combat prostate cancer was deemed a full success by his doctor. Brown underwent a procedure yesterday (Dec. 15) to treat his recently diagnosed cancer.

At the completion of his operation, his urologist, Dr. James Bennett, said the Godfather of Soul most likely will beat the disease.

"Mr. Brown has successfully undergone a localized prostate cancer procedure and is resting comfortably," he said in a statement. "We expect a full recovery. With proper follow-up and care, we can also expect a full cure."

Brown plans to take three weeks off to recuperate from the procedure. When he's back on his feet, a tour of Asia and Australia is in the works.

establishment. While outside, removed from the enticements of office and close to those sources of human distress which created it, this power can use a thousand different devices to persuade and pressure the official structure into recognizing its needs."

Americans were converted to civil rights through creative tension, through planned confrontations that made it impossible for Americans to avoid the consequences of their own wrongs and deeds.

In defense of his open-housing marches through white communities in Chicago, which caused a huge outcry from whites, King wrote: "The purpose of our direct action program is to create a situation so crisis-packed that it will inevitably open the door to negotiation." Within a year Mayor Daley's Chicago passed open-housing laws.

KING STRATEGY APPLIES TO IMPERIALISM AS WELL AS SEGREGATION

We have much to learn from the strategic concepts of Dr. King. Today's peace movement is rightly focused on ending the occupation of Iraq, a failed conquest driven by the psychology of the master

race. However, our movement has yet to tap the social power that exists beyond elections, beyond the politics of verbal argument and contained moral suasion. American elections are degenerating into a system of bribery and corporate control. No imperialist system was ever dismantled through electoral politics within the aggressor country. Gandhi's mass strategy, not the British Parliament, brought down the British empire. The Vietnamese resistance, not legislators in Paris, ended French colonialism in Indochina. And no illegal, immoral war has ever been ended without direct action and grassroots protest.

King's teachings about non-cooperation with evil are as relevant today as they were forty years ago. Like apartheid, imperialism is a social system, not a mere policy of one president or a single government.

In the teachings of King, respect for human rights is the pre-condition for genuine, constitutional majority rule. No white majority, no matter how large, has any constitutional right to subjugate another people, whether it is a domestic minority or a foreign nation. One hundred thousand Iraqis are dead, hospitals and mosques destroyed, cities in rubble, thousands of children and civilians maimed with cluster bombs, all victims of America's military tsunami.

If we dare apply the teachings of King, we cannot change the existing system without challenging the people who live inside it, who take it for granted, who refuse to measure human rights by one yardstick, who support imperialism and war even when they too are victims. It is impossible to end the U.S. occupation of Iraq, to halt the march of empire, without first confronting — in King's spirit of compassionate indignation — the people of our own beloved nation. Let the memory and teachings of King inspire us to carry on his struggle against elective despotism in America.

Paul Rockwell is a columnist for In Motion Magazine. He can be reached at rockspad@hotmail.com

Will This Be A Record Breaker Year For Shad

by Janet Hasley
Maybe it's the unseasonably warm days just now, but apparently the shad also have noticed an early warming trend in the water because David Godwin of Stoney Creek Outfitters reports that shad are being caught in nets right now (January 6th) in New Bern.

Shad only come inland to the creeks where they were hatched when the water temperature is in a certain range, and Grifton's First Shad of each season is usually not caught until early February. But if the warming trend continues in eastern North Carolina there is a high probability that the First Shad of 2005 will be entered in the Grifton Shad Festival Hickory Shad Fishing Contest at an earlier date than ever before.

Stoney Creek Outfitters is sponsoring the fishing contest and will award eight \$25 gift certificates and eight trophies to fisher persons in four divisions. Prizes will go for the "First Shad Caught" and for the "Biggest Shad Caught" by each of the following: Male Adult, Female Adult, Male Youth (age 12 and under), Female Youth (age 12 and under). The contest officially started on January 1st and will run until noon on Wednesday, April 13th. Awards will be after the Shad Festival Parade on Saturday, April 16.

When you catch that First Shad of 2005, take it to Stoney Creek Outfitters on NC Highway 11 near Contentnea Creek, just north of Grifton-Hugo Road in Lenoir County. Weigh it and register it there. Just be sure you catch the fish on hook and line because those taken in nets are not eligible for prizes. And white or American shad are also not eligible. This contest is for Hickory Shad only. For further information about shad fishing, click on the little, red fish labeled "Fishing Information" on the Town of Grifton website at www.grifton.com. (Click on the yellow drawing of a fish to get to the Shad Festival pages.) Browse through the oihis little red fish to learn more about the Grifton Shad Festival which this year will be on the weekend of April 16-17 with several of the 35 events earlier than that. Or call 252-524-4356 or e-mail edhase@aol.com.



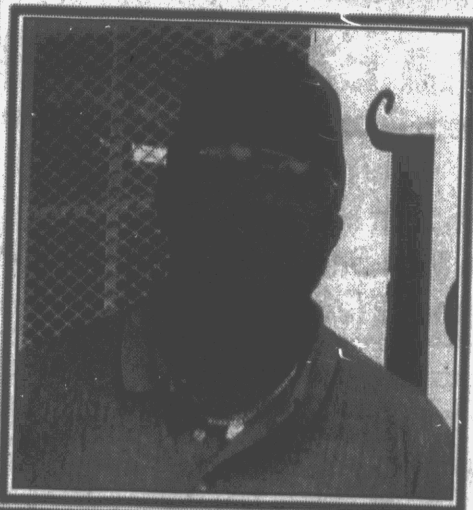
To Buy, Rent, or Sell Real Estate, Call the...

D. D. Garrett Agency

"Serving Eastern North Carolina Since 1946"

Call us if you need someone to collect your rent and manage your property. Several nice building lots... We handle Conv., HUD, VA, FHA Financing Realtor • Notary Public • Accounting 606 Albemarle Avenue Greenville, NC 27834 (252) 757-1692 or (252) 757-1162 Fax Number (252) 757-0018

C C Convenience Mart



1900 South Main St. Greenville, NC 27834 252-321-6991

Shop CC's for Your Fresh Cakes & Breads Ice Cold Beverages Chip & Candy And All Your Household Needs!!!



Owners Mr. Charles Watts and Family



Noria H. Namaz - Broker

COLDWELL BANKER

LANDMARK PROPERTIES

(252) 756-1403 BUSINESS (252) 756-7144 FAX (252) 341-3552 CELLULAR 1-888-537-1403 TOLLFREE noria.namaz@coldwellbanker.com

MLS

Don't Make A Move Without Me

Screen Printing
Reunion T's
Tags

Vinyl Lettering
Embroidery
Air Brush

AIR MANIA CUSTOM SERVICES
No Order Too Small or Large

www.air-mania.com
(252) 757-1307 Wk
(252) 757-3853 Fax

WILLIAM GORHAM
1307 W. 14th St
Greenville, NC 27834

REMEMBERING....

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr

MY BUDDIES BODY SHOP

Lenwood Haddock - Owner



Dr. King with Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth during demonstrations to intergrate Birmingham's Commercial District April 1963

Painting, Inspections, Mechanics & Much More! Located @ Craft Industries HWY 264 AR West Farmville, NC 27834 Phone: 919 2003 252-753-3152 Fax: 252-746-7818 Email: myBuddiesBodyShop@yahoo.com

Hamilton Inn & CONFERENCE CENTER

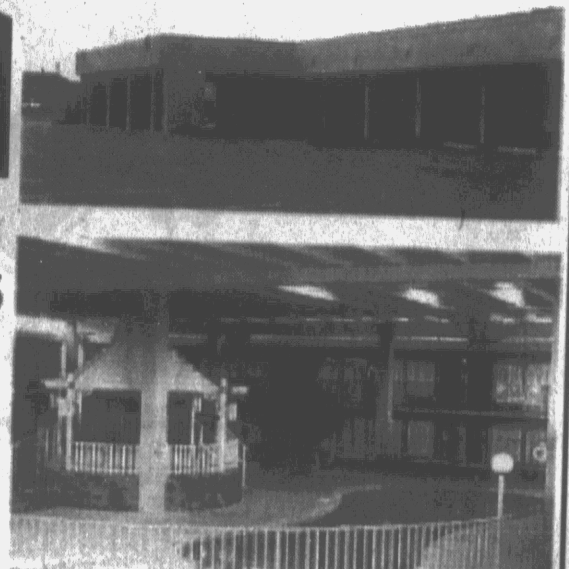
(252) 830-4800

Affordable Housing Rates

Weekly \$175.00 Daily \$32.95

Pay As You Go... No Lease To Sign... No Credit Check...

- Spacious Fully Furnished Rooms with Private Baths
- Telephone, Cable with HBO
- All Utilities
- Free Parking
- Indoor Heated Pool & Courtyard
- Maid Services



GUESTS COMING FOR THE HOLIDAYS?? Now is the time to reserve your rooms - Deposit required

COLLEGE STUDENTS WELCOMED!

702 S. Memorial Drive Greenville, NC 27834 (252) 830-4800 Fax: (252) 758-1284 Email: Hamiltoninn@yahoo.com

Community Voices

Reflections, Expressions & Reviews

with Sujette Jones



"Let's Review"

The Tsunami Asking the God Question

The question rises from the rubble of the earthquake in Sumatra. It echoes on the Indian Ocean shores where bodies are still piled high. Around the world, the question haunts Muslims, Christians, Hindus—people of all creeds—as they confront the epic suffering that the Great Tsunami has inflicted upon millions of people.

"Why did you do this to us, God?" cried an Indian woman as she searched the rubble for her family. "What did we do to upset you?"

It's an age-old question, but it has no good answers. Religion can only provide stock replies to the mystery of why a supposedly merciful deity allows so much human suffering. Some tell us that the Lord has a purpose in all things that is incomprehensible to our feeble minds. Others maintain that though God is omnipotent, he's not a "puppet master" who manipulates every event in the world. Still others would have us believe that God serves up calamities like this as the ultimate test of our faith. But such answers can only get us so far, leaving without any true emotional solace. Let's face it: Whether one has religious faith or not, events like these make it clear that human beings are but gnats in a largely indifferent universe. The earth shrugs and 14,000,000 gnats die, victims of forces far larger and more permanent than themselves. That's undeniably true, but even suffering on this scale doesn't negate the existence of God. God placed humankind in a physical world where tectonic plates shift, hurricanes form, and innocent people sometimes die. But it's the same physical world that makes possible such miracles as birth, sex, sunsets, and pleasure of every kind. To wish for a world in which there is no random

suffering is in essence to wish that we were not physical beings at all. So don't look for the land of God in this disaster. Instead, try to find divinity in the aftermath—in the human hearts of those who are feeling and responding. One huge wave has swept through Southern Asia. Now another one is weeping through the community of mankind. I open my heart and feel it. The place it touches in me, touches God."

From Talking Points

The Ladies of the new Cornerstone Life Center & Christian Book & Music Store



From left to right are Lola Thompson, Bernita Demery and Jennifer Congleton take time to pose for the camera at the opening of the new Cornerstone Life Center and Christian Book & Music store. You're invited to stop by for all your needs in gospel literature, videos and music.

EDIFICATION OF A GENERATION

WITH FAITH MAY



We Shall Overcome

More than 40 years after Dr. King delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, are we any closer to realizing his dream? Few would deny that in spite of many changes in society, King's dream has not yet been realized. Most often, however, both those who have supported and who have opposed King have neglected the importance of King's final five words above: "the content of their character."

Laws can be imposed from with-

out, but only individually can we develop the character of which King spoke. This development of character is at the heart of true Christianity, as the Apostle Paul explained:

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulation, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:1-4).

As we build character, and hope, we learn how to yield to Christ, allowing Him to yield to Christ, allowing Him to work His will in us (Philippians 2:13). As we learn to rely on our Savior, and on the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, Christ can live His holy and righteous life within us (Galatians 2:20).

King hoped for social change in

his lifetime, but even his "I Have a Dream" speech tacitly acknowledged that his dream would not be fully realized until Christ's return. King said: "I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall

be revealed and all the flesh shall see it together."

But Christians today can build the character

that comes from yielding to God and obeying Him. Those who do so, in today's world where mankind's laws sometimes challenge the development of godly character, are promised the special blessing of being the "firstfruits" at the resurrection when Christ returns (1 Corinthians 15:23). Overcoming the temptations of Satan, self and society, a wonderful reward awaits them: "He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son" (Revelation 21:7). Let us rejoice that true Christians can "do all things through Christ who strengthens us" (Philippians 4:13) and can say: "We shall overcome!"

Literacy Volunteers Tutor Training Workshops Scheduled

Literacy Volunteers is recruiting volunteer tutors for its adult Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language programs. Volunteers will learn proven teaching strategies at a 12-hour Literacy workshop or a 9-hr. English as a Second Language workshop in February. Knowledge of another language is not necessary to be an ESL tutor. A rewarding experience awaits you as you help an adult learn. For training dates and times contact Literacy Volunteers at 353-6578 or literacyvolunteers@jagcnet.com.

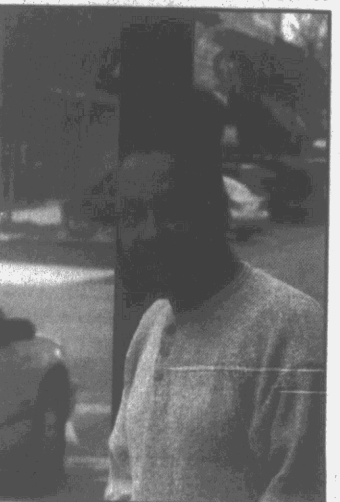
All sessions are held at the LV-PC office located at 504-A Dexter St., Greenville (near the Beef Barn Restaurant and the Employment Security Commission.)

Concept of A Supernatural Miracle

"The Creation of Woman"

by Michael Adams

The creation of Woman was just one of God's Supernatural Miracles. To form man of the dust of the earth and breath in him life was a miracle in itself, but to take from his creation and form another being was an act only a GOD could do. In order to



Michael Adams

understand the miracle of Woman we must first look at the miracle of Man. GOD in his creation made Man in "His" own image. First of all to be like GOD, Man would have to possess the attributes of GOD. Thus we see man has to have dominion or rule. GOD in his wisdom first creates an earth

and creatures that man would have dominion over. From this act we see the supernatural Power of GOD in action. Further on in Genesis, GOD says "Let Us Make Man". Us here lets the reader know that GOD could understand the loneliness of a being on an earth by himself without an equal when he stated "It is not Good for Man to be Alone." Even in the making of the creatures on the earth, even they had companionship. This is referenced in the statement "Be fruitful and multiply." Now we come to the place where Power brings about the Miracle. It took Power to bring about the creation and all that evolved in time. One day there was Light; the next day there was Heaven and so on. (Gen. Chap.1) The awesome Miracle that took place, ("The Creation of Woman" Gen. 2: 21-23) was when GOD took from His "Creative Power" to form the "miracle of life." In Man it took molding and shaping from the dust, the life giving force of GOD himself breathing in dust, "life." In Woman it was a Miraculous Event to make all this happen in just one event. A Supernatural Miracle indeed, when GOD took the rib of man and made him a help meet. (Gen 2:18) GOD did not breath in her because in the man which GOD had breathed upon there was life. It apparently was

miraculous to Adam because his statement was "Bone of my Bone, Flesh of my Flesh."

This is why man ought to honour, cherish, and love his wife. She is that miraculous counterpart GOD has placed in the garden of life for Man. In the book of Proverbs (Pro.31: 10) it is recorded that the price of a virtuous Woman is far above rubies. The miraculous being that GOD created called Woman is priceless. Who can put a value on what GOD has made. A Woman that fears the Lord is to be praised. Let us look at an example of a godly Woman. Ruth left her family to dwell with her mother in law, Naomi, (an Israelite) whose son had died. Ruth being her daughter in law was no longer obligated to Naomi but instead decided to travel with her that she might look after the elder woman. The miraculous relationship (such a commitment was unheard of) of the two caused them both to prosper in later years. Ex. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. Pro. 31:25, Ruth's decision to stay with and care for Naomi shows how virtuous she was.

Pitt County Health Department Offering Flu Shots By Appointment for Priority Populations

Effective immediately, the Pitt County Health Department will begin offering flu shots to members of the priority population by appointment only. Individuals who meet the criteria should call 902-2449 for an appointment. Appointments will be required.

Priority Groups for Vaccination include the following high risk groups:

- All children age 6 - 23 months
 - Adults age 65 and over
 - Persons 2 64 years of age with chronic medical conditions including heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, suppressed immune system
 - All women who are pregnant during the flu season
 - Residents of nursing homes and long term care facilities
 - Children 6 mos - 18 years of age on chronic aspirin therapy.
- Additional members of the priority population includes:
- Individuals age 50-64
 - Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of persons in high risk groups*
 - Health Care workers with direct patient care (new group effective January 3, 2005)

Mrs. Annie R. Daughtay Passes On



Mrs. Annie R. Daughtay, 68, passed away at home Friday, Dec. 24, 2004. A funeral service will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at

Philippi Church of Christ of Greenville.

She was the daughter of the late Zack Reddick, Sr. and Josephine Graham. She attended Pitt County

She was employed by White's Cleaning Service, the Pitt County Board of Elections, and was a certified personal care aid. She is survived by a daughter, Valerie S. Dillahunt of Ayden; a son, Howard E. Pritchard Sr. of Bracey, Va.; a brother, Zack Reddick Jr. of Greenville; a son-in-law, Mark Dillahunt; a sister-in-law, Mar-ion Reddick; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In Loving Memory of Kenneth Gray Suggs



The Suggs Family

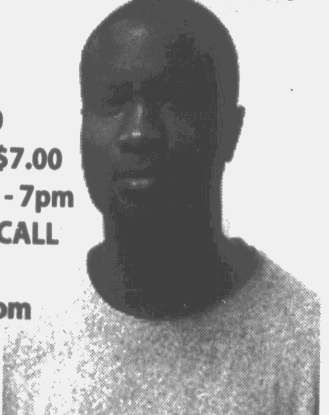
Sunrise: June 19, 1988
Sunset: January 31, 2004

Now Getting A Haircut Is Easier Than Ever

Will's Mobile Haircut



Haircuts - \$8.00
Shapeups - \$4.00
Children's Hair Cuts - \$7.00
HOURS: Mon - fri 10am - 7pm
FOR APPOINTMENTS CALL
(252) 412-9735
wilmodel@yahoo.com
NC LIC: C - 53705



Now is the time

to commemorate the sacred memory of your loved ones. Maybe there was so much to do at the time... but, now, we can help you select a fitting way to mark the grave.

Come in and let us assist you.
Affordable Rates.
Layaway Plan available.



For more information call
341-3434 or 758-8883

We've Moved!

Heel/Sew Quik

Full and Half Soles
Heel Replacement
Rockport Resolink Shoe Care
Keys Made
We Clean Timberlands

Now located in the
Carolina East Center
Directly Across From Ryan Steak House
Suite #24
3400 South Memorial Drive
Open Mon-Sat 10AM - 8PM
Telephone (252) 756-0044



Hemby
Tarboro, NC
(252) 823-5129

Mutts
Scotland Neck, NC
(252) 826-4406

Hemby
Fountain, NC
(252) 749-3256

Floral Creations
Scotland Neck, NC
(252) 826-5094

"Family Serving Families"