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BUSINESS EXEC TAKES NAACP HELM

ATLANTA, Georgia — Turning to a businessman to lead one of the nation's seminal civil rights groups, the NAACP's board of directors announced Saturday that Bruce S. Gordon, a retired Verizon executive, will be its next president.

tributed to widespread mismanagement at national headquarters in Baltimore. One staff member threatened to sue.

Described as a top-notch leader and consensus-builder, Gordon, 59, began his career in 1968 as a man-

group's board of directors, said in an interview. "That was attractive to us. Not to say that the NAACP didn't have that. But with every step we've taken ... we wanted to move up. And we think he's going to bring us a quantitative move up."

Gordon's priorities...

Gordon said his first priorities will be to improve the organization's finances — its expenses have exceeded its income for the last two years, tax documents show — by working to build an endowment, increasing membership and pushing for more efficiency in operations.

His civil rights priorities include working toward greater economic equality, he said.

"People of color need to change and balance the trade deficit that exists between people of color and the rest of society," Gordon said.

A National Association for the Advancement of Colored People search committee invited Gordon to apply for the position in February. More than 250 candidates were considered, Bond said.

It became clear last week that Gordon was the only presidential candidate under consideration, a choice that marked a striking change for the NAACP. Most presidents have been political or religious leaders — or prominent figures from the civil rights movement.

"He's not a minister or a politician, but this man's been doing it all along," said Eric Cavis, a vice president in Verizon's retail division who has known Gordon since 1986. "He has a social accountability that he's been preaching for years."

Cavis said Gordon pioneered diversity efforts at Verizon for blacks

and other minorities, consistently pushing the company to improve its hiring and promotion practices.

Gordon was born in Camden, New Jersey, and raised with four siblings by parents who were both educators and civil right activists.

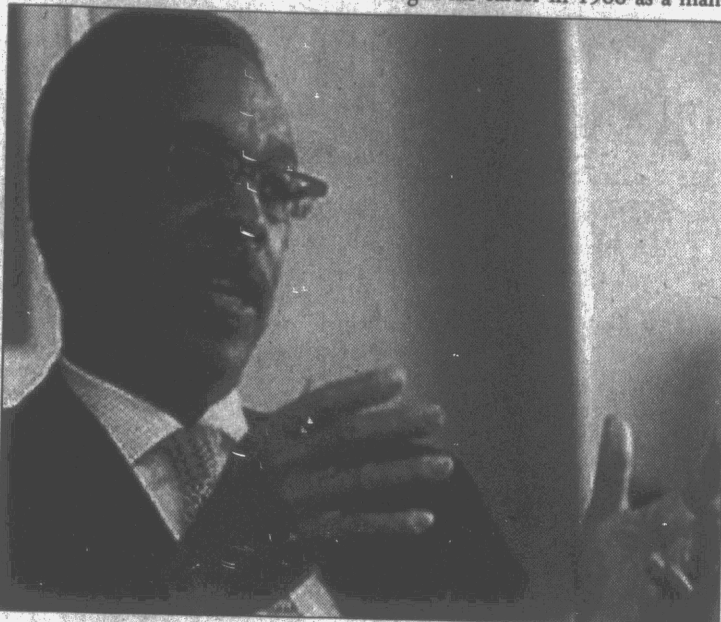
He serves on boards of Southern Co. and Tyco International Ltd.

and is a trustee of Gettysburg College and the Alvin Ailey Dance Foundation. He was named one of Fortune magazine's 50 most powerful black executives in 2002 and executive of the year by Black Enterprise magazine in 1998.

"I think he's a godsend," said Leroy Warren, a board member from

Silver Spring, Maryland, minutes after the board voted. "We need to get back to real civil rights and economic development. ... He has the intelligence to move forward."

After contract negotiations Gordon is expected to be confirmed as president at the association's convention in a few weeks.



"Civil rights leaders throughout this country did what they did and died, so my generation has full responsibility to walk in the doors those brave people opened," Gordon said after the board voted. "It's fabulous, exciting, humbling."

Gordon was selected by a large majority of the board to succeed Kweisi Mfume, former U.S. representative and a candidate for Senate in Maryland who resigned abruptly in November. (Read more)

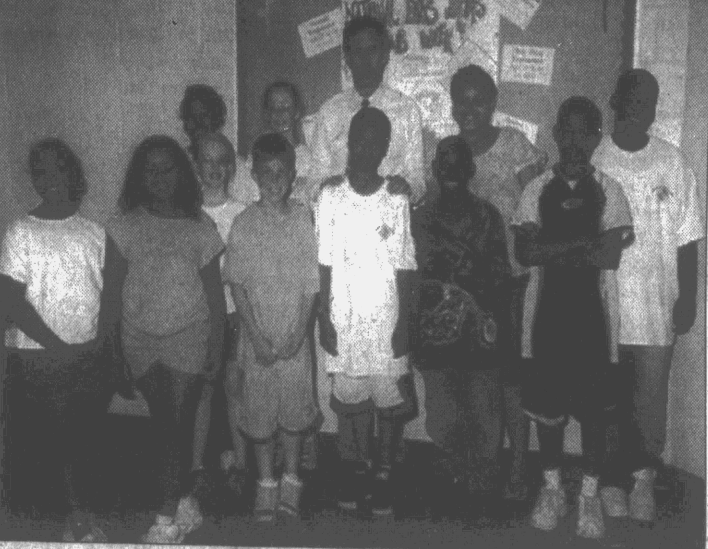
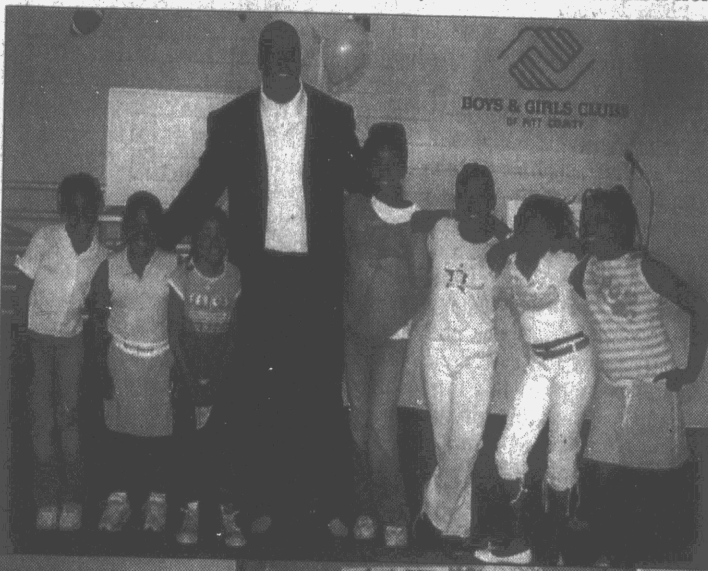
Several months later a report surfaced that his personal relationships with NAACP staffers had con-

agement trainee at Bell of Pennsylvania.

For 35 years, amid massive upheaval in the telecommunications industry, he helped the company navigate the string of mergers that led it to become Verizon Communications Inc.

When he retired in December 2003, he was chief of Verizon's biggest division — retail markets.

Gordon's corporate background "means that he is accustomed to working within a system in which merit and achievement count the most," Julian Bond, chairman of the



SMILING HAPPILY FOR THE CAMERA: Above is Alge Crumpler, Football All-Pro Tight End with the Atlanta Falcons is pictured here with seven young members of the Boys & Girls Club. Posing with Crumpler, (from left to right) is Jolisa Gardner, Shanice Tyson, April Jordan, Taylor McNeil, Dynasty Williams, Ontjea Hunt and Bethany DeNeal.

Below we find (from left to right) Jessica Warren, Kate Hanley, Director Jay Faran, Brittney Grillo and Aaron Atkinson in the back row. In the front row (from left to right) is Sarah Hanley, Jasmine Tyson, Ashley Brown, Brian Purser, Alex White, Terrence Holloway and Joshua Keyes, (more Boys & Girl Club Pg. 4). Photo: Jim Rouse



On a hot summer night in August 75 years ago, three men were dragged from a Marion, Indiana jail cell and one by one were hung from the neck on a tree about a block and a half from the City Jail. One survived. Awaiting an formal apology from the U.S. Senate and seated in a wheelchair above next to Senator Mary Landrieu, D-La., museum curator, James Cameron, 91, is thought to be the only living survivor of a lynching attempt. "I was saved by a miracle," he said. (See story on page 7)

Dozens of hate group members meet at national battlefield for rally



By Sue Lindsey
YORKTOWN, Va. — Members of a group calling itself "America's Nazi Party" waved flags bearing swastikas and shouted slogans like "Sieg Heil" at a rally on a national battlefield Saturday a week ago, while some 500 counter-demonstrators gathered on a field nearby.

About 150 members of the National Socialist Movement and their

supporters gathered at the Yorktown Battlefield to honor George Washington and other founding fathers whom they claim held separatist and anti-Semitic views—a position disputed by most scholars.

Many wore Nazi uniforms with swastika armbands, while others identified themselves as members of the Ku Klux Klan and various skinhead groups.

"This is sacred ground," said Jeff Schoep of Minneapolis, Commander of the National Socialist Movement, which bills itself as the largest Nazi party in the United States.

The counter-demonstrators, who came from as far away as New Jersey and Pennsylvania, gathered about 250 yards away. One group, Anti-Racist Action, marched in carrying a pink and red banner with black lettering that said, "Smash racism now."

"All we want to do today is to get as close as we can and let them know they're not welcome to organize anywhere," protester Rob Conner said.

The groups were separated by iron fences and police said no one was arrested. The U.S. Park Police said 15 law enforcement agencies were involved in maintaining security at the event. A helicopter circled the field continuously throughout the two-hour rallies.

The NSM had wanted the rally to be on the spot where the British army surrendered to Washington to end the siege of Yorktown—and the Revolutionary War—on Oct. 19, 1781. Much of the park can be used by outside groups, but Mike Litterst, a spokesman for the National Park Service based at Yorktown, said Surrender Field has always been off-limits.

Sue Lindsey writes the AP

Eastern Carolina Religious Leaders meet with Congressional Black Caucus



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Recently Congressman G. K. Butterfield welcomed more than 50 religious leaders from Eastern North Carolina as they took part in a daylong dialogue with more than two-dozen Congressional leaders.

"This is an opportunity for some members of our faith-based community to talk directly with national leaders about the

issues affecting people in Eastern North Carolina," Butterfield said.

The event sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus, clergy from around other parts of the country joined religious leaders from eastern North Carolina with CBC Chairman and Congressman Mel Watt, D-NC welcoming all to the event.

The gathering, which fol-

lowed a discussion held in Rayburn House Office Building, touched on the budget, health care, education, economic opportunity, housing, foreign policy and Social Security. Among the members of Congress who lead the discussions were James Clyburn, D-SC, Albert Wynn, D-MD, Emanuel Cleaver, D-MO., Elijah

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Minority Voice OP-EDS

Because whatever happens to America happens to Black America first....

The Stench of Youth Death in the Black Community: When is enough... enough?

GREENVILLE, NC - The growing city of Greenville, North Carolina, West Greenville in particular, like any other inner-city within the continental United States, has its share of vice including theft, probation-truancy, drugs, murder, gun running, spousal abuse, child sexual abuse, but especially Black youth deaths.

That is deaths of young Black males between the ages of 14 to 21, and often the obituary reveals that some are younger. The "Bloody Feud" recently encapsulated on Greenville's Daily Reflector front page, June 19, 2005, West Greenville's bloody feudal chronology and pictures of the fallen. Thus noting a sad commentary spoken all too often: The stench of youth death in the community: when is enough, enough?

The stench of death, however graphic in nature, permeates West Greenville giving it a over cast even on a sunny day. Sadly, the bullets and the blood freely flow between

two of the areas best known houses of worship, located between Farmville Boulevard and Bancroft Avenue. And within the span of twenty-five years one spot therein has claimed the lives of one too many youth. The dead do speak and our youth are crying out for help, change and leadership without a visible spot or wrinkle!

That well known areas within this hub of Black life and urban living could began to resemble the war torn streets of Iraq beginning with boarded up dwellings, trash strewn streets, the chronically unemployed, abusers of fortified wine and other reality numbing drugs as well as daylight prostitutes and you get a situation that cries foul play not against the city of Greenville but against West Greenville's very own, and those who do business in the vicinity.

Notwithstanding realities of this degree are not only down right embarrassing, but they for some reason prove difficult in rousing the community from self imposed states of sleep that fester hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil but mostly leave the evil alone. That matter perhaps is left for resolve during mass community meetings in the aftermath of death.

Sociologists have well docu-

mented the problems of sick (ill) communities and West Greenville is no less in its struggles. Remedies for social ills suffered by the community of West Greenville are the same as those proposed for other communities tougher gun control laws, beefed up police foot or bike patrols, better lighting as well as curfews.

Community citizenry patrols across the United States are noted on record for having put an end to acts of violence to make their neighborhoods safe again. They believe and fight for the right to not live in fear, but in clean respectable neighborhoods and in homes that sell above and not below market value.

But whatever happened to self-respect, however, and to community respect, as well as family and extended family? And as all who read this know, the extended family was crucial in keeping flaying family components together and crime curbed so it did appear. Big mama, her sister aunt Lottie Bell, her husband Fred- even if he did drink too much- made family family, and the community safe.

They jointly and lovingly provided a "straighten you out place" for that crazy and on the run New York cousin named June Bug. Is it

safe to say that the god-awful stench of death has replaced that thing called brotherly love- or worse its anticipation- when community members are quoted as saying, "it'll happen again?"

Back in the ole and not to distant day's sista's and mothers of the church- deacons and pastors alike- would gather in the streets and pray and sing women of ill-repute and others into the church for a holy cleansing. In following the word on the street would be "oh, so and so is saved now." Such acts of faith and belief made a difference because the people believed in the God they served on Sunday morning and would rebuke you if you got in their way. They called on His name and believed that he'd show up and show out! No doubt He did for them; clearly, He's able to do it again?

It's a new day folks, and God won't suffer anyone to compartmentalize or relegate his supreme Alpha and Omega power for selfish gains only. He's neither the master of confusion nor is he the father of fear. The God spoken of will bring the fire so close that no question remains as to where the problem lies and with whom. Perhaps harder to embrace is that he'll allow the killing to continue until his dearly beloved cries out: Enough Is Enough, Come now Lord Right Now!



BULLETIN: COMMUNITIES RESPOND TO YOUTH GANGS IN AMERICA
On August 11, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. (EST), the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) will air the 90-minute satellite videoconference, "Communities Respond to Youth Gangs in America." The videoconference, which may be viewed online, will feature community programs and strategies that effectively address the youth gang problem. It will explore strategies to leverage existing resources, provide examples of partnerships across disciplines, highlight innovative strategies, and share information on faith-based responses. Resources: To access further information and register online, visit <http://www.trc.edu/jj>. Please address questions to Jenny McWilliams at ekujitap@aol.com or 859-622-6671.

- that when it comes down to it, no matter how White you become, at the end of the day, the ones who are praying for you is your extended family of Black fans.

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A Thriller: Michael Jackson is Vindicated

by George E. Curry
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - African-Americans rejoiced over Michael Jackson being acquitted Monday of child molestation charges, not because of a firm belief in his innocence but because they welcome evidence that the criminal justice system can treat Blacks fairly, many activists and civil rights leaders say.



George E. Curry demonstrates that the criminal justice system can treat Blacks fairly, many activists and civil rights leaders say.

"We have a double standard in this country," says psychologist Julia Hare of San Francisco. "That's why so many Blacks cheered this case on. They do not condone molestation. It's not even about Michael Jackson. It's about the injustices in the history of this country."

Joe Hopkins, a prominent attorney in Pasadena, Calif., agrees.

"For African-Americans, this case, like the O.J. (Simpson) case, was much bigger than Michael Jackson," he says. "This case raises a question of whether they - the dominant society - can bring flimsy charges against a named celebrity and win."

After being in court for nearly four months and deliberating for seven days, the all-White jury acquitted Jackson of all 10 felony counts -

four for child molesting, one for attempted child molesting, four of administering alcohol to aid in the commission of a felony, and conspiracy to commit child abduction, false imprisonment and extortion. If found guilty on all counts, Jackson could have received more than 18 years in prison.

Many media accounts had presumed that Jackson would be found guilty. One New York Times headline read, "Makeup of Jackson Jury Seems to Favor Prosecution." And the Associated Press had even predicted that a guilty Michael Jackson would be assigned to the Corcoran State Prison, "located 100 miles northeast of the gated estate where prosecutors charge Jackson molested a 13-year-old boy."

At a news conference after the verdict was announced, many of the jurors said prosecutors failed to prove their case.

"We expected probably better evidence... something that was a little more convincing, and it just wasn't there," said a person identified only as juror No. 10.

On the other side of the country, in Washington, D.C., some still believe that Jackson is guilty.

"I think the verdict was wrong," says Jan Mitchell, 21, a graduate of Howard University. "I think he needs help. Either he needs to get psychological help or he needs to go to jail."

Another Howard graduate, Melvin Barrolle, said he does not share that view.

"I believe he is innocent," Barrolle says. "I felt that he did live in an alternate reality, but I didn't feel that that was enough to convict him

on these kind of charges. So, in many ways, it came out the way it was supposed to come out."

Jesse Jackson said heavy-handed law enforcement officials transformed Jackson from an alleged perpetrator to a victim, at least in the eyes of the public.

"The very aggressive sheriff went into his home with 75 armed deputies," Jesse Jackson said in an interview with the NNPA News Service. "They occupied his home and ransacked his home. Many in the news media indicted him before he was even tried. Then the judge was so generous in allowing [the prosecutor] to bring up all this old stuff. It seems that the odds were against Michael. In a great sense, at some point, Michael became the victim. A persecuted hero is a different hero than a guilty hero."

Many experts believe Michael Jackson can now put the emotional and often embarrassing trial behind him.

"He'll be able to bounce back," says Attorney Hopkins. "He obviously has a worldwide fan base and the fans may just want to rebel against those who prosecuted him in the first place and go all-out to show that he hasn't lost a thing. He's got enough resources to bounce back and with the right public relations, he can go right back to the top."

Public relations experts believe Jackson, 46, can remain a major force in the music industry for years to come.

"He will have an opportunity to restart his career," says Ofield Dukes, a public relations executive who has

had many prominent entertainers as clients. "It's interesting that White fans throughout the world traveled to California because they had greater respect for his integrity than many Black fans. If Michael Jackson were to come to the MCI Center [in Washington, D.C.] tonight, it would be packed and

probably 90 percent of the fans would be White."

According to Julia Hare, that's the problem.

"I hope that Michael Jackson, at this time, will sell Neverland [ranch] and that he will come to realize who he is and learn his lesson in blackness



capital in the crusade. Surely Blair thought he would reap the benefits of his controversial support; after all, Bush would be indebted to him. Blair couldn't have been more wrong.

As part of his activities as chair of G8, Blair personally appealed to Bush and other world leaders to secure pledges to double aid to Africa over the next 10 years. G8, or Group 8, is a member organization of the world's richest nations: Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States. The group will meet this July in Scotland to develop an agenda to, among other things, put an end to poverty

Bush beholden to Blair and Africa

on the African continent. Apparently, President Bush is not familiar with the particulars of political payback-not only did he refuse to reconsider his earlier refusals to double aid to Africa, he also stood before the media and the world and pledged an embarrassingly low dollar amount to support this cause: \$674 million in emergency aid.

If this sounds like a generous amount, don't be fooled. Currently, the U.S. contributes 0.16 percent of its national income to aid to poor nations. This, despite agreeing three years ago to increase aid to 0.7 percent by 2015; 0.7 percent of the U.S. economy is about \$80 billion. That's about the same amount the Senate allocated for military spending. And it's nowhere near last year's \$100 billion-plus corporate tax cut.

When asked why the U.S. can't commit more funds as other countries have, Bush remarked that it "doesn't fit into our budgetary process." America's budget has room for a war with no real enemy and no exit plan in sight, but none to help prevent malaria deaths in thousands of children, provide education for girls and develop youth-oriented programs in various parts of Africa?

Africa is blessed with vast natural and cultural resources. Despite this, most of the continent remains underdeveloped. Africa is the only continent that has grown poorer in the last 25 years. As a result, the African people continue to live in extreme poverty. Increased aid to Africa would allow the continent to reverse the damage war, civil unrest, disease, famine and other natural and man-made disasters-including the slave trade-have caused.

If President Bush is committed to ensuring the world is a more just place, shouldn't part of his efforts be to make sure that justice means innocent people are not dying poverty-related deaths in a world of riches? Tony Blair's support of Bush caused a rift between him and the British people and both he and the Labor Party suffered during the last elections. Through it all, Blair held up his end of the bargain. It's now time for Bush to repay Blair for his loyalty and seriously commit to helping rebuild Africa.

(Judge Greg Mathis is Chairman of the Rainbow PUSH-Excel Board and a National Board Member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.)

differences and so the child that has the greatest energy is going to be African-American male children. They're going to have the shortest at-

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Pre-K Black Kids Getting Expelled at Alarming Rates

by Makebra M. Anderson
NNPA National Correspondent
WASHINGTON (NNPA) - The number of African-American women enrolling in college between 2000 and 2001 was more than double that of Black men, according to a study released by the American Council on Education.

Black men increased by 30,000. The number of Black women in college rose by 73,000 during that same period.

Many experts think the gap between Black men and women can be attributed to the way Black children are treated as young as pre-school.

According to researches at Yale University, African-American children in pre-kindergarten are twice as likely to be expelled as Hispanic and White children and more than five times as likely to be expelled as Asian children. According to most, a lack of support in the classroom is to blame.

"These three and four year olds are barely out of diapers. No one wants to think about children this young being kicked out of school, especially not their parents and teachers. All teachers in state-funded prekindergarten programs should have access to the support staff they need to effectively manage classroom behavior. When they do, expulsion rates are cut nearly in half," said Walter Gilliam, author of the Yale University study "Prekindergartners Left Behind."

According to the study, state expulsion rates for pre-kindergartners exceed those in K-12 classes. Gilliam found that expulsion rates are lowest in classrooms located in public

schools and Head Start and highest in faith-affiliated centers, for-profit childcare and other community-based settings. In classrooms where the teacher had no access to a psychologist or psychiatrist, students were expelled twice as often.

Nationally, 10.4 percent of teachers reported expelling at least one pre-kindergartener during the past year, for an expulsion rate of 6.7 per 1,000 compared to 2.1 per 1,000 for students in K-12. The lowest rates of expulsion were reported by teachers who had an ongoing, regular relationship with a behavioral consultant. In classrooms where the teacher had no access to a behavioral consultant, students were expelled about twice as often.

Gilliam, who is also assistant professor of child psychiatry and psychology at the Yale University Child Study Center, believes that access to support programs would make the difference of whether a child is expelled or remains in the classroom.

"After decades of research in early education, we know that these programs can significantly improve children's school readiness and help put them on a path toward continued educational and lifelong success," he said.

One program that has helped young children make the adjustment to entering school is Head Start. Created in 1965, Head Start is the most successful, longest-running, national school readiness program in the United States. It provides comprehensive education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement services to low-income children and their families.

More than 21 million pre-school aged children have benefited from Head Start.

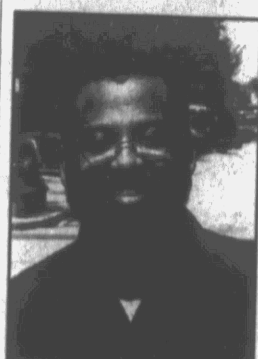
But for some, programs are not enough. Jawanza Kunjufu, head of

Chicago-based African-American Images, which publishes and distributes books that promote self-esteem, collective values, liberation and skill development, believes there are also cul-

tural differences that contribute to expulsion at such an early age.

"Without knowing the makeup of the staff, my first point is that teachers simply do not allow for gender

COOPER'S COMMENTARY The Fortunes of War: Vietnam



Cooper

Communism in Southeast Asia. He believed the U.S. had an urgent responsibility to save the South Vietnamese from the Communist North. LBJ engaged in massive deception tactics to win support for his Vietnam War efforts.

Johnson's infamous deception was highlighted by the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin incident where Johnson retaliated against North Vietnam for an attack (supposedly against a USS Maddox destroyer) that never occurred. In fact, the North Vietnamese were provoked by aggressive U.S. maneuvers in the Gulf. This was the proverbial "straw that broke the camel's back."

The United States went from 3,000 "military advisors" in South Vietnam under JFK in 1961 to more than 60,000 U.S. troops in April 1965. Hence, American forces became engulfed in a quagmire that would rock the Johnson Presidency and dissuade LBJ from seeking a second term in 1968. As a matter of fact, angry protesters sometimes threw eggs at President

Johnson's limousine as he traveled from place to place. Fervent opposition from humanitarians like Dr. Martin Luther King turned public opinion against Johnson. In 1967, King made his famous anti-Vietnam War speech which further convinced the world that the war in Vietnam was more about politics than in saving the South Vietnamese.

The Tet Offensive in 1968 was the climax of the war. Seventy thousand North Vietnamese attacked more than 100 cities and towns. When the dust cleared, 37,000 Viet Cong and 2,500 Americans were consumed. This was the result of brilliant calculations by General Vo Nguyen Giap. Giap's strategy to avoid stalemate was to stage massive, simultaneous attacks to surprise American forces and force them to "get the hell out of Dodge." Giap was willing to suffer heavy casualties for strategic, long-term gains.

Many Americans remember the infamous My Lai Massacre, where American soldiers massacred one hundred peasants, including women and children. This helped solidify opposition to LBJ. The writing was on the wall. Vietnam would serve as an "albatross around Johnson's neck."

By March 1967, Johnson's popularity was around 30 percent, thanks to the Tet Offensive. Interestingly, in 1963, LBJ's popularity was 80 percent in the wake of President Kennedy's assassination. What a drop!

By April 1975, the last Marines had retreated (abandoning South Vietnam), and Viet Cong tanks rolled into Saigon. The war had cost America billions of dollars and served as a blow to her prestige and mighty imperialism.

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The Meaningless Apology on Lynching

Why are some Black folks so happy to hear an apology from people who don't mean it?

There are nearly a million African Americans in prison — one out of eight inmates on the planet — a gulag of monstrous proportions, clearly designed to perpetuate the social relations that began with slavery. We demand an end to those relations, not an insincere, risk-free "apology" that sets not one prisoner free.

It is appropriate that the great anti-lynching leader, Ida B. Wells (1862-1931), who documented the murder of nearly 5,000 Blacks at the hands of white mobs in the terror-filled years that followed the death of Reconstruction, be verbally honored by Louisiana Democratic Senator Mary Landrieu and Virginia Republican Senator George Allen. Yet both Senators supported laws that will impose draconian equivalents of post-Civil War "Black Codes" on inner city youth, who will now be designated as criminal conspirators if they congregate in groups of three or more.

No thank you, Senators Landrieu and Allen — the crime you committed against us in May vastly outweighs your weak apology in June. You have guaranteed that hundreds of thousands more young Black people will be interned in your gulag — a crime against humanity. And both of you are determined to commit more crimes. Should we ask for an apology in advance?

There can be no absolution for those who continue to profit from past crimes, and plot new

ones. Lynch law was the effective law of the South — and, truth be told, the rest of the United States — and the "lawful" authorities sanctioned it by refusing to pass 200 anti-lynching bills. The terror of lynching created the social relationships that resulted in white households accumulating ten to twenty times as much wealth as Black households — our collective national inheritance. An apology will not do.

Is that what our movement has been about all of these generations — to get an apology from people who became rich on our backs? There is a method to this racist madness, an assumption that African Americans can be bought by a simple nod from a few white people. Some of these racists will not even give us a nod — the twelve or sixteen senators who did not join in the anti-lynching vote, all but one of them Republicans. The Repub-

lican Senate Leader made sure that no member would have to go on record against lynching. However, are we supposed to be grateful for a non-binding resolution that admits thousands of murders were committed with the complicity of the United States government, but that does not redress the wrongs in any way.

Where is the sense of justice in this apology? What do the descendants of the terrorized class expect? That wrongs be righted,

or that those who have profited gain absolution?

Lynching was genocide. The United States Senate did not ratify the Convention on Genocide until 1988, 40 years after African Americans circulated the petition, "We Charge Genocide," in an effort to make international law applicable to the U.S. By this time, most of the former Dixiecrats had become Republicans, and felt safe in blaming their former party for their own crimes.

The United States, controlled by a Republican majority and feckless minority of white Democrats whose greatest fear is their Black constituents, is now engaged in a grand venture to export the ideology of white terror, planet-wide. They have not learned a thing. Having never practiced democracy on their own shores, they claim a copyright to the concept. The fact that nobody believes their claims does not phase them, because they are marching to the tune of Manifest Destiny — the white man's right to rule. It is that belief that drew tens of thousands of whites to the lynching fields of Georgia and Indiana, for the sport of Negro-killing. Now they are in Iraq and Afghanistan, claiming moral authority.

The march of civilization goes on, leaving the United States behind. The bubble of news communication fools only those inside. The rest of the globe sees its own interests, and recognizes white arrogance, intuitively.

This intuitive knowledge, born of gruesome experience,

also informs Black Americans. Although surrounded by the same bubble of misinformation as the rest of Americans, Blacks smell the lie. The vast bulk of us see the "apology" for what it is — a scam, with no substantial benefits, and less good faith. But there is a class that is paid to say "Yes sir," on command. Most of us pay them no attention.

Lynch law was no law at all. It was pure white power — the right to declare oneself a higher form of being, and reduce the "other" to charcoal. The current rulers of the United States are spreading lynch law to the far reaches of the planet. They claim the right to "pre-emptive" warfare, and reject all other people's rights to live under collectively accepted rules. They wage war against the concept of international law, just as they violated every law that did not enshrine white privilege.

Nothing has changed, except the world. We will not tolerate such criminality, anymore. In fact, we have collectively called the behavior that white folks in the United States routinely engaged in, criminal. It's far too late for the U.S. Senate to pass a non-binding resolution announcing some vague objection to lynching, when they pass legislation that makes it a crime to be Black and a youth, vote billions to fund a military machine that seeks to enslave the planet, and rejects the authority of the World Criminal Court. In doing so, they have made themselves outlaws.

We will not forgive, or accept an apology that does not come with a change in power relationships. And we will reject any so-called Black leadership that makes its own deal.

Michael did not need Fox TV Fair and balanced, my derriere



Wilbert A. Tatum

by Wilbert A. Tatum

Is it enough to just say congratulations to Michael Jackson, his lawyers, his family and his friends? Is it enough to simply say, "Thank God that Michael is alive, and will not have to spend any time in prison, that he is resting and perhaps on his way to recovery?"

To our way of thinking, it is not enough. A mad dog of a district attorney has grievously injured him. An unfeeling, vicious media, who first and forward is Fox television news, with a scam of a program called "The

O'Reilly Factor" and a man — perhaps animal is a better term for him — who went beyond the pale in making an effort to convict Michael Jackson before he was ever tried.

Even now, with Michael feeling ill, or at least sick at heart, this fool O'Reilly, who calls himself fair and balanced, is doing his program as if nothing ever happened, bringing on all those of his friends who insisted all along that Michael was guilty. And bringing on many others of his friends and colleagues who didn't go so far, but who insisted that Michael had to have done something, because he was indicted.

This man, Bill O'Reilly, is a danger to everything that we hold dear in America, because he is of the vicious mind and body who takes anything dirty and makes it his anthem, while not having the decency to believe that there is a man who loves children, who wants them to be happy because it makes him happy. So, this O'Reilly is a mean man. He's a

vicious man. And, a godless man who has no business on the airwaves anywhere in the United States. Our prayer has to be: God damn his soul!

As for Michael, you will recall that we have supported Michael all along, but that's neither here or there. We had no basis to believe in him, except we did. We believed in his honesty and the purity of a man who loves children, and for all intents and purposes is a child himself.

We are in no position to offer Michael any advice about anything in his life right now, except to be well. Be alert, and return to your chosen profession. Fortunately, Americans are a forgiving people, even when you've not done anything for it. They forgive you for being on the dirty end of a stick that is being stuck in your face.

Michael is a victim of victims, and there is nothing more horrible than a grown man sexually abusing a child.

That will be a shadow created by American media (white

media, we might add) that he will have to live with for the rest of his life. But we were saying something different.

What is he to do now? Number one: Michael, get straight with your soul. Pray a lot, if this is your way. But, don't forgive anybody who has abused you verbally, physically, or mentally, during these horrible months and years in which you have been accused of some of the most heinous crimes imaginable. We would wish to advise you to get even. But, we cannot advise this to any man, except living well as you do God's will is perhaps to have gotten even enough.

Personally, we don't think so. Yet, what would it profit you to spend the rest of your life on a vendetta against a vicious district attorney, and the liars and thieves you helped, had in your house and made life less miserable for them for a little while?

There must be a reward somewhere for you. At this moment in our history our anger and resentment is because of

what you had to go through. We can only imagine that God or Jehovah, or whoever, or whatever, would allow the entire Jackson family to make an album called "The Jackson Family Sings," using all of their skills to make an album produced by Quincy Jones, playing the most wonderful tunes that the Jackson family can produce, selling them all over the world in such numbers as to give the Jackson family enough money to live on forever — with an ability to fight off government, if needed, when this family is ever threatened again.

We do not know whether an album is the right thing or wrong thing, but it is the way Jackson made his money. It is probably the most certain way that he can immediately recoup the hundreds of millions of dollars spent since he was indicted, and lost trying to be good to other people, especially children.

If this editorial sounds a bit bitter, it is because we are bitter about what happened to Michael Jackson and about what

happened to so many other Black stars who have been falsely indicted by criminal prosecutors who wanted to make a name for themselves and were able to do so because in the American justice system it is possible to indict a ham sandwich.

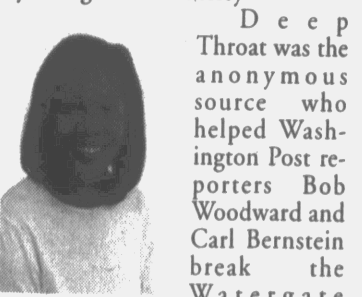
We can only wish that Michael grows older doing the things he loves to do: helping children and others in need — whether they are white or black, poor or well-off. He deserves having the pleasure of doing that.

And for those who would continue to vilify Jackson, we say: a pox on all your houses, and may the good Lord help you by providing 747 wings for your descent into hell. Good luck, Michael! We have yet to hear your answer, and the scorecard is not yet prepared, as we list your enemies one by one, and try to get even for you. You can't do it for yourself, Michael. You need those of us who are your friends to do it for you. God bless you, Michael!

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John Conyers and Deep Throat

by Margaret Kimberley



Margaret Kimberley

Deep Throat was the anonymous source who helped Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein break the Watergate story. For the past 30 years the identity and in some cases the very existence of Deep Throat has been called into question until Mark Felt recently revealed himself to be the mystery man.

There have been many opportunities for eager reporters to bring down the current White House occupant, but no one in the corporate media seems to want the job. At the end of 2000 Greg Palast, an American reporter working for the British press, revealed that Florida Governor Jeb Bush had removed thousands of eligible voters, most of them black, from the voter registration rolls, thereby stealing the state for his brother George W.

At that time the media told us about hanging chads and butterfly ballots, but nothing about the true theft of Florida and the presidency. When Palast handed the story to CBS, the Washington Post and others, he was told that Jeb denied everything. In the current political climate a denial from a subject, a powerful subject, that is, means the end of any reporting.

Bob Woodward is now managing editor at the Washington Post. While he cut his teeth on the dethronement of a criminal presidency, he is now in bed with another criminal presidency. Woodward wrote Bush at War with the full cooperation of the Bush White House. Trusted by Bush, Cheney, Rove and company, Woodward now perfectly fits the definition of a compromised journalist.

There is plenty of evidence to bring articles of impeachment against this president. One member of Congress is trying to bring attention to information that stares the corporate media in the face but is rarely if ever acknowledged.

Thanks once again to the British media we have proof of what any thinking person already knew. The Bush administration lied about the need to go to war against and occupy Iraq. There was no nuclear capability, and no WMDs either. The evidence purporting to show that they did exist were all fabricated.

An internal memo from Tony Blair's government said the following about the Bush administration argument in favor of war with Iraq: Bush wanted to remove Saddam, through military action, justified by the conjunction of terrorism and WMD. But the intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy.

Unlike in the early 1970s, the Washington Post didn't even have to do any work on this story. All the Post had to do was quote other

newspapers. They finally did, but very late and with very little fanfare. The Post reported the story weeks after the Times of London did, and to add insult to injury placed it on page A18. The Post's own readers angrily emailed their ombudsman and demanded that their newspaper do its job, only to be scolded for daring to question that august publication.

Democratic Congressman John Conyers of Michigan isn't holding his breath waiting for the press to tell this story. He is asking at least 100,000 Americans to sign a letter demanding answers to questions on the Downing Street memo.

John Conyers sat on the House Judiciary committee that was on the verge of impeaching Richard Nixon. Conyers must be feeling a strange case of déjà vu. He has seen a corrupt White House before, but in 1974 America still had a functioning press and Democrats were the majority party in the House of Representatives.

Thanks to Democratic party incompetence, that hasn't been the case since 1994. Conyers and his colleagues have evidence of numerous impeachable offenses against George W. Bush, but they are unable to make themselves heard when their leaders won't buck the system and the media focus on missing person cases and celebrity criminal trials.

Conyers is doing his job as a member of Congress, the media's job as an investigative

force, and the Democratic party's job in opposing the Republicans. Not content to wear so many hats, John Conyers ignored the right wing attack on Felt, and planned to praise him with a House resolution.

"As one who was a first hand witness to Watergate, I can only state humbly that Mr. Felt helped bring our country back from the brink of a constitutional crisis and an out-of-control White House."

He also knows that today's

press is unprepared to do its job vis a vis the Bush administration. "Today it is unclear who will step up to the plate to expose the wrongdoing of the current administration."

Conyers knows that if we want this job done right we will have to do it ourselves. There is no "they" to help us. No political party, and no newspaper will come to our aid. Progressives must sign Conyers' letter and step up to the plate to denounce the terrible crimes that have

been committed against Iraq and against this country. Just don't expect to read anything about it in your local newspaper.

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 tion span, the greatest energy and less maturation," Kunjufu said. "The other thing to remember, especially at the pre-school level is almost 99.9 percent of the teachers are female."
 According to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). Of the 3.5 million teachers, approximately 861,000 (25 percent) are men, compared to 259,000 (75 percent) women. Only 6.2 percent (approximately 217,000) are Black men.
 Kunjufu, although disappointed, is not surprised that the study also found that boys were expelled at a rate more than 4.5 times that of girls.
 "You have teachers who feel over-

welmed by the student/teacher ratio. In pre-school they try to keep the ratio 12-to-1 or 15-to-1, but with budgetary cuts it's possible that you can have one teacher, 20 students and a teacher's assistant once or twice a week," he explains. "For a teacher, Black, White, male or female the ideal child is the one that is quiet and can sit still for long periods of time working independently on ditto sheets. If you have two boys that are fighting, pushing, hollering, screaming and demanding your attention, it's human nature to want to rid yourself of those two boys."
 Lynon Beaulieu, with the D.C. based National Black Child Development Institute, agrees.

"It's a very complex situation. I think we have a combination of children with very challenging behaviors and we have teachers that aren't trained to positively manage the challenging behaviors," she said. "Challenging behaviors could mean being aggressive, hitting other children, striking out at teachers, biting, crying, and children who have other kinds of issues like disabilities, children who are impacted by alcohol and drugs and most programs really don't have the support services they need in order to know how to support children in those environments."
 Beaulieu believes that in order to alleviate problems in the classroom,

parents and teachers must work together.
 "Parents play a big role. Sometimes we have some very young parents and parents who don't have the support of extended family and strong support systems—it can be very stressful. Sometimes our parents are very poor, so they are without resources; they are often undereducated and may not have had good relationships with school themselves," she explains. "They feel very challenged by their child's challenging behaviors as well."
 Beaulieu says it's very difficult to talk to parents about their children—especially if the news is not good news. She also says that teachers have a hard

time engaging parents in conversations about improvement plans for the children and the children suffer because of it. "You can't expect the school to work on the problem without the family also working on the problem as well."
 Kunjufu, who has written several books about Black male children in the education system, also blames parents for not recognizing their child's needs.
 "How children are being socialized is also a factor. Unfortunately, in many Black homes, when someone hits you, hit them back. In school, if someone hits you, you're supposed to tell the teacher. We have to resolve

this school culture versus broadband culture," he explains. "If your child is disciplined, he's taught to respect all adults. Secondly, if your child is only being disciplined with a belt and schools are not allowed to use it what are schools to do? We have a dilemma."
 Discipline and cultural issues aside, Gilliam incoming director of Yale's Edward Zigler Center for Child Development and Social Policy recommends that children not be expelled without ensuring that alternative services has been accessed.
 "When we fail to provide these supports, we place children and their families in a very difficult situation—where some children are bounced from one program to the next and parents may end up viewing their child as an educational failure well before kindergarten," he says.
 He adds, "We also place teachers in a very difficult situation. As a former public school teacher, I know that no teachers want to give up on a child—especially not one who only learned to talk a year or two ago. Without supports in place, these prekindergarten teachers...are forced to decide between the good of the individual child and the good of the class. And that's not fair to these teachers either."

Advocates say apology is first step, but some still want reparations

by Jamal E. Watson
 Amsterdam News
 NEW YORK CITY - Congressman Charles Rangel (D-Harlem) applauded the decision by the U.S. Senate to formally apologize to African Americans for failing as a legislative body to outlaw lynching more than a century ago.
 But Rangel said that an apology is not enough. He has called for reparations to remedy the historical injustice. "Reparations should be the next topic of discussion, as it applies to sla-

very and the various atrocities that followed that institution, including lynchings," said Rangel. "A debate over the nature and amount of those reparations is already underway in academia, in Congress, in churches, homes and institutions of various kinds."
 Rangel said that reparations that would help to close the gap between whites and Blacks in the area of education and health care would be far reaching.
 "The word 'reparations' is just another way of saying that a group of

individuals should receive a set of benefits to make up for their unusual sacrifice or suffering," said Rangel.
 While Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-New York) did not address the question of reparations, she did applaud the Senate's decision to issue an apology.
 "In failing time and time again to act against these atrocities, the Senate had failed the victims, their families and the nation," Clinton said. "This is a tragic reality that we can never ease, and while I believe this apology is long overdue, I am pleased

that the Senate is taking these steps."
 In the seventy years from 1890 to 1960, at least 4,742 Americans were murdered as a result of being lynched. The victims, mostly African Americans, often never receive justice because the culprits were rarely prosecuted. Despite efforts by the House of Representatives and several U.S. presidents, the Senate failed to pass legislation that could have prevented these tragedies.
 But Rangel said that more than an apology is still needed.

"Although the GI Bill was never called reparations, thousands of American soldiers, such as myself, after service in World War II and the Korean War benefited from its generous education benefits. In my case the bill enabled a high school dropout to finish school, graduate from college and law school, and eventually enter politics," said Rangel. "That is one way to design reparations, without the necessary service in the military in order to qualify. That's the kind of apology that I would like to take to the bank."

Crumpler, Local Business and Civic Leaders launch campaign to extend Boy & Girls Club Services

GREENVILLE, NC - An incident about 17 years ago at the original Boys Club of Pitt County could have turned Alge Crumpler's life topsy-turvy. Instead, it taught then 10-year old a valuable lesson.
 "It proved to me that I was strong enough to not run away from my problems," Crumpler said Wednesday at a campaign kickoff for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County at the club's Minges Unit on Firetower Road. "Kids today are so afraid to step forward and admit their mistakes."
 Crumpler, a Greenville native, UNC-Chapel Hill graduate and 27 year old Atlanta Falcons All-Pro tight end, got up early each day to raise the American flag at the former Boys Club on Arlington Blvd. He'd return each night to lower, fold, and store it. One day, he inadvertently raised the flag upside down. An elder member of the club noticed the error and asked who did it. Mortified, but unwavering, Crumpler stepped forward.
 "I was really embarrassed," Crumpler recalled. "I'd been so proud to fly the flag each day and say the Boys Club code."
 Wednesday, Crumpler returned to Greenville from his Atlanta home to help launch a multimillion-dollar campaign to extend Boys & Girls Clubs services to 1,000 additional children and teens. Crumple, who spent most of his afternoons at the Boys Club from age 7 - 15, is the campaign's honorary chairman. Campaign organizers aim to raise \$5 million to \$7 million to build a facility in northern Pitt County, replace inadequate facilities in Ayden and renovate the South Greenville unit on Howell Street.

The northern Pitt County club will be built on land off NC 33 near Beloit. The 20,000 sq. ft. facility will serve youth from Bethel, Belvoir, Pactolus, Stokes, north Greenville and

an overhaul of the South Greenville unit on Howell Street will improve services to 400 existing club members and reach hundreds more children, officials estimated. It will take

pm, every day in a controlled environment didn't leave a lot of room for error."
 According to Barnhill, Boys & Girls Clubs thrive, in part, because they appeal to a wide spectrum of people.
 "We have a healthy mix of all kinds of socioeconomic classes in the clubs," he said. "The kids are all learning from each other." The nonprofit youth clubs serve 1,800 children and teens annually, providing activities that encourage fun and learning, character building and leadership skills. Club leaders have been raising funds quietly for more than a year to enhance those services. Now, they are turning to the public to raise the remainder needed

to meet construction costs and create sufficient funds for annual operating expenses. The clubs have set up a secured location on their

Web site, www.bgcpc.org, for people to donate to the campaign. Donors also can call the clubs at 355-2345 ext. 202.



Crumpler is shown here with Kelly Barnhill (left) and C.R. Lewis, two Greenville Area businessmen, who collectively are helping to spearheading the campaign to extend the Boys & Girls Club in this area.

surrounding communities. The \$1.5 million club will serve 500 youth.
 Harvey Lewis of E.R. Lewis Construction donated the land. "I know of no better investment to make as a business person or a private citizen than an investment in our youth," Lewis said Wednesday. "And the Boys & Girls Club fills that need." Ric Miller, a Greenville City Council member and president of R.R. Miller Construction, has donated his company's time to build the Ayden club, a similar 20,000 sq. ft. structure that will be adjacent to Ayden Elementary School.
 "One kid's life could make a difference in our community. And we've got a prime example right here," Miller said about Crumpler. "He's given a million times back what we have put into the clubs."
 The new building in Ayden and

\$2.5 million more to complete that work. In addition, organizers plan to raise enough money for an operating fund that will provide for utilities, upkeep and other operations; expenses associated with the new facilities.
 Crumpler has donated time and money to the campaign effort, said Kelly Barnhill Sr., chairman of the Kids under Construction campaign. He's helping campaign organizers raise close to \$ 3 million from several corporate and individual Pitt County donors.
 The 6 ft. 2, 263 pound Crumpler credits the Boys Club with helping keep him above temptation. "Having the positive influence around me every day helped me not to stray from the beaten path," he said. "I also had family and church, but that buffer zone from 3 to 6:30

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New & Noteworthy
The State Of Music

(NAPS)—Some of rap's hottest artists are pushing messages of nonviolence. For instance, hip-hop artist Prez-E-Dent, who cites such inspirations as Bob Marley and Tupac Shakur, is considered a leader in the new "rap renaissance" that aims to spread a positive message to listeners. "The industry is in a state of emergency," says Prez-E-Dent, born Samuel Joffre Payne.
 After signing with the Relative label, his first single, "Gotta Be Like That" (recorded under the name 2020), was a commercial smash. But he soon became frustrated with management practices, paid back his advance and became squarely in charge of his career.
 His hotly anticipated album "New World Industry" is expected to make a huge impact. With political and thought-provoking content, coupled with hip-hop beats, Prez-E-Dent may well live up to his moniker as the "Executive Officer of Rap." For more insight, visit www.prez-e-dent.com.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Holds Annual Senior Citizens Celebration

By Ella Harris

GREENVILLE - The Annual Senior Citizens Celebration of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was held on Saturday, May 14 at J. H. Rose High School. 2005 was the 28th year of this celebration that began in May 1977. Historically, the Iota Kappa Omega Chapter has invited community residents

who are members of Senior Citizens Clubs to join them for the occasion. Program founders were Dr. Lilla Holsey and Mrs. Ethel Thomas who sponsored the first dinner on the ECU campus in the Ledonia Wright Cultural Heritage Center. Twelve seniors comprised the first group of honorees: Mrs. Julia Calhoun, Mrs. Etta Durpee, Mrs. Lula Foster, Mrs.

Lucy Johnson, Mrs. Martha Jones, Mrs. Addie Langley, Mrs. L. E. Latham, Mrs. C. K. Marshmond, Mrs. Carrie Nobles, Mrs. L. R. Taylor, and Mrs. Bertha Wooten. All the first seniors are now deceased. Mrs. Ella Harris, Senior Citizens Celebration Chairperson, presented the necrology service to honor the memory of the "First Seniors" and the memory

of all seniors who have passed away during the year. According to the Mrs. Norma Warren, registration chairperson, 162 seniors enjoyed festivities which included a crafts fair showcased by Mrs. Beulah Moore; and health and wellness check-up stations for blood pressure monitoring and informational brochures. Mrs. Sharon Mallette chairs the

health and wellness committee. The theme for the 2005 celebration was "Seniors in Motion: A Healthier View." Chapter President Laura Carmon presented Sorority members who sang the National Alpha Kappa Alpha Hymn following the invocation by the Reverend John Elbert Jones. Special musical selections were sung by the "Swinging Singing Seniors" a

newly formed group of the Music Academy of Eastern Carolina. Mrs. Charlotte Smith led an exercise for seniors session entitled "Seniors in Motion". A "How to Talk to Your Doctor" forum was presented by Dr. Lisa Staton, ECU Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, Ms. Cyncere Neal, *FNPI/Wound Care Specialist*, Dr. Brian Cabarrus, ECU Cardiology Fellow, and Dr. Julius Mallette, ECU/OB-GYN Senior Associate Dean of Academic Affairs.

Mrs. Delilah Jackson, Vice President of the chapter, invited all seniors to participate in the segment entitled "Seniors on Parade" where all seniors "show off" their fashions. The seniors have traveled from Greenville, Kinston, Ayden, Bethel, Winterville, Elm City, Hyde County, Chowan County, and Gates County. Gates County Seniors won the prize for most seniors dressed in the Sorority colors of pink and green. Prior to the luncheon seniors were favored with door prizes, which included money hats and rolled coins. Among the most prized gifts are the flowers and tomato plants that have been the favorite take-home favor for all seniors since the program's inception.

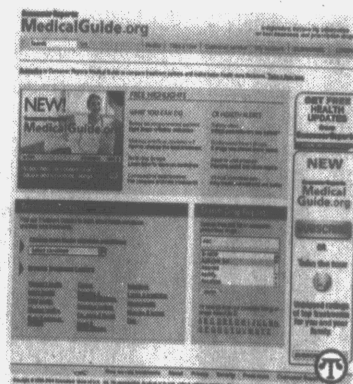
A special thanks is extended to Ms. Alice Keene, Director of Pitt County Schools Community School Programs for her commitment to the project through the years. In the words of Mrs. Gloria Hines, pianist for the occasion, "Senior Citizens, you're the center of our joy. All that's good and perfect comes from you. You're the heart of our contentment, hope for ALL we do. Senior Citizens, you're the center of our joy."



New Online Medical Guide

(NAPSA)-It can be hard to know which medical information to trust. One study may show that alcohol is good for you, and another may show it increases your risk for breast cancer. And much content on the Internet is sponsored by companies interested in selling a certain drug or treatment.

All medical research is not created



equal and some studies are more reliable than others. Now, the organization devoted to clarifying for consumers the truth behind sometimes-exaggerated claims has created a resource to help find the health care treatment options that are best for you.

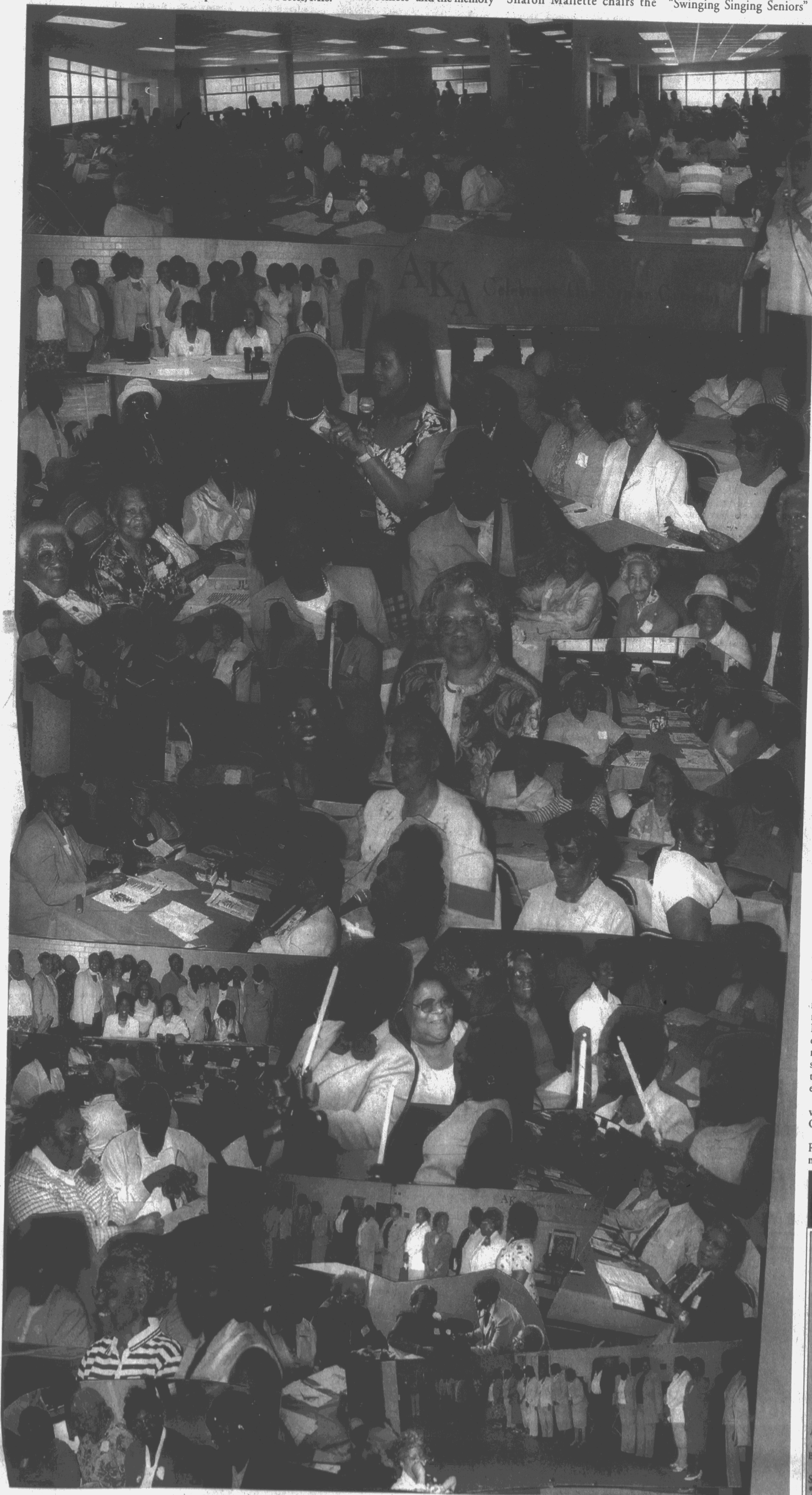
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RAP: A GROWING BLACK BACKLASH

Rap has long been condemned for its violent, vulgar lyrics. But in recent weeks, the sharpest attacks on the hip-hop nation have come not from Lynne Cheney or Tipper Gore, but from within the

black community. Essence magazine has launched a campaign to "Take Back the Music" from violence and vulgarity. A group of 30 Arkansas Ministers mobilized a major protest against a show there by the rapper 50 Cent. Even the Rev. Al Sharpton has jumped on the bandwagon, condemning record companies for glamorizing and exploiting violence and vowing to take his complaints to the Federal Communications Commission. If this righteous backlash keeps gaining momentum, it will be the most important, American cultural movement of this new century.

That's because hip-hop is an attack on decades of black progress. Thugs like Snoop Dogg and 50 Cent claim, "they're keeping it real", implying that African-Americans who aspire to achievement, intelligence, and decency are inauthentic—indeed, suspiciously white." But rappers present a retrograde version of black life that is in complete conflict with the reality of millions of people.

In recent decades, American-Americans have made enormous

strides, and our community's true stars are the legions of black doctors, lawyers,

businessmen, and mayor not pimps, ho's and gangstas. Blacks, it's worth noting, now control the political infrastructure in many of the biggest cities of America. Hip-Hop will continue to drag black culture down until it is reformed or constrained by the multitude of black people it embarrasses. But let's realize what we're up against. From its humble beginnings in the ghettos of New York's

South Bronx, hip-hop has grown into a formidable force on Wall Street. Its urban sensibility permeates the Gap and Wal-Mart and

Nordstrom, and where would MTV and the Grammy Awards be without hip-hop?

More than 70 percent of all rap CD's are bought by white kids. The sad truth is "negativity sells". And there's no shortage of buyers.

As teens and record executives make the worst of the rappers very rich, it only increases the motivation for rap artists to produce more violent, vulgar works. Rap will truly change only when black people get back into the driver's seat and seize creative control of the art form we created.

Adapted from: Talking Points

"THE MOUNTAINEER"

by Micheal Adams



There was a story told of a man who lived in the mountains. One weekend it seems, a family came to the mountains for some

weekend camping. Upon their departure the young daughter of that family dropped her mirror. After they were gone the mountain man wandered on their campsite and saw this object on the ground. He picked it up and looked at it. Immediately, he was amazed and stood still. He froze there for a minute and thought to himself. He covered it with the skin of an animal he had just killed and took it home. As he was walking toward his barn his wife looked out of the kitchen window and noticed him. She wandered, "What is he up to now?" The mountain man hid the object under a board in the floor and then left not noticing that the floor board was not in place. When the wife saw him slipping

out of the barn door she went inside the barn. She looked around and saw where the floor board was out of place. She picked up this strange object and said with utter disgust. "So That's The Ole Hag He's Been Running Around With!"

JAMES 1:23 - 25

For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass. For he beholdeth himself and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

Don't Put Up With Pain From Hammertoes

(NAPSA)-After years and years of walking, running and wearing tight-fitting shoes, many senior citizens are finding that chronic foot pain is keeping them from being as active as they'd like to be.

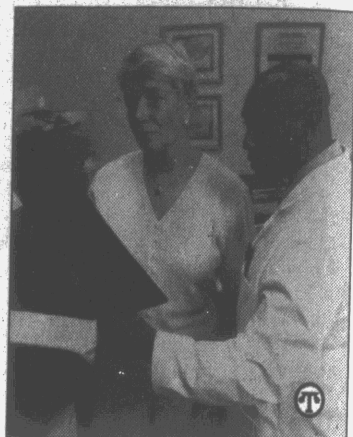
A common source of foot pain in older adults is hammertoes, in which one or more toes are bent at the joints. They are caused by structural changes in the foot that occur over time in some people. The bent toes press on the inside of the shoes, causing corns on top of the toes and calluses on the bottoms of toes or on the ball of the foot. Corns and calluses can make it difficult for someone with hammertoes to find comfortable shoes.

In early stages, hammertoes are flexible and pain from corns and calluses can be managed successfully with padding and by having a doctor trim them. Over time, however, the condition worsens. Wearing tight or high-heel shoes that jam the toes often aggravates the condition. In advanced stages, hammertoes can become rigid or the joint may become painfully dislocated. Hammertoes do not improve without medical intervention.

According to Michael Cosenza, DPM, AACFAS of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons, there are several ways to treat hammertoes depending on their severity. "Hammertoes are a progressive deformity and the earlier they are treated, the better. In early stages we can trim corns and calluses or pad them," he said. "Using custom orthotic devices, taking ibuprofen or other nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications, and switching to wider shoes that allow the toes to move freely can help relieve the pain."

Cosenza cautions that corns and calluses should not be trimmed at home. To avoid risk of cuts and infection, a foot and ankle surgeon should trim them properly as needed to relieve pain. He also advised patients to avoid medicated foot pads that may contain small amounts of acid that can irritate the toes.

When hammertoes become rigid, surgical intervention usually offers the best long-term benefit. The foot and ankle surgeon will consider various options and choose one that best fits your needs, based on age,



activity level and severity of the hammertoe deformity.

As people age, it's important that they stay active to keep their bodies healthy. Seniors should not allow painful hammertoes to keep them off their feet.

For further information about hammertoes and how they are treated, and to locate a foot and ankle surgeon in your area, visit www.FootPhysicians.com.

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Food For Thought: Food Safety Tips For Family Reunions

(NAPSA) -When it comes to family reunions, food safety should be embraced like a member of the family. If your reunion plans include everyone sharing the cooking, be sure to follow these four helpful steps from the USDA: Clean, Separate, Cook, and Chill, for preparing, serving, transporting, and storing food safely.

Clean: Wash hands, utensils, and



Now You're Cooking-Use a food thermometer to check if food is cooked to a safe internal temperature.

Separate: Avoid cross-contamination. Do not let raw meat, poultry, or fish or their juices touch other foods that will not be cooked.

Cook: Cook food to a safe internal temperature. Use a food thermometer to check the internal temperature. Steaks and

roasts should heat to 145f; hamburgers to 160f; chicken and turkey breasts to 170f; whole chicken and turkey to 180f.

Chill: Refrigerate or freeze perishable food within 2 hours, within 1 hour in temperatures above 90f.

Whether you plan to take food across town or host the event in your own backyard, follow these additional food safety steps for a safe and successful event.

Transporting Food: Keep cold foods at or below 40f. Put foods in a cooler with a cold source such as ice or a commercial freezing gel. Place an appliance thermometer in the cooler to ensure that the temperature of the food stays safe. Keep hot foods at or

above 140f. Wrap well and place in an insulated container.

Reheating Food: Use the stove, oven, or microwave to reheat food to 165f. Bring sauces, soups, and gravies to a rolling boil.

Serving Food: Similar rules follow here as with transporting foods: Keep hot foods hot-at or above 140f; and cold foods cold-at or below 40f.

A perfect companion for your family reunion planning is "Cooking for Groups-A Volunteer's Guide to Food Safety." This guide will take you through all the steps necessary to safely plan and serve food for your family reunion. The guide is available online at www.fsis.usda.gov. To order printed copies, E-mail fsis.outreach@usda.gov.

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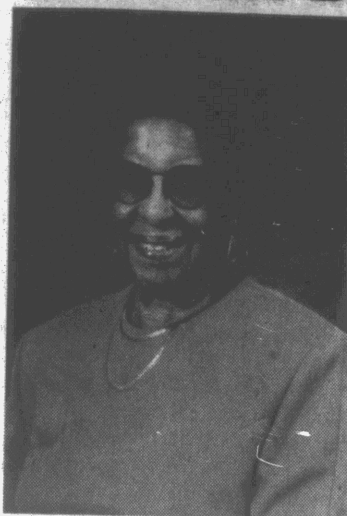
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Our Youth:

Our Responsibility

An elderly woman said, "For those of you who are quick to criticize the younger generation, just don't forget who raised them" - or better yet, who did not raise them." In the animal kingdom, adults take care of

their young. Cats take care of kittens, chickens take care of chicks, bears take care of cubs, and dogs take care of puppies. But many of us humans walk away from our responsibility as adults.

The pride and treasure of our nation is our youth. Any nation that neglects the teaching and the upbringing of the youth is a nation on the decline. But if we are honest, then we must confess that we as a nation have lost control of our young people. Too many of our most cherished possessions are wandering aimlessly through life, with little thought about tomorrow.

Our nation prides itself on being one of the strongest, if not the strongest and most progressive nations on the face of the earth. But how can we be when our children are blooding our streets and slaughtering innocent? How can we be when we are more preoccupied with making a living than with making a life? How can we be when we think that our solution is building bigger and more secure jails to lock up our youth? This is merely a cover-up of our failure as adults to deal with the difficulties of raising children

in this violent climate.

Whenever young people get caught up in drug addiction, sexual promiscuity, or misdirected violence, they are merely responding to the self-hatred that has been instilled in them. For you see, people who have no self-respect have no problem carrying a gun to school. People who have no self-respect have no problem cursing out their elders and lying to get what they want.

Our children are smart. They listen not only to what we say, they watch what we do, and sometimes what we do speaks so loud that they cannot hear what we say. They see the contradictions, the hypocrisy, and the inconsistencies in our lives, in our talk as well as in our walk.

Today, in many households, it is nuclear who is in charge. It seems in some cases that the children are raising the parents rather than the parents raising the children. It seems in some cases that the children are raising the parents rather than the parents raising the children.

Where are we going as a people?

How important are our children to us? Raising our children must become a top priority in our lives. Cultivating their minds, strengthening their bodies, and elevating their spirits ought to be uppermost on our agenda. We must teach our young people to:

- Take time to work - it is the price of success
- Take time to think - it is the source of power
- Take time to pray - it is the secret of perpetual youth
- Take time to read - it is the foundation of wisdom
- Take time to worship - it is the highway to reverence
- Take to a star time to dream - it is hitching one's wagon
- Take time for friendship - it is a source of happiness
- Take time for God - it is life's only lasting investment.
- Now is the time to take time.
- Now is the time to put up or shut up.
- Now is the time.

From: *Hard Questions, Heart Answers, Speeches and Sermons by the Reverend Bernice A. King (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s daughter)*

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Let's take a lesson from ants. "Ants pull together". Ants also share

burdens that are too large for anyone or two ants to carry.

Most churches face the problems of having a few leaders and a handful of people do most of the work necessary to keep a congregation thriving. The more people who can become involved in a church program, the more successful it is likely to be.

Are we guilty of doing more than we need to do because we don't want to share responsibility? After all, "It's my job".

Jethro, father-in-law of Moses, suggested that Moses select able men, competent men, possessing good judgment and leadership qualities and men who feared God, recognizing their accountability to Him in dealing with the Israelites.

What steps can a church take to overcome the lack of leadership? Here are some suggestions:

1. The congregation should seek out able people from their midst. Today we should consider an able person one who is intelligent, reasonably well educated, and who possesses those qualities of personality that cause others to recognize him as a leader.
2. The people need to be challenged. It is easy for members in a church to get into a rut with the same people to

do the same things in the same old way.

3. The people must be trained. Many would be willing to serve if they knew what to do. A congregation ought to have regular educational programs that not only teach the Bible but also prepare its members to be teachers, youth leaders, deacons, elders, and other types of leaders needed by every church.

4. Care must be taken not to overwork the leaders.

5. Current methods and programs should be analyzed. It may help to have a person from the outside take a look at the programs we have in our local church. We must have the humility to listen and the willingness to change.

There is a need for mentors and the need for qualified leaders. Why doesn't the church have more and better leaders? Who was the mentor in your life? How can your church - our church - help people become effective leaders? Pity the church leader who adopts an I-will-do-it-all philosophy of ministry and fails to delegate.

Thanks to the advice of Jethro, Moses delegated some of his duties to faithful elders.

Thought to Remember: "Many hands make a light work".

See East. Carolina Leaders Pg.1

Waters, D-CA.

Those attending the event from eastern North Carolina (by county): Bertie County: Rev. Ralph White, from Beaufort County Rev. Edward Moultrie, Craven County: Rev. De-Ves Toon, Dr. Jimmy Cooper, Dr. Joseph Walton, Cynthia Lemmon and Susan Dejesus were attendance.

Edgecombe County: Rev. Roy Gray, Rev. Carol White, Rev. Garland Jones, Renee Jones, Rev. W. T. Taylor, Minister Muhammad and Rev. Wayne Hines were in attendance.

Rev. James K. Brown represented Gates County. Rev. Lacy Joyner and Rev. Don Davis represented Granville and Greene County respectively.

Rev. Quientrell Butrell, Jr., Rev. Chance Lynch and Rev. Milton Jones represented Halifax County.

Hertford County was represented by Rev. Claude Odom and from Lenoir County Bishop J.E. Reddick and Rev. Rudolph Williams attended the event.

From Nash County Rev. F.C. Barnes and Bishop R. T. McCarter made the journey.

Rev. Carroll R. Dickens Sr., Rev. Timothy Edwards and Rev. Tony Flood represented Northampton County.

Pitt County fielded the largest number of attendees to include WOOV/Minority Voice Newspaper CEO/President, James Rouse, Rev. Clarence Gray, Rev. Sidney Lock, Rev. Howard Parker, Minister Robert Muhammad, and Rev. Tyrone Tumage and Rev. William Johnson.

From Vance County Rev. William Clayton, II, Rev. Todd Hester and Rev. Curtis Donald made the trip.

Rev. Vincent Brown, Rev. Shelton Daniel and Bishop James Daniel represented Wake County.

Further west Warren County's Rev. Cathy Alston-Kearney, Rev. Carson Jones, Rev. Erica Smith-Ricks, Rev. Danny Jones and Rev. Jeremiah Webb joined those who made the trip. Rev. Freddie Barnes represented Wayne County and Rev. M.K. Smith and Darryl Canady represented Wilson County.

NCCU Appoints Three New Deans



Robert C. Pierce, Dean School of Law

DURHAM, N.C. - North Carolina Central University (NCCU) received approval from the University of North Carolina Board of Governors Friday to add three new deans to its executive staff in Academic Affairs.

Raymond C. Pierce, a partner in the Cleveland Office of Baker & Hostetler, will serve as dean of the NCCU School of Law effective July 1, 2005. Caesar R. Jackson, interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at North Carolina A&T State University (NC A&T), will serve as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at NCCU beginning August 1, 2005. Dr. Irene Owens, associate professor and graduate advisor at the University of Texas at Austin School of Information, will begin her tenure as dean of the NCCU School of Library and Information Sciences on June 1, 2005.

"We are adding these outstanding professionals to our team at a critical

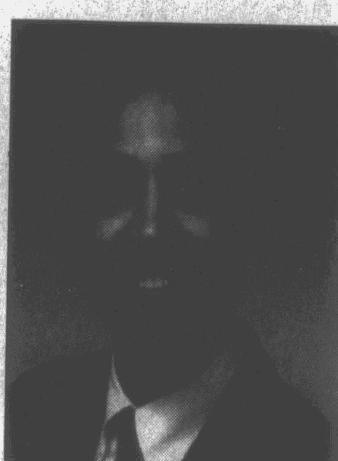


Dr. Irene Owens, Dean School of Library & Information Sciences

time in the life of the university," said Chancellor James H. Ammons. "We believe that our new appointees have the levels of expertise needed to expand our program offerings in relevant areas and continue our tradition of excellence."

Pierce served for seven years as President Bill Clinton's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education and afterwards was a candidate for mayor of Cleveland prior to joining Baker & Hostetler.

"I am absolutely honored to assume the leadership of this great law school," said Pierce. "During my years in Washington developing federal policy in higher education, I envisioned that one day I would have the opportunity to serve in academia. North Carolina Central University School of Law has an excellent tradition for producing accomplished attorneys that have provided outstand-



Dr. Caesar Jackson, Dean College of Arts & Sciences

ing service to the state of North Carolina and this nation. Being a part of North Carolina Central University is a privilege and I look forward to the challenges as the new dean of the law school."

As a partner with the Cleveland firm, Pierce's practice concentrates in business transactions and public policy. He also serves state governments in higher education and pension investment-related matters, and works with the firm's Washington-Based federal Policy Group to assist clients with government-related issues.

During his term as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Pierce managed the enforcement of federal civil rights laws in education and the development of federal civil rights education policy. Pierce directed the Department of Education's national higher education desegregation docket and negotiated resolution agreements with six states resulting in increased funding and enhanced educational programming for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Through these efforts Pierce was the commencement speaker at graduation ceremonies for six HBCUs on behalf of the Clinton Administration. Prior to joining the Clinton Administration Pierce was employed by the LTV Corporation from 1986-1993 where he was an attorney in that company's Corporate Law Department. At LTV, Pierce was a commercial transactions attorney primarily involved with the transportation section for railroads, barges and trucking.

Pierce began his legal career in 1984 as a civil rights attorney with the John W. Walker Law Firm in Little Rock, Arkansas where he concen-

trated on class action employment discrimination cases.

Mr. Pierce is a member of the Ohio, Arkansas, and American bar associations. He received his law degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Law in 1983 and his bachelor's degree in 1980 at Syracuse University. Jackson said he is very excited about his new appointment in the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Becoming part of the Eagle Team, led by the strong leadership of Chancellor Ammons along with Provost Jones and the NCCU central administrative staff, is an honor and pleasure for me," said Jackson. "The College of Arts and Sciences is the heart and soul of the University, impacting all areas of the campus and the surrounding community through its arts and humanities, social sciences, health sciences, and natural, physical, and mathematical sciences. I humbly accept the role of dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and I look forward to building on the college's successes and through this unit contribute new growth to generate a swell in the rising tide to greatness for North Carolina Central University."

Jackson began his career at N.C. A&T State University in 1992 as an assistant professor of physics. He became associate dean there for Research and Graduate Programs in the College of Arts and Sciences in 1998. He has served as interim dean at NC A&T since May 2002.

During his appointment as interim dean, the College of Arts and Sciences has received accreditation renewal for its theatre program, a joint master in social work, and the bachelor of social work. Approval also was granted for a new bachelor's degree in liberal studies and the college received approval to plan and implement degree programs in computational sciences, liberal studies, and a technical writing concentration in the Department of English.

The college placed second among schools/colleges in research grant awards received in 2003-2004 with significant increases in biology, mathematics and physics. Some of Jackson's recent grant proposals have secured more than \$4.7 million in research dollars for NC A&T.

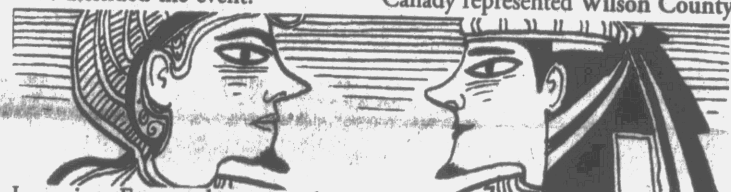
From 1977 through 1992, Jackson worked for IBM Corporation located in Boca Raton, Fla. where he was employed as a junior engineer. He was later transferred to IBM Research Triangle Park Office where he was promoted to a staff engineer.

Dr. Jackson earned his Ph.D. in physics from North Carolina State University, master's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Florida and his bachelor's degree in engineering technology from Florida A&M University.

Owens is looking forward to serving as dean of the NCCU School of Library and Information Sciences. "This is the greatest honor and responsibility of my career to serve a special university and my profession," she said.

For ten years, Owens served the University of Texas at Austin Graduate School of Information. She worked as an associate professor and graduate advisor for four years and six years as an assistant professor. She is a former head librarian at Howard University School of Divinity Press titled The Management of Staffing in Libraries. She has written chapters in five books and served as editor of several books published by Haworth Press - Strategic Marketing in Library and Information Science and Acquisitions and Collection Development in the Humanities.

Dr. Owens earned her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.A.R.S. at Howard University, M.L.S. at the University of Maryland and a B.S. at Barber-Scotia College.



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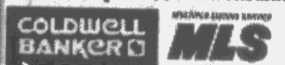
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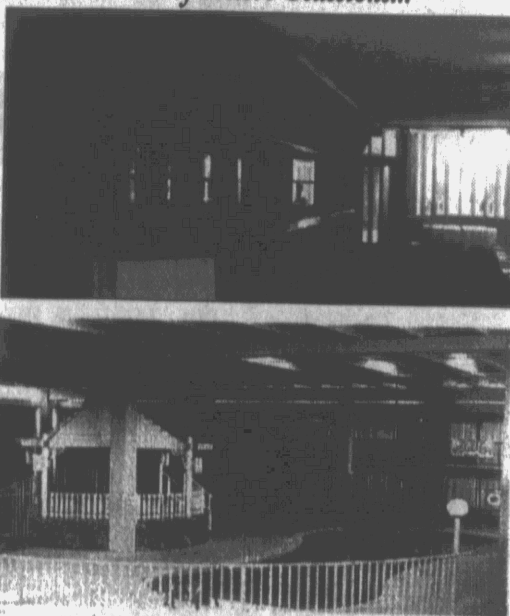
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Butterfield: We must be candid with the American people on Iraq

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman G. K. Butterfield, who since going to congress has since become a member of the House Armed Services Committee, made the following statement in response to Congressman Robin Hayes' recent claim CNN that there is evidence of a connection between the

Bush and 'the memo'

PRESIDENT BUSH apparently thinks he can dismiss the damning "Downing Street memo" with a few glib words.

If he is right, it is a sad commentary on the state of American democracy and values.

The memo, recounting the details of a July 23, 2002, meeting at British Prime Minister Tony Blair's

attacks of 9/11 and Saddam Hussein:

Butterfield in responding to Hayes's statement said that, "America must complete the important mission of creating a stable, viable and democratic Iraq" but that we must be honest with the American people. Butterfield

official residence on 10 Downing St., strongly suggested that the message had been sent across the Atlantic that the Bush White House had made the decision to wage war on Iraq. The minutes of the meeting indicated that Blair and his top-level intelligence and foreign-policy aides were given clear signals that military action was "inevitable."

went on to further to say that Congressman Hayes, Vice President Cheney and President Bush are ignoring the facts by holding up tragedies of 9/11 "as a justification for the war in Iraq," following Bush speech to the nation Tuesday (June 28). The former State Supreme Court Judge said, "extensive

In the most disturbing passage of the minutes, the head of Britain's MI6 intelligence service, reporting on his recent trip to Washington, told the group that "intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy" of a war to remove Saddam Hussein from power.

Bush was finally asked about the memo directly this week, during a media availability with Blair. Bush tried to discredit the memo because

research revealed that the facts are "clear." Saddam Hussein and Iraq had nothing whatsoever to do with the terrorist attacks of 9/11 and as a member of the Armed Services Committee he has seen no other evidence to suggest otherwise.

Butterfield went further on to say that given the great sacrifices that have already been made and the difficult times ahead there must be "clarity and honesty." Only by being candid with the American people can we expect to maintain the support that is needed to complete our mission," Butterfield said.

of the timing of its disclosure — just days before Blair's re-election. But it is important to note that no one has challenged the authenticity of the memo nor the accuracy of its account of the meeting.

Bush also scoffed at the suggestion that the decision to go to war had been made by July 2002, nearly a year before U.S. bombs began raining on Baghdad. "There's nothing farther from the truth," Bush told reporters. "My conversation with the

prime minister was, how can we do this peacefully?"

Americans deserve to have a more intensive investigation and expansive explanation to the extremely serious allegation that their government "fixed" intelligence to justify a pre-emptive war. The White House wants to dismiss it as "old news" and the Republicans who control both houses of Congress assume they can shrug off the demands of a bloc of Democrats — led by Rep. John

"I do not believe in setting a deadline," Butterfield went on to say, "but we do need the President to candidly and clearly layout the tasks that remains for the United States in Iraq and how they are to be accomplished." Subsequent to Bush's speech as his poll numbers continue to fall, many Americans feel that the Bush policy on Iraq is adrift.

Conyers, D-Mich. — for hearings on the Downing Street memo.

There should be no statute of limitations — or shortness of public attention span — on an issue that cuts to the core of this government's integrity and credibility. Congress must fully investigate the actions in Washington that led the highest officials in Great Britain to be convinced that the Bush administration was hell-bent on war and working to concoct a rationalization for it.

Two Died, One Survived

The Lynching of Thomas Shipp, Abram Smith and James Cameron



The above photograph has been seen many times throughout the years and as the story goes, after souvenir hunters divvied up the bloodied pants of Abram Smith, his naked lower body was clothed in a Klansman's robe — not unlike the loincloth in traditional depictions of Christ on the cross. Lawrence Beidler, a studio photographer, took this photo. For ten days and nights he printed thousands of copies, which sold for fifty cents apiece. Lynching photography was a popular pursuit and hundreds of pictures exist. Ironically, Sen. Mary Lndrieu, D-La., (pictured above) one of the co-sponsors of the Senate's apology was moved to act after receiving a copy of "Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America" clearly documents dozens upon dozens of picture showing lynchings. The above photo for was scanned from that work. - Ed.

On the night of August 7, 1930, three young African Americans — Thomas Shipp, age nineteen; Abram Smith, age eighteen; and sixteen-year-old James Cameron, faced the hideous wrath of a lynch mob in the Ku Klux Klan-dominated town of Marion, Indiana. Only Cameron survived.

At the time, James Cameron was a 16-year-old shoeshine boy in Marion, Ind., when an Aug. 6, 1930, incident — and what he claims was divine intervention — changed his life forever.

It all began when Cameron accepted a ride home that night in a 1926 Ford Roadster from his 18-year-old classmate, Tom Shipp. Another teen, 19-year-old Abram Smith, also was in the car.

By the end of the next night, Shipp and Smith would be dead — beaten and then lynched by an angry mob.

The three teenagers, all of whom were black, drove along the river. At some point, Cameron related, they came across a car and a white man named Claude Deeter, as well as an 18-year-old white woman named Mary Ball. Cameron said one of the other teenagers ordered him to rob the couple at gunpoint.

"I opened the door and I said, 'Stick them up,' and this white fellow gets out of the car, and he didn't recognize me because I had my hat pulled down," he recalled. "And I noticed him just like that. He was my friend, a real nice white fellow. I was his shoeshine boy."

"And his girlfriend got out of the car. Her face was so pale and lovely and frightened, and that scared me. So I took the gun, give it to one of my confederates. I said, 'Here, I'm not going to have anything to do with you guys.'"

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"And I left that scene of the crime. I had gone about two or three blocks when I heard some shots ring out — bang, bang, bang. Well, I was foolish for being out there, but I sure in hell wasn't going to go back to see who was shooting who."

Shipp and Smith in the robbery-inspired murder of Claude Deeter, 23, a white factory worker from nearby Fairmount, Indiana, along with Cameron were accused of sexually assaulting Deeter's white girlfriend, nineteen-year-old Marion resident Mary Ball. While the latter charge was never proven, such charges, however groundless, were easily assumed by racist whites and frequently served to incite lynch

mobs to commit even greater atrocities.

The three teens were arrested late that night and taken to the county jail, where they were held throughout the next day. By dusk, a rowdy crowd was gathering outside the jail, but the sheriff ordered his deputies not to use their weapons because women and children were in the crowd.

As Cameron went on to say, "I was still sore from the beating the police had given me. Somebody came back and shook me and said, 'Wake up! Wake up! They're breaking the windows! They're trying to break into the jail!' And I got up and ran around the bullpen and looked out the window. From my

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Pining For The Pistons

by Dave Zirin

Note: This column is 200 words shorter than usual because Billy Hunter lost 25% of it in the NBA's new Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The world be an incrementally better place if the Detroit Pistons had won the NBA championship. I believe this even though their Game Seven loss to the Spurs meant that we've been spared a Mitch Albom column about his experience watching the game with Isiah Thomas, John Kennedy, James Naismith, and Morrie.

The world would be better. But not because the Pistons are a terribly appealing team. Center Ben Wallace shoots free throws like he is trying to smite errant pigeons. The Detroit bench is so shallow, Kelly Tripucka and Earl "The Twirl"

Cureton played in game six. Their best player is named Chauncey.

No. A Pistons win would have been a delicious slap in the face to what was becoming a well-orchestrated Pistons Backlash. The Pistons had become a team that people hated, and seemed to enjoy hating, a little too much. The vibe was not dissimilar to how some people talk about the city of Detroit itself: a little too "street," a little too "hip-hop," a little too "urban," all of which are code words for a little too Black.

One nationally syndicated columnist, Michael Cunningham, called the spindly Tayshaun Prince a "Whining Pterodactyl" that "should be extinct." He then described Rip Hamilton as having "Tap-Dancing Tantrums," Ben Wallace's

reactions to fouls were called the "Afro Pout" and Chauncey Billups had what Cunningham called a "Woof Whine." This kind of commentary boggles the mind. Was there no one to advise Cunningham that comparing NBA players to tap-dancing animals might be a bad idea? Who is Cunningham's editor, Trent Lott? Jesse Helms? Bill Cosby?

Standing up to the Pistons' backlash meant standing up to this tide. It also meant standing with perhaps the most maligned player in the NBA not named Ron Artest: Rasheed Wallace.

A second Wallace championship would have been a sweet sight indeed. Last year, there was perhaps no greater moment in sports than seeing Rasheed Wallace stand triumphant next to seething NBA commissioner

David Stern. Imagine George W. Bush's face if he had to give the Congressional Medal of Honor to Moqtada Al-Sadr, or

celebrating 'Sheed. This is animus writ large — rife with reverberations that extend far beyond a clashing of personality and ego.



Supporting The Cause Of Education And Black History: Attending the Pitt County NAACP FREEDOM BANQUET from left to right retired educator and NAACP Chairman, Gaston Monk, Keynote Speaker Dudley Flood and former NAACP Chairman and Real Estate Broker D.D. Garrett. Thank God for all the father who open the doors for our community... Jim Rouse/Publisher-Photographer

if Ariel Sharon was forced to host a tribute to Edward Said. It was only 18 months ago when Wallace laid a verbal smackdown on Stern, saying, "I

see behind the lines. I see behind the false screens. I know what this business is all about. I know the commissioner of this league makes more than three-quarters of the players in this league... They look at black athletes like we're dumb-ass n——. It's as if we're just going to shut up, sign for the money and do what they tell us."

Stern, who is challenged about as often as Vito Corleone in an Olive Garden, shot back, "Mr. Wallace's hateful diatribe was ignorant and offensive to all NBA players. I refuse to enhance his heightened sense of deprivation by publicly debating with him."

This year, it would have been even more fun to see an encore. Recently, Stern has been hard at work alongside Republican arch-strategist Matthew Dowd about how to "help the NBA's appeal in the red states." Wallace, meanwhile, visited the White House last year along with the Championship Pistons, stopping just long enough to say, "I don't have shit to say to [Bush]. I didn't vote for him. It's just something we have to do."

Herein lies the heart of the Stern/Wallace conflict. It is really about the future of the NBA, and whether the league will adapt to a right wing climate in the country by muzzling its players. It doesn't matter that Wallace is a skilled big man willing to take big shots in the fourth quarter, play tough defense and be entirely unselfish with the ball. Stern wants him to go away because he represents a block against what NBA suits want the league to become.

The Stern Agenda of a sanitized, 21st century NBA loved and supported by alums of both Bob Jones University and the Belmont Street Projects alike, is a Park Avenue pipe dream, and something we should oppose. Journalist Scoop Jackson likes to say, "Basketball isn't a metaphor for life, basketball is life." Life right now is polarized, racialized and divided. So is basketball. As long as that's the case, I know whose side I'm on — and it ain't David Stern's.

Dave Zirin's new book "What's My Name Fool? Sports and Resistance in the United States" will be in stores in June 2005. Check out his revamped website edgeofsports.com. You can receive his column Edge of Sports, every week by e-mailing edgeofsports@zirin.com. Contact him at whatismynamefool2005@yahoo.com.

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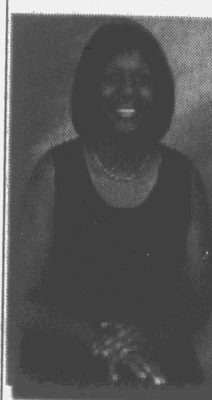
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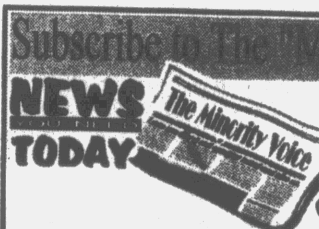
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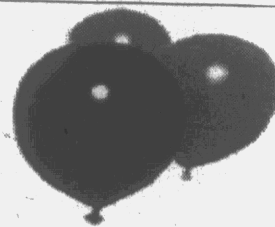


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It is never too late to end terror

by Ron Scott

That's what I think about as I look at the news about the conviction of Ku Klux Klansman Edgar Ray Killen in the murders of civil rights icons/martyrs Goodman, Schwerner, and Chaney, whose story was told in the movie, "Mississippi Burning." I cannot help but reflect on the long history of unaddressed human atrocities which for years have become synonymous with the state of Mississippi. It is ironic and troubling that Mississippi's junior Senator Trent Lott, who recently apologized for his adoration of former segregationist Strom Thurmond, and the state's senior senator, Thad Cochran, both refused to join the 80 senators who recently voted to apologize for the failure of the Federal government to arrest the wave of lynchings that occurred in the South between the 1890s and the 1960s.

Lott and Thurmond have failed to do what many Mississippians are trying to do, including the prosecutor in the most recent horrific case resulting in the murder conviction of James Ray Killen, in the "Mississippi Burning" murders. The prosecutor says that this charge against Killen is an attempt to erase Mississippi's shameful history by seeking justice in cases like

Killen's.

Some have argued that this convicted murderer, now 80, should be allowed to die facing his own devils, and not behind bars. But individuals from Holocaust survivors to prosecutors in Rome, who recently brought to justice ten octogenarian former members of the Nazi SS for their part in a 1944 massacre of 500 Italian villagers, would agree that these kinds of organized crimes against any group of people are abhorrent and must be addressed whenever they are brought to light.

But there is another element to this case, an element that lies deep in the Tallahatchie River that flows through northern Mississippi. It was in that river while searches were being conducted for the body of Emmett Till, a fourteen-year-old Chicagoan killed for allegedly whistling at a white woman in 1955, that the remains of African American soldiers still clad in their military uniforms were discovered as apparent lynching victims.

One trial and one victory in a reign of terror which has gone on for centuries is a signal that we must embark on the greater work of eliminating domestic terrorism. As thousands of people die in Afghanistan and the Middle East in an effort to eradicate Al Qaeda, how is it that we have not yet been able to eradicate the Klan, founded in 1866?

Maybe we're focusing our energies on the wrong front. Is an apology by

Congressional leaders for the barbarous and heinous acts which my elder relatives from Louisiana still remember enough to say that justice has been served? Is the conviction of the murderers of James Byrd, Jr. whose flesh was ripped from his body in Jasper, Texas in 1998 enough?

No. There is something deeper in America, and not just the South, that needs to be expunged. We need a Truth and Reconciliation Commission like the one held in South Africa. We need to aggressively prosecute all unresolved racist murders during the last 100 years that went unheeded by the government sworn to protect us, and provide reparations to the victims of these murders as has been done for others.

If the "Homeland" is to be truly secure, it must exorcise its own demons first.

Ron Scott, a co-founding member of the Detroit Chapter of the Black Panther Party, is a long-time Detroit-area community activist, speaker, producer and radio/television talk show co-host. He is host and producer of "For My People," one of the longest-running African American-focused public affairs television programs in the nation. He serves as a spokesperson for the Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality, an eight-year organization that has been at the forefront of fighting police abuse and misconduct. Scott can be reached at detcoalition@sbcglobal.net.

Oprah's Not Going to Let Hermes Wiggle Out of its Blatant Racism

By: Deborah Mathis, BlackAmericaWeb.com

Oprah Winfrey Show" returns from summer hiatus.

Indeed, hell hath no fury like a billionaire black woman with an internationally popular TV show scorned.

Actually, we could fill an entire network with stories like these. Some would be more dramatic, more outrageous than others, but there would be no dearth of material to fill the broadcast hours. Programming for that piece of reality television would range from big picture, institutional affronts like redlining, to everyday slights, like being followed around a store by the security folks.

As it stands, we will have to let the weight of the argument ride on Oprah's shoulders for now, but what capable ones they are. Her credibility, her outreach and her influence are unshakable. She will leave no room for Hermes to wiggle out of this one.

Oprah is said to be furious and intends to present her case to her 22 million die-hard fans when "The

The ultimate prize from the exposure will not be Oprah's scoring a series of apologies or special dispensations from the store, but for Hermes to abandon its discriminatory policy against the black men and women without famous faces who want to shop there. I can't imagine why black people from anywhere would still choose to give their money to the place, but it should at least be their call (Then again, I wouldn't spend \$6,500 on a purse if I had all the money in the world.).

I had a similar brush with this brand of discrimination nearly 30 years ago, when my oldest child was born. A wealthy colleague had given me an expensive christening gown for her which I did not need and decided to exchange.

The tiny gown had come from a very exclusive store — really exclusive in the 1970s — and while at the counter, I overheard the clerk

urging a white customer to complete an application for a store credit card. After I completed the return, I asked for an application just for the heck of it. The woman told me the store was no longer opening new accounts. I asked to see the manager.

A few minutes later, the clerk returned with the manager by her side. As they walked toward me with downcast eyes, the clerk whispered nervously to her boss — briefing her on the talking points, I presumed.

The older woman looked up at me with a no-nonsense expression and began to ask how she could help me when — Eureka! — she seemed to recognize me and broke into a smile.

"Oh!" she exclaimed. "You're the girl on TV!" She whipped out an application.

"Never mind," I said. "Some black woman might come in here with more money and a better credit history than I have, but I guess she wouldn't get an application because she's not on TV." I have not set foot in that store since that day.

And that's where Oprah's encounter with Hermes strikes the sorest nerve. While there is a dis-

pute about whether the Hermes people recognized her or if it was one of those they-all-look-alike moments, the point is, it shouldn't matter. As long as a black customer has to wear her resume on her sleeve, has to bring her walking papers, has to prove that she is a Super Negro, a business may as well hang up pretending to be fair.

Unfortunately for Hermes, they didn't just shun a young shopper of modest means who happened to be on TV. They dissed the woman who is TV.

And stepped in it, for sure.

Kenya and Nigeria Left Out of Debt Relief

NEW YORK (NNPA) — Much to the disappointment of leaders in both Kenya and Nigeria, both countries were left off of the coveted "debt free" list announced this week by leaders of the developed world.

Kenya, the only East African nation that did not receive relief from the plan, currently spends 57 percent of its GDP on debt. The country has honored its debt payments in the past and leaders are shocked that the nation was not included, while three of their major trading partners — Uganda, Tanzania and Rwanda — received aid.

Kenya's political and business leaders are looking at financing alternatives to remain competitive. "We should suspend payment of the debt for five years and redeploy the money to needy sectors such as education, health and infrastructure," Kabete MP Paul Muite said.

Nigeria, the most indebted of West African countries, did not

qualify for immediate debt relief because it has not fulfilled the strict anti-corruption and economic liberalization conditions of the World Bank's Heavily Indebted Poor Country initiative.

The \$40 billion plan will initially benefit 18 nations worldwide, 14 of which lie on the African continent. An additional \$11 billion has been earmarked for nine countries expected to qualify for debt forgiveness in the next 12 to 18 months.

"We greatly appreciate the initiative," said James Nsaba Buturo, the Information Minister of Uganda, which currently has \$4.5-billion in debt, equivalent to 74 per cent of its annual production. "It is a challenge for us to use the money we have been paying (in) debts to ... better the lives of our people."


Critics of the plan say it does not go far enough to lift impoverished nations out of debt. African observers pointed out that the po-

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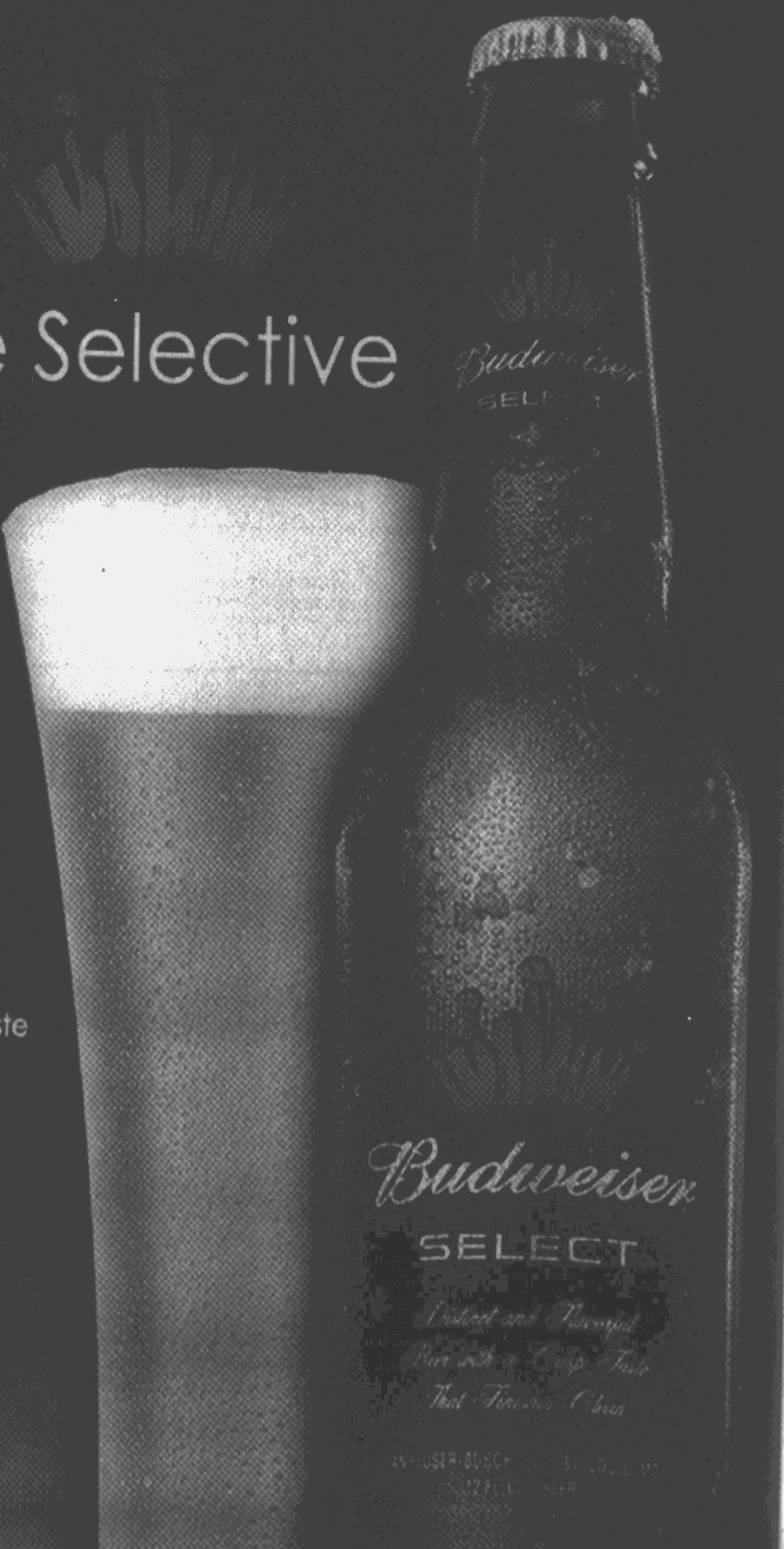
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Health Politics with Dr. Mike Magee

The Real Story Behind Obesity

(NAPSA) - Obesity is an urgent epidemic with catastrophic implications but, so far, the public discussion hasn't focused on the right answers to the problem. Why aren't more people trying to find ways to understand and prevent obesity, rather than just adapting to it?

For example, in 2003, there were more than 103,000 gastric bypass surgeries for morbid obesity in the United States. And, all across America, things are getting bigger to accommodate bigger Americans. Take, for instance, the Puget Sound ferry seats, which were recently widened from 18 inches to 20 inches. Or the Colorado ambulances that are now equipped with a hydraulic winch capable of lifting a 1,000-pound human. And, lastly, Indiana has a new super-sized casket that's 38 inches wide, rather than the standard 24 inches.

Since these measures aren't solving the problem, how should we be thinking about obesity? First, we must take into consideration that the science of obesity is complex and still in its infancy. The hormone leptin, which is produced by fat cells and provides the chemical message to the brain that helps control excessive caloric intake, was only discovered in 1994 at Rockefeller University.

It's becoming more obvious that fat is not a by-product of individual greed and guilt but rather an active organ in its own right, worthy of a significant scientific effort to uncover its complex chemical and biological mysteries. Being obese doesn't mean you're a bad person, but it virtually guarantees bad health, and that can't be ignored. Obese individuals have a higher-than-normal rate of hypertension, type 2 diabetes, high

lipids, cardiovascular disease, gallbladder disease, osteoarthritis, strokes, respiratory disease, and some types of cancers.

Obesity isn't a condition we should accept and adapt to. Before we continue on this path, investing in the problem rather than the solution, it's time to identify a different approach: How can scientists help the lipid cell adjust to population-wide over-nourishment? How can we promote decreased quantity and increased quality in the American diet? How do we get Americans outdoors again? Why are children, women, and minorities targets for obesity?

Overweight? It Could Be The Cause Of Your Back Pain

(NAPSA) - Here's news a lot of Americans shouldn't take lying down. A national survey to measure the impact of obesity on back pain revealed an increasing trend in the number of overweight and obese patients being treated for spine-related disorders - up nearly 67 percent from just five years ago. In fact, just carrying an extra 20 pounds can cause back pain. According to the survey, taken by the North American Spine Society (NASS), 44 percent of the patients they see are considered obese.

Obesity affects more than 60 million Americans each year and has been directly correlated with causing diabetes, heart disease and even death. Recently, NASS kicked off its fourth annual patient education campaign, "Take a Load Off Your Back," to also focus widespread attention on the debilitating

effects of obesity on the spine.

In conjunction with the awareness campaign, NASS produced an educational video focusing on obesity's impact on patients' back pain and encourages doctor, patient and community involvement to carefully monitor the epidemic of obesity and back pain prevention.

According to Dr. Tom Faciszewski, a leading orthopedic surgeon at the Marshfield Clinic in Wisconsin and a NASS member, "People are coming in not by dozens but in droves because of obesity and their back pain."

Dr. Faciszewski is not alone in his observation. A startling 87 percent of spine professionals surveyed agree that obesity plays a significant role in back pain. The vast majority of those surveyed (94 percent) also said they recommend weight loss as a treatment option for their

And, is investment in gastric bypass surgery, wider ferry seats, ambulance winches, and bigger caskets really the way to go? I know the answer-it's a resounding "no."

For more information on obesity, or to receive a free weekly health report from Dr. Magee, go online to www.HealthPolitics.com.

* Mike Magee, MD, is a Senior Fellow in the Humanities to the World Medical Association, director of the Pfizer Medical Humanities Initiative and host of the weekly Web cast "Health Politics with Dr. Mike Magee."

obese patients and, in follow-up treatment for patients who lose the weight, 55 percent found a significant improvement in their patients' symptoms as a direct result of the weight loss.

Physical activity is extremely important and the most often prescribed treatment for spine health since a patient's back joints and discs rely on motion to keep them healthy. The spine specialists at NASS offer these important tips to help patients lose the extra weight and "take a load off their backs."

1. Eat a sensible, balanced diet. Extremely restrictive diets can cause loss of muscle and bone density in addition to fat.

2. Make sure you get enough calcium and vitamin D daily. Calcium is normally excreted from the body every day. When we don't replace it, the body steals calcium from bones.

3. Stop smoking! Smokers are more prone to back pain than non-smokers because nicotine restricts the flow of blood to the discs that cushion the vertebrae of your spine.

4. Bring an extra pillow to bed. Sleeping on your back puts 55 lbs. of pressure on your spine. Putting a couple of pillows under your knees cuts the pressure in half. Lying on your side with a pillow between your knees also reduces the pressure.

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5. Start a strength training program. Resistance training not only increases strength, it has also been shown to improve balance, reducing the risk of injury, and can help maintain bone mass.

6. Stretch throughout the day. Stretching keeps your muscles flexible and helps avoid injury.

7. Stand up straight. Bad posture can worsen back pain. This is especially true if you have excess weight in the form of a "beer belly."

8. Check in with your doctor. You should have a physical examination before starting a weight loss and exercise program to ensure that you don't have any underlying health risks that may require special precautions.

For more information on spine health, visit www.spine.org. Instructions for home exercises can be found in the "For Spine Patients" section.

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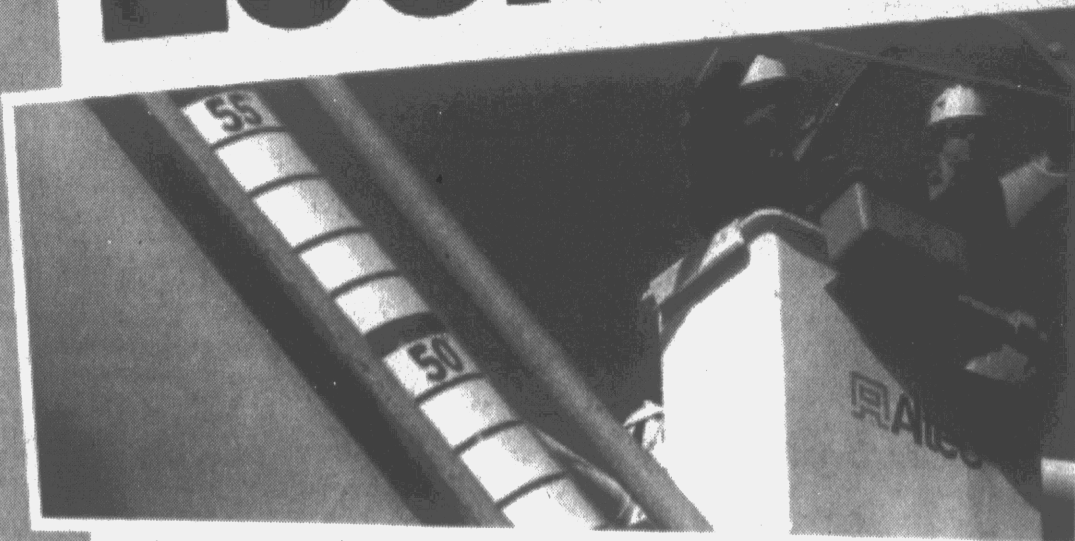
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A "TIP Open House" will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2005, at the Conference Room, Greenville Public Works Building (1500 Beatty Street).

Written comments will be accepted until July 13, 2005, by mail to the Greenville Urban Area MPO, 1500 Beatty Street, Greenville, NC 27834; by fax at (252) 329-4535; or by e-mail at rsvelkovsky@greenvillenc.gov.

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The person performing the work is responsible for contacting NC One Call (1-800-632-4949) and making sure all safety precautions have been taken AT LEAST two days before work begins. Greenville Utilities will work with you to identify hazards and can assist you with implementing necessary safety precautions. You could be subject to charges for protective actions taken on your behalf by GUC.

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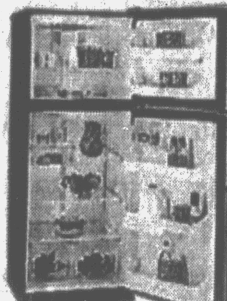
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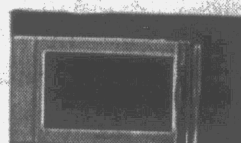
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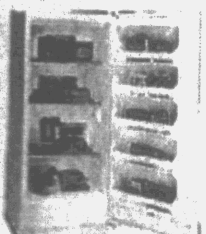
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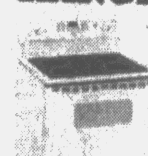
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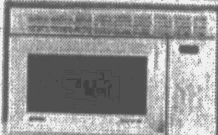
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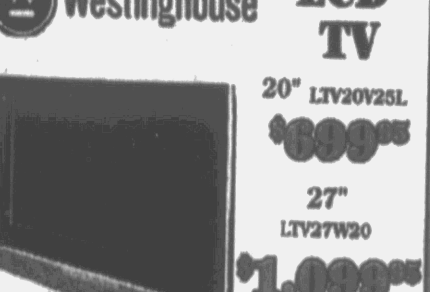
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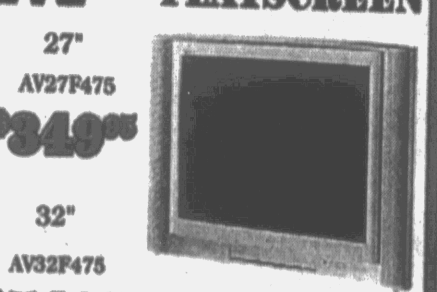
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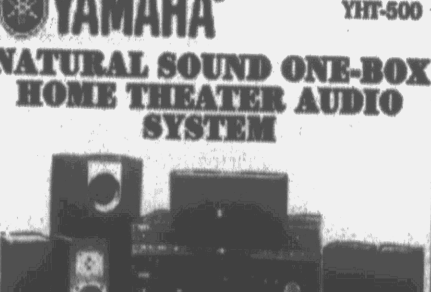
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