

"It's not the name you have... It's the name you make..."

Ben Ruffin, State Board, UNC speaking at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church Greenville, NC, Aug. 20th while Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965

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T.D. Jakes Decries 'Yellow Journalism'

by Maynard Eaton -Atlanta Voice ATLANTA (NNPA) -The nation's premier preacher, Bishop T.D. Jakes, reacted swiftly and sternly to a published report where the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) censured him for not advertising with Atlanta's Black Press prior to his hugely successful Mega-Fest 2005, one of the largest

Bishop Jakes was incensed, defiant, and defensive and dismayed with how he had been portrayed. Following his speech to the National Association of Black Journalists earlier this month, he pulled this reporter into the Hyatt Regency Hotel downtown's kitchen corner - ordered his security to keep his entourage and others at a distance -

nalism."

That rebuke brought this report from Atlanta Voice editor Stan Washington who witnessed, but was not allowed to participate by Jakes' security in the interview: "It's only 'yellow' journalism if it is untrue or it is a deliberate attempt to smear someone. The story was neither. It was the truth. No one is out to sland-

dime was spent with Atlanta's Black press by Jakes' Mega Fest extravaganza that drew some 150,000 people to Atlanta.

The snub followed a June speech by Jakes to the NNPA, a federation of more than 200 Black newspapers, where he pledged reconciliation between the Black church and the Black press.

"The story was not unfair," says Smith, publisher of the Atlanta Inquirer. "In my conversation with (Jakes), he said the story was one-sided but we did not know how to get to him."

"The same person that they reached me for when they invited me (to their convention), that we worked out arrangements for, that scheduled the appointment was (Washington D.C. publicist) Ofield Dukes," counters the esteemed Jakes. "All they had to do was talk to Ofield and it would have been fine. I just resented the fact that the way Black people in America do business is done in the press and not in person."

"If I had known Ofield Dukes was his conduit then I would have done that," replies Smith. "For someone to have to jump through that many hoops in order to get to him in order for him to have a say - whether it is one-sided or not - I think that is his fault. But by the mere fact that he told me in Chi-

cago to get in touch with his people, I thought that was an insult to me."

For his part, Bishop Jakes says he came to the Black press offering an olive branch and agreeing to write a weekly column for the NNPA News Service free of charge.

"They invited me to the Black press (convention) and we did say that we were going to work together," he readily admits. "They did not say that the cost of admission was how much money I spent. No one said that in the entire meeting. And, if that was the meeting was about, I don't have to come speak for that. They need to send a business proposal to a marketing director. And it can't be done in June for a (MegaFest) meeting that occurs in August because we bought our ads months and months ago, and we do it nationally and not locally."

The Atlanta Voice Sales and Marketing Director Cheryl Mainor offers this account. "The sales department began talking to Cheryl Thomas with Potters House in January. In May they committed to running an ad before Mega Fest."

In July, Jacquelyn Jakes called and said they had exhausted their local advertising budget and would like to barter for tickets to their entertainment events.

The Atlanta Voice declined and checked with other Black-owned Atlanta newspapers - none of them had

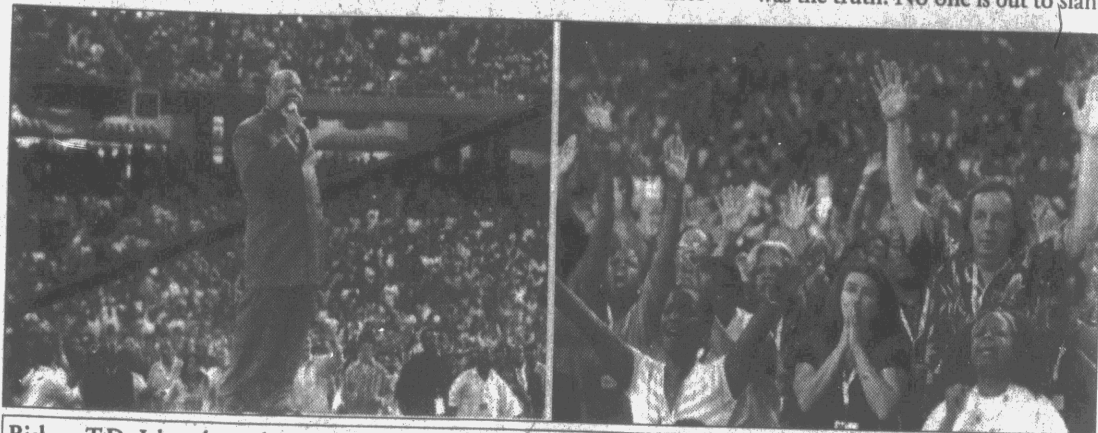
received any advertising, either." Adds Dallas Weekly Publisher and Atlanta Voice President James Washington, "After all you don't preach a sermon and not pass the collection plate."

"I am not opposed to marketing in the Black press, but the article makes it sound like I put money into other print media and that I deliberately snubbed the Black press when, in fact, this is simply not the truth," he later e-mailed. "With the exception of ads we ran in the papers of our MegaFest media sponsors and the ad we ran in the Atlanta Journal Constitution thanking the city for their hospitality and announcing, as we did last year, next year's conference dates, we did not buy ads in any newspaper, including the Black press."

Jakes, who has been dubbed "America's Best Preacher" by TIME magazine, calls the NNPA criticism and the story appearing in most of the NNPA newspapers an unwarranted and unfounded attack.

"It is an integrity issue - to print it, to write it and to slander me was not being fair," argues Jakes, a hugely popular TV evangelist who heads the Dallas-based mega-church Potters House. "The only thing they accused me of was not giving them a piece of money and that is not a

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Bishop T.D. Jakes shares his message of hope and encouragement during Woman, Thou Art Loosed! on the opening night of MegaFest 2005 and on the left MegaFest indicates how Mega Fest draws on people from all walks of life. The gathering spotlighted such gospel singers as Cee Cee Winans and Comedian Steve Harvey. Photo: Potter's House

religious conferences ever.

"To be called cheap in that article was an insult," said Jakes heatedly to this reporter. "It also upset me that rather than come to me directly for resolution, this matter was discussed publicly in the press."

and harangued and reprimanded this reporter with a blistering retort to my previous story.

"Every time I don't spend money now I am a bad guy," he asks incredulously. "You don't resolve a business conflict with 'yellow' jour-

der Jakes or his organization."

In that Atlanta Voice story - which was subsequently re-printed in dozens of Black-owned papers across the country - NNPA President John Smith, Sr. lamented that much to his chagrin not one single

Jackie Robinson Season Champs, Second Place and Runner ups



Jackie Robinson League Baseball Tournament/Regular Season Champs - NORTH CARE /Head Coach: James Stockton. BACK ROW: Brandon Phillips, Zack Haywood, Tim Jones, Ricky Johnson, Da Da Parker, Loranzo Dainiels and Mike Joyner, Jr. FRONT ROW: Boone Mooring, Dionta Mullins, Jiomni House, Jehneil House, Taquan Hardison and Kelvin Lawrence. LAST ROW Head Coach and Asst. Coaches: Robert Jones, Sylvester Tyson and Mike Jones



Jackie Robinson League Baseball Tournament Champs/2nd Place Runner-up Regular Season - SERTOMA HORNETS (Left to Right): Asst. Coach Curtis Keyes, Greg Suggs, Kenny Coward, Head Coach James Karmon. MIDDLE ROW (left to right): Nick Summerall, Julien More, Cam Grice, Montey Hardy and Christopher Bridgers. FRONT ROW (left to right): Deshaun Payton, Jakeel Andrews, Mike Suggs, Justin Brown, Marcus Bell, Josh Cox (Not pictured T.S. O'Neil and Josh Ward).



Jackie Robinson League Baseball 2nd Place Runner-up Regular Season FUZION: FRONT ROW (left to right): Hunter Wilson, C.J. Blow, Jalen Atkinson, Ryan Harris, Travis McCormick and Kevi Jefferson. MIDDLE ROW (left to right): Mike Bowman, Miles Gibbs, Scott Harris, Akeem Savage and Treyvon Clark. BACK ROW (left to right): Head Coach Frankie Atkinson, Asst Coach: Leron Gibbs and Asst Coach: Carl Harris.

Butterfield and Cornerstone Church Hosts Panel Discussion on Voting Rights Act of 65'

By Susie Clemons GREENVILLE, NC - Saturday, August 20, 2005, Congressman G.K. Butterfield, in partnership with the Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute, successfully drew

House of Representatives Daniel "Dan" Blue; former Majority leader of the North Carolina House of Representatives Judge Milton "Toby" Fitch; Congressman John Lewis of Georgia and venerated North Carolina Congressman Mel Watt.



Rev. Sidney Locks, Pastor of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church and host to the panel discussion on Voters Rights is pictured along with Walter Fauntroy along with Brad Miller, NC - D and G.K. Butterfield, NC - D.

a gathering of well known political visionaries' to Cornerstone Missionary First Baptist Church in Greenville, for what was just a much a reunion of great minds spanning decades of positive social change for African Americans, as it was a panel discussion on eliminating barriers to black political participation to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Those in attendance were former member of Congress and one of organizers of the 1963 March on Washington Walter Fauntroy; former speaker of North Carolina

They along with a host of other trail blazers and political pundits were present to share historical data on voter discrimination and other strategies enacted to deny African Americans access to the polls, in a day long event of workshops focusing on the progress, hard won successes and future of voting rights for minorities.

Historically, North Carolina has been a hot bed for political equity for African Americans, many of whom have and continue to wage a successful battle to ensure the protection of voting rights for the African American community

and to ensure the election of Black officials.

"The Voting Rights Act of 1965," according to Congressman Butterfield, "has changed the political landscape of the First District." In 1953 Butterfield witnessed his father's historical election to the Wilson Board of Aldermen in a district election system that was soon thereafter modified to an at-large election adopting anti-single shot voting, an act that dismantled concentrated voters. Alderman Butterfield was strategically defeated in the following election.

It would be nearly two decades until the Wilson Community of minority voters would again have Representation. Butterfield acknowledges, "Had the Voting Rights Act been in place in the year 1957, not only would such changes require approval by the Department of Justice but minority plaintiffs would have had the proviso to bring lawsuit against the discriminatory election systems - including the use of literary tests as voting requirement."

"Literary Tests," according to NAACP Counsel Alaina Beverly advised during the second workshop session, "may have again raised its arm in North Carolina with the current voting rights litigation of whether provisional ballots can be counted." Also Beverly advised, "that while many sections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 (VRA) are permanent, some are temporary. It is the temporary provisions, found in section 5, section 203 and sections 6 through 9, that are up for reauthorization in 2007. Of those tem-

porary provisions of the VRA, section 5 is the most important - section 5 has been and is crucial to minority political empowerment."

North Carolina, D - Congressman Mel Watt was earlier captured saying, "While the Voting Rights Acts has brought great progress, there is still much work to do. ... Today 40 years later the voting rights of minorities are still in jeopardy, so Congress' reauthorization of the VRA is not an option, it's imperative. The members of the Congressional Black Caucus are committed to renewing and strengthening the Voting Rights Acts."

And that progress is evident today in North Carolina with elected African American officials numbering 263 inclusive of: 3 Clerks of Court; 51 County Commissioners, (7 chairmen of their boards), in the 1st Congressional District; 8 District Court Judges; 73 members of Boards of Education; 5 General Assembly members; 18 Mayors; 91 City Council Members, 3 Register of Deeds; 4 Sheriffs; 6 Superior Court Judges.

To that end, Congressman Butterfield reminds all minority voters that, "The blood shed on the Edmund Pettis Bridge, in Selma Alabama in 1965 and throughout the South, forms the foundation upon which we stand and what we commemorate the 40th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965."

Remember, the message of the movement of 1965 remains largely unchanged today: if you don't vote, you don't count.

Susie Clemons is a staff writer for the Minority Voice.

North Carolina Mutual Launches Partnership with Area Clergy



North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company announced the launch of a partnership with area clergy on Saturday, August 13, 2005. The event was hosted by Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr. of Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Sharon Coleman, North Carolina Mutual Charitable Giving Program Coordinator, presented an overview of the company's programs and services that benefit both churches and members of area congregation.

Rev. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, served as guest speaker. Rev. Gray introduced a new fund raising initiative of the General Baptist State Convention, "Campaign 750," and spoke about the partnership between the Convention and North Carolina Mutual.

Rev. Kenneth Ray Hammond, Pastor of Union Baptist Church in Durham, was a special guest, delivering the Invocation for the session. Attendees enjoyed a bountiful lunch catered by Charles Gatling Catering Services.

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

Burial insurance slammed...Lawsuits target bias policies!

By Suejette Jones

GREENVILLE, NC - For a century, it was standard practice at many American insurance companies that when it came to burial insurance, blacks were charged more than whites for the same coverage. The policies were small, paying out just enough for a modest funeral, but millions of them were sold, many to poor black families in the South. Now the industry is being called to account. Insurance regulators in many states have filed complaints. Lawyers representing black families have brought class-action lawsuits. Companies with policies sold by scores of insurers, unwilling to defend what is now viewed by society as indefensible racial discrimination, are settling out of court.

Between 2000 and 2004, 16 major cases were settled. Those cases covered 14.8 million policies sold by 90 insurance companies between 1900 and the 1980s. Together, the settlements require the companies to pay more than \$556 million most of it is restitution to policyholders or their survivors.

The two biggest settlements: American General Life and Accident

Insurance Co. of Nashville, Tennessee agreed in 2000 to pay \$250 million in a case involving 9.1 million policies. Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York agreed in 2002 to pay \$157 million for 1.9 million policies. Other companies which agreed are: Mutual Savings Life Insurance Co. of Decatur, Alabama, Liberty Life Insurance Co. of Greenville, S.C. and Atlantic Coast Life Insurance Co. of South Carolina.

One spokesman for the American Council of Life Insurers, a trade group, said the insurance industry settlements are best understood "in the context of America's complex history of race relations."

Burial insurance, also known as industrial, was originally developed in Britain for sale to factory workers. Introduced in the United States in 1875, it spread nationwide, taking especially strong hold in black neighborhoods in the Southeast. There, insurance agents peddled the policies door to door. Typically agents stopped by weekly to collect the premiums—often a dollar or less. Through these regular visits, the agents could see when families were growing and pressed to insure each new member. Instead of consolidating multiple policies into a single one at a better rate, black customers were encouraged to keep buying individual ones for their growing families, policyholders say.

By 1955, the high-water mark for burial insurance, American insurance companies held more than \$40 billion worth in 155 million

policies. Some industry giants, including Metropolitan Life, built their business largely on profits from burial insurance in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, according to government and corporate accounts. That racial bias was built into these policies was long an open secret in the insurance industry. Insurance forms asked the applicant's race, and blacks were routinely charged more than whites for the same coverage, the insurance industry now publicly acknowledge.

For decades, the insurance industry defended the discriminatory practice, arguing that blacks on average didn't live as long as whites, making them a worse insurance risk. However, attorneys for black policyholders say, many insurers continued the practice long after it became known that it was poverty, poor medical care, and risky jobs—not race—that contributed to shorter life span. That meant blacks continued to pay more than whites who faced similar risks.

In many cases, industry critics say, premiums paid over the years I greatly exceeded the payment value of the policies. One couple spent \$585 in premiums for a policy that paid a benefit of \$60 according to one lawsuit. Another paid \$728 in premiums over 20 years for a \$520 benefit. One black railway worker and truck driver paid premiums regularly for more than 50 years. Yet the insurer eventually told him that some family policies, including the one on his life, had somehow lapsed,

his son says. "That was kind of ridiculous, you paying premiums all your life, but you don't have any coverage? What were you buying?" He felt hurt.

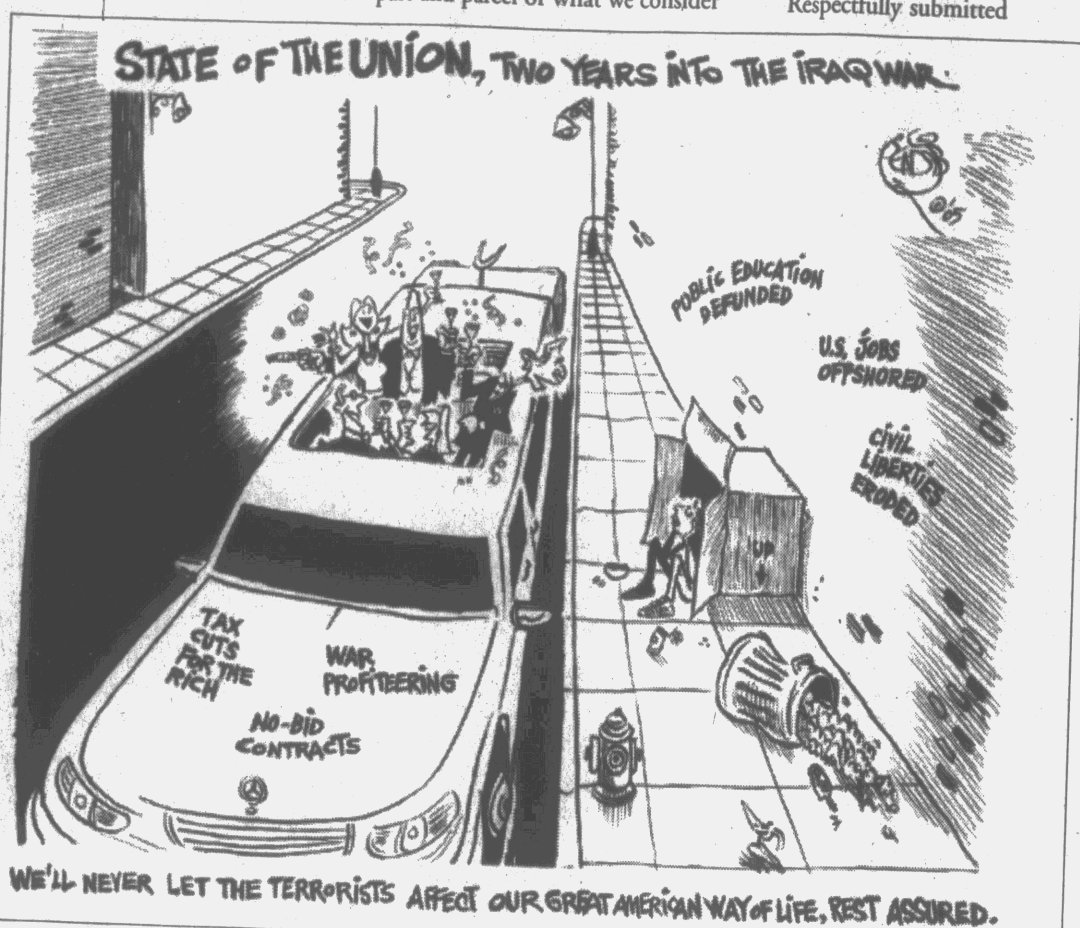
As recent as January 2005, the Associated Press reported that the Bank of America and Bank One are

discussing possible settlements of class action lawsuits filed by black consumers who say they were charged more for auto loans than whites pay. That didn't necessarily break the law, said one lawyer for the policyholders. But he added, "It's part and parcel of what we consider

a scheme to take advantage of African-Americans.

Note: This article caught my attention because I, myself filed a class-action suit with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. In June 2004, I received a settlement check on behalf of my late father who died in 1945.

Respectfully submitted



What's in a Name? Hip-Hop's African Influence

By David Sylvester

I recently completed a charitable bicycle trip in Africa, riding over 7000 miles from Cairo, Egypt to Cape Town, South Africa. The trip made me the first and only African-American to cross two continents on a bicycle.

I have plenty of great and fascinating stories. Many are funny, others bittersweet, some are poignant, but all are entertaining. Surprisingly one story has stood out and if it was not for the fact that I have a picture of it, many would never believe it. It is for that reason that I am sharing it with you.

I have traveled all over the world and have never seen a store by the name of "Jew Devils," "Spic Bastards," "Muff Divin' Dykes" or anything like that - only the store called "Niggers." While in Lilongwe, Malawi, I came across a store by the name of "Niggers." That's

right "Niggers!" The other riders, who were all White, could not wait to inform me of this to see my reaction. Initially, I thought that it was a very bad joke but when the other riders were adamant about the existence of the store, I had to see it for myself.

What I found was a store selling what the owner called "hip-hop" style clothing. It was manned by two gentlemen - one of them asleep! (Talk about living up to or in this case down to a stereotype). I asked the guys what was up with the store name. After hearing my obvious non-Malawian accent and figuring out that I was from America, the man thumped his chest proudly and said "P-Diddy New York City! We are the niggers!"

My first reaction was to laugh because many things when isolated can be very funny, but it quickly dawned on me that this was so not funny at all. It was pathetic. I did these bicycle trips across the USA and through the 'Mother-Land' in honor of one of my good friends, mentors and fellow African Americans, Kevin

Bowser, who died on 9/11.

Here I am, a Black man riding across the world on his bicycle in honor of another Black man, riding 'home', and what do I see? Some Africans calling themselves

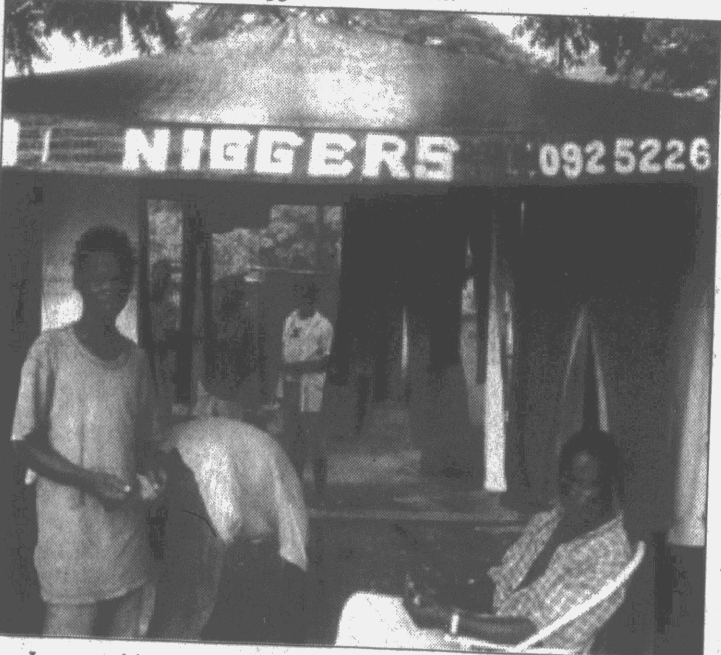
Niggers. They were even so proud of it they put it on their store front to sell stuff. When I relay the story to folks back home in Philadelphia, most of them laugh too and rationalize it by saying 'well, we can say it to each other' or 'there is a difference' or even 'they just spelled it wrong. It should have been 'niggas' or 'niggahs'. Gee, like that would make a difference.

The issue is not the spelling. I was wrong. We are wrong. There is no justification for an infraction of this magnitude. The word and the sentiment behind it are flat out wrong. We have denigrated and degraded ourselves to the point that our backwards mindset has spread like a cancer and infected our source, our brothers, our sisters, our Mother Land.

I have traveled all over the world and have never seen a

store by the name of "Jew Devils," "Spic Bastards," "Muff Divin' Dykes" or anything like that- only the store "Niggers."

other stuff, I enriched it. I now see the error in my ways and I am so sorry Black men and women.



I am to blame for this. Every time I said the word, I condoned it. By not correcting others or by rationalizing it, I gave it respectability. By looking the other way when others said 'hey nigger what's up', and when I purchased CDs, DVDs, T-shirts and

The flame that we called entertainment, that was only to warm and entertain us, now engulfs us and scorches our own self esteem. If a child only knows to refer to men and women as niggers, bitches, pimps and hoers, then what is he/she to grow

up thinking of themselves?

The bottom line is this: I rode over 12,000 miles on two continents through 15 states and 13 countries and broke two bikes in the process to get to a store in Africa called Niggers. I am willing to step up and admit my part in the havoc that we have wrought on our mindset but I think that we all are to blame.

I will finish with 4 things: if you don't like being called a Nigger, Bitch, Faggot, Dyke, Spic, Jew Dog, Wop, Towel Head or anything of that ilk, then think. Think before you speak those words, write those lyrics, support that rhetoric. And most of all think before you purchase! Purchasing is akin to compliance. I may like the beats and rhythms of some songs but I can not support it any more. You rappers are intelligent. Find another word to describe yourselves.

A picture is worth a thousand words. For larger view click onto <http://playhata.com/images/gallery/hiphopafricaninfluence.jpg>.

David Sylvester is a personal trainer, who teaches health to adults in Philadelphia. He e-mailed this story initially to 35 friends. They forwarded the e-mails, and Sylvester has received more than 300 responses, including responses from Japan since the initial e-mail on July 20.

What Blacks can do to help Africa and themselves

The problem with African Americans is their heavy reliance on politics. An example is the remarkably ill-informed, polemical campaign against Sudan. In Sudan, both the American left and right have practiced subtle forms of self-serving, symbolic politics that hinder the development of a positive American consensus on assistance. African Americans have bought into political policies that prolonged a devastating war and curbed any discussions of means to sustain Sudan's economic capacity.

America's interest in Sudan mushroomed largely due to campaigns led by missionary groups and African-American churches, resulting in an unusual alliance of right-wing politicians identified with the Republican Party and members of the Democratic Congressional Black Caucus. While they've been goading African-American activists to protest and march against Sudan, right-wing politicians and their aid projects have been generating money in and about Sudan.

When Black Americans cease being a part of the problems of Sudan, they will realize that spanning solutions can become a worthwhile enterprise. A U.N. survey ranks Sudan as the sixth-richest country on the planet in terms of resources. It is Africa's largest country. It has vast water resources and possesses the world's largest irrigated farmland in the Gezira Project. It's the world's largest producer of gum arabic, which the world consumes billions of times a day in fizzy

drinks and chocolate bars. Sudan has oil reserves rivaling those in

government of the north.

Like Garang, Blacks need to

preached Marxism, Garang became the darling of America's

negative in America. Evangelical Christian groups fastened on to the cause of Garang's Southern rebels, saying they were "a beleaguered Christian minority" and victims of "the Arab government."

Mobilizing around charges of slavery, genocide and terrorism, Washington activists gave Sudan a pariah status.

If Black Americans concentrate on peacemaking in Sudan, they can turn an African disaster

into the continent's richest country. They can become real players there, while making Garang's peace agreement a lasting accomplishment. If Blacks break away from the fractious forces, they'll sideline war-mongers who favor sanctions against Sudan and move Darfurian rebels with the Justice and Equality Movement and the Sudanese Liberation Army to actually negotiate in Abuja, Nigeria, and bring "the world's worst humanitarian crisis" to an end. Such steps will enhance business interests we all should have for, and in, Sudan.

"While White Americans take advantage of economic ventures in Africa that benefit them, African Americans have little knowledge of opportunities in their own homeland. White people are greedy to go where the money is. The money is in Africa. I don't care how humanitarian they are; I don't care how religious they are. When it comes to economic opportunity and economic potential, we have done ourselves and Africa a disservice by talking much about the problems and not about the opportunities."
-former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Andrew Young, town hall meeting on "Africa and Diaspora," National Urban League's 65 Annual Conference

Saudi Arabia, but politicians preach "disinvestment" over investment there.

The untimely death of John Garang has thrown the Comprehensive Peace Act (CPA) that formed Sudan's new unity government into question, forcing African Americans to choose between politics of protest or programs for peaceful progress in Sudan.

The CPA brought hope to war-ravaged regions of Sudan and ensured wealth and power would be shared. Mr. Garang was to be president of the newly established Southern Sudan government and vice-president of the new United Government of Sudan. After six years, the south will vote on whether to remain part of Sudan.

The conflicts, which American politics had a hand in promulgating, wrought vast devastation in Sudan. Ten million people were displaced from their homes and lands during the world's longest war. Two million people died in 21 years of fighting in the south of Sudan between the Christian-endorsed Sudan People's Liberation Movement and the majority-Muslim

take advantage of the opportunity at hand. Though he once

Religious Right. Through that alliance, Sudan's profile became

Cooper's Commentary



Keith Cooper

The price of gasoline has caused hardships for innumerable local residents, many of whom travel from work weekly. Further, it is clear that employees who make poverty wages can not afford unreasonable increases in the gas prices.

The global impact of high gas prices on the Black community

The consumer needs to be educated about the implications of high gas prices and steps to promote fuel efficiency and savings. Though some believe nothing can be done to deal effectively with the issue, there are some strategies that, if implemented, would make gas station owners think twice about price gouging.

Let's use common sense. If gas station A sells gas that is higher than that of gas station B a few blocks down the road, go to gas station B. You might be surprised what gas station A would do when it loses too much of its customer volume base.

I find that Sam's Club's gas typically is about three cents per gallon cheaper than its competitors. However, to benefit, one has to purchase a membership, good for a year, for a small fee.

In terms of savings, this will pay for itself within a very short period of time.

Consumers need to shop wisely for gas. As of now, a barrel of crude oil is \$66. Experts, like AAA and oil industry analysts, predict that this cost will rise substantially in the near future.

Since crude oil costs affect pump prices, we need to be cognizant of the implications. Geopolitics, vis-à-vis the Middle East, weather conditions around the Gulf of Mexico, and aging oil refineries are a few other crucial variables that constitute the sticker price for gas.

The Benevolence Corps will continue to educate consumers about gas costs. Here in Greenville, I admire The Daily Reflector's Mike Grizzard's thorough research and analytical presentations about area gas prices.

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Missing young women finally found

Man Charge with Murder in the Tamika Huston Case

By Mark Memmott

SPARTANBURG - Police in Spartanburg, S.C., said Friday they've arrested a man for the murder of Tamika Huston, the 24-year-old African-American who became a symbol for critics of the national media's apparent lack of interest in missing adults unless they're young, attractive, white women.

Huston's disappearance became a rallying point for critics who decried media attention to other cases.

Under arrest: Christopher Hampton, 25, an acquaintance of Huston's who was released from federal prison Friday. He had been in prison for an unrelated crime.

Hampton was not incarcerated when Huston disappeared



in May 2004. At that time,

Spartanburg Director of Public Safety Tony Fisher said Friday, Hampton was living in an apartment where a significant amount of Huston's blood was later found.

Huston is presumed dead because of the large amount of blood discovered in the apartment.

Fisher said "forensic evidence" has given his department what it needs to charge Hampton with murder, but he would not comment further during a news conference in Spartanburg.

The arrest may also have led to the discovery of Huston's body Friday. The Spartanburg Herald-Journal reported Saturday that at some point in the day Friday police were led by Hampton to some woods in the area where human remains were found.

The newspaper said authorities hope to positively identify the remains, which may be Huston's.

While the cases of Laci Peterson, Lori Hocking, Natalee Holloway and other young white women dominated cable news networks, Huston got almost no national attention for nearly a year after she went missing. When her case finally got significant coverage, the stories were mostly about the national media's lack of interest, compared to cases involving young white women.

The stories also noted that young white women are by no means the "typical" missing persons: Slightly more than half of missing adults are men and nearly 30% are black, even though blacks account for just 13% of the U.S. population. The FBI has nearly 50,000 active cases involving missing adults.

Huston's aunt, Rebekah Howard, is spokeswoman for the missing woman's family. She said Friday the family feels some relief

after Hampton's arrest but feels "as if we're only halfway there. At the time of Hampton's arrest, Howard said, "we still don't know where Tamika is and we know it will be a lengthy process before he's ever convicted."

The last confirmed sighting of Huston was May 27, 2004 in Spartanburg. Family and friends became concerned several days later when they realized she hadn't been to her apartment for some time. Huston's dog, Macy, had given birth to puppies in the apartment and it was clear no one had been there for the births or to care for the animals.

Immediately after reporting Huston's disappearance to Spartanburg police, her family began trying to call attention to her case. Howard, who is a public relations professional in Miami, alerted newspapers and TV stations in South Carolina. The family handed out fliers and held candlelight vigils. A reward fund was created. The efforts paid off: Local media did stories about Huston's disappearance. By mid-June 2004, her case was atop the local media's agenda.

Then Howard contacted national media. They had given heavy coverage to the disappearance of Peterson, from Modesto, Calif., in 2002-2003. Peterson's husband Scott was convicted of her murder earlier this year and was sentenced to death. Laci Peterson was 27.

Howard talked to all four TV networks and major newspapers,

including USA TODAY. Fox News Channel's On the Record with Greta Van Susteren briefly noted Huston's disappearance last August. But no other national media outlets were interested.

At the same time, however, most national news media were devoting airtime and newsprint to the July 19, 2004, disappearance of Hacking, 27, of Salt Lake City. Her husband later pled guilty to her murder and was sentenced to between six years and life in prison.

Huston's full story wasn't told nationally until March this year, on the Fox network's America's Most Wanted. Then in May and June, National Public Radio and USA TODAY did reports about Huston and the lack of media interest in her disappearance compared to the intense coverage of "runaway bride" Jennifer Wilbanks and missing Alabama teen Holloway. She disappeared in Aruba on May 30.

Howard, Huston's aunt, is convinced that national media attention can make a big difference to solving a missing person's case.

"I have a huge amount of respect for the Spartanburg Public Safety Department and they devoted an enormous amount of time to Tamika's case," she said. "But I know the national media attention we finally got only helped. It brought new leads and it did keep a fire lit under the police."

Police: Remains of LaToya Figueroa found



LaToya Figueroa

PHILADELPHIA - Police discovered the remains of a missing pregnant woman and quickly arrested the father of her unborn child Saturday, ending an exhaustive, monthlong search.

District Attorney Lynne M. Abraham said Stephen Poaches would be charged with two counts of murder and related offenses for the deaths of 24-year-old LaToya Figueroa and her fetus.

Authorities did not provide a motive or say what led them to sus-

pect Poaches, 25, who police said was wearing a bulletproof vest and carrying a pistol when he was arrested.

The remains were recovered in a grassy, partially wooded lot in Chester, 13 miles from Philadelphia. A few dozen members of the Figueroa family and supporters arrived at the scene shortly after daybreak, clustering close to the police tape and embracing each other.

"Now she can rest in peace," said the woman's father, Melvin Figueroa. "All I want is justice with that peace."

Closure for family
The woman's uncle, Jose Figueroa, said as terrible as the discovery of the body was, it puts an end to the weeks of fear and not knowing about LaToya, who was five months pregnant at the time of the disappearance.

"We can actually try to go back to a normal life," he said.

Relatives and friends have papered the city with fliers and held large-scale searches for any sign of Figueroa, recently marking one month since her disappearance. A reward fund for information had reached \$100,000, including donations from the restaurant

where she worked.

The case attracted a brief flurry of television attention after several Philadelphia-area bloggers waged a campaign urging networks to give the same attention to Figueroa, who is black and Hispanic, as they did to Natalee Holloway, a white woman who disappeared in Aruba.

Poaches' lawyer, Michael Coard, has repeatedly spoken to journalists on behalf of his client, including national television appearances in which he noted that Poaches has spoken to investigators voluntarily and that he has consented to have his home and his vehicle searched.

Police Commissioner Sylvester M. Johnson said Saturday that Coard's public relations moves would not hold up.

"He has an attorney who has basically tried this case in the news media and has depicted him to be innocent. We are saying today that he is not innocent and we are going to convict him and he will go to whatever he deserves to get," Johnson said.

Coard did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment after Saturday's news conference.

Figueroa, who also is the mother of a 7-year-old girl, was last seen on the afternoon of July 18 in West Philadelphia.

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Millions of Americans Get By on Social Security Alone

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By John Waggoner

Mary Rathbun gets an \$809 check every month from Social Security and an additional \$100 in food stamps. The 74-year-old former nurse pays \$550 in rent for her apartment in St. Helens, Ore. That leaves less than \$400 for food, utilities and other expenses, including medical bills.

"It takes a lot of management," says Rathbun. "I watch for things that are on sale and don't drink soda." She's fortunate, she says, because her treatments for colon cancer - which has spread to her lungs and liver - don't require a lot of costly medications. "I think the good Lord looks over me," Rathbun says.

When Social Security was launched 70 years ago Sunday, it was meant to be a supplement for retirees, not a full pension. But today, 10.6 million people, or 22% of the 48 million who will receive Social Security benefits this year, live on that check alone, the Social Security Administration says.

Living on only Social Security isn't a happy prospect. It means stretching every dollar, depending on a patchwork of family, charity and state programs to pay for what Social Security doesn't cover - and sometimes doing without. Those living on nothing but Social Security are often single women and minorities. AARP, the senior advocacy group, says 25% of retired

women, including 46% of unmarried Hispanic women, have no income beyond Social Security. AARP also says 33% of retired African-Americans live on Social Security alone.

Those numbers could grow as the baby boom generation enters retirement. Currently, 53% of people in the workforce have no pension, and 32% have no savings set aside for retirement. The number of traditional pension plans - the kind that guarantee a set amount of money for life and that have propped up many of the pre-boomer generation - has fallen to 29,651 in 2004 from 112,208 in 1985.

The average Social Security

payout is \$955 a month, \$11,460 annually. The benefit can be more or less, depending on how many years you worked, how much you earned and the age you started taking payments. If your check is less than \$579, you can get Supplemental Security Income. But that just brings your monthly income up to \$579.

President Bush has proposed overhauling Social Security by allowing private investment accounts and indexing benefit increases to changes in consumer prices, rather than wages. But proponents and opponents disagree on how those changes would affect people who are totally dependent on Social Security.

Private accounts would give workers the potential to earn more on their savings than they would get from Social Security, proponents argue. And while tying increases to consumer prices would slow the growth of payouts over time, the bottom third of income earners would be exempt from that provision, says Michael Tanner of the Cato Institute, a conservative think tank.

Opponents argue that people would have to get a return of more than 3 percentage points above the inflation rate to benefit from private accounts. "The president's proposal would reduce benefits for people living on Social Security and subject what was left to sub-

stantially greater risk," says Jason Furman, senior fellow at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Getting there

How do you wind up with nothing but Social Security? Cindy Hulsey, a case worker for the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Arkansas, says about half of her 65 clients live on nothing but Social Security. "They tended to have lower-paying jobs in their working careers, the ladies were homemakers or the husband was a farmer," she says.

"I've been a jailer, a deputy sheriff, owned a taxi and drove it, too," says Faye Hickman, 79, of Harrison, Ark., one of Hulsey's clients. She also worked 30 years for Tyson Foods, the giant meat-packing company. "You could go into the pension or the stock," she says. "I went into the stock." Tyson stock fell to \$7.28 in March 2003 from nearly \$25 in 1997. Her money soon evaporated. Today, she lives on \$888 a month, \$146 of which goes to her mortgage. She gets an additional \$20 in food stamps. "It is tight," Hickman says.

Rathbun had retirement savings. She got a lump-sum payout from the hospital where she worked. "I went through that when I first got sick," she says. "It didn't take long."

Kenny Fewell, 63, of Leesburg, Va., was just hitting his stride as a heavy-equipment operator when he fell into a diabetic coma at age 49. That ended his career driving dump trucks and other big equipment. For safety reasons, the state took away his license.

"We never did have much savings," he says. Being laid off took care of the savings he did have, and diabetes took care of the rest of his working career. Now, he and his wife, Nancy Ann, 56, also a diabetic, get by on his \$998 Social Security check. They pay \$188 a month for their subsidized housing.

"People say you can work with diabetes," Fewell says. "Some can and some can't. I've got a real bad case." Fewell has neuropathy that affects his hands, causing numbness, pain and weakness.

For a while after he was laid off, he reconditioned lawn mowers, getting \$30 to \$35 apiece. But he can't do that anymore. He mainly stays in bed, trying to avoid getting diabetic sores.

"It gets boring sitting at home, staring at four walls," Fewell says. Nancy Ann Fewell worked for a doctor, doing filing and domestic work. She paid her own Social Security, but until she's declared disabled, she won't get any payments. "Her feet swell up, and she has tendonitis," he says.

Marnie McDonough, an Atlanta social worker, says many of her clients are single, African-American women who had menial jobs - as maids and housecleaners, for example. "The families they worked for didn't pay into Social Security for them," she says. "And the women didn't earn much as domestics and were more concerned about putting food on the table."

It's not easy. Getting by on nothing but Social Security isn't easy. "Unless you're living with relatives, it would be very difficult," says Alexandra Armstrong, a Washington, D.C., financial planner.

Start with food. Rathbun says she's had to pinch pennies most of her life, so she's used to it. "I was raised during the dirty '30s, when you learned to manage," she says. "I cook from scratch and don't use a lot of prepared food." She grows vegetables in her small backyard garden and watches for sales. "No frivolities," Rathbun says.

The Fewells get a box of groceries once a month from Reston Interfaith, a local charity, although some of the food isn't suitable for diabetics. Eating at charity dinners isn't much of an option. Fewell's neuropathy makes his hands shake, and he says it's embarrassing to eat in public. "We went to a potluck dinner, and my shirt looked like I was a pig," he says. "We don't go out much."

Beyond food, medicine looms as the biggest problem for many of those trying to get by on Social Security.

Hickman is fortunate because she beat cancer. "Whatever can be cut off has been cut off," she says. But the 79-year-old also has heart problems and asthma. Hulsey arranges for her to get her heart drugs free from the manufacturer, although Hickman frets that the program might end this year.

Fewell, too, gets some of his drugs from the manufacturer, although he says it can take two months or more to get them. But because he needs as much as 75 units of insulin twice a day, he puts

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Women Most Fear Breast Cancer, but Heart Disease Is the Top Killer

by Jennifer Wider
WASHINGTON, DC - Although heart disease is by far the number one killer of American women, a strong majority of women say breast cancer is the disease they fear the most, according to a new survey commissioned by the Society for Women's Health Research in Washington, D.C.

"Women tend to fear breast cancer more than heart disease, which doesn't make sense from a

statistical standpoint because the incidence of heart disease is much greater," Michael Remetz, M.D., an associate professor of cardiology at Yale Medical Center in New Haven, Conn., said.

Almost a quarter of the women surveyed, 22 percent, said breast cancer is the single disease they most fear. All cancer responses totaled 57 percent. Heart disease was the second most feared specific disease, with 9.7 percent of

women calling it their top fear.

Women are more aware of their risk for heart disease now than in the past. The percent of women who most fear heart disease has nearly doubled since 2002, representing a growth in awareness that heart disease is not solely a disease of men.

"Increased efforts by the Society for Women's Health Research and other women's health groups to raise awareness of heart disease

in women, in particular through the Red Dress national awareness campaign, have definitely paid off," Sherry Marts, Ph.D., the Society's vice president of scientific affairs, said.

The survey shows that diseases women most fear do not match up with the ones most likely to kill them. Heart disease was responsible for 28.6 percent of all deaths in U.S. women in 2002, the last year for which complete data is

available from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. All cancers combined, however, represented only 21.6 percent of women's deaths that year. Breast cancer was responsible for less than four percent of all deaths.

"It's all perception," Remetz said. "Heart disease is viewed as more of a chronic process that people can live with. They may be fearful of heart attacks, but many view chronic illness as something

that will not kill them immediately."

The word cancer usually evokes fear in most people and advocacy groups have made marked efforts to increase public consciousness.

"Breast cancer organizations have been very successful in raising awareness," Marts explained. "It is the most common cancer diagnosis among women. However,

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Coretta King remains in fair condition after heart attack and stroke

by Patricia Guthrie & Ernie Suggs
ATLANTA, GA - As of August 18th it was reported that Civil rights ma-

triarh Coretta Scott King remained in the hospital Wednesday in fair condition, a day after suffering a

stroke. Aside from a condition report, hospital officials and family mem-

bers have made no public statements on King's general health or prospects for recovery. In a statement issued late Tuesday night, Martin Luther King III said "expressions of love and concern" have been pouring in for his mother and the family.

"My family and I are overwhelmed by the outpouring of care and support that are being sent from around the world," Martin Luther King III said in a statement. "Please continue to keep her and us in your thoughts and prayers as she moves toward a speedy and complete recovery."

Early Wednesday morning, Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin took a moment to reflect on King.

"I certainly join all Atlanta in praying for Mrs. King's full and complete recovery," Franklin said. "Our prayers are with her even when she's not sick. We are very confident that the doctors are doing everything they can."

The 78-year-old widow of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. has two sons and two daughters.

She has continued her husband's work for equality and civil rights, founding the King Center following his 1968 assassination. She was hospitalized in April with atrial fibrillation and, following doctors' advice to avoid stress, she cut back on public appearances over the summer.

People close to Coretta Scott King said she suffered a stroke early Tuesday and was taken to Piedmont Hospital that same morning. How quickly King received medical attention following her stroke is one of

many factors affecting her recovery, medical experts say.

A breakthrough drug, tissue plasminogen activator (t-PA), which dissolves blood clots, can help stroke victims, but they must receive it within three hours of the onset of symptoms. Studies have shown that patients receiving the drug within that time frame are at least 30 percent more likely to recover with little

and nutrients to the brain. Where in the brain the stroke occurs and the extent of brain cell death also factor into recovery, said Dr. Keith Sanders, medical director of the Stroke Center at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Stroke sufferers initially may be weak on one side, suffer trembling or stiffness in muscles, and have trouble balancing and walking. Their memory and speech also can be affected.

But time can be a healer, especially when combined with physical, occupational and speech therapies, said Dr. Philip Gorelick, professor of neurology and director of the Center for Stroke Research at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine.

"People can go for weeks or months and still be affected but slowly and surely they can be substantially better in a year," Gorelick said in a telephone interview.

"We certainly don't under-

stand exactly how the brain recovers. We're learning a lot more."

Age is another major factor in surviving and recovering from a stroke. "People who are older do not recover as much as those who are younger," Gorelick said.

Every year more than 750,000 Americans have a stroke, including about 20,000 Georgians.

It is the third leading cause of death, killing 160,000 Americans every year.

Patricia Guthrie & Ernie Suggs

write for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution and Staff reporter Stacy

Shelton contributed to this article.



In the top right photo Isaac Newton Farris, left, speaks with the Rev. Jesse Jackson outside Piedmont Hospital in Atlanta. Farris, a nephew of Coretta Scott King told reporters the hospitalized 78-year-old widow of Martin Luther King Jr. is expected to recover, though he didn't say whether she suffered a stroke, as family friends said. (Gregory Smith) In the photo below however Dr. Charles Wickliffe, a cardiologist at Piedmont Hospital, center, talks about the condition of the heart attack and stroke Mrs. King suffered and said that the heart attack minor but she suffered a major stroke that impaired her ability to speak and affected her right side, but added that she is 'completely aware' during a news conference on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2005. Shown with Wickliffe are King's children, from left, Bernice King, Martin Luther King III, Dexter King and Yolanda King. The last photo right shows Yolanda King, the daughter of Mrs. King as she talks about her mother's condition. Also pictured are her son Martin Luther King III, left center, daughter Bernice King, left, and son Dexter King, right and Dr. Charles Wickliffe. At the time of the conference Mrs. King, the 78-year-old widow of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. had been hospitalized for two days. Dr. Wickliffe said a blood clot had moved from King's heart and lodged in an artery in the left side of her brain. (W.A. Harewood)

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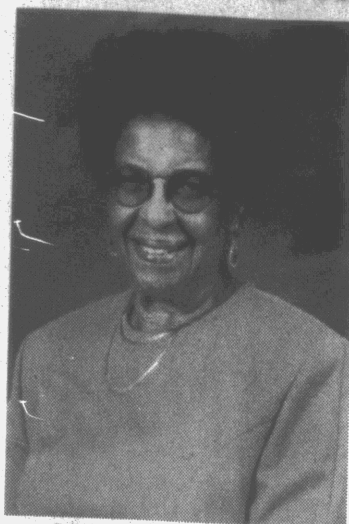
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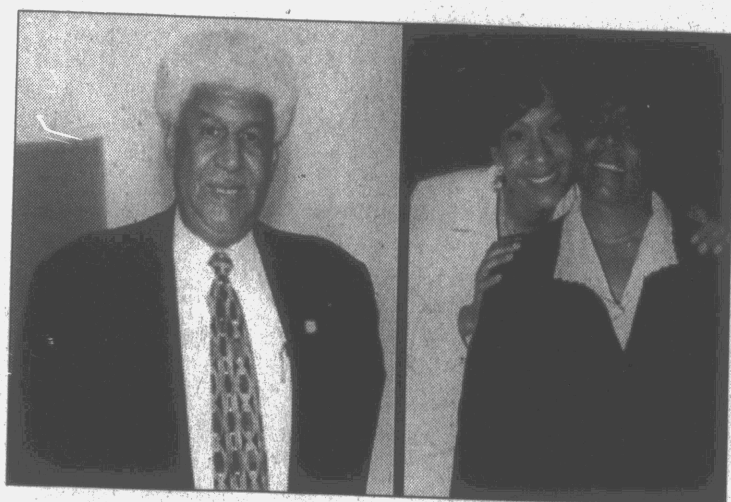
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Gentle giant - Mr Bernard Haselrig was caught by the M'voice camera at one of the many affairs he was called to chair. As a member of the Pitt County Board of Elections, The Pitt County NAACP Executive Board, Scoutmaster, Father and friend, this GIANT among men will truly be missed, pictured here along with wife Ernestine and daughter, Belinda Enola.

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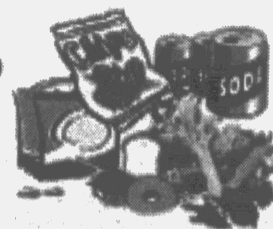
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Tom Kruse

With New Coach On Board, PCC Set to Host Volleyball Tournament

by Ron Goldman
WINTERVILLE, NC -With a new head coach in place, the Pitt

appearance. I feel he is capable of building a dominant program over the next couple of seasons."

A former club player at Ithaca College (N.Y.), Way also coached at his alma mater in addition to North Carolina Wesleyan and Mt. Olive College. He comes to PCC from Coastal Carolina Community College where he was a Health/Physical Education instructor.

"The opportunity to coach and instruct volleyball is something that I cherish and undertake with a great deal of passion and intensity," Way said. "As an instructor in the classroom and the court, I enjoy the task of conveying the lessons and experiences that I've learned to my students and players to enrich their lives and give them a greater chance of success."

Way plans to draw from his playing days to lead his new squad. "My experiences as a player allow me to demonstrate the importance of hard work, diligence and intensity toward achieving success on the court," he said. "Having overcome injuries as a player and frequently being under-sized, those attributes allowed me to overcome and succeed against all odds."

Practice for the Bulldogs began earlier this month, giving Way a chance to evaluate his new team. He says he feels the squad should pose a formidable challenge for opponents.

"My outlook for this year's team is to compete for a conference championship and advance toward regional play beyond the regular season," Way said. "Defense will be a constant for us, and our offense will provide a difficult challenge for other programs to contend with as the season progresses."

Way will make his PCC coaching debut during the PCC Invitational. Nine schools are scheduled to participate in the tourney, several coming from nearby-Lenoir Community College, Louisburg College and Cape Fear Community College-and five more from Maryland.

"This is our third year and more Maryland teams are participating," said Tallo. "They see our tournament as a quality event."

Born in Honolulu, Way traveled extensively as a military dependent growing up. He has visited 48 states with only Alaska and Washington still to go.

In addition to his coaching duties at PCC, Way will also teach academic success and study skills courses at the college. He moved to Greenville earlier this month.

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up with the wait and keeps his \$600-a-year Medicare drug allowance for emergencies.

Because it's so difficult to live on Social Security, a primary challenge for many is finding people to help them untangle the maze of government and private programs available.

For some of the elderly, just admitting they need the help is tough. "They are proud people," says Hulsey. "They want to live independently for as long as possible."

Many times, they never call. "We find them because other people call," says Ken Johnson, director of senior respite services in Columbia County, Ore.

One reason they hold on: They don't want to have to depend on Medicaid, the government's health program for the poor. If they get Medicaid, they can't have much else. Johnson says that in Oregon, if you go on Medicaid, the state can get reimbursed by your estate when you die, leaving your heirs with little. "People want to leave an estate when they pass on," Johnson says. "They hold on to the desperate last."

For some, it's a lifeline. Recipients of Supplemental Social Security Income must have less than \$2,000 in assets to qualify for Medicaid. But Medicaid will pay for some of their drugs, and that can make a huge difference in their standard of living. "Sometimes those people are better off than those who are just above the guidelines for Medicaid," Hulsey says.

Many of those living on Social Security alone are looking forward to the new prescription-drug benefit from Medicare, which kicks in next year. "It's so wonderful to be able to tell them that they will get a free drug premium," says McDonough, the Atlanta social worker. "Once they hear that, they're thrilled."

A good social worker - often found through a state's programs for the elderly - can be a godsend. "My case manager is wonderful," Hickman says of Hulsey. Hulsey

helps Hickman and others take advantage of local programs for seniors. One, called Share and Care, provides free groceries once a month. The homebound aged can get meals delivered via Meals on Wheels, a charity, or through a local senior activity center.

Families help sometimes. Rathbun relies on her daughter, Lucille Masterson, to drive her to a clinic for medical treatment. "It helps to have a driver," she says. "I used to do it myself, but I'd be pretty darn tired by the time I got

home."

But not everyone has family available to help. And when they are available, dealing with a financially strapped and often ailing elderly relative can be hard on a family, McDonough says.

In some cases, a son or daughter will quit work to help the parent - which means both are living on the parent's Social Security, or some combination of Social Security and government assistance.

The task of caring for an elderly family member is exhausting,

Johnson says. "A lot of times we have wives taking care of husbands, sons and daughters taking care of moms and dads, and we try to find relief for the primary caregiver." Skeptical of private accounts

Many seniors are split on Bush's proposal for letting workers invest a portion of their Social Security taxes in private investment accounts in the hopes of earning more. Because of her losses in Tyson's stock, Hickman is skeptical of that plan. "That's crazy," she says.

Charles Goss, 75, of Leesburg, Va., isn't enthusiastic about the idea, either. He and his wife, Annie, live on an \$840 monthly Social Security check. He says he wouldn't want to risk getting any less. "It pretty well takes what I get to live," he says.

Rathbun thinks future generations will need some help. "If they're planning on Social Security, they will need an investment account of some sort to help them," she says.

Those who are getting by on

Social Security have some advice for those who haven't retired yet: Save. "Try and save all the money you can," says Kenny Fewell. "When you're on Social Security and disability, it's hard to get anything else."

Be cautious in your spending. "You've got to manage close," Hickman says. "You're going to have to pinch pennies."

Add don't kid yourself. "It's rough living on nothing but Social Security," Fewell says.

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advances in treatment have increased survival rates dramatically, so it is no longer the leading cancer killer of women in the U.S. That distinction belongs to lung cancer.

"It may also be an issue of control," Remetz said. "Breast cancer has a strong, emotional component. Breast cancer can involve mutilating surgery but with heart disease, doctors can use medications, angiography and stents to prevent further disease. People feel that they can beat it."

Lung cancer ranked seventh among women's greatest health fears, even though it claims more female lives when compared with breast cancer. In 2002, over 67,000 U.S. women died of lung cancer, while 41,500 died of breast cancer. Lung cancer is the leading cause of death from cancer for both men and women in the United States. Although the number of cases seems to be decreasing among men, it continues to rise among women, according to the American Lung Association.

Women need to be aware of their risk for different diseases. "We need continued public education, as well as improved understanding among health care providers, about how diseases such as heart disease and lung cancer affect women," Marts cautioned. "Women and men are affected differently by a wide range of conditions. It is important to pay attention to your individual risk factors and be aware of which diseases are on the rise. Knowing their symptoms and the available tools for prevention and treatment are keys to maintaining good health."

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