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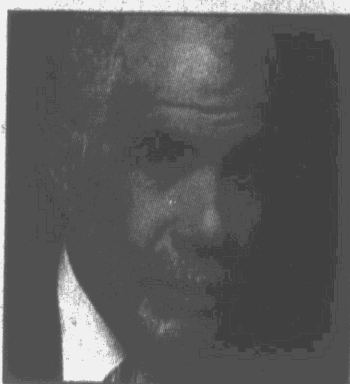
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### AFRICAN AMERICANS AMONG SWEEP

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60 Minutes and CBS News  
Correspondent Ed Bradley.  
(CBS)

Ed Bradley, one of journalism's brightest stars whose name was synonymous with the CBS News magazine *60 Minutes* on which he reported for the past 25 years, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006  
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#### She was a Star



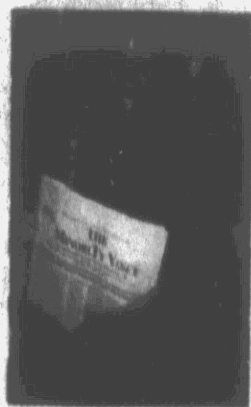
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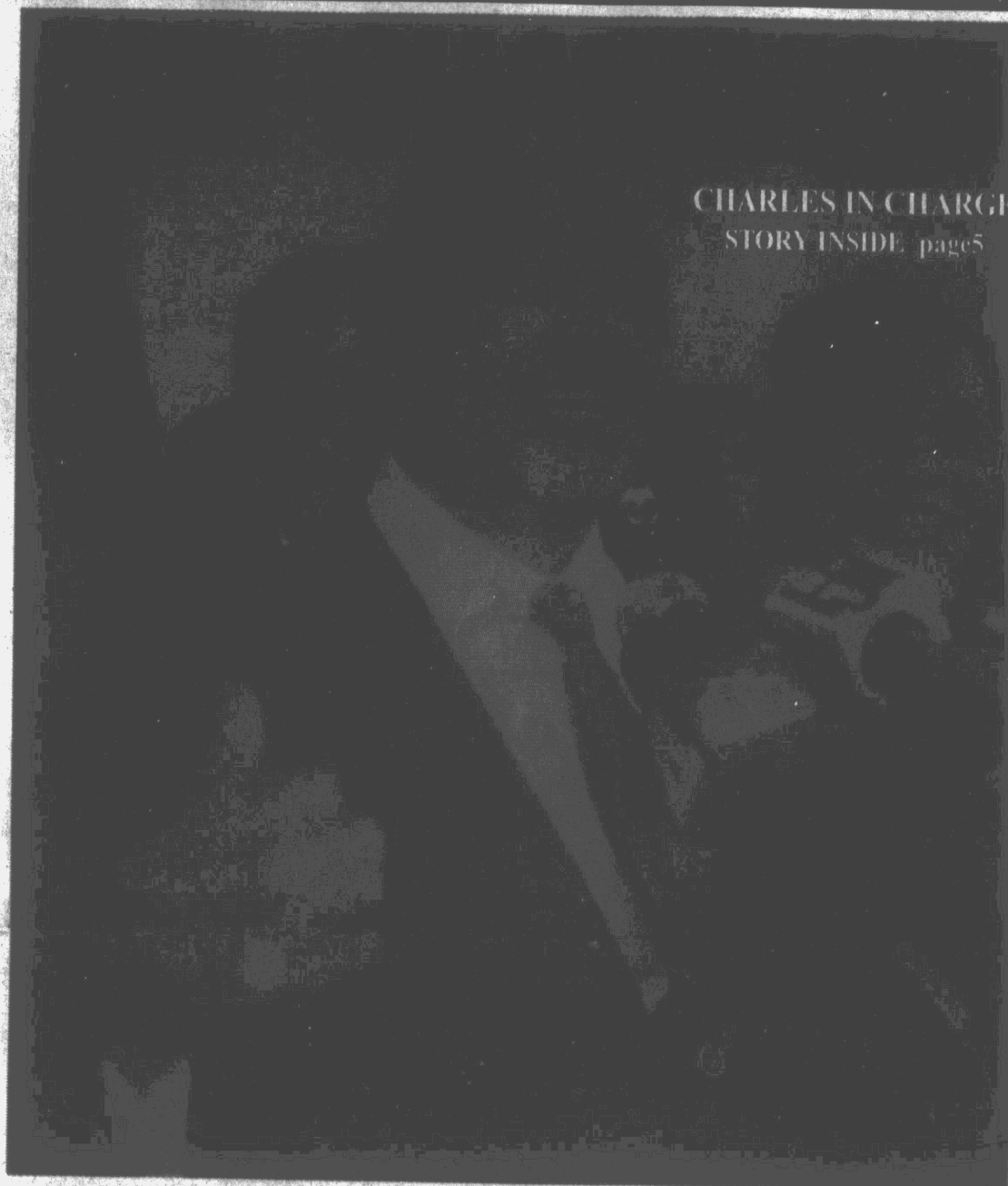
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What You See Is What You Get  
What You Read Is What You Know And Save



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**Congressman Charles B. Rangel** is the Representative from the 15th Congressional District, comprising East and Central Harlem, the Upper West Side, and Washington Heights/Inwood. Congressman Rangel is the Ranking Member of the Committee on Ways and Means, Chairman of the Board of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and Dean

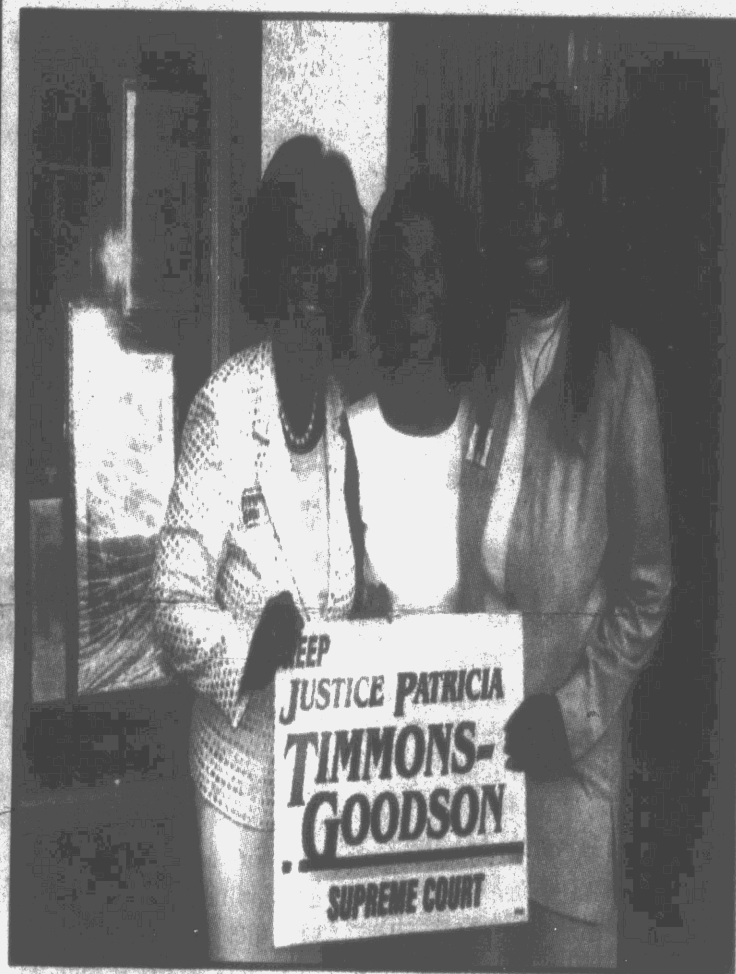
of the New York State Congressional Delegation. Congressman Rangel is the principal author of the five billion dollar Federal Empowerment Zone demonstration project to revitalize urban neighborhoods throughout America. He is also the author of the Low Income Housing

Tax Credit, which is responsible for financing ninety percent of the affordable housing built in the U.S. in the last ten years. The Work Opportunity Tax Credit, which Congressman Rangel also championed, has provided thousands of jobs for underprivileged young people, veterans, and ex-offenders.

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#### PATRICIA TIMMONS GOODSON

*The first Black woman ever to serve on the N.C. Supreme Court*

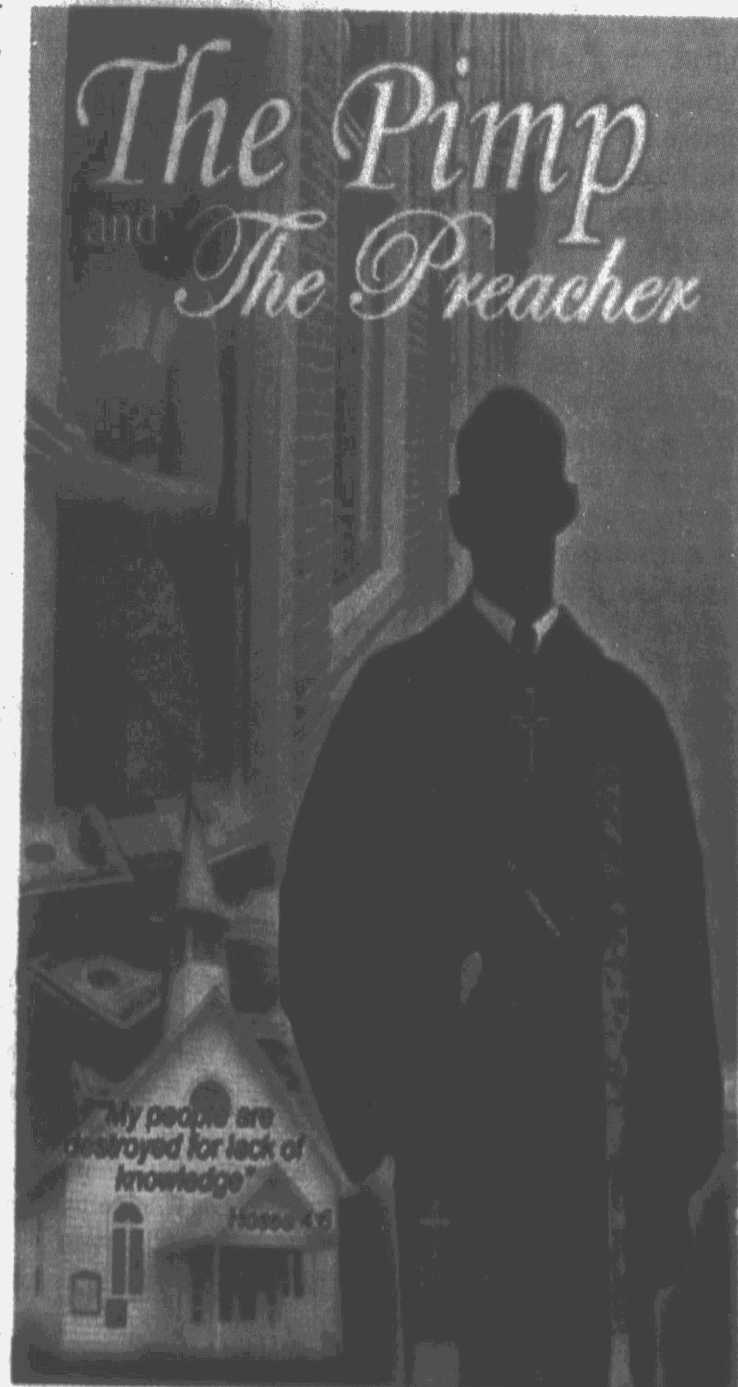


**On The Road To Victory . . .** While on her campaign trail, Patricia Timmons-Goodson pauses for a moment for our camera. Patricia (l) is joined by her sisters, Sandra (c) and Lise Timmons. *story page5 . . . photo Jim Rouse*

#### ELECTION DAY GATHERING



**PASSING ON WISDOM . . .** Commissioner Melvin McLawhorn (standing far left) Bishop Randy Royal (3rd from left) and Deacon Ben Johnson (standing 2nd from far right) along with D.D. Garrett (seated far right) Rev Thomas Walker, Guest, Pastor Terry Streeter from Mt. Pleasant, Wash. DC and Mr Francis Mebane share with the brothers present. They met at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville. Proving that in order to get things accomplished we must collectively share our ideas.  
*photo Jim Rouse*





# OPINION



GEORGE E. CURRY

## Curry...The end of a nasty election

FactCheck.org, the Web site that serves as a credible referee for all of the political charges and countercharges, provides us with other examples of false political claims in Ford's unsuccessful Senate race in Tennessee and other campaigns.

Former Chattanooga Mayor Bob Corker's campaign teamed up with the National Republican Senate Campaign to produce a TV commercial that proclaimed, "...Congressman Ford voted against reauthorizing the PATRIOT Act, which protects us from terrorists. He voted to cut defense spending by 16 percent. Just who does he think is going to provide our security? And get this, Congressman Ford even voted to let liberal judges release felons from jail because of overcrowding..."

FactCheck.org noted, "It's true, as the ad says, that Ford voted in favor of an amendment proposed by the Congressional Black Caucus that would have cut defense spending by over 16 percent for fiscal 2001,

directing the additional funds to education and working class family safety net programs.

"What the announcer doesn't tell us is that Ford cast the vote in 2000, before the attack on the World Trade Center or the beginning of hostilities in Iraq; the date of the vote does appear in fine print at the bottom of screen, where you can see it if you squint hard."

The watchdog site stated, "Since 9/11, Ford has supported rapid increases in defense spending for the war and national security, voting, for example, in favor of the fiscal 2006 defense spending bill as well as the 2003 emergency supplemental funding bill. The ad also doesn't mention that on the same day he voted for the amendment Corker cites, Ford voted in favor of an amendment that would have increased military spending, though only seven-tenths of a percent, which isn't enough to keep up with inflation."

The ad correctly notes that Ford

voted against reauthorizing the PATRIOT Act, once on the House committee report and again on the conference report. However, much of the objection to the new legislation was based on concerns over civil liberties.

"...Republican Sen. John Sununu of New Hampshire then introduced a separate bill containing civil liberties provisions on which both Democrats and Republicans could agree," FactCheck.org reported. "Ford voted for the Sununu bill, without which, it seemed clear at the time, the PATRIOT Act would not have been renewed."

As for the claim that Ford "voted to let liberal judges release felons from jail because of overcrowding," again the ad misstates the facts. The reference was to a bill introduced by Rep. Tom DeLay (R-Texas) that would have prevented judges from exercising their right to release prisoners in overcrowded state facilities back into society. "Ford, we note, did not vote to allow judges to release felons from jail,

he voted against restricting their existing right to do so," the group said. The DeLay measure never made it to the Senate floor.

Perhaps the most egregious commercial was sponsored by the Republican National Committee and aired against Rep. John Murtha, a Pennsylvania Democrat who had been one of the staunchest supporters of the war in Iraq until recent months.

This is what Murtha said: "Fifty-six percent of the people in Spain think it's more dangerous, the United States is more dangerous in Iraq than Iran is. Every one of our allies think that the United States being in Iraq is more dangerous to world stability and world peace, every one of our allies, Great Britain, every single country, they think it's, we're more dangerous to world peace than North Korea or Iran. That says something."

In the RNC ad, Murtha is made to say: "We're more dangerous to world peace than North Korea or

Iran."

The monitoring group says, "...In this case the RNC manages to present Murtha as seeming to say nearly the exact opposite of what he actually said."

The commercial ran on television and appeared on the Republican National Committee's Web site.

FactCheck pointed out, "This is the same RNC web ad that attracted attention because of an image of Democratic party chairman Howard Dean that appeared to have been altered to give him the faint hint of a Hitler moustache."

This election went beyond the usual mudslinging. It was downright nasty.

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### Election went beyond usual mudslinging

One of the benefits of this campaign season coming to a close is that we won't continue to be bombarded with TV commercials drenched in lies and distortion. The closer it got to Tuesday's election, it seemed, the bolder the lies became.

Much has been made of the racially-tinged commercial in which a white actress claims to have met Harold Ford Jr. at a Playboy party. The ad ends with the woman, with only a necklace visible, pretending to be holding a phone, saying: "Harold, Call me."



James Clingman

"Black America has an overclass that is charged with the responsibility of maintaining the racial status quo. This Black overclass is wedded to the white power structure and is opposed, therefore, to any independent thoughts or actions which might unite Black America. The overclass is commissioned by white organizations and governments to keep Black Americans powerless by allying externally with other groups rather than allying internally with members of their own race." Dr. Claud Anderson, *More Dirty Little Secrets*.

Black leaders, why have you forsaken us? We have always stood beside you, and oftentimes we stood in front of you, willing to die if necessary, to protect and defend you against our enemies. Despite all of the sacrifices we have made on your behalf and all of the support we have provided to your efforts, you have forsaken us. You have abandoned us. You have relinquished your position as authentic leaders and opted for a watered-down, tepid, caricature of Black leadership that continuously succumbs to a white dominant society. Instead of standing up and speaking "truth to power," you cower in the face of adversity. Instead of refusing to be bought, you eagerly cut selfish deals that only maintain status quo, which, for Black people, is a prescription for failure. You have accepted

## Black Leadership – Serving us or serving us up? —

subordination, a "less than" description of our people; you have abdicated your role as spokesperson and warrior for Black people by allowing others to define you; you have accepted the label of "minority," a term connoting deficiency; you even promote diversity and multiculturalism, but outside of rather than within our own race. You advise us that we must help everyone else, but you fail to lead us toward self-reliance.

What a tragedy to propose that Black people, whose collective power is virtually nil, should engage in the struggles of other people prior to winning our own battles. Even sadder is the fact that you, Black leadership, suggest we do not love others because we refuse your call to action. Some of you even use the oxymoronic term, "Black racism" and the canard of "reverse discrimination" to describe those of us who don't follow your illogical directives.

We are offended by Black politicians who rush to the podium to publicly proclaim "I am not a Black politician; I am a politician who happens to be Black, and I will work for all of the people." How strange it is that we never hear any other politicians make such a statement. We are insulted by Black leaders who turn their backs on the very ones that elevated them to their lofty perches. We are disgraced by Black political leaders who have sold out, settled in, and succumbed to a corrupt political system. Why have you forsaken us, Black politicians, after being in office for decades and

accumulating wealth for yourself and your families, why have you turned your backs us?

Black intellectuals, why do you lecture us on the economic problems we face but seldom, if ever, build institutions or start initiatives that will solve the problems you decry? Surely you have the intellectual capacity to lead us to higher economic heights, with all of your degrees and oratory skills. Marcus Garvey did it without degrees, but you hold yourselves up as our intellectual leaders, making high-priced speeches before throngs of Black people, and have yet to come even close to what Garvey, Booker T., and others did, without the trappings of an ivy-leagued education or a professorship. Black religious leaders, why have you gone the way of the moneychangers? Your influence is the strongest among Black people, but you misuse it for your own self-aggrandizement, building edifices that showcase your power to persuade Black people to put up and shut up when it comes to their money. You live royally but keep telling us every Sunday, and two or three times during the week, that "somethin' is about to happen in this place," "God is gettin' ready to bless somebody here tonight," "It's your season; the anointing is coming." Why have you forsaken us in exchange for filthy lucre and political favors? Have you ignored the greatest leader's words in Matthew 20:27 and 23:11? "...he that is greatest (or chief) among you shall be your servant"

After we have supported, promoted, and even forgiven Black leadership for your missteps and transgressions against us, you have ignored our needs; you have collaborated against our interests, and you have engaged in actions that keep "the patient" sick, as Booker T. Washington noted.

You continue to lead us in circles, rather than where we must go, and it seems you do not understand the negative effects your brand of leadership has on us. How is this possible from intelligent Black leadership? Why do you pursue an integration/assimilation strategy that pushes Black people toward the bottom rung of the economic ladder? What sense does it make for you to remain silent in the face of continued mistreatment of your people? Or, are we "your" people?

Why have you forsaken us, Black leaders? Why have you become hypocritical and disingenuous in your actions toward us? Why have you feathered your own nests at the cost of our blood, sweat, and tears? Why have you not provided real solutions to our problems, not just in words, but also in deeds? Are you not capable? Are you unwilling to sacrifice for your people? Are you reluctant to do what DuBois asked of you? Have you disregarded Carter G. Woodson's plea for "servant leaders"?

We don't know what your answers are, but we do know that we are tired, and we must have a new brand of Black leadership. We cannot afford to wait for you any longer. We love you, but we must move on now.

### TO THE EDITOR

## BLACK LEADERSHIP PLAN

We are meeting each Friday at 7:00 p.m. at the C.M. Eppes Recreation Center, 400 Nash Street, Greenville, NC. We are trying our best to rally the Black community around a written Pitt County Black Leadership Plan with action steps. You are invited to the Friday meetings. We are seeking to form a Pitt County Black Leadership Council as a steering committee to carry out the Plan. We need your input into

# IT'S BACK

Domestic Violence Unified Community Resource Centre, Inc. Also known as Domestic Support now holding Support Group's for

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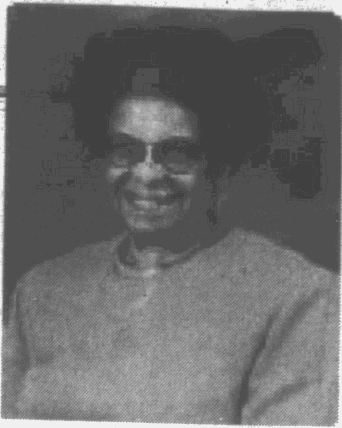
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# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A CRIME



# COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs. Beatrice Maye

## The Touch of the Master's Hand

There were qualities in the touch of the Master, which set Him apart from all other healers in His time.

1. Jesus had a curative touch (Matthew 8:14)
2. Jesus had a compassionate touch (Matthew 20:30,34)
3. Jesus had a cleansing touch (Luke 5:12,13)
4. Jesus had a conquering touch (Luke 7:12,13)

The touch of Jesus is not only curative, compassionate, conquering, and cleansing, but it has changing power in the bodies, hearts, and lives of men. The only limitation to His power is the limitation of faith and willingness on the part of people to be used as His

channels of Power in touching those who would be made whole.

Jesus has no feet on which to run errands of mercy but our feet; He has no hands to reach forth in compassionate concern toward the suffering but our hands; He has no minds with which to think thoughts after him but our minds; and He has no heart through which to love with a giving love, a forgiving love, and everlasting, living love but our hearts.

The editor:

At a time when families are breaking up in alarming numbers, many families are asking, "What can we do to prevent it?" Researchers who have been studying family life for over 40 years have come to some simple conclusions. Strong families have these characteristics in common:

Family members practice good communication.

Family members show appreciation for and enjoy being with one another.

Family members are committed to share family goals and responsibilities.

Family members are adaptable and support one another.

Family members have a strong religious orientation

Family members interact with the community in mutually productive ways.

Surprised! Perhaps your family already has these characteristics. Or maybe you see the need to work on some aspects of your family life.

Following are some suggestions:

Ask each member what the word "family" means. Look up the word in the dictionary.

Make a list of things your family does for you and what you do for them.

Spend an evening with the family album.

Ask grandparents (or "adopted" grandparents) and parents to tell about how life used to be and special memories.

Discuss your family roots; prepare a family tree (include occupations).

Send a contribution to an orphanage.

Invite another family or someone who lives alone over for the evening.

Visit relatives and discuss family customs, mannerisms, and personality characteristics.

Make a family calendar for marking birthdays, anniversaries, and other special days for all the family.

Prepare a book or tapes of stories about the family, furniture, and other items passed down.

## SOME TRUTHS:

Real love is helping someone for Jesus' sake who can never return the favor.

The Bible is the bread of life, and it never becomes stale. The difficulties of life are intended to make us better, not bitter.

God's answers are often wiser than our prayers.

The hand that gives gathers. To be saved here is to be safe hereafter.

We must go to sinners if we expect sinners to come to the Savior.

Nothing so blinds us to the real character of sin as the fact that it is our own. Large asking results in large receiving, for prayer moves the hand that moves the world.

Only as we go God's way can we know God's will.

Death is the last chapter on time, but the first chapter on eternity.

Where prayer focuses, God's power falls.

Every temptation is an opportunity to flee to God.

For the Christian, dark clouds of trouble are but the shadow of God's wing.

Jesus came to save the lost, the last, and the least.

Beatrice Maye

Don't just spend time, invest it.

Christ's blood makes us safe; God's word makes us sure.

Time in Christ's service requires time out for renewal. A bit of love is the only bit that will put a bridle on the tongue.

Active worship requires active involvement. things when done with a desire to please God.

When Christians live the gospel, sinners will listen to the gospel.

It's possible to do the right thing for the wrong reason. When a promise seems to fail, we can still trust the Promiser.

The growing popularity of deep-fried turkey could lead to disaster on Thanksgiving. To keep that from happening to you, Greenville Fire-Rescue asks that you follow some simple safety tips when using a turkey fryer.

- Only use turkey fryers outside – and 50 feet away from any building.
- Make sure the fryer has at least four legs and is on a level surface.
- Never use a fryer on a wooden deck or in a garage.
- Test the proper oil level the night before by putting your turkey in the pot, then filling with water to just cover the bird. Make sure to leave several inches between the water level and the top of the pot. If it's less than 4 inches, then do not fry your bird. Take the turkey out and remember the water level – that's where you need to fill with oil prior to cooking.
- Do not allow children or pets near the fryer – even after you're done cooking. The oil can stay dangerously hot for several hours.
- Don't leave the fryer unattended.
- Use a thermometer to make sure the oil is the proper temperature. Oil that gets too hot can catch fire.
- Completely thaw the bird before slowly putting it in the oil. Partially frozen items will cause a violent reaction when placed in the oil.
- Use well-insulated pot holders or oven mitts when lowering the turkey into the oil to protect yourself from splatter and steam. Consider wearing safety goggles to protect your eyes.
- Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to fight an oil fire.
- Call 9-1-1 if you have a fire that is growing or out of control.

# Reflections



Suejette A. Jones

## The History of Soul Food

Soul food is fondly described as "food made with feeling and care."

It evolved from the rich heritage of African customs, was shaped by Southern Cookery practices, and regionally influenced by West Indian, Caribbean, and French cooking.

As slaves, African Americans were not permitted to learn how to read or write, so they cooked not from recipes but "by knowing", giving strong credence to the essence of 'soul food'. Slaves had virtually no control or choice in life, so cooking became a way to express feeling, share love and nurture family and friends. Meals were a time for sharing common feelings of happiness and sorrow. Food was comfort while in bondage, and because they could control cooking, it was one of the few real pleasures, a way to feel free. Their involuntary journey away from the motherland removed Africans from their healthful roots. On ships enroute to America, slaves were fed a paste of boiled beans and lard, rice and yams. Peanuts were sometimes included but meat was rare. Nourishing meals to 'fatten slaves up' before sale were common. The survival of Africans on such a meager subsistence under severely stressful and abruptly different environmental conditions is evidence of a strong, hardy race of survivors. With the slave trade came four major contributions to soul and southern cooking. Cowpeas or black-eyes peas, okra, and watermelon seeds were originally brought to North America from Africa. The peanut originated in South America, but was introduced to North America by way of the slave trade, except for watermelon, which was introduced from seeds, these new foods lasted during the slow ocean journey and

adapted quickly to the Southern environment. The birth of soul food began when the first African slaves arrived in the new land. Controlled by their owners, their diets were influenced by southern practices. It is ironic that pork is such a prominent part of soul food today, because most African tribal religious beliefs prohibited pork. Yet, it became the meat of choice in the south after the first settlers (Indians) – who originally preferred mutton – discovered that pigs were easier to raise and quicker to fatten up. Corn is another notable influence on soul food from the Americas. It was actually introduced to Africa from America. Because it could feed animals and slaves, and sow the land, corn was the plentiful grain of choice among southerners. It may come also as a surprise that pork and corn were actually the restricted foods in slave diets. Slaves were given a weekly ration of corn meal and meat scraps considered 'unfit' for the owners. They received as little as nine pints of corn and one pound of meat parts per person per week. Sometimes the basics were supplemented with rice, syrup and fruit. So, the pig's feet, intestines or chitterlings, jowls, ears, and ribs; chicken feet, necks, backs, wings, and organ meats such as livers and gizzards, corn meal cereals and quicks breads which created meals became known as soul food.

The cooking skills which made such leftover odds and ends the nourishing for hard Laborers, is a unique distinction of soul food. Slaves cooked with their whole heart, doing their best with sparse ingredients. It was truly an expression of creativity with limited resources. Slaves often grew vegetables near their quarters. During their rare free time usually on Sundays, they could hunt and fish for wild game to supplement the limited meat in their diet. Since they prepared their own meals, the food and cooking methods they preferred were similar to native practices. Sweet potatoes have always been popular among African Americans. Collards, mustard, and turnip greens, cabbage and kale were like the leafy greens of their homeland. Grits, made from dried hulled corn kernels or hominy which originated from Native Americans (Indians) was similar to the cereal made from ground grain eaten in Africa. Beans, rice, squash, and melons were also familiar foods. With such a limited food supply, African Americans found preparing food tastefully to be one of their own rare creative outlets. The African tradition helped them to combine complementary ingredients. Small portions of meat were stretched to flavor vegetable dishes. Rice and corn were combined with beans and peas in dishes such as 'Hoppin' John'. Poke salad, a combination of greens including dandelions and cresses were common. Stewing tenderized the meat while gravies from leftovers extended it. African Americans also shaped southern cookery because slaves cooked for their owners. Deep fat frying, popular in the south, was a means of using high heat to cook meats quickly. The breaded coating sealed in moisture during the process. Barbecue, from a Spanish word meaning grate, originated from cooking over open fire or coals and was popular after big game

catches. The young male slaves were responsible for roasting the meat or turning the whole carcass on a spit for their masters. Coating meats with sweetened sauce sealed in the juices, while the fats which dripped on the coals smoked a rich flavor back onto the meat.

The nutritional contributions of soul food are remarkable. Slaves had to be strong and hardy to survive on their meager diets under such physically demanding conditions. Once in America, male and female slaves labored all day, with a 30 minute break from breakfast in the morning and a two hour break at the hottest portion of the day when they often had to do lighter chores. They worked at least 12 hours in the fields, and five or six hours bringing in crops, carrying water from the well, caring for animals and cutting grass. At harvest time, some records show 18-hour workdays. Back then, soul food as hearty nourishment that met intense labor needs. Corn, rice, and beans met physical energy needs with carbohydrates and added fiber. The sparse but fatty meat scraps were sparing sources of protein and concentrated calories from fat, readily burned off with daily activities. Leafy green Vegetables, provided essential vitamins and minerals. Even the cooking water, which was full of nutrients and called 'pot likker', was drunk or used in soups and stews. Watermelon, which is more than 90% water, replenished fluid lost while toiling in the hot sun. These soul foods continued as compassion food because the ability to cook and nourish children and friends has remained a real pleasure that bonds ones together and is at the core of African American families' celebrations, festive holidays

and commemorative gatherings. Soul food is as well known today as any other cuisine. Meal time is still time for family togetherness. A typical spread of deep fried chicken, collard greens with fatback, candied sweet potatoes, cornbread and fruit cobbler is a part of any family gatherings just as grits and home-fried potatoes are common for Sunday breakfast, black-eyes peas, and ham hocks are a New Year's holiday tradition and barbecued spareribs and watermelon are a part of summer picnics. Are you preparing now for your Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners? With soul food?

## KNOW YOUR BLACK HISTORY

Note: Sara O'Neill is a friend of mine and resides in Durham, NC., with her husband Gene, a professional musician, and her two cats – Toby and Bacon. Sara is an artisan who makes and sells her creative wares that she makes from glass, metals, and other materials. As of this writing, her speciality is pottery-making. She works out of her workshop which adjoins her home. As she attends art fairs and sets up workshops along the East coast for her displays and sales, she runs across other artisans who sometimes exchange with each other. Sara attended East Carolina University and until recently supplied Artisans (here in Greenville) with most of her creative jewelry for sale. Sara is responsible for the content of this writing as it is extracted from a book that she offered me.

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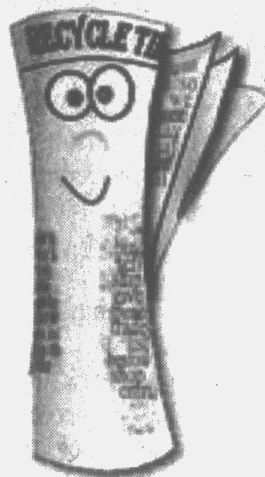
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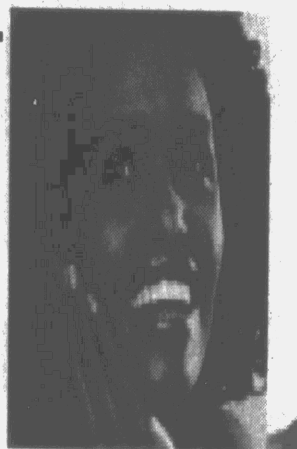
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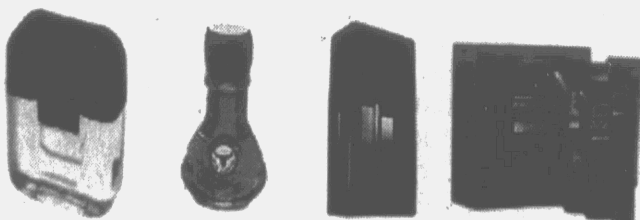
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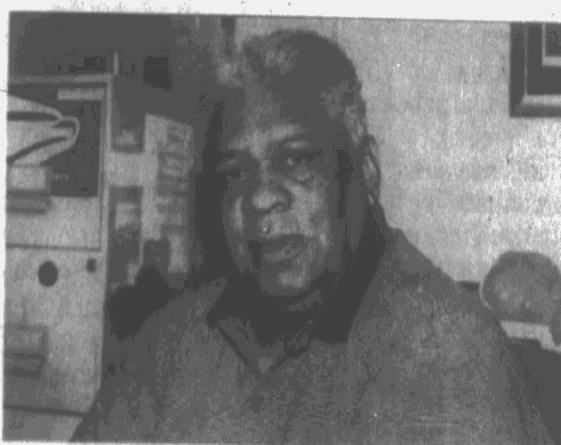


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A month ago 36-year Harlem Congressman Charles B. Rangel said if the Democrats didn't take Congress in this year's elections he would retire. Fortunately for him, Rangel won't have to make good on that statement after Democrats took the majority in Congress in Tuesday's elections. The Democratic victory ensures that next year Rangel, the most senior Democratic member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee, will be its new head.

"It's the only congressional committee that's written into our Constitution," said the 76-year-old statesman, assuming the position from Bill Thomas, a Republican congressman from California. Quoting the Constitution Rangel said the historic document gives Congress, through the Ways and Means Committee, the power to collect taxes and duties, pay debts and borrow money on the credit of the United States. Additionally the committee also levies powers over Social Security and Medicare benefits. Rangel said

President Bush's tax cuts, which grant the largest cuts to the richest residents until 2010, "didn't make any sense."

While slamming the president's tax policy at a press conference in Harlem's State Office Building, the congressman urged that both parties in Congress work together. "The only way we can resolve this problem is in a bi-partisan way," said Rangel.

The congressman, who has long been a critic of the Iraq war, voiced optimism about Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld's surprise resignation, announced by President Bush on Wednesday afternoon.

"I think symbolically it makes a lot of us feel more comfortable because we knew where Donald Rumsfeld was coming from," Rangel said in a CNN interview Wednesday. Rangel, who has had a tenuous relationship with the Republican White House, added, "No president can possibly discuss furthering the war if he doesn't have support from the American people."

As chairman of Ways and Means, Rangel certainly plans to exert his new authority against the White House, beginning with putting Vice President Dick Cheney in his place.

"Mr. Cheney enjoys an office on the second floor of the House of Representative that historically has been reserved for the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee," said a half-joking Rangel about longtime rival Cheney. Rangel said he was conversing with Speaker of the House-elect Nancy Pelosi on ways to "restore the House of Representative to the dignity we once enjoyed."

**DEMOCRATS' BIG WINNERS:**  
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The first Black woman ever to serve on the state's Supreme Court has convincingly won her election to the post in a statewide election.

At press time with 99 percent of precincts reporting, NC Associate Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson defeated her challenger in the non-partisan race, NC Appellate Court Judge Eric Levinson, 58 to 42 percent, to win an eight-year term in last Tuesday's election.

Her victory is noteworthy because traditionally, African-American candidates, and especially Black judicial candidates, have had a difficult time winning statewide races.

Gov. Easley appointed

Timmons-Goodson in January to fill out the unexpired term of Associate Justice Sarah Parker, whom he also elevated to Chief Justice.

Parker handily won her contest Tuesday as well.

In her limited television campaign ads, Timmons-Goodson was not seen. Instead, Gov. Easley urged voters to support, in addition to several law enforcement officers. That strategy - of having voters unfamiliar with Timmons-Goodson judge her by her record of judicial achievement, and not by her color - apparently worked, as results show she did very well even in traditionally conservative Republican areas of the state.

In the General Assembly, any thought of a GOP takeover in the state House was wishful thinking as Democrats there, despite scandals and possible indictments surrounding their standard bearer House Speaker Jim Black, won enough seats to actually increase their majority 68-52.

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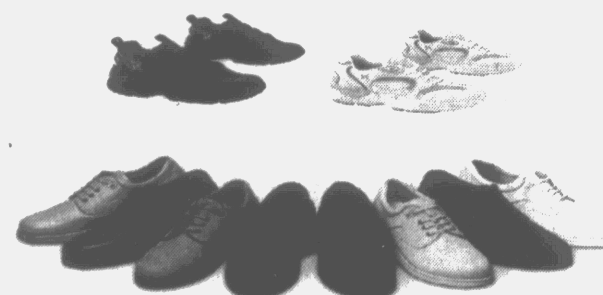
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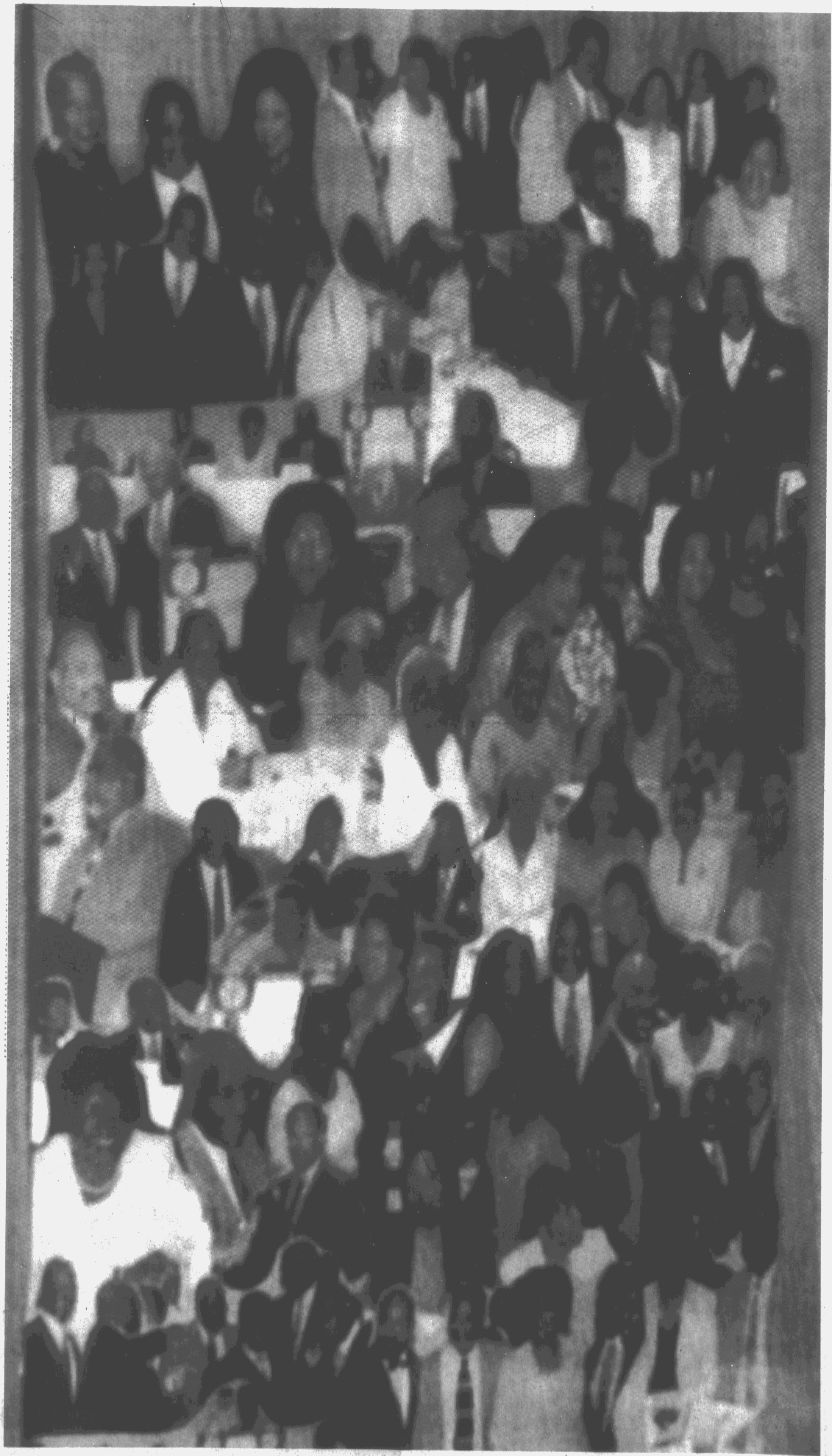
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## Ed Bradley Remembered

**(CBS)** Ed Bradley, one of journalism's brightest stars whose name was synonymous with the CBS News magazine *60 Minutes* on which he reported for the past 25 years, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006, in Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. He was 65 and died of complications from chronic lymphocytic leukemia. Bradley lived in New York, but also had homes in Woody Creek, Colo. and East Hampton, N.Y.

Bradley spent nearly his entire 39-year career with CBS News, where he rose to the pinnacle of journalistic achievement, at first on the *CBS Evening News* and on CBS News documentaries and then on *60 Minutes*, where he compiled an extraordinary body of work that featured a keen talent for the interview and an intense curiosity shown in his investigative work. He was an elegant gentleman who was also known for his impeccable clothing and style, which included a small earring in his left ear that he wore since the late 1980s, and a short, distinctive beard.

Bradley was among the first black journalists to make a name for himself on national television when his battlefield reporting from the Vietnam War – in which he was wounded in 1973 – pushed him onto the national stage. He never forgot his roots, and spent many hours of his scarce free time talking to young minority journalists. A few years ago, he provided a significant amount of money to seed an annual \$10,000 award given each year in his name by the Radio and

Television News Directors' Association to a promising minority journalist.

His career gradually built with reporting stints on Capitol Hill, then as White House reporter and then as the principle reporter for the renowned documentary series "CBS Reports." Bradley became one of the most recognized journalists in America soon after joining *60 Minutes*. He was listed high on the list of "most trusted TV news personalities" in a 1995 poll published by TV Guide. In the same poll, he was rated second – right behind Walter Cronkite – in competence.

Bradley's true talent was his ability to do any story and look natural doing it, whether clowning around with Robin Williams, probing company executives in an investigation or conducting sensitive interviews with bereaved people. The range of Bradley's immense talent was demonstrated almost immediately on *60 Minutes* with two Emmy-Award winning interviews in his first few seasons. In the first, an insightful profile of Lena Horne, the fragile singer became so comfortable with the young Bradley, she unconsciously grabbed his hand as they walked.

Some of the more prominent investigative work carried out by Bradley included one of his last reports, an investigation of the Duke University lacrosse rape case, in which he broke new ground with the first interviews with the accused in a story that made headlines just last month; a report on the recalled painkiller, Vioxx, in November of 2004; an expose on the inclination of Ford Explorers with Firestone tires

to roll over in crashes in 2000; a 2004 segment that reported the reopening of the 50-year-old racial murder case of Emmett Till; and a look at anti-gay feeling in the military that played a role the beating death of Pfc. Barry Winchell at Ft. Campbell, Ky., broadcast in 2003.

Prior to joining *60 Minutes*, Bradley was a principal correspondent for "CBS Reports" (1978-81), after serving as CBS News' White House correspondent (1976-78). He was also anchor of the "CBS Sunday Night News" (November 1976-May 1981) and of the CBS News magazine "Street Stories" (January 1992-August 1993). Edward Rudolph Bradley, Jr. was born on June 22, 1941 in Philadelphia and attended local schools. He graduated from Cheyney State college in 1964 with a degree in teaching and taught sixth grade for three years in Philadelphia. He got a taste of his future when he moonlighted at WDAS radio, doing the odd job for little or no money. "I knew that God

put me on this earth to be on the radio," he said years later. He covered basketball games, spun records and read the news for the station until one day in the middle 1960s when he heard about the riots in Philadelphia on the radio. He offered to cover the story for WDAS and wound up

reporting the event in phone call interviews with community leaders. When he returned to the station, they sent him out with a recorder. Bradley never looked back and reporting became his passion.

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