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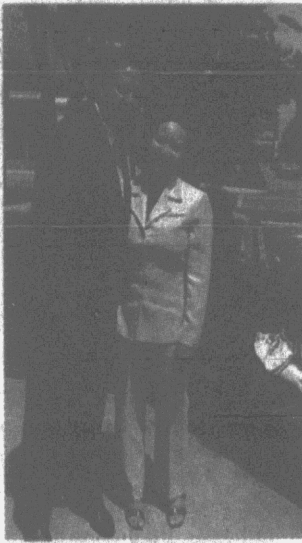
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Georgia police chief to testify for female torture victim



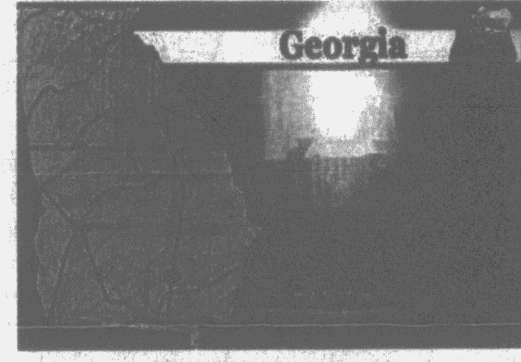
Pitt Community College on the air Wednesday 12:00 noon WOOW 1340am w/ Ernest Lee

by Sultan Muhammad
Contributing Writer Final Call

In what could be one of the most significant precedent setting legal cases to date, Unadilla, Georgia Police Chief Leonard Smith could testify against a former White police officer, David Smith, in a multi-complaint federal suit against the city for the unethical stop, unlawful search and false arrest of disabled army veteran Angeletha Bruce Slaughter

After her arrest, Ms. Slaughter was callously strapped to a restraining chair and abandoned for more than 12 hours in a Dooly County squad car garage while soaking in her own sweat and urine. The 5 ft., 135 lb. woman, according to her own account, had already been picked up and slammed into a chair by a male officer in an incident just before the restraining chair.

Ms. Slaughter's husband Kirk was also arrested, but he did not fight his charges. Approximately a year later, he entered a plea bargain and received probation. Ms. Slaughter, however, a 100 percent classified disabled veteran who suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), was never brought to court. The three citations she



was issued had almost reached the statute of limitations until she filed her own federal complaint when she could not find a lawyer who would take her case in that "good ol' boy" neck of the woods.

Now, certain city officials are beginning to sweat and have recently brought an unusual charge against the Police Chief Leonard Smith—"false statements and writings"—which alleges that he "knowingly and willingly" made false representations on time cards which claimed he was in two places at the same time, or in conflict on several different occasions between October 3, 2005 to January 19, 2006.
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REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY IN PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

Rev. Ozie Lee Hall, Jr., Editor

Introduction

This report was prepared by the Local Organizing Committee for the Pitt County Black Leadership and Community Roundtable. This report is a compilation of data from a variety of sources and is not intended to be comprehensive. The report's purpose is to provide a general overview of the conditions that presently exist in the Black community in Pitt County, North Carolina. It is intended that this information be used as a basis for informed discussion and positive action.

Brief Historical Background

Pitt County was founded in 1760. It was originally a part of Beaufort County. The 1762 official census showed there was not a single free Black person in Pitt County. Blacks were severely mistreated by White slave masters in Pitt County. Around 1775 White Pitt County Court and local residents burned a Black female slave known as "Rose" at the stake in a public spectacle. Shortly thereafter Black slaves attempted to organize a slave insurrection but were discovered and severely beaten. About 250 Black slaves escaped. In the 1880's Pitt County Delegates meeting to ratify the U.S. Constitution opposed Black people becoming citizens of the United States. Delegates from Pitt County included Sterling Dupree, Robert Williams, Richard Moye, Arthur Forbes, and David Perkins at the first conference in Hillsboro. The second conference at Fayetteville included William Blount, Shadrach Allen, James Armstrong, Samuel Simpson, and James Bell as delegates from Pitt County. Between

1780 and 1865, Blacks in Pitt County were routinely worked, beaten, flogged, hanged, bought, sold, used as collateral for loans, and bequeath (to transfer property by an heir) by Whites.

On July 23, 1863, up to 750 unarmed Black men, woman, and children fleeing slavery were openly massacred by gun fire from Confederate soldiers and Pitt County residents between Little Contentnea Creek Bridge in Scuffletown and the Burney Plantation in southern Pitt County. After the Civil War the Klu Klux Klan was active terrorizing Blacks in Pitt County, suppressing voting rights and Black progress. In 1914, White supremacist erected a Confederate Monument at the Pitt County Court House with the Official Confederate Seal of Confederate State of American as if it still existed. The Pitt County Board of Commissioners supported the erection of the monument with public funds. Black voting rights were suppressed at that time by local White supremacy terrorist groups.

The Black community in Greenville settled along the Tar River and developed a thriving community. They were forced to move to west Greenville when Whites decided to take their land and force them out. Blacks developed a thriving community in west Greenville which began to decline after racial integration became legal in Pitt County. The era of integration destroyed Blacks being forced to be united and support each other economically. Whites opposed implementation of the *Brown vs. Board of Education* decision

of the U.S. Supreme Court and after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 the "White Only" signs began to come down amidst strong opposition by Whites.

Many opportunities opened to Blacks and many obtained college education and moved away from Pitt County to areas of the United States that were friendly toward Black people.

Whites in Greenville resisted naming an entire street in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. beginning in 1989. About 2,000 White E. 5th Street area residents voted for Jesse Helms for the U.S. Senate after his filibuster of the Dr. King National Holiday Legislation in the U.S. Senate and Helms open anti-Black rhetoric. Whites actively opposed school desegregation in the 1960's, 1970's, and 1980's. In 2006, the White Greenville Parents Association opposed racial balancing Pitt County Schools. In 2003 the Black community was energized when 41 year old Eugene Allen Boseman died after he was beat in the head by White Greenville Police Officers. No action was taken by City Officials for the violation of Boseman's civil rights by Officers who beat him in the head. The Pitt County Medical Examiner who reported the Boseman had been beat in the head ruled the official cause of death as "Agitated Delirium." The Officers were return to work in the community. About one year later, Kenneth L. Suggs claimed to have been severely beaten by Greenville Police. He died about fifteen days later.

In 2006, White Greenville City Council Members in what appeared to be a racially motivated

retaliatory vote decided to remove Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s name from a west Greenville street located in the heart of Greenville's Black community over the objection of Black residents and Black Elected Officials. A section of W. 5th Street was named Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive in 1998 only in the west Greenville area because of White opposition to naming any other street outside the Black community in honor of a Black man. In 2007, White Greenville City Council members openly slandered the Black community and disrespected Black elected officials and the entire Black community on television.

Since about 1992, Black majority election districts for the 8th N.C. House of Representatives and the 3rd N.C. Senate District have been occupied by Whites who have generally not served the interest of the Black majority. There are unclaimed Black majority election districts for the Pitt County Board of Commissioners and Pitt County Board of Education. Local Towns use illegal at-large election schemes where Blacks are entitled to additional elected representation on the Town Commissions of Farmville, Bethel, Winterville, Ayden, and many other Towns in Pitt County.

In an historic event, the Black community in Pitt County is coming together to achieve mutual progress and build a better future for this and the next generations. The Black community has a long track record of progress in Pitt County in the face of vicious White racist. Blacks achieved and will continue to achieve in Pitt County.

Population

The U.S. Census Bureau (2005) reports Pitt County's total population as 145,619. Pitt County's Black population as of the 2000 decennial census is 44,854 or 32.9 percent of the total. Between the years 2000 and 2005 Pitt County's Black population declined as a percentage of the total population and in real numbers by approximately 165 persons. The trend of Black's leaving Pitt County is in part due to lack of opportunities to advancement, unemployment, racism, and disunity of the Black community that results in lack of opportunities for Blacks.



Rev Hall speaks to a group of concerned citizens at the C.M. Eppes Recreational Facility
photo by M. Adams

Pitt County's largest city is Greenville. Greenville's total population is approximately 60,476, including a Black population of

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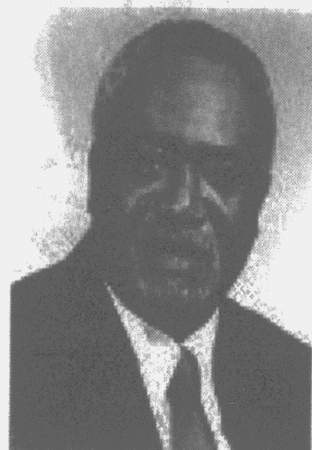
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OPINION

'AMERICA SHOULD BELIEVE IN A SECOND CHANCE',

'WEEK OF MAY 3-9, 2007
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BY CONGRESSMAN
DANNY K. DAVIS

America has more of its people in prison than any other developed nation in the world — more than two million.

The vast majority, 95% of the men and women in our

prisons will eventually return to the community. That means that every year more than 650,000 offenders are released from state and federal prisons and return back to civilian life.

These men and women deserve a second chance. Their families, spouses and children, deserve a second chance and their communities deserve a second chance. A second chance means an opportunity to turn a life around. A chance to break the grip of a drug habit. A chance to support a family, to pay taxes, to be self sufficient.

Today few of those who return to their communities are prepared for their release or receive any supportive services. When the prison door swings open an ex-offender may receive a bus ticket and spending money for a day or two. Many leave

prison to return to the same environment which saw them offend in the first place. But, as they return they often face additional barriers to reentry: serious physical and mental health problems, no place to stay and lack of education or qualifications to hold a job. As a result two out of three will be rearrested for new crimes within the first three years after their release. Youthful offenders are even more likely to re-offend.

One third of all correction departments provide no services to released offenders, and most departments do not offer a transitional program, placing a heavy burden on families and communities. Considering the cost of incarceration (as much as \$40,000 per year) and all the social and economic costs of crime to the community it's just common sense to act to help ex-offenders successfully

reenter our communities and reduce recidivism.

That's why I have sponsored the bipartisan Second Chance Act of 2007 (HR1593) along with Representatives Cannon, Conyers, Coble, Scott of Virginia, Smith of Texas, Jones of Ohio, Forbes, Schiff, Sensenbrenner, Chabot, Jackson-Lee of Texas, Cummings, Johnson of Georgia, Clarke and 75 other Members of Congress. A companion bill (S1060) has been introduced into the Senate sponsored by Senators Biden, Specter, Brownback, Leahy, Obama and 10 other Senators.

The Second Chance Act will provide transitional assistance to assist ex-offenders in coping with the challenges of reentry. It will reduce recidivism.

It will help reunite families

and protect communities. It will enhance public safety and save taxpayer dollars. It is the humane thing to do.

It is the responsible thing to do. It is the right thing to do.

The Judiciary Committee held hearings on the bill last month and quickly voted to send the bill to the full House. I fully expect it to pass very soon. The bill has the support of more than 200 criminal justice, service provider, faith based, housing, governmental, disability and civil rights organizations. President Bush has signaled his support of the legislation as well.

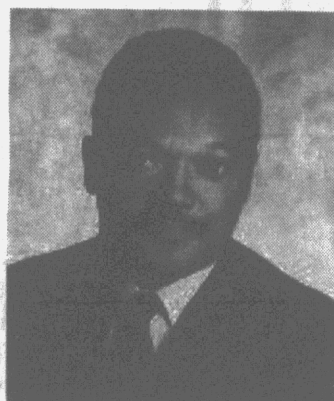
No single piece of legislation is going to solve the reentry crisis we are facing, but the Second Chance Act is a good start. I hope that with the passage of this bill we will begin a new era in criminal

justice.

I am convinced that any serious effort to facilitate the reentry of men and women with criminal records to civil society must be prepared to do two things.

First, we must be prepared to help with drug treatment on demand for everyone who requests it. Second, we need to find work for ex-offenders. Programs won't supply jobs. After ex-offenders have undergone rehabilitation and received appropriate training employers will have to open their hearts and put these men and women back in the work force or they will surely and certainly end up back in prison. If you agree, I hope you will join me in speaking up in favor of a Second Chance in your community. United States Congressman Danny K. Davis is a Democrat from Illinois.

Debate Was in South Carolina, But the Focus Was Elsewhere



By: Rev. Jesse Jackson

The Democratic presidential contenders had their first debate last week. It was held in Charleston, SC — but you would not have known from the questions. The moderators — even the local NBC moderator from South Carolina — virtually ignored their surroundings.

South Carolina is an early primary state, along with Iowa, New Hampshire and Nevada. South Carolina and Nevada were added by Democrats to ensure that the early primaries reflected the diverse electorate that Democratic candidates seek to inspire. South Carolina is almost 30% African American, and minorities make up a larger portion of Democratic vote in that state.

Imagine if Brian Williams, who moderated the debate, had noticed where it was taking place. Rather than wasting time on "gotcha" questions, he might have focused on poverty and what could be done about it. South Carolina has the third-highest unemployment rate in the country. It's near the bottom in per-capita income. Nearly

one in five children are raised in poverty — 40% to single mothers.

Williams might sensibly have asked the candidates what they would do to address poverty in South Carolina and across the country. Poverty is the true "elephant in the room," but Williams asked Joe Biden about his tendency to talk too much instead.

Crime and incarceration — and our racially scarred criminal justice system — might logically have been on the agenda. South Carolina ranks first for its violent crime rate and fifth for property crimes. It's seventh in the percentage of its population that is incarcerated.

This isn't just a South Carolina challenge. This country has the highest rate of imprisonment in the world. We lock folks up at five to eight times the rate of other industrial countries. Only the staggering costs of prisons are beginning to force states to look at sensible alternatives to incarceration. But the prison industrial complex wasn't on the NBC agenda.

South Carolina would be a good place to ask about trade and US manufacturing. The state has watched the flight of its textile jobs. It has struggled with the loss of manufacturing and the decline of wages.

The United States is now running massive and unsustainable trade deficits, leaving our economy vulnerable to the whims of

Chinese and Japanese central bankers. Even former celebrants of free trade are having second thoughts, as they begin to realize that literally tens of millions of jobs are at risk of outsourcing.

South Carolina would have been a good backdrop for such questions. But Williams devoted the brief "domestic policy" portion of the debate largely to abortion and gun control. And of course, South Carolina would have been a good place to talk about civil rights and the state of race in this country. Dean Stanton, the local commentator, did ask a question on the controversy over the Confederate flag that still flies at the statehouse. But beyond that, we could have been in New Hampshire.

No debate has the time to review every concern. But Democrats chose South Carolina as an early primary state to elevate the concerns of African-American voters. The networks responded by dispatching Whites-only anchors to cover the debate — and by ignoring the questions logically framed by South Carolina's realities. Hopefully, when the debate heads to Iowa, the next moderator won't forget to ask about the farmers and rural communities.

By: Eric L. Wattree, Sr.

One of our readers took me to task over my alluding to evolution in my article "Republican Talking Point: 'Can You Feel Me?'" Specifically, he indicated, "...the evolutionary theory is nothing more than propaganda passed along as science. All true science is based on the scientific method. One of the steps is based on the scientific method requires that a hypothesis be tested. To set up a test requires intelligent input. Therefore, any testing of the evolution theory is defeated before it starts because the experiment is contaminated by the application of intelligence that is anathema to evolution. In instead of experimentation, one could simply use observation to validate a theory. However, since evolution allegedly takes thousands, millions or billions of years, to observe the process is impractical.

In response I pointed out that he was wrong in his position that it takes millions of years to observe evolution at work. Millions of people are given Polios, Smallpox, Flu, and various other vaccines every year. The scientific reasoning behind those vaccines is that by introducing a greatly reduced instance of those diseases into the body it allows one's antibodies to "evolve" to the point that they build up a resistance to the disease. That's evolution at work, right before our very eyes.

I bring this issue up because most people who challenge the Theory of Evolution in this day and age, challenge it for religious reasons. They feel that it contradicts

the Biblical version of the creation of man. Now, I don't have anything against the Bible—it was created by man with good intent. But unfortunately, it hasn't been used by man with the same benevolence, and too many of us have embraced it in its entirety on "faith", to the detriment of the good, common sense that God gave us.

I remember reading about a child that needed a blood transfusion to live, but the parents refused to allow it because it was against their religion. They decided that they would pray over her instead, and if it was God's will for her to survive, he would perform a miracle. Of course, the child died. She died of her parents' ignorance. They were to ignorant to realize that when God gave the man the intelligence to perform a blood transfusion, he did his part—he already performed his miracle when he provided us with the intelligence to perform a blood transfusion—the rest was up to us.

Science has had to contend with this kind of ignorance from various religious groups ever since man first began to define his environment through the use of his intellect rather than folklore and superstition. Every scientific discovery that differs from a version of reality laid out in the Bible has been vehemently attacked by the religious community. We see it today in the controversy over stem cell research. We see the same kind of ignorance today that Galileo faced in 1632 when he wrote his book, Dialogue Concerning the Two Chief World Systems, where he agreed with Copernicus that the Earth revolved around the Sun. When that book came out the Catholic Church went into such an uproar that they brought Galileo before the Inquisition as a heretic. You see, his "theory" was at odds with,

among other passengers in the Bible, Chronicles 16:30 which states, "the world is firmly established, it cannot be moved," and Psalms 104:5 that says, "The Lord set the Earth on its foundations; it can never be moved." But today it is universally accepted—with the possible exception of a few fanatics here or there — that Galileo was right and the Bible was, let us say, less than fully understood.

My point here is this — when you start to have more faith in what man says than in what God has clearly done, you're not believing in God, you're believing in man — and you're going to pay a heavy price for it. We've already paid a heavy price, in both the needless loss of life over the years, and the fact that we've remained mired in state of needless ignorance.

The very people who convinced us that the Bible was the word of God, couldn't have believed it themselves, since they had us in chains while they were teaching it to us, and they have our minds in chains to this day. Clear evidence that our minds are still enslaved is in spite of the fact that the very book from which they taught us describes Jesus as having hair like sheep's wool, many Black churches continue to have him portrayed with golden blond hair, and deep blue eyes. How many Black images of Christ do you see portrayed on those expensive church house windows that you paid so dearly for? And how many Blond hair, Blue-eyes prophets have you known to be born in the Middle East. Not many, I would guess. So if you can't even trust them to tell you what he said over two thousand years ago.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs Beatrice Maye
BRAVO ! BRAVO !!
BRAVO !!!

TO: BROTHER JIM ROUSE
& THE STAFF OF THE
MINORITY VOICE
NEWSPAPER & WOOW
RADIO STATION

How excited I am to write this article, expressing congratulation and Thanks for your enduring efforts to bring news and pictures to our community !! Without your media, African-Americans specifically would not be exposed for your generously attend functions — like the churches, banquets, or reunions, professional, educational, and social affairs — using your photographic skills and enhancing themso completely through the paper. Oh, how you highlight our achievements and accomplishments ! Thank you, Brother Rouse !!!

I challenge others to follow in his footsteps, leaving a legacy to carry the business. Do not let it fade out, I beg you. Too many Blacks suffered, bled, and died to see the “fruits of their labor” boarded up, eaten up in taxes for the city to purchase, or for some whites to “fix up the place” to put renters in who disgrace the neighborhood. Young people, I challenge you to stay in school, get a job, buy instead of rent, and send your children to school daily. Teach them to work and stay off the streets. Certainly, you are aware that it takes time, work and talent to maintain a business. Say a word of thanks instead of criticism. You never know the task until you walk in those same shoes.

As Senior Pastor, Alfred Smith of Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, California says, “It is time to get up from the rocking chair of laziness.”

The Editor:

Charles Adams,

“Where Are the Men” in Darryl D. Sims, ed., “Sound the Trumpet Again”, asks a question that we cannot evade: What are we going to

do about the fact that 50% of Black makes from age twenty-one to sixty-five are functionally illiterate; 30% of Blacks are unemployed; 50% of Blacks are high school dropouts; 20% of Blacks are hooked on dope; 35% of Blacks do not belong to anything — not the Elks, the Masons, the PTA, The NAACP, the Book Club or the Church? Black babies are eight times more likely to get AIDS, five times more likely to land in prison, and ten times more likely to die before they have had a chance to live!!!

What can be done to give purpose to lives without purpose, to redeem lives that up to now have been wasted? To the point, what do we do to stimulate purpose and power to those who are misdirected? The first strategy is based on a patriarchal model of integrity. Such was the home environment of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. “Daddy King,” as his father affectionately was called, a model husband and father who loved, protected, and provided for his family. “Daddy King” exposed him to upright male leaders such as Dr. Benjamin Mays and Thomas Kilgore, Jr.

After Mama and Papa have done their part, after the preacher and teacher have done their part, after your prayer partner and God have done their part, your own strategy of personal motivation must go to work. Let nothing stop you; let nobody turn you around!!

HEALTH FACTS — TRY THESE TO LOSE WEIGHT

1. Everyone's metabolism naturally slows down with age.
2. Smart people use these:
 - a. Eat whole grains such as

brown rice,
wheat germ,
dark bread,

Whole grain
'cereal',
oatmeal, and
brain.

3. Add chicken, fish and egg whites.
4. Eat more lowfat yogurt.
5. Drink more water, preferably distilled water.
6. Regular breakfast eaters are often leaner than breakfast skippers.
7. Establish a regular meal schedule by

eating at the same time each day.

8. Switch to green tea.
9. Do not cut too many calories.
10. Exercise your muscles daily — try push ups, squats, and abdominal Crunches.
11. Please walk briskly at least twenty minutes three to four times each Week. Speed up your walking as you gain more momentum and Endurance.
12. Get active after eating instead of sitting, napping, or relaxing, Looking at TV.

Community News

East Orange, New Jersey's magazine March — May 2007, featured “Design for Success” Debonaire Men's Wear a Fixture on Central Avenue for over 25 years with Mitchell Williams, the son of James and Mildred Williams, 1212 Davenport Street, Greenville, NC, designer, owner, and CEO of Debonaire Group, Inc., which has provided a men's clothing store where some prominent performers have walked his floor.

According to Williams, celebrities such as Mohammad Ali, Joe Clark, “Lean on Me” movie inspiration, and jazz legend Lionel Richie have dressed in clothing from his store. Also, Leo Hampton met with President Bush, in his first term, wearing one of Debonaire's custom designs.

Although Mitchell has outstanding business achievements, he still does not glorify his success. He says, “I am a believer that if it had not been for my spiritual nature and my belief that God

positioned me in this place at this time, I could not have been successful. I give all the honor and the praise to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, for without Him nothing would have been possible.

He is the Past President of Merchants Association from 1982-1984 and Past Second Vice President of the East Orange Chamber of Commerce.

Greenville North Carolina and the Davenport Street Club salute Mitchell !!! Congratulations !!!



Suejette A. Jones

Lotto Makes
Sense Even for Losers

A nationwide survey found that lotteries are by far the most popular form of gambling, with some 66% of US adults having played in the previous year, and 13% on a weekly basis. Generally, experts say, state lotteries return players about 50 cents on a dollar. There are many people who seem to compound their folly by buying hundreds of tickets at a time. Lottery tickets are not an investment but a disposable consumer purchase, which changes the equation. Like a throwaway lifestyle magazine, lottery tickets engage transforming fantasies. Because it is pure luck, the lottery is easy to grasp and allows for plenty of perfectly loopy — and very enjoyable — number superstitions. Your birthday digits never won you a dime? Try your marriage date; your favorite psalm verse; the day your bullying father-in-law died. Or perhaps, reverse the order. In studies, psychologists have found that ticket holders are very reluctant to trade their tickets for others, preciously because they have any illusion of control from having picked magical numbers. This sense of power infuses the waiting period with purpose. And the hope of a huge payoff, however remote, is itself a

source of pleasure. In brain-imaging studies of drug users, as well as healthy adults placing bets, neuroscientists have found that the prospect of a reward activates the same circuits in the brain that the payoffs themselves do. It's not just winning the money but anticipating winning the money that is exciting, and the two experiences are similar.

People who gorge on lotto tickets, buying 100 at a time even after years of luckless playing, are no less rational than anyone else making big bets. And lottery odds are neutral and fair, after all, not biased toward any social elite. Seeing a Georgia truck driver win the Mega Millions proves that in players' minds. Large rewards make most people reckless, whether they're on the winning or losing end. A study found that lottery players who said they preferred to receive potential winnings in the annuity payments — generally thought to be safer than receiving the money all at once, in a lump sum — often changed their minds when they actually won. And the higher the jackpot, the more likely people were to prefer a lump-sum payout. (The Georgia truck driver chose the lump sum) Psychologically, we think of a loss as a loss,

big or small. And once you're into it, you think: “Well, why not take a bigger loss, if there's some chance I can turn it into a gain?” Similarly, people who feel that the opportunities to succeed in life are narrowing, are more likely to play the lottery, or play more often. Households with regular players spend an average of about 2% of their income on the lottery. The proportion is higher among very-low income households. But in most cases all the odds and numbers seem to pale, next to the simple pleasures of possible winnings.

“I don't know what I'll do if I win,” said one man standing in line to purchase a ticket. “It's too much money to think about.”

Exactly !! Extracted

Fear: America's New Model

We are now living in the Age of Fear, said one social theorist. After 9/11, we seen now that the learned people were right: Everything has changed. In ways both subtle and profound, Americans now perceive the world as a perilous and even malicious place, where innocent people going about their lives can be suddenly gunned down or vaporized by a collapsing

skyscraper. This new model marks a shift in consciousness as fundamental as those wrought by the Great Depression, the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and the Vietnam War.

The sniper spree played right into our acute new sense of vulnerability. That's why that story became a national obsession. Like, the 9/11 terrorists, the snipers erased strangers randomly with total indifference, leaving millions of people afraid to leave their homes. As the toll of victims went into the double digits, many people felt a flashback to the gut-level terror of the terrorists and anthrax attacks. One poll found that 82% of Americans — from Maine to Florida felt threatened by the shooting spree.

In this new Age of Fear, hijacked planes and hidden bombs and snipers and child abductions are all of a piece. America has made the world form new concepts and changed their perceptions of our country — and for the foreseeable future, fragility and fear will frame the way we see things.

Submitted

Respectfully By,
Suejette A. Jones

Healthwise Tip For Your Health

Keep Your Feet Fit For Life Checklist

Did you know that the feet often provide the first sign of more serious health issues, such as diabetes? That's why it's important to have your primary care physician or family doctor “knock your socks off” and check your feet every time you go in for a check up. After all, foot and ankle health is important to your overall well-being, mobility, and pursuit of fitness.

People with diabetes need to pay special attention to their feet and watch carefully for any signs of complications. Here's a checklist of Do's and Don'ts for you or your family members who have diabetes:

Do's

Inspect feet daily for cuts, blisters, scratches, redness and swelling.

Remember to inform every doctor you visit that you have diabetes.

Wash feet daily; always dry carefully between the toes.

Powder feet, lightly after bathing.

Cut toenails straight across.

Keep feet warm and dry.
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Yolanda King, Daughter of Martin Luther King, Civil Rights Champion



unity and global transformation." On her company's Web site, King described her mission as encouraging personal growth and positive social change.

King was also an author and advocate for peace and nonviolence, and held memberships in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference — which her father co-founded in 1957 — and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Her death comes little more than a year after the death of her mother, Coretta Scott King.

She appeared in numerous films and played Rosa Parks in the 1978 miniseries King. She also appeared in Ghosts of Mississippi and founded a production company called Higher Ground Productions.

Yolanda Denise King, daughter and eldest child of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., has died, said Steve Klein, a spokesman for the King Center.

King died late Tuesday in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 51. Klein said the family did not know the cause of death but that relatives think it might have been a heart problem.

The actor, speaker and producer was the founder and head of Higher Ground Productions, billed as a "gateway for inner peace,

of the 1963 desegregation of Birmingham, Ala.

She also urged the audience at Ebenezer to be a force for peace and love, and to use the King holiday each year to ask tough questions about their own beliefs on prejudice.

"We must keep reaching across the table and, in the tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, feed each other," King said.

When asked then by The Associated Press how she was dealing with the loss of her mother, King responded: "I connected with her spirit so strongly. I am in direct contact with her spirit, and that has given me so much peace and so much strength."

A flag at The King Center, which King's mother founded in 1968 and where she was a board member, was lowered to half-staff on Wednesday.

Yolanda King is survived by her sister, the Rev. Bernice A. King; two brothers, Martin Luther King III and Dexter Scott King; and an extended family.

Arrangements were to be announced later, the family said in a statement.

— Associated Press

D. A. R. E. Program comes to South Greenville

On April 20, 2007, at the South Greenville Elementary School certificates were awarded to some of it's fifth grade students that participated in (D. A. R. E.) the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program.

Major Kevin Smeltzer with the Greenville Police Department informed the kids, that everything they learned in the program will go with them throughout life and they could share what they learned in the program to their families and friends the dangers of drug use and the effects it has on our communities.

Officer Kevin Mills, GPD, was the program coordinator who gave the certificates and special awards to the students from Mrs. Jones's, Mrs.

Runyan's & Mrs. Symon's fifth grade classes. Out of each class there were students that received special awards who decided to write short essays on what the DARE program taught them. The students were:

Alex Hall
Mrs. Jones's class

Armanee Adams
Mrs. Runyan's class

Paul Tennison
Mrs. Symon's class, Paul Tennison.

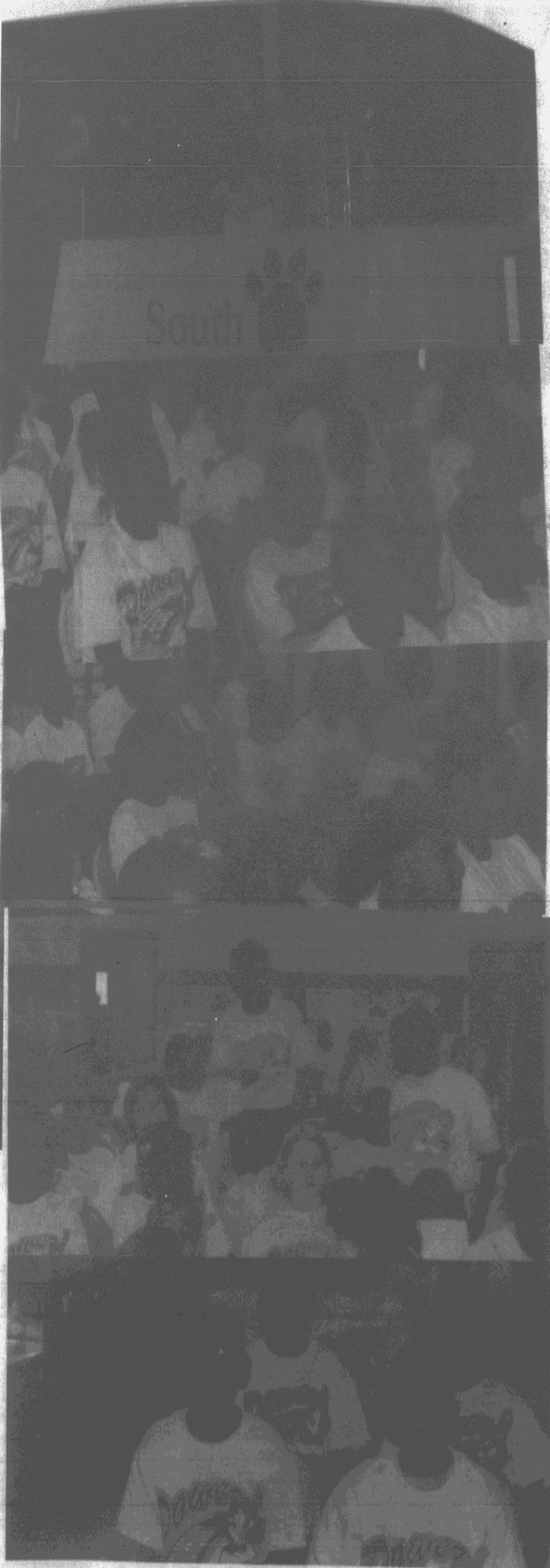
These students will now become a part of the millions of school children around the world who will benefit from D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), the highly acclaimed program that gives kids the skills they

need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. D.A.R.E.

We recommend the DARE program as a good tool that should be used in all Pitt County schools, because it shows our kids alternatives to drugs and drug use. The DARE program encourages our kids to continue to stay in school and that education is FIRST !!!

Shown below are some of the students that participated in the program along with their families that came to support them.

We should always support our kids in whatever they show a love for, whether it be reading, writing, school, or teaching others.



News Release City of Greenville

DATE: April 24, 2007
SUBJECT: Two City Leaders Graduate, One Wins Top Honors
CONTACT: Thomas Moton, Assistant City Manager, 329-4433

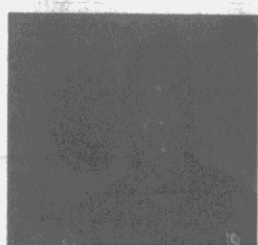
Assistant City Manager Thomas Moton, Jr. and Police Chief William Anderson have graduated from the 2006-2007 Municipal Administration Course of the School of Government, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The program is designed specifically for officials whose responsibilities require a broad understanding of functions beyond their individual areas of specialization. The course is approximately 150 class-hours and covers law, organization and management, finance and budgeting, personnel law and administration, development planning and regulation, and the delivery of specific city or county services.

At the April 19th graduation ceremony, Mr. Moton was named as winner of the George C. Franklin Award. The North Carolina League of Municipalities presents the award each year to the class member with the most distinguished record. The award is given in honor of the League's former general counsel, George C. Franklin. This is the first time someone representing the City of Greenville has won the award.

Mr. Moton and Chief Anderson are two of 65 people to graduate this year, and are now part of the program's more than 2,500 alumni. The School of Government began offering the course in 1954.

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Police Chief William Anderson



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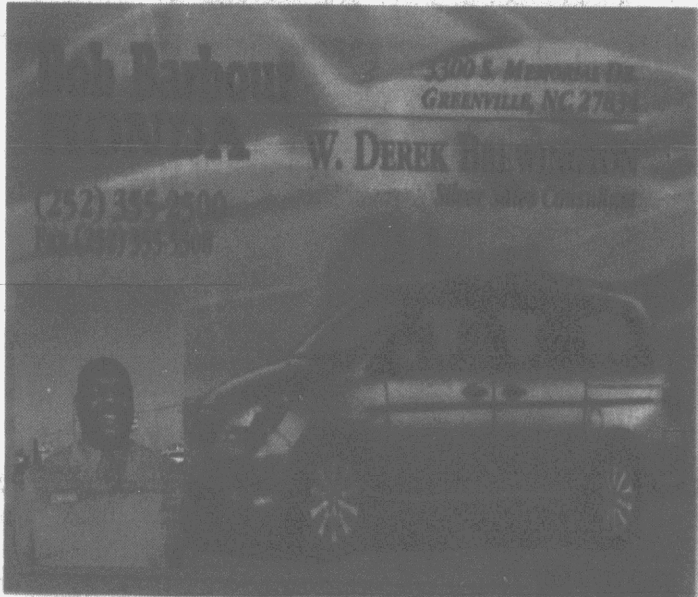
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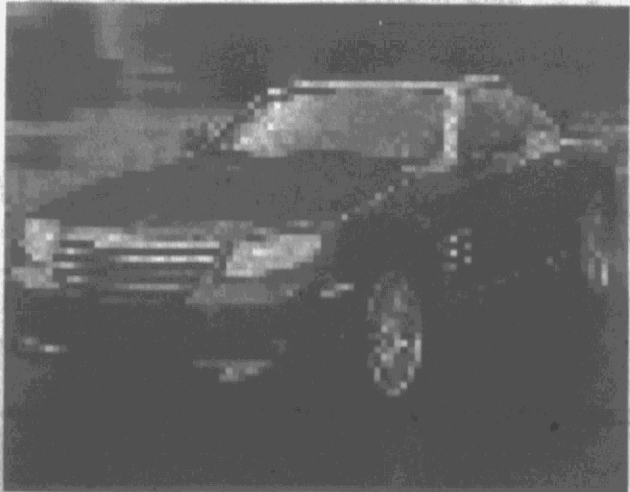
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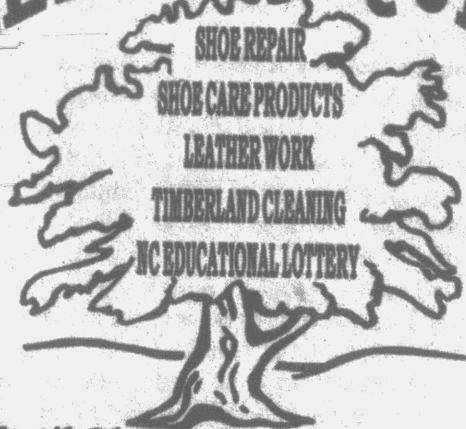
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Genesis 4:9 and the lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

Isaiah 63:9 in all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angels of his presence saved them: In his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

As I said in the title of this editorial "I am my brother's keeper"

Sincerely submitted

Ms. Kim Whitehead
aka Ms. Penny



Ernest Lee, Director of College Outreach from Pitt Community College poses with recent guest on show which airs Wednesday at 12noon on WOOW 1340

Guest Tavonda Burdett informs our listeners:

With obesity, diabetes, and heart disease escalating in our nation and local communities, especially among minority and poor populations, improving access to care is one of many factors that can begin to close the gap of health disparity. The James D. Bernstein Community Health Center, named for a man who was a leader in rural health and founded and directed the North Carolina office of Rural Health for many years, provides medical and dental services to individuals who may not have a medical home, and are uninsured or are under insured.

It is owned and operated by Access East and Greene County Health Care Inc. There is an on-site pharmacy that is operated by ECU, which also has physicians in the medical clinic. In addition Pitt Community College

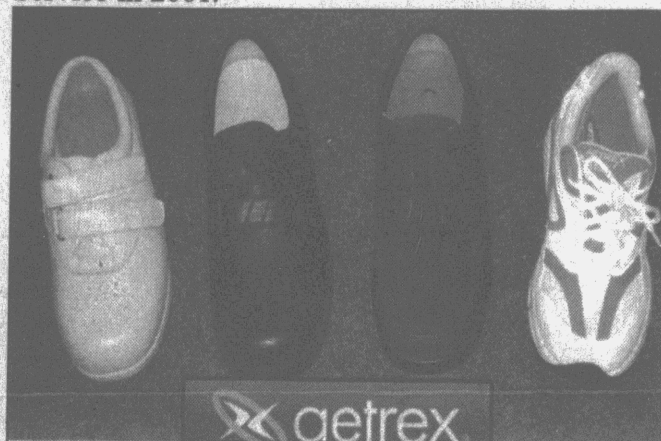
operates the Education Center in the facility.

On May 2 Tavondia Burdett, a Pitt Community College employee and Education Coordinator for the Bernstein Center appeared as a guest on Ernest Lee's radio program aired on WOOW 1340am. Mrs. Burdett informed the public of the center's focus of serving adults and children who need primary and dental care. She also discussed Pitt Community College's plans for community programs and classes, GED, continuing education, and curriculum classes that are to be held at the Education Center.

The Bernstein Community Health Center is located at 261 Belvoir Highway (behind Peaden's Grill, and Food Lion). The hours of operation are 8:30am-5:30pm Monday-Friday. Medical appointments can be made at 695-6352, dental appointments at 695-6355. Mrs. Burdett can be reached at 757-3980.



The Pitt County United Way welcomes to it's staff, Cheryl D. Edwards as there new **Director of Community Impact**. Cheryl is also an alumni of North Carolina A & T State University with a Bachelors degree in Social and Community Service. To her accomplishments she is a recipient of the Who's Who Award for Public Service in 2001.



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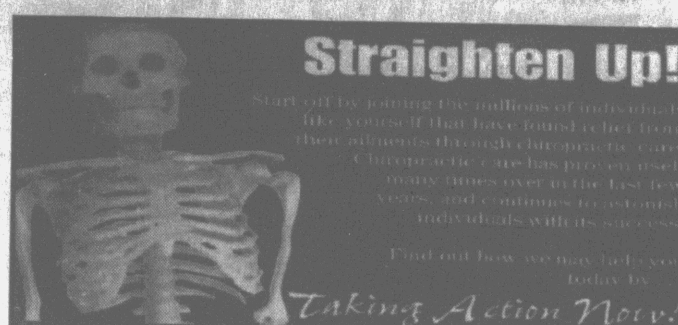
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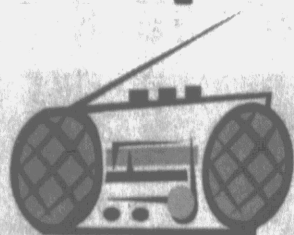
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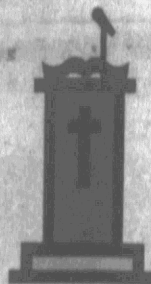
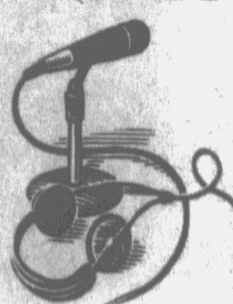
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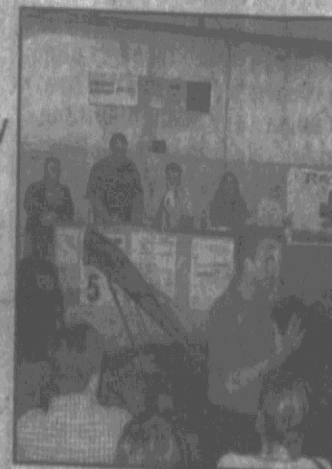
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20,649 or 34.1 percent. Pitt County's second largest municipality is Winterville. Winterville's total population is 4,791, including a Black population of 1,838 or 38.4. The Town of Ayden is third with a 49.5 percent Black population followed by the Town of Farmville with a 50.1 percent Black population.

Poverty

Approximately 28 percent of all Black people in Pitt County live below the federal poverty line compared to only about 14 percent for Whites. Pitt County's official unemployment rate as of March 2007 was 4.8 percent. The City of Greenville's official unemployment rate was 4.1 percent. Black unemployment rates are generally more than double the official rates. In some areas that are densely populated by Blacks the unemployment rates is as high as 40 percent for Black adults and 75 percent for Black youth such as in west Greenville. There are also income disparities between Blacks and Whites. For example, the median household income for Blacks is \$22,898 as compared to \$40,769 for Whites. The median Black family income is \$27,303 as compared to \$56,226 for Whites.

The Black community generally has less buying power than Whites, pays higher interest rates for credit, and spends about \$1.25 for every \$1.00 earned. Blacks are less likely to pool capital resources, create businesses, and collectively improve economic conditions through enterprise. Economic illiteracy is a major problem in the Black community and there are no comprehensive or consistent efforts to combat the same. Black Pitt County residents entrust millions of dollars each year to the Church who, with the exception of a few, do not prudently reinvest in the economic development of the Black community.

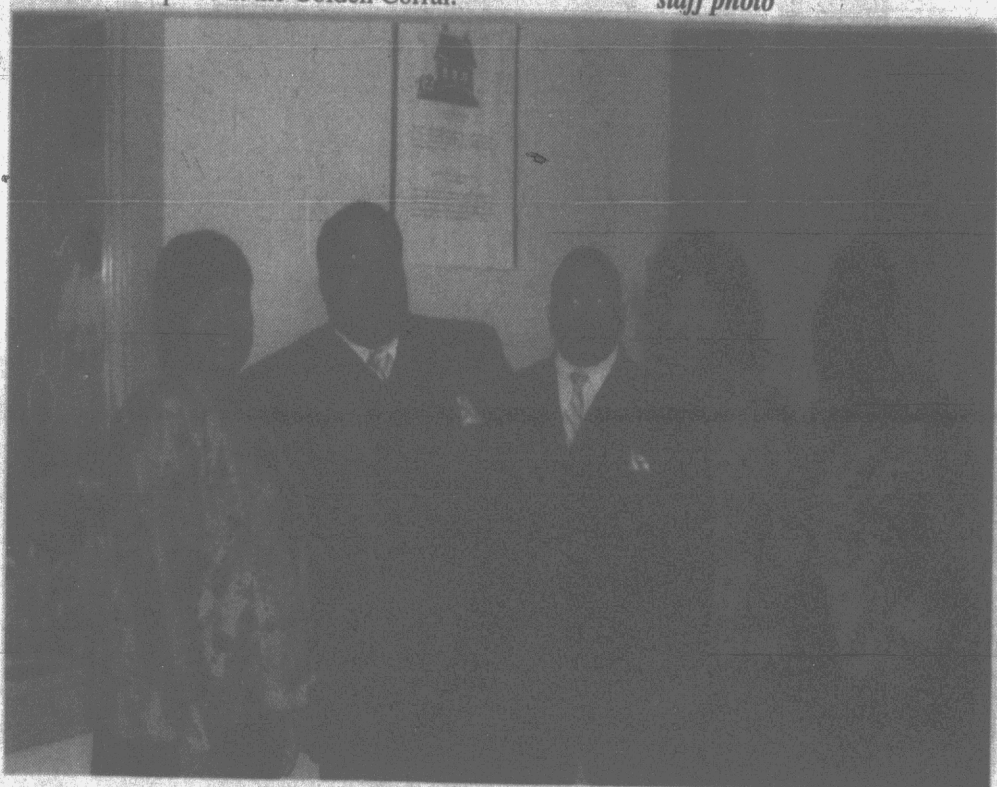
Black Pitt County residents are disproportionately the target of price gauging schemes, interest rate usury, high interest credit card schemes, rent to own schemes, and other predatory lending schemes. Black Pitt County residents are disproportionately the victims of health care fraud by medical providers.

Note: The following is only an excerpt of the - REPORT ON THE STATE OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY ... Pick up your copy May 19th @ the Sheppard Library, Greenville NC or make your request by email to oziehall@hotmail.com



SISTER TO SISTER LUNCHEON ... At the 4th Annual luncheon for the Sister to Sister program Othello Graham, author of the book "Why" was on hand for a book signing. The speaker for the event was Sister Carolyn Faison (third from right). On her left and right is Brenda Rouse, Dir. of Domestic Violence Support, and right Dorothy Hines, Office Manager. The event took place at the Golden Corral.

staff photo



Gospel Giants ... While making an appearance on a recent gospel show with the Swanee Quintet who visited Greenville, James Barrett and Norman of the Gospel Jubilees pause for our camera with Tonette, Tammy and Tonia of The Exciting Edward singers. It's always a Gospel Good Time when these gospel greats are in the house. photo by Jim Rouse

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Georgia police chief...

Ironically, although there have been several instances of harassment and interference with the duties and responsibilities of Chief Smith over the years, there had not been any action taken against him with respect to either of the positions until The Final Call began investigating the apparent false arrest of Ms. Slaughter, via telephone calls in early February to the City Attorney and Judge of the Recorder's Court for the city of Unadilla. (Coverage of Ms. Slaughter's ordeal was featured in the Apr. 10, 2007 edition of The Final Call newspaper, Vol. 26, No. 27.)

In a letter dated February 12, 2007, Unadilla City Attorney Toni Sawyer wrote the City Council to apprise them of her discussion with Attorney Tom Richardson, who is the attorney representing the city as defendants in the case filed against them by Ms. Slaughter.

"According to Mr. Richardson," Atty. Sawyer wrote, "Chief Smith is Ms. Slaughter's key witness. Not only has Chief Smith informed Ms. Slaughter that the arresting officer committed an unlawful arrest, he affirmed his position in a conversation with Mr. Richardson. Of course, Mr. Richardson is very concerned about the situation ...

"As well, Chief Smith should never have discussed the matter with Ms. Slaughter. At no point should he have been conversing with her about the situation. If you recall, I have forewarned you on occasions to be careful of the statements you make, as these statements could very well work to the detriment of the city...

"According to Mr. Richardson, Ms. Slaughter would not have a case had it not been for Chief Smith affirming to her that her rights were violated. His actions in doing so have

effectively resulted in litigation against the city ..."

These very incriminating words written by the same city attorney, who said she knew nothing about this case when contacted in January about \$2,800 still owed to the Slaughters for bail, related to Ms. Slaughter's arrest, which was never prosecuted or even processed in the Unadilla courts at that time, according to Chief Smith.

Chief Smith also talked about his telephone conversation with Atty. Tom Richardson, who inquired about the June 2, 2004 arrest of the Slaughters and the actions of Officer David Smith. He said he told Atty. Richardson that the former officer did not handle the situation "professionally," but Atty. Richardson countered that he [Smith] could not say that about one of his officers. In response, Chief Smith said, "If he was wrong, he was wrong," and since that conversation, Chief Smith claims he has heard nothing else from Atty. Richardson.

Up until April 4, 2006, Chief Smith had also served as a sergeant for the Ft. Valley Police Department (Peach County) before coming to serve in Unadilla, initially as a Sergeant in 2000 and the first time as Interim Chief in 2002. He went from interim chief to sergeant major and back to interim chief for Unadilla several times, as other permanent chiefs quit, resigned or were relieved.

It should be noted that the charges of conflict with a time card for Unadilla should not have existed since no other Police Chief, a position which is also a CEO position of the city, has had to sign or now punch a time card. Chief Smith served under, at least, three Police chiefs. In fact, contended Chief Smith, the agreement was made between the City Council of Unadilla and the police department of Ft. Valley which allowed the arrangement for almost five years.

Chief Smith believes that two of the plaintiffs under the guise of "Citizens of Georgia," are former Unadilla Mayor Sidney Hughes, who resigned under questionable reasons in August 2006 after being in office since 2000, and former Unadilla Councilman Russell Anderson. Both men have worked with Chief Smith in the past.

There have also been other areas of personal conflict between former councilman, Russell Anderson, which had to do with a friend and former councilman, James Dupree, whose son and a grandson were stopped by Chief Smith and charged with a DUI in March, 2004. This resulted in a private meeting between them and joined by City Manager Charles Walker. The purpose was to encourage Chief Smith to drop the charges, which he did not do.

"This harassment from Russell Anderson has to stop," wrote Chief Smith in a memo to the Mayor and City Council dated April 4, 2006. "This is the second time he has been to my other job. This is nothing but stalking by law in the state of Georgia. I will be pressing charges on Mr. Anderson if this continues."

At this point, both Chief Leonard Smith and Angeletha Slaughter are waiting at the crossroads of the justice system in Unadilla, Georgia. As a result of the investigation and attention, Ms. Slaughter now has Atlanta, Ga.-based lawyers looking into her case.

If the trials faced by Chief Smith are not beyond his burden to bear, it can be expected that his leveraging of this case would be founded upon the truth of events, as opposed to the concern for the city. When considering the obvious experience in events like this in the past, with respect to the letter from City Attorney Toni Sawyer to the City Council, this may be the one case which can bring light to a history of injustice in this one city, while there are hundreds of cities to go.

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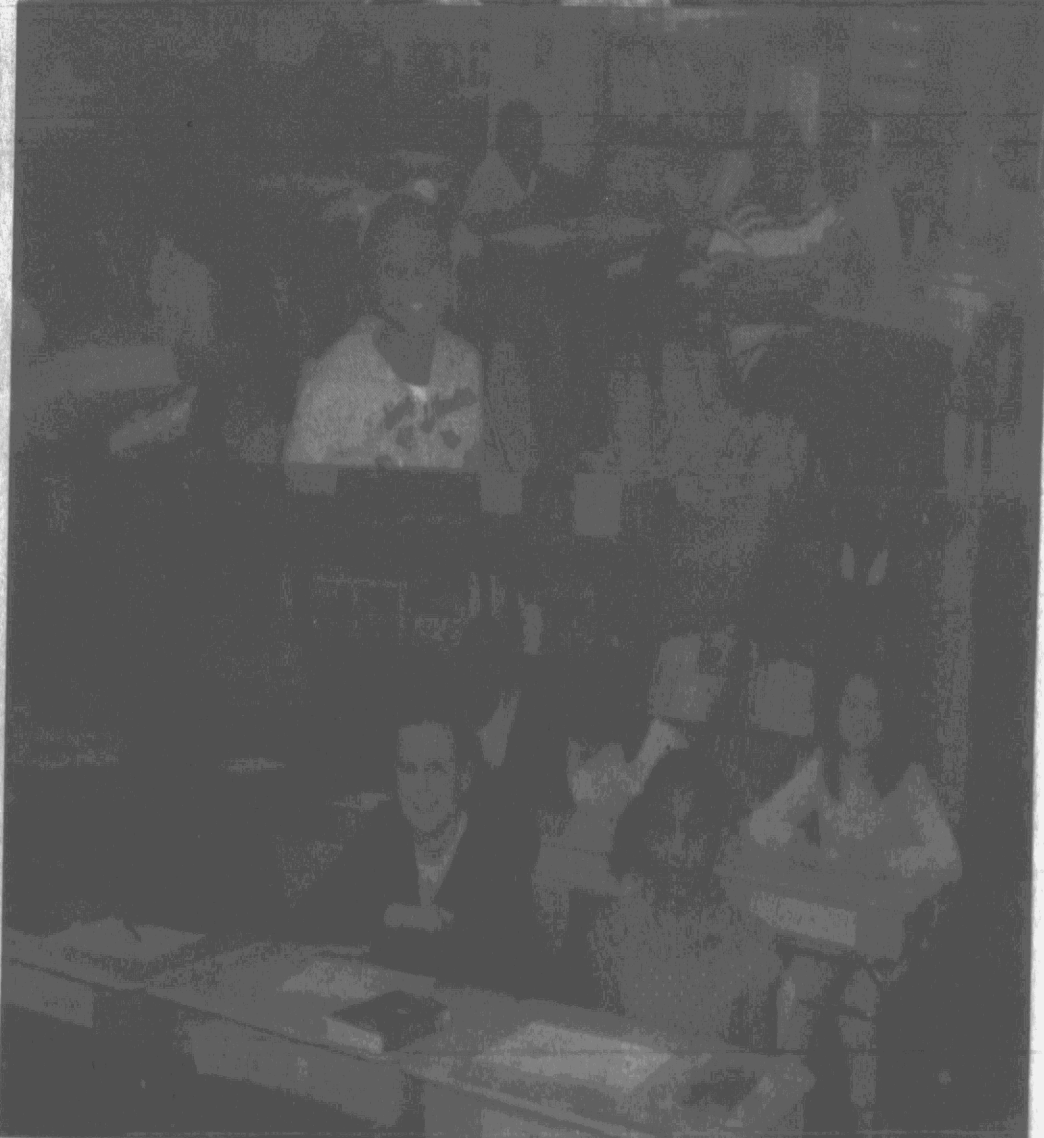
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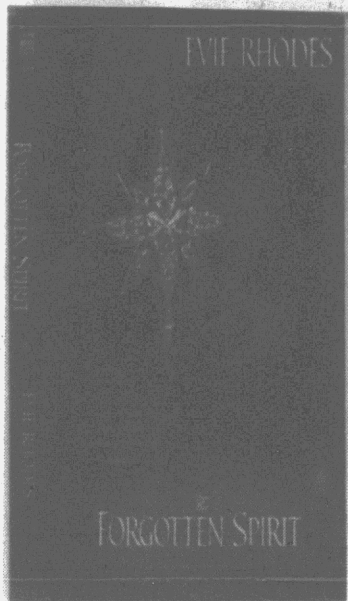
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Evie Rhodes is the author of the supernatural thrillers *Expired*, *Criss*

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The Thurgood Marshall Museum Stops In Snow Hill

The Greene County NAACP took the opportunity to welcome home a native daughter and to express and show concerns that 42% of Greene County is African American but is not shown in the employment rate - in the words of State NAACP President Rev William Barber.



Desmond Tutu Center to Open in New York City

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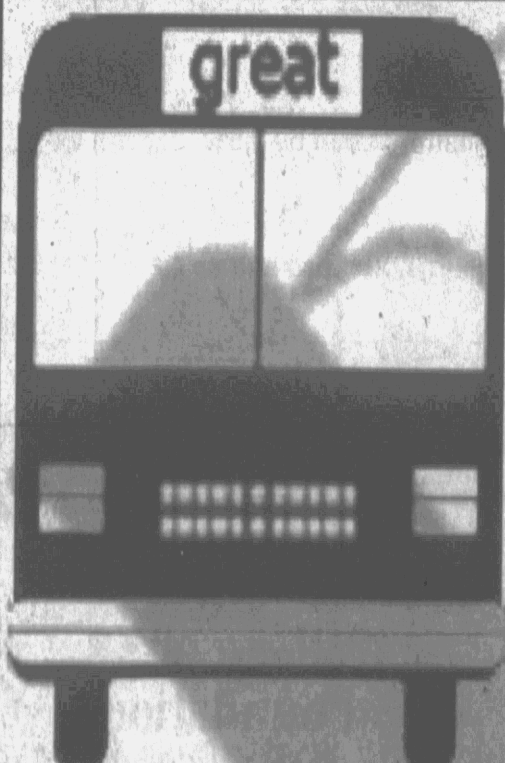
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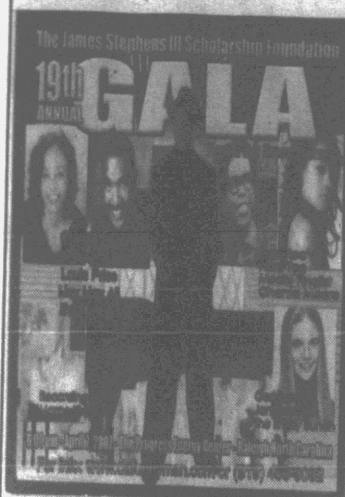
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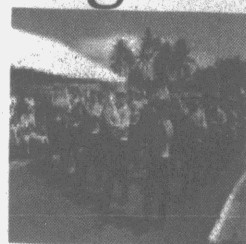
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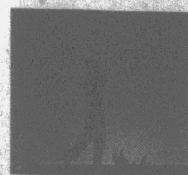
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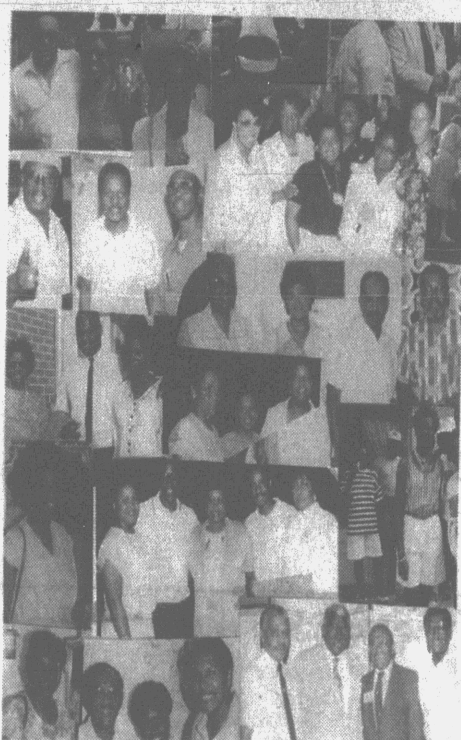
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Sow A Seed

By Joy R. Brown

When we began dating, we asked everyone for advice but "Mama." At that tender age of "puppy love," we believe mothers are ancient and know little to nothing about our feelings as a young person "falling in love." But as we become mature in our relationships, we begin to realize "Mama" was right and we were wrong. Many times as a youth, developing into adulthood, I questioned my mother's decisions; decisions such as waiting to date during my later teenage years, double dating, curfews at 9:00 pm during the week and 11:00 pm weekends. I thought the whole concept of dating showed a sign of maturity and decision making. I thought dating was my avenue to regurgitate all the teachings fed to me during my "teachable" years. However, as a seasoned adult, I realize mother was only sheltering me from unnecessary disappointments and hurts. Society has documented on several occasions, "experience is the best teacher." Fortunate for me, I disagree. If I had accepted the advice of mother in my era of dating and developing friendships and/or relationships, as an adult, unnecessary pitfalls would have been prevented. Do I regret some of the relationships I was involved in? No, however, valuable lessons were learned to sow into my future children and god-children's lives. Hopefully, they will be the recipients of attentive ears.

A valuable lesson I've learned throughout the years of processing and analyzing relationships is this, be careful who you connect yourself with, especially emotionally. Many times we believe "harmless" relationships or friendships are just the normal brotherly/sisterly love. What we fail to realize, the more you invite people to enter into your life who do not belong there, you are decreasing your self worth. Why do I state this fact? We have to process the purpose of why people enter into our lives. Is this person entering my life to add to or take away from me?

I received an email that explained three facts; people enter into your life for a reason, for a season or for a lifetime. Many times we miss out on the purpose of why someone enters into our lives by stating, "This is a lifetime friend," when, in actuality, this person was allowed to enter your life for a season or a reason. We, especially from the female perspective, have attached ourselves to seasonal and "reasonable" people. I know reasonable is not politically correct but for me, it is. We become

emotionally connected to people that were allowed to enter our lives for a reason...to assist in starting a business, to help with a major project, or to fix the car. We have been emotionally

connected to those who were allowed for a season. I believe God chooses those people to enter into our lives for a season to redirect you to the right path or to encourage you at some of the lowest times in your life. Reason and Season folks are there temporarily but we treat them, "especially women" as lifetime friends. Ones that have been released in our lives forever are very few. These people have been exclusively designed to weather the storms of life with you. Lifetime friends are sensitive to the times that you need them the most and will always be available. For example, I have a friend who lives in Atlanta, Ga. Both of us have extremely busy lives, however, when I truly need a friend to talk to, she will call and we will talk for hours. She is such an encourager and

administers great advice. That's a lifetime friend. She is not always tangible but always accessible.

I just want to encourage you to analyze your relationships. Don't become involved with everyone you meet. Ask yourself what position this person will take in your life. Becoming emotionally attached can cause unnecessary rollercoaster rides with your emotions. That's why it's so difficult to release someone from your life when God has announced, "Their time is up." We have a tendency to hold onto what God is saying to release. When a person has completed his or her course in your life and you continue to hold onto them, it opens up a door to hurt, pain, disappointment and even frustration. Take it from someone who knows. When a person has served their time and fulfilled their purpose in your life, let them go. Remain who you are but choose who you allow to assist in molding you into your purpose, the plan for your life, and your destiny.

Sowing a seed into your life,

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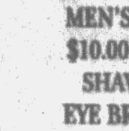
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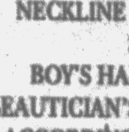
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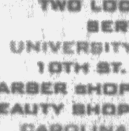
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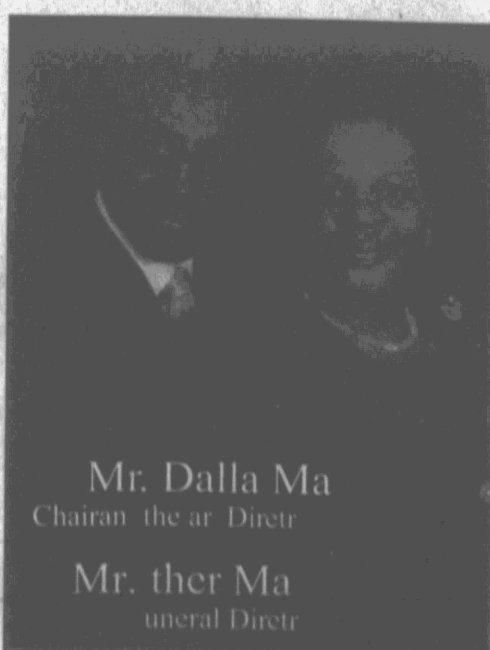
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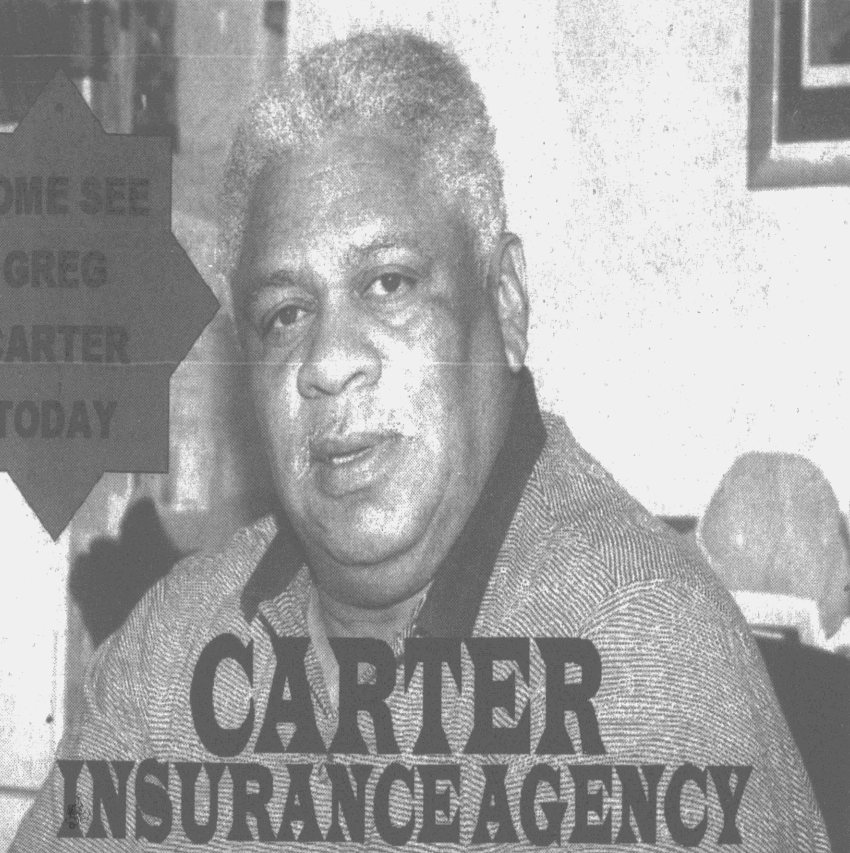
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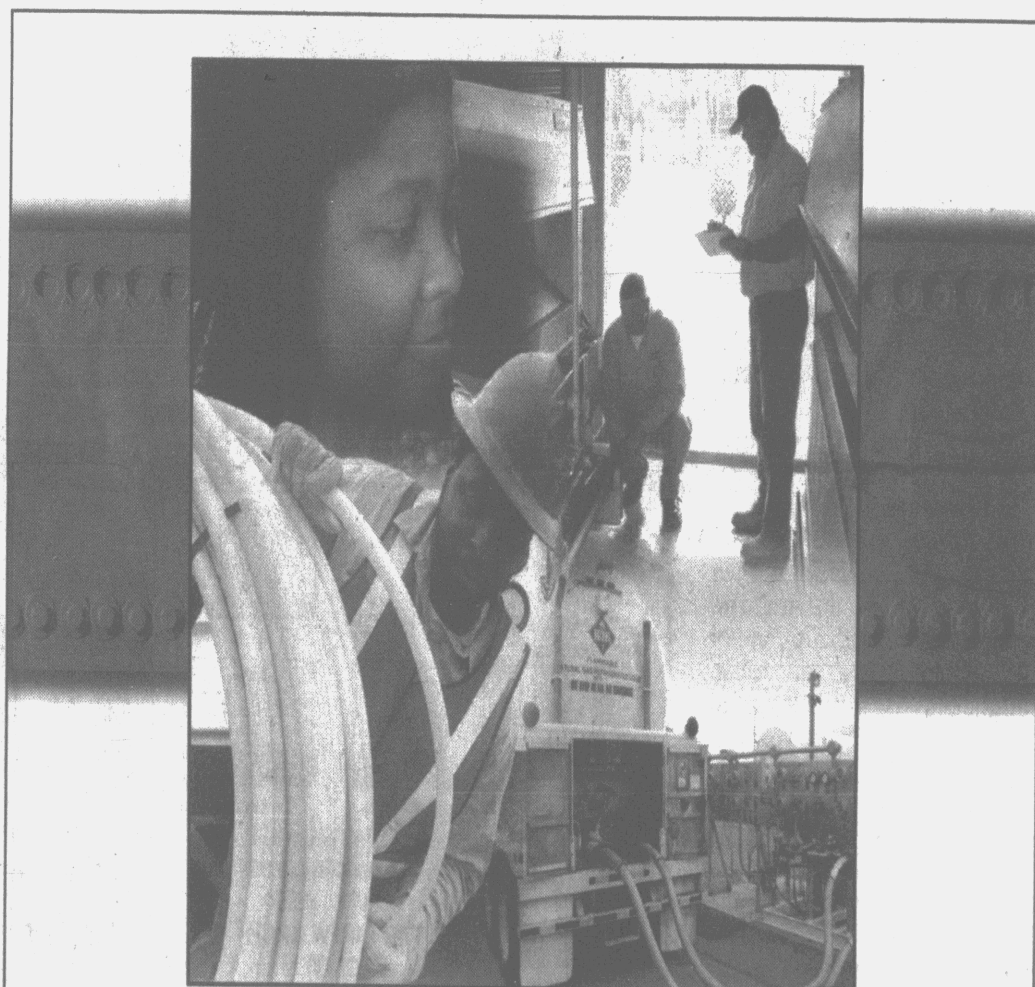
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