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Unarmed – another Black teen gunned down by cops

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There is uproar in the hood...again.Hitting him ten times, five cops, including two sergeants and a detective, shot and killed unarmed 18-year-old Kyle Coppin in Bedford-Stuyvesant on Monday night."The first shot was fatal because that hit him in the chest. They hit him with at least nine more. The police picked him up and acted like they were arresting him because they couldn't have him die on the scene," activist Abubaka Miller told the Amsterdam News.Gates Avenue in Bedford-Stuyvesant is busy on a quiet day, on Monday night it was tense and overflowing as news

spread like wildfire that housing and 79th Precinct cops had struck yet again.The hastily strung up yellow tape could not contain hordes of angry teens, parents, activists and area residents, as they all gathered outside the housing project at 590 Gates Avenue.Accounts varied – but one fact remained – the teen did not have a weapon. Some witnesses claimed that a hairbrush fell out of his pocket, others said that he had it in his hand. Some news reports have quoted a "police source" claiming that it might have been a suicide-by-cop wish fulfilled."He'd dropped the brush. He had his hands in the air and then they started shooting," said eyewitness Andres Sanchez.Many distraught witnesses agreed cops did not have to fire and some were simply shocked by the number of bullets at the young man. "It's just shoot to

kill," said one thirty-something man. On Monday night Coppin's mother, Denise Owens, called police after arguing with her son. Some published reports stated that she said he had a gun. On Tuesday she told AmNews that she told the 911 dispatcher that her son did not have a gun At a press conference on Tuesday, Police Commissioner Ray Kelly released the 911 transcript of the original phone call, where somebody makes mention of a gun, but not Owens.When cops got to the scene, witnesses said that Coppin, who reportedly had a history of mental issues, was standing on a first floor ledge of an apartment at 590 Gates Avenue. Cops claim he had something under his shirt.Some witnesses said that

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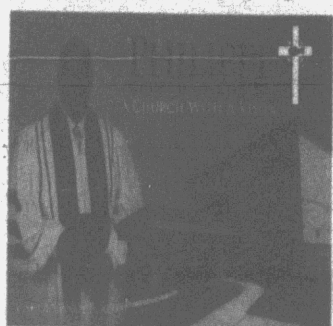
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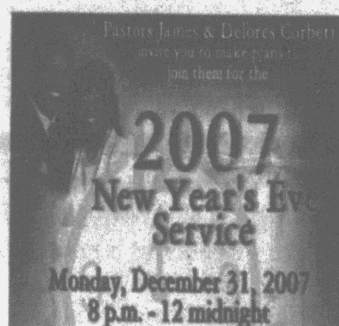
Wedding Bells ... pictured above is Deacon Sutton and his daughter Tarsha caught by the Minority Voice Newspaper camera as the groom (Rodney Cogdell) awaits the start of the ceremony at St. Peters MB Church in Greenville, NC.

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A Question of COLOR rears its ugly head again....

By: Zenith Prince
Washington Bureau Chief

Tar babies and high yellows, "good" hair vs. "bad" hair. Some thought color discrimination among African Americans had pretty much blown away with the Black cultural revolution of the 1960s and 1970s. But according to sociologists, academicians and other measures of the nation's social barometer, the issue is still rooted in day-to-day life.

"There is evidence, no let me rephrase that, it's a reality that people receive preferential treatment based on color," said sociologist Cedric O. Herring, a professor at the University of Illinois and editor of *Skin Deep: How Race and Complexion Matter in the "Color-Bling" Era*.

"It is something that for a long time was an impolite subject to talk about but it's real."

The subject reared its head most visibly recently when Detroit DJ Ulysses Barnes was flooded with so many emails, telephone calls and negative publicity that he was forced to cancel the event. In his defense, Barnes said he had plans for "Sexy Chocolate" and "Sexy Carmel" parties too, and that "it was just a party thing."

It wasn't just a "party thing" for people like Ayana Teal, an administrator for the Jewish

see dark babies that are pretty like that," Teal said. "I could have hit him." On the other

when entrance into mulatto organizations like the "Blue Vein Society" required that you be so pale that the "blue veins" on the underside of the arm were visible; to more modern times when Black fraternities and sororities administered the "brown paper bag test" to prevent people who were "too dark" from entering their ranks.

Such attitudes about color reflect "internalized racism," said Melvin Thomas, president of the Association of Black Sociologists and professor of sociology at North Carolina State University.

"For some Blacks, the more white you are, the better," he said. "It's based on White racism but it gets internalized so that Blacks have the same negative attitudes towards Black skin and see European features as more desirable."

Herring said color discrimination doesn't only go one way. "Light-complexioned African American women may be the desirable group of women," he said. "They aren't seen as Blacks and the treatment they receive from African-American women, especially, is hateful."

Thomas and others argue that the preference towards lighter-skinned Blacks is reflected in various aspects of life, particularly the

entertainment world, where lighter-skinned female celebrities — Lena Horne, Halle Berry, Alicia Keys and Mariah Carey — appear to be the preference.

Changa Bell, an area film director and former BET employee, used to direct hip hop music videos. Bell, 35, said that the emphasis on light-skinned Africans Americans was one of the reasons why he drew away from the genre. "Back when I was heavy into making hip hop videos it was the 'Blasian,' Black-Asian, mix that was popular," he said. "But more often than not, it is the light, brown to light skinned models who appear in these videos."

The artist will usually ask for a certain type of look and the director will find models to fit that look, Bell said.

David Hayrock, director of operations for Supergroup International, which produces hip hop videos, denied that there is a bias. "From the point of view of casting, there has never been any talk about choosing models based on their complexion," Hayrock said. "It's more about booties and how their faces look in close-ups."

Teal, who also works as a fashion stylist, said she also

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OPINION

Have we forgotten our past?

by Bill Howard
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For over 300 years, black people were treated worse than the lowest animals on earth. Our throats were slashed; we were lynched and burned beyond recognition; our black women were raped so often, that our color has changed. We were the food that sharks ate; we died not by the hundreds or thousands, but by the millions as we were among the worst holocausts this planet has ever known. Have we forgotten?

Emmitt Till was accused of whistling at a white woman and there was hardly anything left of him after they lynched and burned him. There has been enough black blood spilled to create a large lake. Many slaves did survive and

lived to have children and kept our race alive, but no one can really understand the suffering and the humiliation it required to survive as a human being. Have we forgotten?

Black men, do you remember Willie Lynch, who in 1712 spoke to his fellow Virginia slave owners saying: "While Rome used cords of wood as crosses for standing human bodies along its old highways in great numbers, you are here using the tree and rope on occasion.

"I caught the whiff of a dead slave hanging from a tree a couple of miles back. You are not only losing valuable stock by hangings, you are having uprisings, slaves are having uprisings, slaves are running away, your crops are sometimes left in the field too

long for maximum profit, you suffer occasional fires, your animals are being killed. Gentlemen, you know what your problems are, I do not need to elaborate." He went on to say; "I have a fool-proof method for controlling your black slaves. I guarantee everyone of you that if installed correctly it will control the slaves for at least 300 years." He continued to elaborate: "I use fear, distrust and envy for control purposes"; he continued, "the black slave after receiving this indoctrination shall carry on and will become self-refueling and self-generating for hundreds of years, maybe thousands.

"Don't forget you must pit the old black male against the young black male, and the young black male against the old black male. You must use

the dark skin slaves against the light skin slaves and the light skin slaves against the dark skin slaves. You must also have white servants and overseers distrust ALL blacks, but it is necessary they trust and depend on us. They must love, respect and trust ONLY us".

He concluded by saying, "This plan if used intensely for one year, the slaves themselves will remain perpetually distrustful".

African Americans, have we overcome or are we still living his plan?

Did Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and so many others who fought so long and so hard for our freedom die in vain? In every aspect of life, we had to fight and die to move up a step on the ladder of equality.

Each year, as in 2007, we find ourselves with the power to correct many of the injustices confronting us by using the power of the ballot, yet 8 million of us remain unregistered voters and millions of us are rotting away in prisons while laws are currently being passed to put another million away in prison. All of this because we have forgotten our history? If we forget our past, we will have no future!

Dr. King was confronted with the thought of calling off a particular movement, because he was not certain if the people would back him, he turned to prayer as he headed to Beulah Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia. As he drew closer to the church, he was unable to park his car, as thousands of brothers and sisters were outside unable to get inside the crowded church. They were

content to listen to him over the loudspeaker. Even when the police turned off the speakers, the crowd remained, content just to be there. Dr. King wrote; "My doubts concerning the continued success of our venture were dispelled."

Today, many young people (mostly black) without high school diplomas have been suffering for over three decades. Will we allow them to attend and graduate from "Trade Schools" and confront society with an ability to earn a living wage, or will we "wait" for additional decades to fully realize that our black prison populations, etc. will continue to grow? Our future will depend on our remembering our past!

Private Prisons and the Thirteenth Amendment

Private Prisons and the Thirteenth Amendment

by ALTON H. MADDOX JR.
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For every action, there is an opposite and greater reaction. This law applies to white supremacy's response to the liberation struggle.

This was seen in Jena, LA., as sixty thousand persons marched in Jena on September 20 to protest the railroading of six Black youths in adult court for an alleged attack on a white youth, Justin Barkin, in December 2006.

In June 2006, an all-white jury in adult court convicted Mychal Bell of aggravated assault and battery and conspiracy to commit a battery. Before the march, an appeals court threw out the remaining conviction for lack of jurisdiction. Jena officials have chosen to try Bell again in juvenile court.

After the march, Bell's probation was wrongfully violated on another charge. He was given 18 months in prison and is awaiting trial on the December 2006 charge despite double jeopardy. His parents were ordered to pay for his current confinement.

Those who fail to learn from

the lessons of history are condemned to repeat them. Among other things, in the past, Blacks secured the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Open Housing Act of 1968. In addition, the U.S. Supreme Court decided *Loving v. Virginia* and *Jones v. Alfred H. Mayer Co.*

While we were pumping our fists and beating our chests, the forces of evil were at work. Because we failed to respect or support watchdogs, we never knew what hit us in 1968. In the meantime, white lawyers were reviewing the Thirteenth Amendment. To them, there is a loophole. This is our future.

Congress has the authority to prohibit private racial discrimination as a badge of slavery. This is the rule in the Thirteenth Amendment and it was made clear in *Jones v. Alfred H. Mayer Co.* Thus, Congress has the authority to ban private prisons. Penology is also a public function.

Between 1970 and today, there has been more than a 700% increase in the prison population. This occurred not because of an increase in crime but because of the enactment of harsher sentencing laws. Without watchdogs, voting has allowed Blacks to endorse their own oppression.

In 1970, the state and federal prison population was under 190,000. Today, the same population is more than two million without counting persons on parole and probation. The total count is more than seven million persons in the criminal justice system alone.

The United States takes the gold for incarcerating people. China takes the silver, but you

must consider its population. The United States also takes the gold for incarceration rates and Russia replaces China for the silver. This country is still a penal colony.

Among the domestic states, Louisiana has the highest incarceration rate. Texas and Mississippi follow. The states with the lowest incarceration rates are Maine, Minnesota, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. There is obviously a correlation between race and incarceration rates.

History is repeating itself. After the Civil War, states established convict leasing systems to exploit Black labor and to put "free" Blacks in check. The Ku Klux Klan was formed within a week after the ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment. The Chinese Exclusion Acts were enacted after the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment. Connect the dots.

Prison populations in southern states increased dramatically after the Civil War due to private prisons. The prison population in these states became disproportionately Black. Private companies were formed to lease convicts from the state for a fee. There was a lucrative market for "idle" Blacks.

The convict leasing system marched in lockstep with lynching. Private prisons are back in vogue. Nooses have followed. Although the convict leasing system may have never been challenged during Reconstruction, the convict leasing system yesterday as well as private prisons today violate the Thirteenth Amendment.

Operating private prisons

today to re-enslave descendants of enslaved Africans is like having put newly-emancipated Blacks back under the constructive jurisdiction of the Confederates States of America after the Tilden-Hayes Compromise.

Slavery was a private institution similar to the Federal Reserve System. The original meaning of the Thirteenth Amendment is that Africans could only be enslaved by the state after a criminal conviction especially since it is only state action coupled with due process that can deprive a person of liberty.

England gave the Royal African Company a monopoly over slave trading in 1662. This charter supplanted the Dutch's monopoly over the slave trade. Congress ended the slave trade in 1808. The institution of slavery would continue in the United States until 1865. Badges of slavery still thrive.

Persons in opposition to a fugitive slave law in 1793 noted the public expense of enforcing slavery. The Fugitive Slave Law of 1793 was ruled constitutional in *Priggs v. Pennsylvania*. It deputized all whites to seize "fugitive slaves."

The institution of slavery was not only protected by the U.S. Constitution but also by subsequent federal legislation. At least, nine clauses in the U.S. Constitution protect slavery although slavery is not mentioned in the Supreme Law.

Recently, Barron's urged its readers to consider investing

in prison stocks. It listed GEO Group, Corrections Corp. of America and Cornell Co. as potential investments. Stocks and bonds are the staples of slavery. Investors should be required to disinvest.

Barron's noted the risks attendant with investing in prison stocks although "the rewards to investors can be considerable - not only in stocks but also in bonds." Blacks need to keep an eye on former Attorney General Edwin Meese, an advocate for re-enslaving Blacks through a loophole.

Prison stocks are traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Investors demand that states enact harsher sentencing laws like in the conviction of Genarlow Wilson in Georgia. Last week, the Georgia Supreme Court outlawed his sentence as being cruel and unusual. Five inmates still exist in the Wilson et al. prosecution.

Black legislators led the fight to enact the unconstitutional law in Georgia which undergirded Wilson's conviction. Eleven of the twenty-one members of the Congressional Black Caucus voted for the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986 which imposed a much harsher sentence for persons dealing or possessing crack cocaine.

The New York Stock Exchange is regulated by federal law under the auspices of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The fugitive slave laws were used to facilitate slavery in interstate commerce and, today, the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Act of 1934 serve the same function. Presidential candidates will not touch this issue.

The struggle against Jim Crow in education was initiated by attorney Robert Morris, Sr. in *Roberts v. City of Boston* in the

1840's. Dean Charles Hamilton Houston rekindled this struggle in the 1920's at Howard University.

Today, there should be several Robert Morris and Charles Houstons. Instead, we are moving backwards and we are clueless as to the reason. Private prisons operate on the principle that two wrongs make a right. This is not right.

Before Hurricane Katrina, it appeared that Blacks would be at least fifty percent of Louisiana's population by 2025. During the 1990's, the state's white population increased by less than 1% while the Black population increased 12%. Judge J.P. Mauffray and LaSalle Parish District Attorney J. Reed Walters are obviously on assignment.

November 7, Wednesday - United African Movement will host its next forum at 7:30 p.m. at the Elks Plaza, 1068 Harriet Tubman (Fulton Street) nr. Classon Ave. in Brooklyn. Take the "C" train to Franklin Ave.

November 28, Wednesday - United African Movement will present a special program to recognize 20 years of struggle in the Tawana Brawley case.

See: www.reinstatelonmaddox.net for "Letter to Sen. Barack Obama on the 'Jena 6,'" and "Democratic Party and the 'Jena 6,'" "Strategies to Free the Jena 6," "Letter to Louisiana Disciplinary Committee on 'Jena 6'" and "Civil Rights and One-Night Stands."

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HOW TO BE HAPPY

Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God. - Psalm 146:5

Everyone wants to be happy. Many people have failed in their quest to find that exclusive prize, however, because they have been looking in the wrong places.

According to Proverbs 16:20, "Whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he."

And today's text indicates that happiness comes to those who find their help and hope in God.

The foundation for happiness is a proper relationship with the Lord. But to fully experience that happiness, we must build

on that foundation in practical ways. I found this list of "Ten Rules for Happier Living" in an issue of Pulpit Helps.

1. Give something away (no strings attached).
2. Do a kindness (and forget it).
3. Spend time with the aged (experience is priceless)
4. Look intently into the face of a baby (and marvel).
5. Laugh often (it is life's lubricant).
6. Give thanks (a thousand times a day is not enough).
7. Pray (or you will lose the way).
8. Work (with vim and vigor).
9. Plan as though you will forever (you will).
10. Live as though you will die tomorrow (because you will die on some tomorrow).

Those are excellent ideas for happier living. Try them. They work! R.W.D.

One of the ways to have happiness,

One of the ways to live it

All day long and everyday,

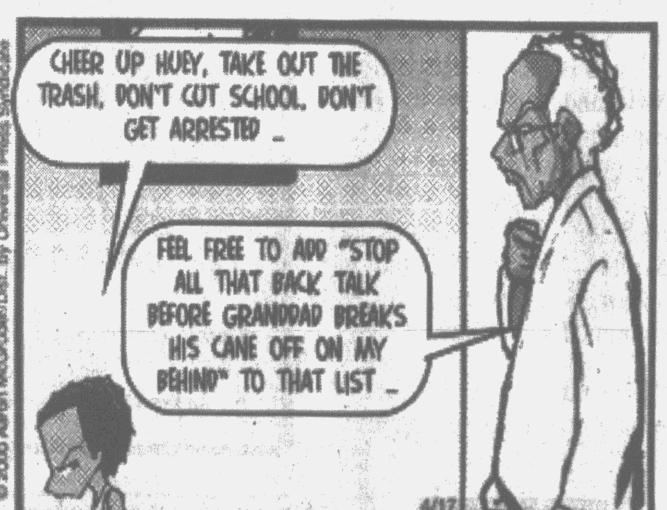
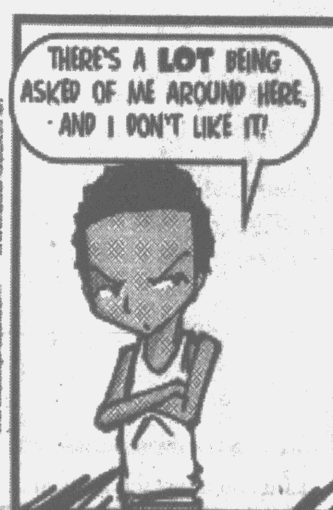
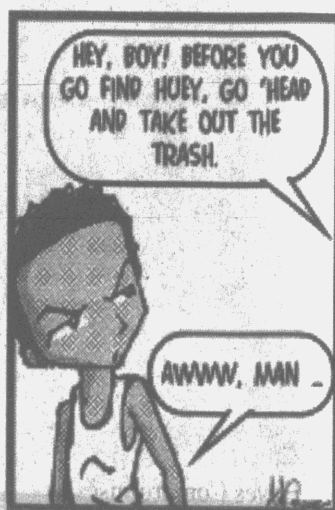
Is to try each hour to give it. — Anon

Trusting and obeying the Lord brings true happiness.

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3. Eat plenty of colorful foods; red grapes (and red wine), cranberries, tomatoes, oranges, and tomato juice. Fewer calories.
4. Take a regular aspirin or two baby aspirins every day if you are a man over 35 and a woman over 40.
5. Do not smoke; too much saturated fat and alcohol abuse — these spell cancer.
6. Control your stress by deep breathing, lean on a friend, play golf have girlfriends spas. These are mental medicines.
7. Watch your waistline. Belly fat adds to stress by creating an internal inflammatory environment.
8. Your waist size is a great barometer of how you deal with stress. Ideally, it should be less than half your weight. For example, if you're five foot five, or 65 inches, your waist should be less than 32.5 inches.
9. As you age, your immune system weakens making you even more vulnerable for bacteria, infection and serious diseases. Use fish oil, olive oil, walnuts, and avocados.
10. Sugar has something to do with thinning hair. Reduce your sugar with more fruits, veggies, carbohydrates from whole grains, and fewer processed foods.
11. Get your blood pressure under control by walking 30 minutes a day-everyday and try to eat ten tablespoons of tomato sauce a week.

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—Reflections—



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Daycare:
Does it Produce Brats?

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Just what America's beleaguered moms needed—yet another study that blames them for ruining their kids lives. The National Institute of Child Health and Development released a multi-year study on daycare's impact on children, and it sent the "parental guilt meter" soaring into the red zone. Keeping preschoolers in daycare for a year or more, the study found, increased the likelihood that they would later become disruptive in class. The findings clearly struck a nerve. Social conservatives were quick to say, "We told you so," while liberals said the results showed the need for more federal dollars for daycare. Working mothers, though, could merely sigh. "What are we supposed to do with this information?" asked Jane Doe, a single mother of two from San Jose. "Are we all supposed to take our kids out of daycare?"

No wonder that mothers are exasperated, given the fact that two and a half million children under 5 are in daycare for one simple reason; Their families "cannot pay for food, clothing and shelter with one paycheck." Sure, in an ideal world, all little children would spend their earliest years at home in the loving care of two parents. In the real world, only a shrinking minority of families has one-stay-at-home parent.

It's good that we are keeping a watchful eye on what is happening to these kids, but it won't help to demonize daycare. Instead, "let's figure out how to improve it," said one writer.

In fact, the new study is hardly an indictment of daycare. Despite the blaring headlines about "bad behavior", the study found only slightly more unruly behavior among schoolchildren who had spent three or four years

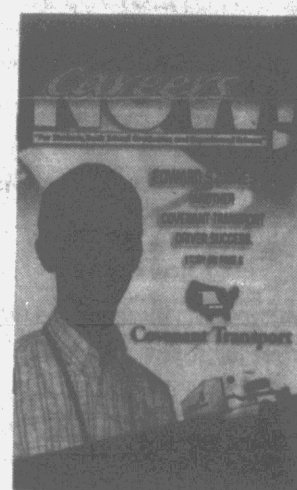
in daycare. A closer look at the data shows that the more disruptive children had gone to lower-quality daycare centers — probably reflecting what their parents could afford. Most of the disruptive kids also started daycare in infancy; babies need a lot more one-on-one attention than a 1 or 2 year old. Those factors could explain the differences in later behavior. And when it came to a child's ultimate behavior and performance in school, the research team said, "parenting quality" was far more important than time spent in daycare. But when there's an opportunity to make working moms feel guilty, who cares about the details? "The downside of daycare is what everyone wants to talk about."

Respectfully submitted by:

Suejette A. Jones

(From: Talking Points)

COVENANT TRANSPORT DRIVER EDWARD S. JONES, SR. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER



Edward S. Jones, Sr., was a welder by trade and lost his job. After searching for work in his field and coming up empty handed, he decided to look into driving trucks professionally. "I've always enjoyed driving since I was a teenager. Driving trucks professionally seemed like a perfect job for me," notes Jones. Jones began his career as a driver two and half years ago for a company that didn't give him the mileage or treatment that he wanted. Disenchanted, he began searching for another company that would give him better mileage and the respect he deserved. A friend of Jones recommended Covenant Transport and spoke very highly of the company. Two years ago, Jones made the switch to Covenant Transport where he earns his living as a company driver. Jones is impressed with the efforts Covenant makes. He is encouraged that personnel take courses to be more sensitive to driver's needs and is thankful that Joey Hogan (Covenant's President) is committed to communicating with drivers frequently. There are many reasons that

Jones continues to drive for Covenant including the easy access he has to dispatchers, professional treatment, lack of hassles, and his well-maintained truck. "Dispatchers make all the difference in this profession," Jones adds. "They're the only connection you have while you're on the road." By choice4, he stays on the road four to six weeks at a time but is able to get home more often if he chooses to. This allows him to travel and see the country. If he has a break, he'll take time to walk around and see the city. Always a team player, Jones helped out one night when he was supposed to swap a load with another driver; who decided after the fact that he didn't want to take an extra load. Jones didn't want to let Covenant down. He kept the load and got it to the delivery point and unloaded it on time. His dispatcher, Greg Holsonback, was so impressed with his good performance that he nominated Jones for the Executive Council, which Jones is now a member of. (The Executive Council is a group of drivers who are liaisons between drivers and the corporate office. Members present suggestions and concerns that drivers have to the company executives monthly.) In turn, Covenant has also gone out of their way to help Jones out. When he's needed to get home unexpectedly, Jones' dispatcher has gone out of his way to get him there. On the occasions that Jones has wanted to travel through a particular state, his dispatcher tries to get him there, as well. Jones resides in Greenville, North Carolina and likes to spend his free time relaxing. His advice to people considering truck driving as a career is to always do the very best you can and to always be considerate. According to Jones, "If you do those two things, good things can happen."

..... COLOR

finds color discrimination in the fashion industry. "It's become really hot to look exotic, long flowing hair, fair skin, light-colored eyes," she said. "At a fashion shoot in New York that I worked on, I noticed during the models call that they were picking only the tall, fair models and when I called the (shoot director) on it she said she hadn't realized."

The bias against darker skin tone is also evident in the workplace. Just ask Dwight Burch, a former Applebee's employee. The darker-skinned African American won a \$40,000 lawsuit against the restaurant, claiming his lighter-skinned African American manager discriminated against him because of his complexion and fired him when he complained of his treatment. The author of a recent study on the effects of complexion on economic status said his research found that light-skinned Blacks are considered for jobs over equally qualified dark-skinned Blacks.

"The most shocking finding of this study was that dark-skinned Blacks makes with an MBA and managerial experience were deemed to be less qualified than a light skinned male with a bachelor's degree," said Matthew Harrison, the study's author and a University of Georgia doctoral student.

"The study showed that the economic gap between light

skinned and darker skinned blacks is similar to the gap between whites and Blacks."

Herring said he is doubtful that the social phenomenon would ever cease to exist.

Cheriss May, a Washington graphic artist and Howard University professor, agreed. "Since we ourselves perpetuate self-hate it continues to exist," she said.

May, who co-founded the clothing line, Hue Love and

later ventured out on her own to form the Unified Soul: Love Who I Am line of clothing, said she started her brand to counter colorism and its effects with positive expression of self-love and acceptance.

"Until we start believing that we are beautiful in all our different shades, sizes, and hair textures we will be revisiting this issue 10 years from now."

MALE AND FEMALE MADE HE THEM



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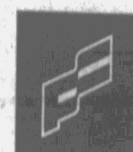
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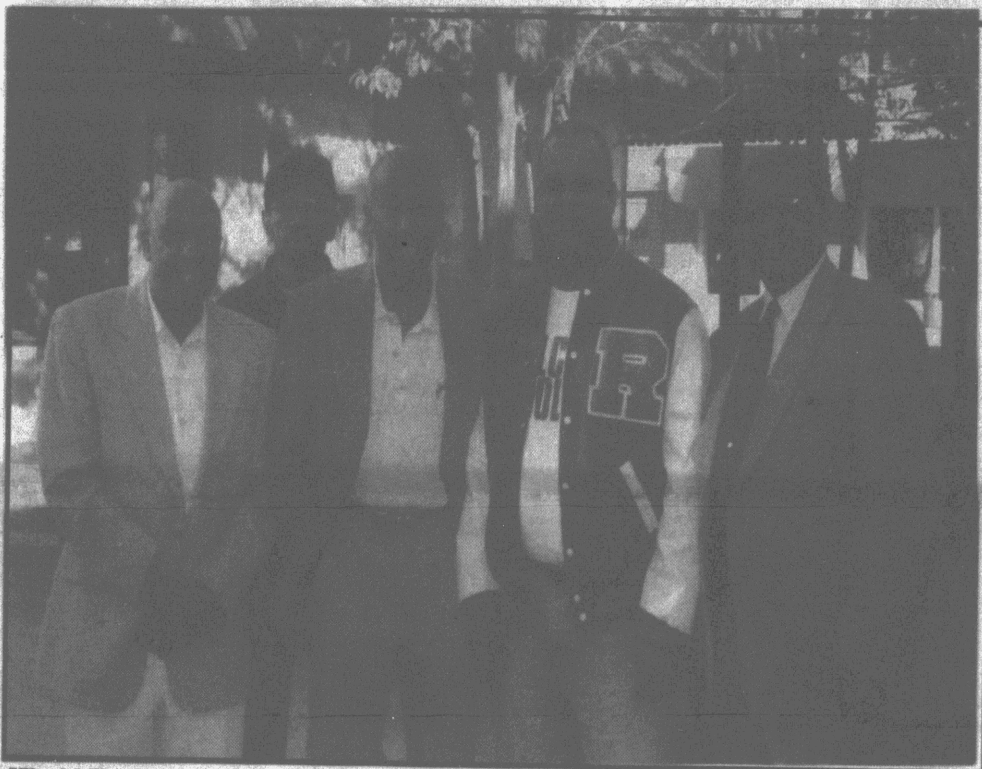


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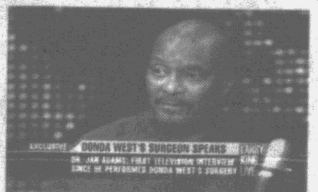
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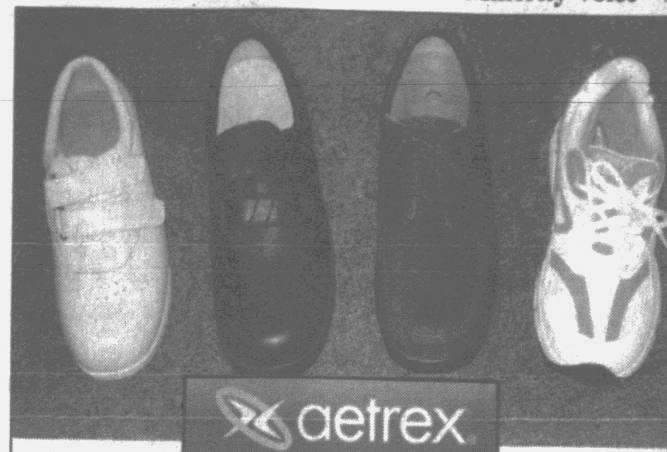
World Tour Author ... Writer and author Leon Washington stopped by the studio of WOOW 1340 in Greenville NC after visiting Africa, Russia, Spain and the Far East. William Atkinson, (left rear) arranged his visit to our studio. Also pictured to his left is Bob Whitehead of Tarboro, Rev Michael Dixon and Jim Rouse.

staff photo

West surgeon cancels TV interview



This photo released by CNN's Larry King Live, shows Dr. Jan Adams during a scheduled interview with the talk show host prior to walking off the show on Tuesday Nov. 20, 2007 in New York. Adams, the plastic surgeon who operated on Kanye West's mother, said he initially agreed to speak with King to clear up what he said were inaccurate reports about him in the news media. But he said West's family asked him not to appear on the show. (AP Photo/CNN's Larry King Live)



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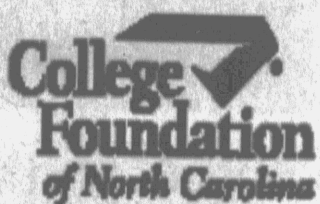
Money magazine recently recognized North Carolina's National College Savings Program as a good choice for North Carolinians based on the tax break and reasonable expenses.

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Sow A Seed

By Joy R. Brown

Nakeela Bryant contributed this article for Sow A Seed.

You Can Be Free

I don't really know where to begin but I wanted my personal testimony of deliverance to be able to touch someone who may be as I was: trapped with no escape because I was too afraid to cry out for help. I wanted to let someone else know that when you are "Chosen By God" you have a greater purpose and when you are trying to fulfill your purpose without including God in it, you will always feel empty and incomplete.

For a while I had been living a life of insecurity, defeat, depression, brokenness, and total oblivion to the world around me. I was so trapped within myself that my life began to take this slow downward fall to Hell and after I couldn't get a grip, I began to enjoy this downward spiral and the devil was enjoying taking me. I didn't really care who said what to me, who I made angry, who I talked back to, who I disputed with....none of that didn't really matter because "I WAS RIGHT" and "NOBODY UNDERSTOOD ME."

I continued to go about the normal routine of going to church whenever the doors were open, making sure that I didn't miss a service unless I really had a "good reason" because I didn't want anything to be said if I didn't show up. Sometimes I wanted to be there and sometimes I really could have cared less and even when I got there and those times I could care less, I didn't really pretend like I cared even in other people's presence. I continued to get up and go about my daily routine job, and felt the same way I did about church, some days I cared, some I didn't. But, I avoided confronting the real issues at all with anyone. If you didn't like me, I didn't care. If you talked to me or not, I didn't really care. If you wanted to hang around me or not, after I had gotten so immune to being by myself anyway, and excluding myself from everyone, I DIDN'T CARE!

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You see the pattern...The enemy wanted me to believe I was in the right no matter who I hurt or who I made feel bad and yet I was still "on my way to heaven!" NOT!!!! The more I got trapped within myself, the more the devil was feeding into my spirit all of the things I should do, who I should listen to, who not to listen to, who to steer away from (not all necessarily for the good), and who to just completely avoid at all costs! AND I DID JUST THAT!

I was hurting deep down inside because I felt like no one cared, had this façade like it didn't matter but it hurt to be alone, but all this time I had been making people not care because they didn't want anything to do with someone who cared nothing about their self. I hurt because the enemy had a hold on my thoughts, my mind, my actions, my attitude, and he never let me see myself.

Yes, some of those times in church I did feel the presence of God, God may have used me through a song or music, and even at those times when I felt like I really didn't want to be there, it was at those times that someone might come and say to me "I really enjoyed you tonight, God used you. Thank God for that anointing." And, in my routine, I would say as I had been taught, "To God Be The Glory!" and the devil would let me feel like I still had it together. While others were looking like, "Yeah, whatever! You just don't know the real truth!"

How many know that you can have an anointed leader who can intervene on behalf of the church and even in the midst of a service pray such a prayer that the devil will have no place to stick his head so that others that truly need and want something from God can still get what they are looking for? That's the kind of ANOINTED, CHOSEN Leader that I have. My pastor is not just a woman of prayer and faith, but is also a woman of God that doesn't mind going head to head, eye-to-eye, cheek-to-cheek with the devil! And, that is why the enemy wanted to keep me trapped and caught up thinking it's all about me and not seeing myself because the more I kept myself hidden from myself, I would push myself further away from God, further away from the leading of a great pastor, and further away from my "umbilical cord" in the spirit! She is my lifeline ordained and predestined by God to not just watch after my spiritual being but to be a mentor to me and steer me in reaching my greatest potential in life as well as in Christ. And, the devil knew if he could tear me away from that lifeline, he was going to literally kill me

and not just in my spiritual walk with Christ!!!

Yet, it was in deliverance class, the night God predestined a breakthrough for not only myself, but my spiritual lifeline, that God used a bond as strong as an umbilical cord to take over the natural desire to let go and instead allow the spirit to intercede on my behalf that would release a breakthrough in my life. I can't explain everything that happened that night, but I can tell you this—when the enemy had me telling my spiritual lifeline to just let me go and leave me alone, I know it was the spirit of God that overtook the words that came out of her mouth (because she too had had enough and was ready to give me up!) and instead of releasing me to die (which is where I was headed), in the spirit I heard the love of a "spiritual umbilical cord" begin to release words beyond her own feelings that broke through that wall of deception planted by the enemy. It was then that instead of hearing the devil, God allowed me to hear the love of a mother I denied begin to intercede for a child she vowed to protect, nurture, and instruct no matter what. It was then that God allowed me to recognize the voice that kept me alive, the voice that called out in the midnight hours even when I was far away, and I felt the presence of God nurture me back to not just the loving arms of a denied mother, but the loving arms of a denied God!

That night God manifested a 3-fold healing: healing of my soul, healing of a relationship between God and myself, and the healing of a relationship between the umbilical cord and the baby that was birthed from that umbilical cord!! And, it was in that release in the atmosphere that I stand here today at peace with myself, at peace with the world around me, at peace with God, and at peace with my "umbilical cord" whom I love with all my heart!

I am being processed to a greater relationship in Christ and I know who I am and WHOSE I am, for I am DELIVERED TO BE DELIVERED TO....

I am no longer at a place where I am afraid to cry out to God for help for I know where my help comes from! I am not afraid to walk in my integrity and fulfill the destiny He has chosen for my life because I am fearfully and wonderfully made! I am WHO I AM because GOD MADE ME UNIQUE!

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My prayer today and everyday now is that God would continue to take me to a greater dimension in His Word and I know that if I can keep my head up and keep my mind elevated on the spiritual that I can obtain ANYTHING I want and I can ACHIEVE anything I want in Christ because I have the POWER OVER THE DEVIL and everything in my past was erased by the Blood of Jesus!

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..... Black Teen

he had dropped the brush before cops unleashed their barrage, while cops claim they shouted "halt." Coppin kept walking towards them, and they said that's when they fired 20 bullets, hitting him with at least half of them. He was pronounced dead at Woodhull Hospital. Witnesses added that after Coppin was shot, the cops put a knee in his back and handcuffed him. While Police Commissioner Kelly said that with the belief that the object - the hairbrush, under the teen's shirt - was a deadly weapon "this shooting appears to be within department guidelines." But even he acknowledged that no gun was ever seen, and no gun was recovered at the scene. "Before we examine whether or not the shooting was justified we have to examine whether police followed proper protocol and procedure," retired detective Marquez Claxton told the AmNews. Added Mayor Michael Bloomberg: "A young man is dead, and that it is a tragedy." The family of the deceased is being represented by attorney Paul Wooten, who has decried Kelly's "rush to judgment." In response to Kelly's swift statement and nationally televised press conference on Tuesday, the family held a briefing of its own just after identifying Kyle's body. There, Noel Leader of 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement, demanded a "special prosecutor because of the incestuous relationship between the police department and the D.A.'s office." Meanwhile, emotions on Gates Avenue were still running high Tuesday afternoon. "It's like you know the story before somebody open's their mouth, all you do is just change the name," a young bystander muttered. "The young folk are furious," said Abubaka Miller of The Brotherhood, standing at the scene of the incident. "They are tired of the police harassment and being bombarded on the street and even in their own buildings. On Monday night, the politicians were jumping in front of the cameras and the young Black men said to the media 'You need to be talking to us, we're the ones being targeted.' The young folk are saying 'if you are gonna take one of us, why can't we take

one of you?" "Calling the cops for help is like dialing M for murder," charged Brooklyn Councilman Charles Barron. "How dare they say this was suicide by cops, like this young man wanted them to kill him. This was not suicide by cops - this was murder by cop. This was similar to what happened to Louis Baez in 1979. His wife called the police for help because she was having problems and they came and shot him 24 times. Rev. Daughtry and I told them then that in these domestic situations they need to send a psychologist, a social worker and someone to diffuse the conflict with the police so that they can talk the people down. You don't just go send in John Wayne and turn a situation into the O.K. Coral." On Tuesday morning Barron visited the 79th Precinct. As he, Coppin's family and the community at large awaited developments in a case born in an all-too-familiar territory, Barron stated, "A wallet, a brush, a candy bar, that young man in Harlem pointed his finger... I hold the mayor and police commissioner responsible because they refuse to send a signal and hold police officers who kill Black people accountable. This latest killing is just a couple of blocks from where Timothy Stansbury was killed. Police Commissioner Kelly gave that killer cop, Richard Neri, a 30 day suspension." Just one block over from where Coppin was gunned down, an unarmed Stansbury was shot and killed by housing cop Neri in January 2004. Neri was never prosecuted, and this summer the city settled with Timothy's mother, Phyllis Claybourne, for \$2 million. "Nobody is buying that 'we thought he had a gun crap,' that the cops say every time they kill an unarmed Black man. They should just be honest and say 'we shot because we could - now what?'" said Divine Allah, Youth Minister of the New Black Panther Party. "A wallet? A chocolate bar? A hairbrush? What kind of people are they recruiting who can't decipher these things from a weapon? That is if we were to ever believe their ridiculous claim. And is suicide by cop just a convenient cover-all they're

going to use every time they kill a Black person?" As news filtered down late Tuesday morning that some gangs were planning a response, the NBPP activist concluded, "These kids out here don't hear foolishness and act like they don't. They aren't rolling with the patience of their grandparent's generation. This leadership out here has to stop telling them that all they've got to do is fall back and pray and trust in the system. They don't. Guide them correctly. Speak their language so they can hear you. The youth are going to respond. They know they are the targets and they aren't for meetings and marches and turning the other cheek." Fresh from rallying for Megan Williams, in Charleston, West Virginia, Divine Allah said that in the wake of Monday night's shooting, "the police do what they are allowed to do. In the meantime, while we are fighting Black-on-Black crime, and fighting without compromise for real justice for Sean Bell, and for the Jena 6, and for Megan Williams, and for a countless number of other government-sanctioned crimes against the Black community, we should never, never forget that there is an enemy amongst us, a predator who is relentless and ruthless. It should also be remembered that not every shut eye is asleep."

3 Generations Of Radio



Radio Personalities... Reggie Price of "The Gospel Music Mix Party", to the left and Guy Simms of "Soulsville", flank Radio Legend "Buddy "Uncle L.B.J." Jones on his recent visit to the studios of WOOW 1340 AM.



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