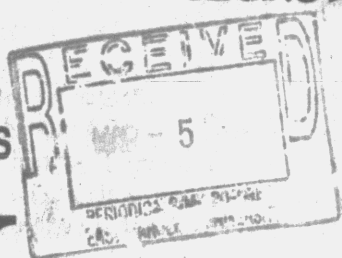


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1898 WAS WRONG, SAY GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES,



The "Father of Black History," Carter G. Woodson



His message was that Blacks should be proud of their heritage and that other Americans should also understand it.

by CASH MICHAELS *The Wilmington Journal*

Several gubernatorial candidates, in a televised debate sponsored by the NC NAACP last weekend, not only acknowledged the lingering injustice and impact of the 1898 Wilmington race massacre, but pledged to do something about it if elected in the fall.

Whether their pledges were sincere, or just election year pandering to the state's black electorate who are expected to turn out in heavy numbers because of the presidential primaries and big November election, was not clear. But their remarks during the hour-long debate at Union Baptist

Church in Durham Saturday put Democrats NC State Treasurer Richard Moore, Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue, and retired Air Force Colonel Dennis Nielsen, and the only Republican to show up, former state Supreme Court justice, attorney Robert Orr, on the record.

Orr's fellow GOP'ers vying for governor — Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory, state Sen. Fred Smith of Johnston County and Salisbury attorney Bill Graham — skipped the NAACP debate focusing on African-American issues.

Three empty chairs with their names on them respectively
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WRAL-TV anchor Gerald Owens (left) queries gubernatorial candidates (left to right) state Treasurer Richard Moore, former State Supreme Court justice attorney Robert Orr, Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue and retired USAir Force Col. Dennis Nielsen during the NCNAACP televised debate last weekend [Cash Michaels video]

Community Loses Activities

Shirley Chisholm



The first African-American woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress. An active member of the Congressional Black Caucus, Chisholm made a bid for the 1972 Democratic presidential nomination.



Rev John "Big John" Barnes

As a community leader, Monk was an exception to the rule
By Cherie Speller, *The Daily Reflector*

Items published in the community news column in *The Daily Reflector* must be submitted in writing so that we can have a record of the request and to provide more accuracy. Bring the announcement in, mail it, fax it, e-mail it — but give it to us in writing.

For fairness and organizational reasons, I've been a stickler on that, with one exception. Gaston Monk.

Mr. Monk died last week at the age of 85. He was a native of Pitt County, served in the Army Air Forces, and was an alumnus of Elizabeth City State University and N.C. A&T State University. He was a teacher and principal for more than 30 years and volunteered with numerous groups in the community.

When Mr. Monk was president of the Pitt County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, he and other branch members would bring in announcements about the organization's activities. From time-to-time, someone would forget to do it.

That's when my phone would ring. The conversation would go something like this:

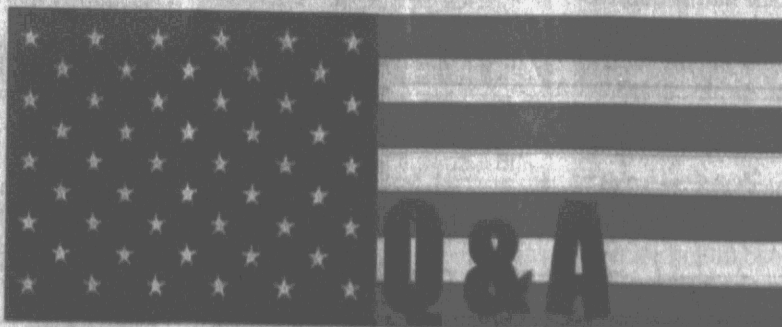


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ANNA BARRETT: Undecided between Hillary and Obama wants to hear a little more on where they really stand on the issues.



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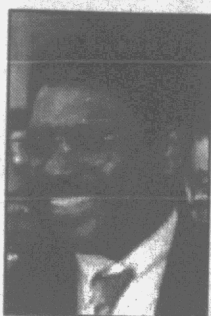


Thomas Savage: Thinks Hillary could win because of her husband but not planning to vote

OPINIONS

The Mis-Education of the Negro: 1933-2008

by ALTON H. MADDOX JR
Amsterdam News



Seventy-five years ago, this month, Dr. Carter G. Woodson published "The Mis-Education of the Negro." It is a repair book on extirpating the legacies of slavery which have given rise to the maintenance of the badges of slavery. If Dr. Woodson were alive today, Blacks would readily refer to him as a prophet.

Like most experts in a field, his knowledge was acquired through experience. Dr. Woodson learned that the most prominent achievement on his resume was also his most salient disability. He said, "I advocate a more realistic and practical approach in education. It took me over thirty years to get over my Harvard education."

April 1950 was a bad month for the Black world. Three intellectual giants died during this month. These transitional men, through their works, were models of excellence and they left us with visionary blueprints necessary to navigate Jim Crow minefields.

This group included the educational architect for revolutionizing the Black mind, the legal architect for combatting Jim Crow in the United States and the medical architect of blood plasma. These men, respectively, were Dean Charles Hamilton Houston, Dr. Carter G. Woodson and Dr. Charles Drew.

Despite the verbal warfare that has erupted over the presidential campaign of Sen. Barack Obama, "Negro History Week" has failed to pique our historical interests beyond 7 days in February. Obviously, "Negro History Week" should be a matter of concern of Congressmen Charles Rangel and John Lewis, former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, and Robert Johnson, current owner of the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats.

None of these men have made Dr. Woodson proud and they should revisit a course in logic. For example, Mayor Young argues that former President Bill Clinton is blacker than Sen. Obama because President Clinton has bedded down more Black women than Sen. Obama.

That argument could be used to expose Thomas Jefferson's sexual promiscuity but its conclusion would still be a fallacy. Throughout our existence in North America, white men have been able to treat Black women like sex toys with impunity. What is Mayor Young's position on Tawana Brawley?

Cong. Rangel argues that it is "absolutely stupid" for Sen. Obama to claim that Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. signed the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Cong. Rangel is supporting

Sen. Clinton's claim which belittles the role of Dr. King in securing voting rights legislation in 1965.

Assuming arguendo that Cong. Rangel is correct when he argues that it was President Lyndon B. Johnson, and not Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., who meritoriously signed the legislation, he would, nonetheless, have to concede that it was signed with the blood of millions of Blacks starting with Crispus Attucks and continuing beyond the assassination of Malcolm X.

Sadly, it took 178 years for Blacks to simply secure voting rights and, afterwards, Blacks are still treated as "heathens" under the U.S. Constitution. The American Revolution was fought under the mantra of "no taxation without representation." New Hampshire has a more poignant motto: "live free or die." Neither phrase applies, positively, to Blacks.

Blacks have failed to perceive the difference between political representation and political presence. Voting only guarantees political presence. It took an armed revolution for whites, with assistance from free Blacks, to secure political representation for themselves.

If Alexander Hamilton returned to New York today, he would swear that slavery was still in effect. Politically and economically, Blacks are still at the bottom of the barrel. Illegal immigrants enjoy more rights than Blacks who have been given no credit for their contributions to this nation.

By distinguishing freedom from slavery, Hamilton argued, "In the former state a man is governed by the laws to which he has given his consent, either in person or by his representative; in the latter, he is governed by the will of another. In one case, his life and property are his own; in the other, they depend upon the pleasure of his master."

In slavery, we went to the cotton fields and returned to the slave quarters. Today, we simply go to the polls and return to the "hood" penniless. No Black effort is afoot to secure political power. We enjoy no more political rights today than we did in slavery. This is termed the "Illusion of Inclusion."

Thurgood Marshall always maintained that his greatest legal victory was Smith v. Allwright and not Brown v. Board of Education. The Supreme Court had to address the constitutionality of Texas' white primary system, which barred Blacks from selecting political candidates.

The Supreme Court, in 1944, overturned Grovey v. Townsend, decided in 1935, because only two of the justices in Grovey were still on the court in 1944. Grovey had ruled that the rules of a political party fall outside the purview of state action which implicates the Fourteenth Amendment. Thus, a political party was free to engage in racial discrimination. Grovey is back in effect. See the primary rules in 2008.

Despite Supreme Court precedent, the white primary

still exists today. Whites in Iowa and New Hampshire select the Democratic presidents of the United States. Bill Clinton failed to win either Iowa or New Hampshire in 1992, but he still became the standard bearer of the Democratic Party. This was the sole exception. A victory in New Hampshire usually manufactures a standard bearer for the Democratic Party.

Despite the ruling in Smith v. Allwright, the white primary continued in South Carolina until 1948 when J. Waites Waring, a federal district court judge in South Carolina, ruled it unconstitutional. Gov. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina saw the handwriting on the wall and he became a "Dixiecrat."

"Pitchfork" Ben Tillman had rewritten the state constitution in 1895 to exclude the Black vote. His political heirs still reside in South Carolina. Judge Waring would later create the legal rationale in Brown v. Board of Education. Ultimately, white supremacists gave him a one-way ticket out of South Carolina. He and his wife fled to New York.

These white supremacists will reappear on January 26. South Carolina was the site of the "Hamburg Massacre" and played a key role in disenfranchising Blacks in the

presidential election of 1876, which ultimately placed Blacks under the jurisdiction of the KKK. Unreliable voting machines will be in play in South Carolina on January 26. Where are election monitors when we need them?

The white media reported that Sen. Clinton won the Democratic caucuses in Nevada although Nevada gave Sen. Obama the most convention delegates. This is like the white media reporting that Sen. Al Gore won the White House in 2000 despite his loss to Gov. George W. Bush in the Electoral College. Unfortunately, the U.S. Constitution permits the white media to practice racial discrimination in reporting the news.

Black leaders have steered us back into Jim Crow. Forty-five years ago, our leaders were Revs. King and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. and Min. Malcolm X. Today, our leaders are Revs. Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton and Floyd Flake. This is evidence that we have moved backwards from a gerontocracy. There is no substitute for talent.

The federal government has not only tampered with our history and culture but also our reproductive system. A reproductive system which has successively given us David Walker, Nat Turner,

Martin Delaney, Marcus Garvey and Elijah Muhammad is now out of order. It stopped functioning completely after Brown v. Board of Education.

Whites have a winning formula for staying on top. Blacks have a losing formula for staying at the bottom of the totem pole. As a matter of law, whites embrace the doctrine of stare decisis. This means that they must follow the teachings of their ancestors.

As a matter of racial accommodation, Blacks summarily reject the teachings of their revered ancestors. It would be impossible for Black leadership to start behaving like Callie House, Denmark Vesey, Henry McNeal Turner and Monroe Trotter among others.

Religion also explains our plight. Blacks embrace a pagan ethic which elevates self-preservation over racial sacrifice. Whites, on the other hand, are urged to sacrifice themselves for the sake of the race. Black preachers advocate personal happiness by preaching JOY. This means putting Jesus first, others next (whites) and yourself last. This will ensure Black JOY.

Thus, Blacks behave like crabs in a barrel. The First Amendment shortchanges the right of Blacks to enjoy religious freedoms. There is an interracial cohabitation between the Black church and

the white state. This is paganism.

Only a working knowledge of history can connect our past with the present and pave our future. It starts with the teachings of Ptahhotep. We have gone from the "best and the brightest" to the "dumbest and the dullest." No "Black Messiah" is on the horizon. Let's start February with a yearning for learning our history.

The "Thriller in Manila II" was held in Myrtle Beach, SC on Dr. Martin L. King Day. It harbored neither the principles of non-violence nor resembled the Wiley College debating team. Sen. Clinton, who was playing the dozens, was in the ring while Bill Clinton was in her corner. Sen. John Edwards was on the ropes. Don King was MIA.

Jan. 30 UAM's weekly forum at the Elks Plaza, 1068 Harriet Tubman (Fulton Street) nr. Classon Ave. in Brooklyn at 7:30 p.m. Take the "C" train to Franklin Ave. Feb. 6 Dr. Leonard Jeffries will be the keynote speaker at UAM's weekly forum at the Elks Plaza.

For further information call United African Movement at 718-834-9034. See: www.reinstatealtonmaddox.net for "KKK and the Jena 6," "Couch Potatoes," "UAM - UNIA As a Model," and "The Black Vote is Worthless."

Maybe there is hope for a black president, maybe

by Gabriel A. Fraire

Carolina Peacemaker

Barack Obama's super showing on "Super Tuesday" has put a little chink in the armor of cynicism I wear about America being able to elect a black man president. I have to admit when I first heard that a black man was even considering running for president I laughed, no way America would elect a black man.

But two things have started to change my mind, my age and my memories of John F. Kennedy.

I grew up urban, ethnic and working class. All my family and all their friends were steel workers. They worked hard, played rough and in general were skeptical and contemptible of most things. It was a place called Gary, Indiana, a steelmill town southeast of Chicago, just across the Illinois-Indiana border. It is part of the rust belt.

During the 1950s and 60s, when I was growing up, Gary was extremely racist and a completely corrupt political environment. Elections were bought and sold like used automobiles. Lies were passed about, empty promises given. One time we even re-elected a mayor who was in jail at the time. It's no wonder I have always had very little respect for the political process. If I hadn't married a Quaker woman I probably would have never even registered to vote.

Growing up a person of color, I'm a Latino, a Mexican-American; I was tainted with the brush of

racial discrimination. Before we moved into the house in which I was to grow up, one of the neighbors circulated a petition to try and keep the Mexicans out. Fortunately for us, the majority of the neighbors didn't support her and we moved in. I was only three years old. And although I don't remember the tension of that time I am sure I felt it.

The house was on the fringe of an all white neighborhood, which, of course, had the best school. One block west and I would have gone to a mixed Latino-black school. One block south and I would have gone to an all black school. Lucky me, I was one of just a handful of Latinos in this all white school.

I lived every day with the horror of being different of being "colored." I had teachers grade me differently. I had parents not let me date their daughters. I had a football coach who wanted to know, "Why don't more of your people play football?" My people? I was born and raised in the United States. My parents were born and raised in the United States. I grew up on baseball, mom, and apple pie. My parents were both veterans of WWII. They even voted for Eisenhower. What did he mean, my people?

I grew up thinking there were black people, yellow people and white people and I wasn't black or yellow. It wasn't until I got into junior high that I even realized I wasn't white.

All my life white people would say, "You don't look Mexican." But no one ever said, "You look white." They may not have known my

heritage or that my grandparents were from Mexico, but because my skin was a little darker than theirs, they knew I wasn't white.

I write this to let you know I grew up super sensitive to colored skin issues. And for that reason when Barack Obama first declared his intentions to run for president, I thought it was insane. America is not going to elect a black man president, even if he's only half black. Half black, heck, that's even worse.

But current election victories aside, I had a younger person tell me the other day that race is a generational thing, that older people (like me) think in terms of race, but younger people don't.

It made me think. Yep, I know I think that way. I see a black man or a white man. I don't see a man. I can't help it. Living prior to and during the civil rights transformation I remember all too vividly the hatred that spewed forth from the mouths of white people, the look of pure evil in their eyes. But it's different for those younger.

Sure racism still exists, but it's not the paramount driving force it was when I grew up. Younger people may experience racism, but it isn't all pervasive, it isn't the main obstacle they face every second of their lives.

The other thing I keep thinking about is John Kennedy. I am old enough to remember when he ran for president. At the time the feeling was there was no way he could win, after all he was a Catholic. Younger people find it hard to even believe that being Catholic could have been an issue. But it was a huge issue. I

remember seeing signs, "Don't put the Pope in the White House." There had never been a Catholic president and there never would be, or so the talk went. And yet...

There is a lot about Obama than reminds me of Kennedy, the charisma, the ability to cross racial lines, the fact he is trying to do something no one else has ever before done.

So, I'm weakening. Maybe my young friend is right. Maybe race is a generational thing. Maybe those who didn't grow up with white only lunch counters, with only balcony seats open to them at the theaters, with fathers threatening bodily harm if you so much as looked at their daughter, maybe to those who weren't forced to face their racial difference every day of their life, maybe race isn't the be all and end all it is to us older folk, maybe.

Candidates of change have a hard time. Believe me, I know, it's hard for me to change. Because when I think of all those white people going into all those polling places and being alone with their options to vote, maybe for a black man, I still see them pulling that anti-black lever. But then there I go, showing my age, when was the last time anybody saw a voting machine with a lever?

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs Beatrice Maye

To the Editor:

The three most beautiful words in the language are "I Love You" and the two most beautiful are "Thank You", for both expressions are said with warmth and sincerity—communicating genuine affection and appreciation among humankind.

While "I Love You" is generally reserved for special friends and family—"Thank you" is for everyone. "Thank you" we present each day can have a profound and pleasing effect upon every life we touch—most especially our own. One of the ways we can improve our act of positive thinking is to eliminate the words "You're welcome" from our style of conversation. For when someone says "Thank you"—and we reply with "You're welcome"—we are actually acknowledging and taking credit for some act of our own thoughtlessness and, in so doing, we are really putting

an abrupt end to a warm expression of friendship, far better to return the gracious remark by saying "Thank you" and the use the occasion to pass our friendship back to the person who inspired the thoughtful exchange in the first place.

Never say "shut up", "stop", "sit down"—these are negative words—instead use these positive words—"Please stop talking", "Please pay attention", "Please have a seat."

Try thanking your associates and family for their consideration—for trying to please you. You may never say "You're welcome" again.

Beatrice Maye

Talk Back

No more sweets

With childhood obesity on the rise, along with other weight-related health issues, such as Type II diabetes and heart disease, educators most definitely need to serve their students healthy foods.

(NEA, April 2007)

Vital Statistics

- 2,825 children and teens killed by guns
- From 2003 to 2007, 2,495 US soldiers killed in combat in Iraq
- 58 preschoolers killed by guns
- 57 law enforcement officials killed in the line of duty
- 45 billion dollars the United State would save if the number of dropouts were cut in half.

(NEA, April 2007)

Debate

Question: Should students be suspended for inappropriate dress?

Inappropriate dress includes:

Wearing revealing clothing

T-shirts promoting sexual behavior, alcohol, and drug abuse

Clothing designed to offend different social groups

RULES FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

Surrender your life to Jesus Christ and join His church
Be Christlike in thought, word and deed
Read the Bible and pray daily
Never be idle. Do the task at hand well

Make a few promises
Always speak the truth
Never play games of chance
Drink no intoxicating drinks
Good character is above everything else. It cannot be injured much except by your own acts
Keep your own secrets, If you have an
Do not marry until you are able to assume adult responsibilities.
If anybody speaks evil of you, let your life disprove it
When you speak to anyone, look into his eyes
Make no haste to be rich
Live within and tithe your

income
Save when you are young, to spend when you are old.
Be thrifty. It's not what you make but what you save.
Good company and good conversation are the sinews of virtue
Never speak evil of anyone, Don't be a gossip
Keep honest if you would be happy
At night, think over what you have done during the day

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were placed on the stage.

"There isn't any doubt that there were injustices done that need to be redressed in our legal system," Treasurer Moore said regarding the 1898 massacre and the impact it has had historically on black business progress in the state. "I think most North Carolinians have no idea that the only duly elected government to be overthrown by force in the entire history of this nation, was in Wilmington, N.C. little over 100 years ago.

"There were wrongs done there that need to be righted, and I look forward to having the opportunity to right them."

Atty. Orr bluntly said, "There's no question the white supremacy campaign of 1900 did everything [it] could to eliminate opportunities for black citizens of this state and others," but he offered no commitment to redress.

Orr suggested helping the state's small businesses and increase training in areas needing more job development.

Lt. Gov. Perdue not only called the Wilmington race riot "awful," but added that the forced sterilization of poor white and black women by the state for over 50 years was also an injustice

"It was one of the most heinous things I've heard of that have made my blood boil," Perdue said. "Those women should be paid back. Some of them are still alive."

However, as presiding officer of the state Senate, there is no evidence that Perdue supported compensation legislation for either the descendants of the 1898 massacre, or surviving sterilization victims.

Perdue suggested during the debate that as governor, she would help minority contractors better secure contracts with the state.

Mr. Nielsen didn't address 1898, but rather pushed giving tax breaks to small businesses.

The issues of concern put forth during the NC NAACP debate ranged from helping black businesses to stemming the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in the African-American community.

None of the candidates

opposed the state's death penalty, but all of them agreed that the criminal justice system did not treat African-Americans equitably.

"There is a difference, here in North Carolina, when you look at the statistics," state Treasurer Moore said, though he added that he did believe in fair administration of capital punishment because, "there is biblical evil amongst us."

Former state Supreme Court Justice Robert Orr said, "I think we all understand that historically, racism has, unfortunately and tragically, been a part of the criminal justice system," going on to add that it is the responsibility of public officials to make sure citizens know that that is "unacceptable." Orr who served on the bench for 18 years, said reforms are needed to improve the system to insure fairness, especially in death penalty cases.

Lt. Gov. Perdue says while she is a supporter of the death penalty, she also supports the "defacto moratorium" on capital punishment currently in place, the result of litigation over the state Medical Board refusing to allow doctors to take part in executions as required by law. Perdue said she also supports the Innocence Project, which reviews death penalty convictions to see if there is exculpatory evidence proving innocence.

Perdue said if elected governor, she would make sure that false prosecutions like Darryl Hunt, James Johnson or "the Duke soccer team," a mistaken reference to the infamous Duke lacrosse case," did not occur.

Retired Col. Nielsen pledged that if elected governor, he, too, would root out prosecutorial misconduct.

All four candidates were also against collective bargaining for public employees, with Nielsen saying government workers cannot be allowed to strike.

Noting that North Carolina has a long tradition as an anti-union, right-to-work state, the candidates all vowed, if elected governor, to improve economic development efforts so that North Carolinians would have good jobs with good wages.

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A MOMENT IN BLACK HISTORY

Marian Anderson (1902-1993)



An African American singer, Marian Anderson found more success and fame in Europe than America until in 1939 the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) refused to allow her to sing in their Constitution Hall in Washington, DC. In part because of the public attention brought by this incident, Marian Anderson became one of the best-known African American women of the 20th century.



Suejette A. Jones

Reflections

A Legacy of Leadership 100 Incredible ECU Women

I had the pleasure of attending an event recently at the Greenville Convention Center, honoring 100 ECU Women who are distinguished alumnae in the areas of public service, performing arts, fine arts, business and industry, sports, education, health sciences, media, research, and professional. Each is a leader in her own right and collectively they represent the very best of East Carolina University.

The keynote speaker was Cokie Roberts, Emmy Award winning, senior and a political commentator for ABC news. She was dynamic with her keen perspective to current issues and held the audience spellbound.

Among the 100 Incredible ECU Women, was Nell Lewis, an author, humanitarian, and retired educator. Her book, *1 Day and 3 Hours*, chronicles her journey of faith in the workplace. She is the recipient of the Best-Irons Humanitarian Award from the Greenville Human Relations

Council for her work with the Domestic Violence Center, Greenville Homeless Shelter, Pitt County Senior Citizens, and for leading the effort to connect Greenville's African-American community to East Carolina University. She hosted and produced *Diversity Moments with Nell*, a campus TV show, and is a guest host of the local show *Minority Voices*, produced by Jim Rouse, owner of WOOW radio station.

A motivational speaker, she represents at many national conferences. A Marquis biographee, she is listed in *Who's Who in America*.

Wise Sayings....

"Age and youth have the same appetites but not the same teeth."

Magalena Samozwaniec

"It's funny the way most people love the dead. Once you're dead, you're made for life."

Jimi Hendrix

"No dog snarls quite like an underdog that finds itself on top."

Terence Blacker

"He who makes a paradise of his bread makes a hell of his hunger."

Antonio Porchia

"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you."

Dale Carnegie

"Unexpected money is a delight. The sane sum is a bitterness when you expected more."

Mark Twain

"We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures."

Thornton Wilder

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The Servant the Slave and the King

Life flows out of our bellie, we have within us kingly spirit that rules the rest of our total personality. John 7:38 out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water; Jesus has to be king Paul knew this well, living through his persecution. God used this one man to introduce Grace. He was sent to the Gentile which brought opposition from the Jews. Have you ever had anything come against you.

I am firm believer that when you soul search you position yourself for greatness. When you come to terms with yourself you gain power. Time has allowed us to adopt behaviors and set in motion a story that can be played out in masquerade or in truth. Pain, despair and division set us up for personal wrecks if we don't identify and face the things that hold us hostage. The Lord has come to give liberty to set the captive free. He has given us power that remains untapped because of the issues of life that speaks louder than the work of God concerning our lives. Man is a spirit who possesses a soul and a body God made mans spirit his Pnuma (Greek) to be a King not a slave. God made mans spirit to rule; otherwise the soul and the body will take over dominance. They will become kings ruling in their own domain. Man's three fold personalities is so closely knitted together that it takes the all powerful word of God to divide the soul the

Psyche from the spirit the pnuma.

1 Corinthians 2; 14 says; but the natural man receives not the things of the spirit of God for they are foolishness unto him

We have a conflict within us. Our soulical parts want to dominate our spiritual parts... Paul tells us in Romans we have to fight to subdue it.

There's a battle for authority!!!!

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You are an emotional creature Emotions is beautiful when tied to a born again spirit. You're (Pnuma) Spirit. The third is your willpower this is the area of decision.

A will without God, a person can become very stubborn and very difficult for anybody to get along with. Even Jesus said not my will but they will be done. Stay tuned for part 2 The Servant the Slave and the King!!!!

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The issue was the controversy surrounding alleged poor working conditions at the Smithfield Meat Packing Plant, and the opposition management has shown in allowing workers to vote in a union.

Both attorney Orr and Treasurer Moore said they were not opposed to employees unionizing there. Moore said as governor he would not tolerate "bad corporate behavior," and he would not favor any incentives for attracting new industries to the state unless it guaranteed good jobs.

Lt. Gov. Perdue said if elected governor, she would establish a workers' grievance commission so that allegations of poor working conditions at worksites could be officially addressed.

On the poor state of education in the state, particularly with an escalating dropout rate and failing schools where black students are in the majority, the candidates all promised to take decisive action if elected.

"We're failing our children," Moore exclaimed, adding that it is no accident that counties with the highest dropout rates also have the highest unemployment rates in the state.

If elected, Moore promised to hold principals and teachers more accountable.

Attorney Orr said since Moore and Perdue both have input in the state's education policy per their respective

offices they, and other members of the administration should be held accountable for the poor state of education.

Perdue, a former teacher, said she believes in a "diverse learning environment." As governor, Perdue said she would push for increasing resources to help students' with reading and math the use of diagnostic assessment testing, establishing strong mentoring programs, and doing what's necessary to keep students motivated and staying in school.

North Carolina A&T State University will hold a recruitment reception at 7 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Hilton Greenville. Various university officials will be present to answer questions regarding admissions, financial aid, and housing. For more information, call Ann Brown at 758-0964.

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"I'm doing fine. I need to get an announcement in about the mass meeting Sunday night."

"OK, Mr. Monk"

You might wonder how he got away with doing that so easily. I've been thinking about that myself after learning about his death.

He didn't yell or fuss, wasn't pushy about it. He just asked in his humble, quiet way.

I don't quite understand it, but Mr. Monk was not someone you could tell "No," at least not easily.

That was true not only for me, but for others, too, including D.H. Conley, who was superintendent of Pitt County Schools.

As the head teacher of the black Warren Chapel School, Mr. Monk asked Conley for the new text books the state had provided for county students instead of settling for the discarded books from the white school.

In a 1999 interview with The Daily Reflector, Monk explained, "Nobody ever asked (the superintendent) anything like that before, everybody else been takin' them, but I'm new and all and I don't know any better."

Without notice, Mr. Monk's new books were delivered one day, piled up in the schoolyard.

The books weren't the only request Mr. Monk made of the superintendent. When he was principal of the black Nichols School, the used piano the PTA had raised money to purchase was destroyed by mice while it was stored over the summer. "I told (the superintendent) my folk scratched, sold tobacco, chipped in their little money to buy that piano, and I don't feel like asking 'em any more. We need a piano."

The Nichols School got a brand new piano.

Mr. Monk worked in the public schools through the difficult times of segregation, then integration. By the time he retired as principal of Ayden Middle School in 1989, blacks and whites had settled into learning together. They had a great teacher.

Cherie Speller is associate editor for readership and community news at The Daily Reflector. Contact her at 329-9512 or cspeller@coxnc.com.

Comments:

Gaston Monk's list of contributions is lengthy: time spent on the Pitt County Board of Social Services, a member of the advisory

board for State Employees Credit Union and the secretary-treasurer for Bell Arthur Water Corporation.

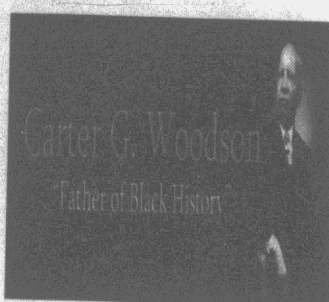
"His greatest gift in life was truly helping his brother. No matter when, no matter where any brother in need," Mr. Burtney of Burtney Funeral Service in Durham NC said.

The Elizabeth City State Teacher's College and N.C. A&T State University graduate also spent 14 years as president of Pitt County's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"He was a great leader to serve under," said Calvin Henderson, the current Pitt County NAACP president who served under Monk until 2003. "He had a great concern for equality and justice for all people."

Fortunately, he said Monk never ceased stopping by the county office to "share, encourage and advise" to the new leaders.

"It's a great loss not only to the NAACP but to the community, county and state," he said.



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For those of you who don't believe that GOD is still on his strong protecting his children, the outpour of prayers, support, and money sent to Bishop Royal during his time of need clearly shows that he is still in the helping business.

The event was very successful. Some fifteen groups/ individuals volunteered their talents for the event, and all attendees were inspired by the various presentations. We heard talents from all aged groups and four counties (New Bern, Rocky Mount, Wilson and Pitt Counties).

Some \$3,700.00 was raised before the event; some \$1,300.00 was raised during the event with some \$

1,000.00 raised after the event. A check was presented to Bishop Royal in the amount of \$5,000.00 at his church during the 11:00 clock service on December 10, 2007. The remaining amount was presented to him at his home.

On behalf of Bishop Royal, his family, Philippi Church, and the Fundraising Committee,

I thank all participants in this fundraising effort for being obedient and "doing everything in love" as stated in I Corinthians 16:14. We pray that GOD xtends his blessings to you and your family in an exponential manner.

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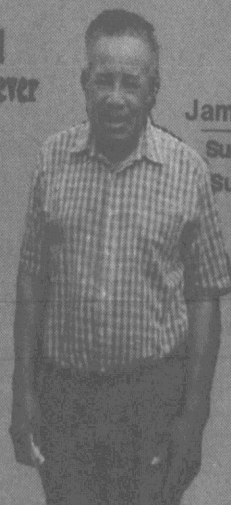
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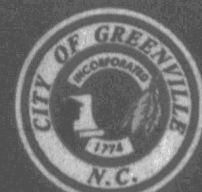
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SYCAMORE CHAPEL CELEBRATES MOVE TO NEW LOCATION



Sycamore Chapel Celebrates Move

by Elder Michael Adams

The Sycamore Chapel Church family moved from its previous location from the outskirts of the city to the inner city of Greenville NC. on Feb 2nd with a Family and Friends Day event on it's new Campus at 1610 Farmville Blvd. Everyone knows this as

the previous location of the Philippi Church Of Christ previous location. Bishop Royal's staff had to weed between many applicants before this transaction was made. After attending this event I believe the family of Sycamore Chapel is up for the challenge. The community

underwent a great loss when the Philippi Church moved. People without transportation in the immediate vicinity were left without the fellowship and service that only a caring Church family brings to a community. "May God Bless You" Pastor's B.T.& Deborah Walston.

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Ayden-Grifton High School	Thursday, March 13, 2008 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. (Auditorium)
D. H. Conley High School	Thursday, February 21, 2008 6:00 - 8:15 p.m. (Gymnasium)
Farmville Central High School	Wednesday, February 13, 2008 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Auditorium)
J. H. Rose High School	Tuesday, February 19, 2008 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. (Gymnasium)
North Pitt High School	Thursday, February 21, 2008 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. (Performing Arts Center)
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This is a great opportunity to gain valuable information and to ask questions that will help you to make the most informed choices when registering students for their high school classes for the upcoming year.

For more information, please contact the school.

LISTENING SESSIONS for Pitt County Schools

On behalf of the 23,000 students in the Pitt County Schools, we thank you for your tremendous support of the quarter percent sales tax last November. The proceeds from this sales tax will help our school district with current and future facility needs.

In an effort to make the best use of these dollars, we will begin a detailed planning process in February. We invite you to be a part of the planning process by participating in one of our Listening Sessions.

Listening Sessions Dates and Times

February 12 - South Central High School
February 18 - Ayden-Grifton High School
February 25 - Farmville Central High School
February 26 - North Pitt High School
March 10 - D. H. Conley High School
March 11 - J. H. Rose High School

****Each listening session will take place in the school's Media Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

Our goal during each of the Listening Sessions is to gather your thoughts about key areas affecting future growth and facilities planning. We want to hear from you regarding:

- Grade configurations (K-2, 3-5, K-8, 6-8, etc.)
- Utilization of existing space
- Traffic patterns and safety
- Elimination of mobile units
- Technology
- Feeder patterns, attendance areas and growing the small high schools
- Future growth- new schools, additions/renovations
- Equity issues- auxiliary gyms, multipurpose rooms, science labs, vocational classrooms.

We hope that one of these Listening Sessions will fit your schedule and that you will be able to attend. Your input is an important part of the planning process we will use to outline a long term plan for our schools.



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 "Plenty O' Good Room: Togetherness in the Foreverness of a Multicultural World" - This PCC Readers' Theater Valentines Day Celebration will feature African American literature and song about love and acceptance in a society often fraught with unrest and unease. "Choose your seat and sit down" for another PCC Readers' Theater Love Fest.
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February 22 Friday Film Fest Series - "A Raisin in the Sun"
 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Room 143, Leslie Building
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February 28 Reel Moments & Real Moments in Black History
 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Room 153, Fulford Building
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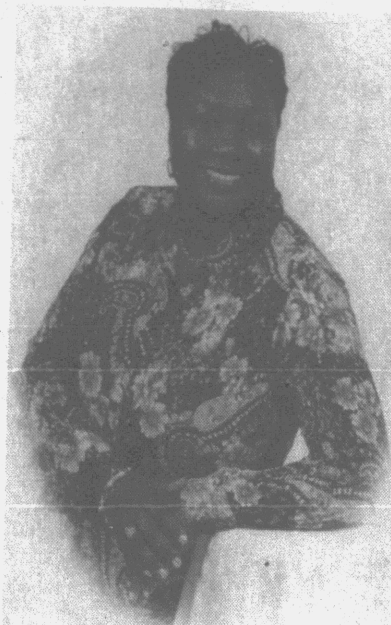
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Failure to Yield

Joy R. Brown

Accidents? we've all had one during some time in our lives. Accidents? we've all been the guilty party and the innocent party in some of the episodes. I remember one accident that could have been fatal, however, God

allowed it to work out in my favor. I was on my way to work on Friday, December 3, 2003. At approximately 7:53am a black truck pulled out in my lane. The speed limit was 55; however you know how we can do at times. I was driving approximately 55-60 miles per hour and ran into the truck. My car was totaled, airbags came out, the windshield shattered in a million pieces and the front of my car was smashed. How I escaped the car accident with minor injuries, only God can explain. I received a few bruises, soreness and glass in my left hand. When the police arrived on the scene, the seventy-year old gentleman who had previously pulled out in front of me explained to the police officer that he saw me coming but failed to

yield. Failure to yield in this particular incident could have cost my life and the gentleman's life as well. How many times have we failed to yield, slow down and take caution when warning signs are ahead of us? We see visible signs or hear a still calm voice speaking but ignore it. Just as the gentleman in my accident was probably thinking, I can make it before that car gets too close; we assume the same in our lives. We sometimes believe that we can perform an impulsive act and pull out before any danger occurs. How many people with that same concept are in the grave, in the hospital, living with HIV, AIDS, STDs, or unwanted pregnancies? Many times we believe that God is trying to prevent us from enjoying life but on the flip side, He is preserving our lives. God's plan and purpose for us is to enjoy life to its fullest. He wants us to live life in the abundance. 3 John and 2 says, "Beloved, I wish

above all that you mayest prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers." God's ultimate desire is for us to love Him intimately and passionately. If you truly love someone, you will not purposely hurt him or her. God wants the same thing. He wants us to love Him. When you love, you can trust. When you trust, you will listen. For example, I know my mother loves me. Because I know that she loves me, my mother would never do anything to hurt me or place me in harm's way. Because she loves me and she would not hurt me, I have security in knowing that if she gives me advice, it's because she's concerned about me. Therefore, I can trust her because she is looking out for my best interest. Now, apply this same concept to God. When He speaks to us? first of all, how does He speak to us? God may speak to you through His Word, through prayer (a time of communicating with Him), through another person or through a song. Your spirit must be opened to receive from God in whatever way He chooses to speak. When He speaks, we must be so secure in our relationship with Him to know that if I don't feel "good" about this decision, this must be God's way of warning us. Many times, because we are human, we ignore all the right signs and debate whether or not it's God. Because I've been through enough, "Is this God or is this Joy?" dilemmas, I can give you the best advice. Weigh the options. Check out the pros and cons of your decision. Ask God for directions. If your decision is going to pull you away from God, the answer is no. If it is going to push you closer to God and assist in fulfilling your purpose and destiny, the answer is yes. Listen for the voice of God, know when to go, stop, or yield. It pays to be cautious. Joy R. Brown Human Resources Benefits Specialist 1125 Sugg Parkway Greenville, NC 27834 (252) 754-1769 jrbrown@asmo-na.com

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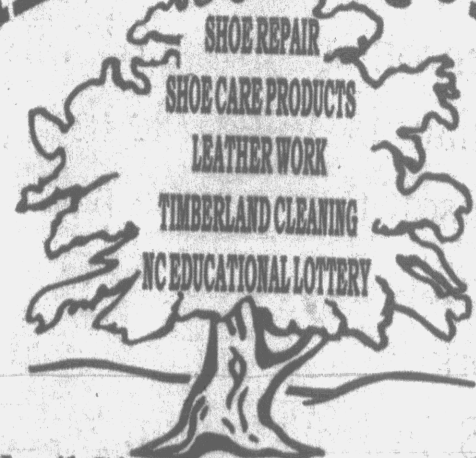
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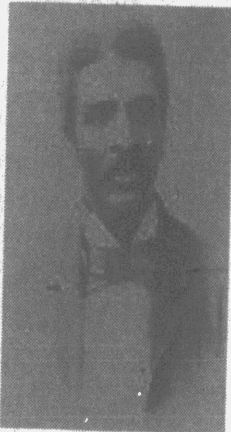
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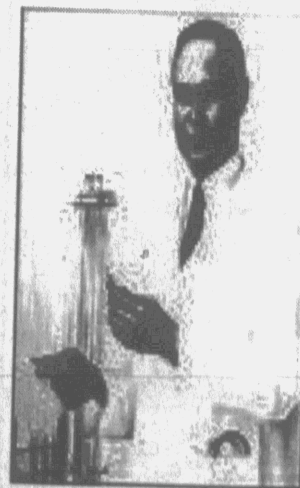
One of the best known agricultural scientists of his generation, Carver was born into slavery near Diamond Grove, Missouri. Slave raiders kidnapped Carver and his mother when he was a six-week old infant, but his owner allegedly ransomed back the boy with a \$300 prize race horse. Although Carver had to work and live on his own while still a boy, he managed to finish high school and became the first African American student to enroll at Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. He then put himself through the Iowa Agricultural College by working as a janitor, earning a B.S. in 1894 and an M.S. in 1896 in agricultural science. The same year, Carver joined Booker T. Washington at the Tuskegee Institute, directing Tuskegee's agricultural research department continuously until his death in 1943. At Tuskegee, Carver concentrated on persuading Southern farmers to end their virtually exclusive reliance on the cotton farming that had leached the soil of nutrients, producing increasingly poor

crops. Carver encouraged farmers to diversify and plant sweet potatoes and peas. In order to make these crops more profitable, Carver did extensive research, producing more than 300 derivative products from the peanut and 118 from the sweet potato. In 1923 Carver won the Spingarn award, the highest annual prize given by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1938 he took \$30,000—virtually his entire life's savings—and founded the George Washington Carver Foundation to continue his work after his death. When he died in 1943 the rest of his estate went to the foundation. He was buried beside his great friend and mentor, Booker T. Washington, on the Tuskegee campus.

Charles Drew

1904-1950

The man who discovered the modern processes for preserving blood for transfusions, Charles Drew grew up in a solid but poor family in a Washington, D.C. ghetto. His intelligence and athletic skill won him a scholarship to Amherst College, where he was



captain of the track team, starting halfback on the football team, and an honors student. For two years following graduation, Drew taught and coached at Morgan College in Baltimore, earning money to attend the medical school at McGill University in Montreal. There he became increasingly interested in the general field of medical research and in the specific problems of blood transfusion. After graduation from McGill in 1932, Drew did his three-year residency at Montreal General Hospital before joining the faculty of Howard University, where he was eventually appointed head of surgery.

During the last decade of his life, Drew continued his pioneering research into the separation and preservation of blood. When the U.S. entered World War II, he was appointed head of the National Blood Bank program. Furious at the official government policy that mandated whites' and African Americans' blood would be given only to members of their respective races, he resigned from his post and returned to Howard. In 1944 he became chief of surgery at Freedmen's Hospital in Washington, D.C., where his presence encouraged other young African Americans to enter the field of medicine. Drew died in a car crash in 1950.

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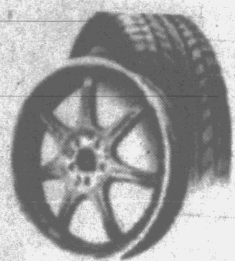
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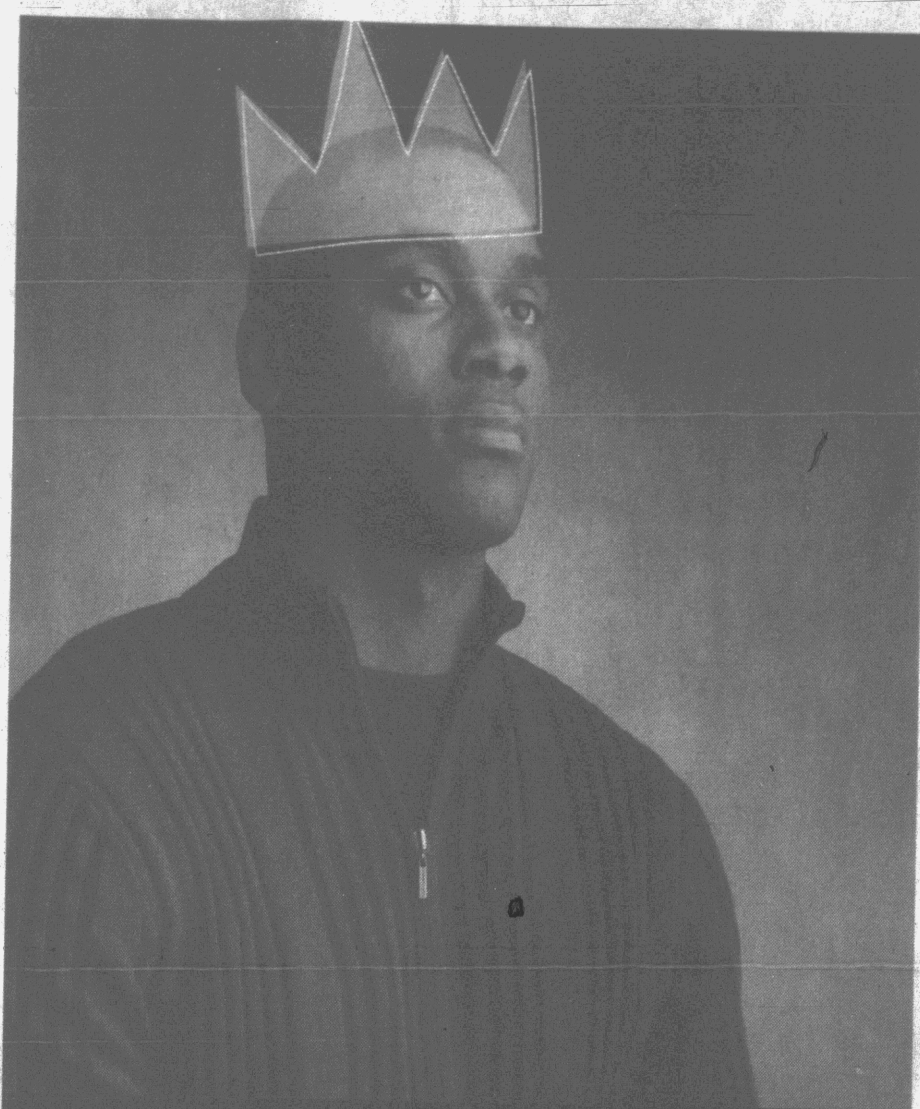
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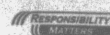


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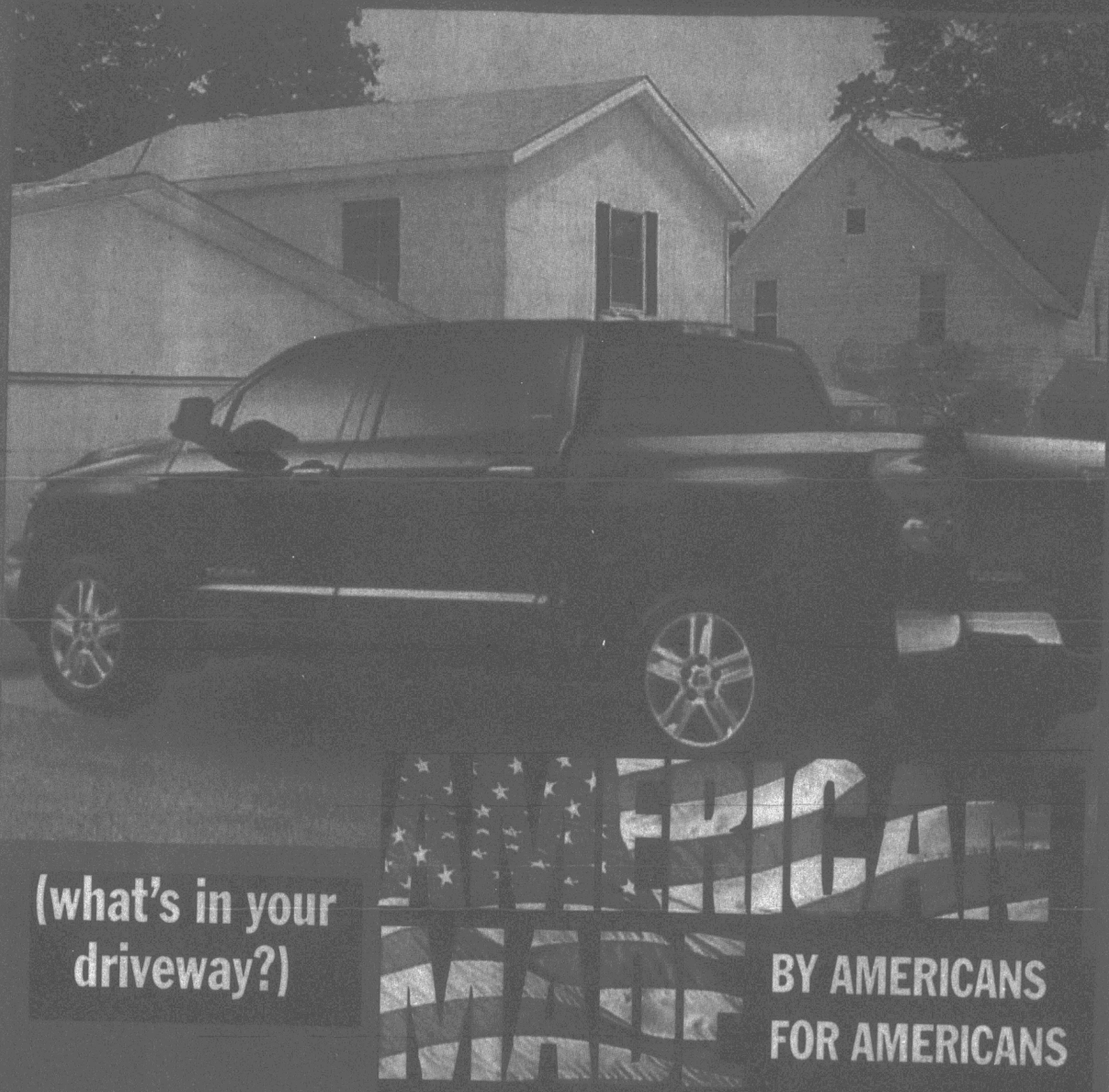
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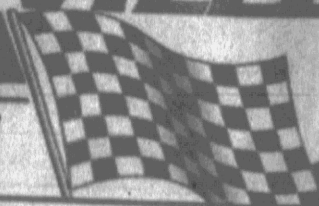
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