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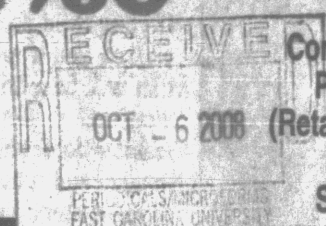
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**THE MINORITY VOICE
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BLACK FINANCIAL SECURITY DISCUSSED,

BY ERIC MAYES OF THE
PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE

(NNPA) Sen. Barack Obama's economic plan would help African-American families regain some of the losses they've experienced during the Bush years, campaign officials said this week.

Key among Obama's plan, according to campaign officials, are plans to increase the threshold for the Earned Income Tax Credit, raise the minimum wage and end Bush's tax cuts for corporations that send jobs overseas.

The economic woes that have gripped the nation run

even deeper in the African-American community.

"We're in the bottom of the boat, when the water comes in the bottom of the boat, we're the first ones to notice, but it's the whole ship that is sinking," said William Spriggs, chair of the economics department at Howard University. "We cannot afford as a nation for this ship to take on any more water."

According to unemployment numbers released last week, the national unemployment rate is 6.1 percent — its highest level since 2003.

For Blacks, the statistics were even more grim with 10.6

percent of African Americans unemployed.

That figure is not the highest African Americans have seen under President Bush. During his administration, Black unemployment has gone as high as 11.5 percent.

Release of the figures prompted Obama's presidential challenger Sen. John McCain, whose economic policies largely mirror Bush's, to issue a statement pledging that he would create jobs if elected.

"Americans are hurting and we must act to create jobs," McCain said. "As president, I will enact jobs for America's economic plan that creates

jobs, helps small businesses, expands opportunities and opens markets to American goods."

The Obama campaign launched a media blitz, hosting a conference call with reporters to drive home Obama's economic plan and its impact on Blacks.

During the call, former Labor Secretary Alexis Herman, who served under former President Bill Clinton, said more than 500,000 African Americans have lost their jobs since 2001, bringing to the total number of unemployed Blacks to 1.9 million.

Going a step further, she added that many of the gains

made by African Americans since the 1950s have been reversed under Bush.



"We've lost good jobs in our community, particularly in areas such as construction and

... security cont. pg4

Reparations Crusader Decries Sharecropper Slavery: March on Washington Planned for October 24

Written by By Earnest McBride, Special to the NNPA from the Jackson Advocate,

Black slavery continued long after the Civil War under the guise of sharecropping and tenant farming, says a crusading California minister who has issued a call nationally for a four-day reparations march in Washington beginning October 24.

People Magazine revealed in their July 7 edition the plight of a Mississippi family who had to escape the large

White-owned farms they were forced to work on up through the mid-1960s.

Famous civil rights fighter Fannie Lou Hamer shocked the nation when she told of her experience of being beaten and cheated out of her farm wages in the Mississippi Delta of the 1950s and 1960s.

In the same vein, Bishop Henry C. Williams of Oakland, Calif., a man keenly sensitive to the involuntary servitude issue, has devised a national program to recover the lost wages, time, property and life's chances that Black farm workers were deprived of under what he calls modern-

day slavery. Calling his plan "The 40 Acres and a Mule Reparations March," Williams insists that "sharecropping-slavery" is the root cause of Black poverty in today's United States.

"I was born in Alabama," Williams says. "I was locked into the slave-sharecropping system, like thousands and thousands of other Black people were. Without a doubt, I equate that system with pre-Civil War slavery. I was able to move out to California and was able to join the Teamsters and made



Hubbard Bros. . . Brothers Gerald and Bill pause for a moment for our camera. Bill Hubbard of, Dir. of 1st Advance Me Inc was in town for Bro Gerald's wedding. photo JR

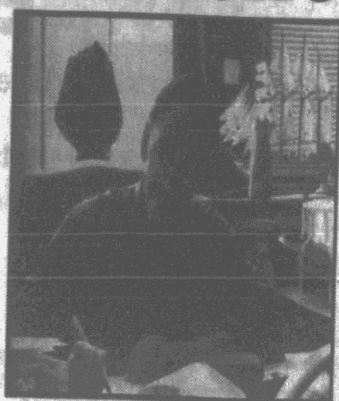


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OPINIONS

On the Question of Intelligence



Summer vacation is over and we are back to work full-time. Our children are back to school and we as a family are about to face some new and interesting challenges. Regardless of the grade that your child is in this year and regardless of the many children that you've already raised, this child is different. Chances are this teacher might be new to your district and definitely new to you. In addition to a new teacher and a new grade level we will join our children in the challenge of the new state exams that are deemed appropriate for this grade level. On the secondary level some students will have to face Regents exams for the first time while students on the elementary level will be challenged by other state exams for the first time. Soon you will be invited to the open school night and of course you will be invited to the first PTA/PTO meeting of the year. Before you know it reports cards will be distributed. If your child does well on the report card you will sign it

and return it without a fuss. If your child does not do as well as you would like, then that will be a different story won't it? Report cards, teacher conferences, class exams, and state exams seem to tell a story, but are their story the whole truth? By now your child's behavior might have led the teacher to recommend a CST (child study team) meeting, to discuss why your child is not performing like other children of the same age. Why is your child not paying attention in class? Why doesn't he do his homework? Why doesn't he score high on exams? Why, Why? Why? Perhaps, these are some of the same questions that were asked of Thomas Edison's mother since young Thomas had to be withdrawn from school after only three months because he was accused of day dreaming and not paying attention in class. Of course he went on to hold over 1000 patents for original inventions. Maybe these same questions were asked of Woodrow Wilson's mother, since he seemed to be slow in school and either dyslexic or ADHD, he didn't read until he was twelve. He went on to become the President of Princeton University, a Nobel Prize winner, and the twenty-eighth President of the United States. This brings us to the question of intelligence. According to Webster, intelligence is the ability to reason and to deal with new and trying situations. It is the ability to apply knowledge to manipulate one's environment or to think abstractly. This definition does

not sound like anything on a report card does it? Yet many of us use that instrument as the sole indicator to make a judgment about our child's intelligence. Please, don't misunderstand what I am saying, I am not saying that report cards are not good indicators of something. I am just saying that the report card is not the only instrument that we should use when judging our child's intelligence. It indicates what the school has observed based on their tests, data, and class-work. Let me propose a question, could an average student (based on report cards) grow up to be an exceptional adult? While you are pondering this answer let's try another question, could an honor student grow up to be a failure in life? This brings us to the question of intelligence. As we begin our new school year let me admonish you to pay attention to your child and take a fresh outlook on the subject of his/her intelligence. Look for their gifts, and instead of asking the question of how intelligent is my child? Ask how is my child intelligent? Knowledge that is required in the core curriculum i.e., Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, Art, and Physical Education is certainly important and I

want all children to at least have a Regents Diploma. However, I really want them to be who they truly are because the world will judge them based on their productivity. Howard Gardner wrote many years ago about Multiple Intelligences. He listed seven of them in his book, Frames of Mind (1983). The names he assigned to the Multiple Intelligences are: Linguistic, Musical, Logical-Mathematical, Spatial, Bodily-Kinesthetic, Interpersonal, and Intrapersonal. What he proposed and what I am proposing is that we begin to think differently about the subject of intelligence. Most of the important people in our lives will demonstrate one of Gardner's intelligences as well as a little of the intelligences listed on the Report Card. In our highly competitive world our children will need to have an "edge." That "edge" will be the mastery of their gifts and talents. Those gifts and talents might manifest through one of the Multiple Intelligences listed or perhaps one not mentioned on this list. Each child has a gift and each child has a talent. The report card is good but not enough to describe the strengths and intelligences of all children.

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State of the Black World' Conference Aims to Set Post-Election Black Agenda



by Hazel Trice Edney
NNPA Editor-in-Chief

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - Unemployment for Black people has crept back into double digits for the first time in three years; currently 10.6 percent in comparison to the 5.4 percent unemployment rate of Whites and the 8 percent rate of Hispanics.

While Black unemployment hadn't reached 10 percent since November 2005, a search of data bases of the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that White and Hispanic unemployment rates have not reached that high for at least the past decade - if ever.

Unemployment stats are just one illustration of social and economic disparities that persist between the races in America. From education to health care to the criminal justice system, the adage still holds that when America gets a cold, African-Americans get pneumonia.

This is one of the reasons that a group of seasoned Black community activists and organizers will gather in New Orleans Nov. 19-23 well after the Nov. 4 election - to discuss the "state of the Black world."

"We're excited about the prospect of Obama winning the White House," says Dr. Ron Daniels, convener of the conference. "But we must work to create and advance a progressive Black agenda no matter who wins the White House. The crisis afflicting New Orleans, before and after Katrina, is a metaphor for the conditions facing Black people across America," he says.

"We must not make the mistake of believing that the new President will be able to resolve all our problems without a powerful grassroots movement to promote our agenda. This is very much in keeping with Barack Obama's position that change comes from the bottom up."

Daniels, president of the New York-based Institute of the Black World 21st Century, says the event will be a rare gathering of Black civil rights leaders from all walks of life. The line up reads like a who's who of the "Black world." For more agenda information, call: 888-774-2921, email sobwc@ibw21.org or visit <http://stateoftheblackworld.org>.

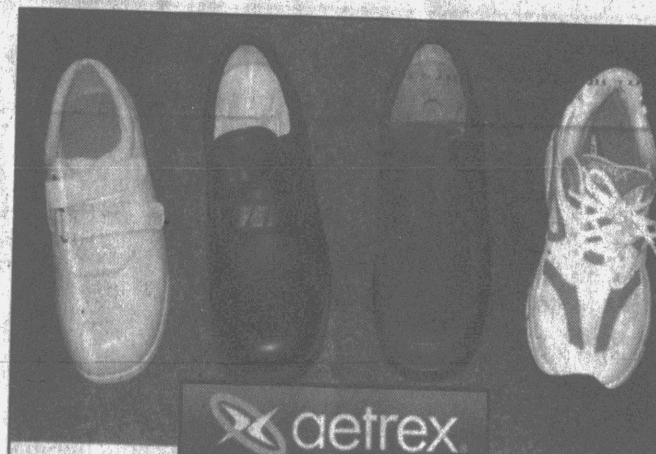
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(Jan 26 - Feb 4)	February 9 - February 26, 2009	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(April 6 - April 15)	April 21 - May 7, 2009	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
	DH Conley (Register with Cecil Batts)	
(Sept 15 - Sept 24)	September 29 - October 16, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Nov 3 - Nov 12)	November 18 - December 9, 2008	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Jan 26 - Feb 4)	February 9 - February 26, 2009	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(Feb 23 - March 4)	March 9 - March 26, 2009	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
(April 6 - April 15)	April 21 - May 7, 2009	3:45 pm - 6:45 pm
	Farmville Central (Register with Mike Terrell)	
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(Sept 15 - Sept 26)	October 4, 11, 18 25, Nov 1, 2008 (Sat. only class)	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
	C.M. Eppes Middle School (Register at NCDS office 321-6700)	
(Jan 12 - Jan 23)	January 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2009 (Sat. Only Class)	8:00 am - 2:30 pm
(March 23 - April 8)	April 13 - April 17, 2009 (Easter Break Class)	8:00 am - 2:30 pm

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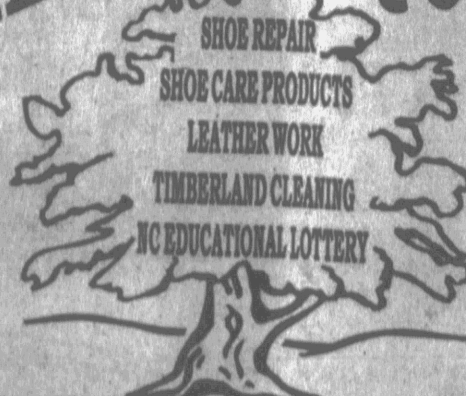
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#3 Marvin Winans
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#4 Shirley Caesar
One More Battle To Fight

#5 Gabriel Hardeman
To The Chief Musician

#6 Richard Smallwood
Anthem of Praise

#7 Brower Brothers
Church Devil

#8 Kirk Franklin
911

#9 Blessed
Your Mercy

#10 Victory In Praise
Mighty In The Spirit

COMMUNITY NEWS



Mrs Beatrice Maye
SAGGIN' PANTS

Have you seen young men wearing white t-shirts and jeans saggin' so low that their underwear was on display for all to see? Have you also seen ladies wearing low cut blouses that are very revealing? Do you know the originalities of such "fads"?

The sagging pants trend started in prison. Inmates, not allowed to have belts, wear their pants slung low. Once home, they continued the practice. Emulating prisoners without understanding what you're doing is dangerous.

Next, we must not just criticize our boys for wearing their pants low when our girls, and some grown women, are wearing low-rise jeans cut so low that the top of their thongs peek out. That particular style has its roots in prostitution, and the pole-dancing exercise rage comes from strippers. Our young ladies need to be reminded to not wear low cut blouses that

are very revealing either.

Lastly, as a community, we must help our young people accomplish great things, and believe in themselves. Therefore, let's encourage, embrace, educate, and challenge our youth to avoid fads and fashions that disrespect themselves and their community. As a matter of fact, we must believe in our young people.

Someone passed this on to me. I can't take credit, but everyone should know it.

Tell your spouse, your children, your neighbors, your parents, your doctor's office, the check-out girl at the market - everyone you run across.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a notice outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. This alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip originated from a neighborhood-watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think this:

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no

installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your home. It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm does go off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the offender won't stick around. After a few seconds, neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there.

And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual-abuse crime.

Martha Seighman
Beaufort Observer
Washington, N. C.
09-15-08

GETTING TO KNOW YOURSELF

... What makes you happy?
... What makes you sad?
... What is something about which you would never budge?
... What material possession is most important to you?
... What is your greatest failure?
... What is a personal motto you live by?

ARE YOU SOMEONE WHO...?

1. likes to be first in line?
2. uses bad words?
3. likes to write letters?
4. wants to be famous?
5. throw candy wrappers on the sidewalk?
6. likes to be with people?
7. watches TV everyday?
8. never wants to get married?
9. says what you think even though it gets you into trouble?
10. give compliments often?
11. likes to play with babies?
12. finds it easy to apologize?
13. likes to work hard?
14. is shy around people you don't know?
15. likes to have your way?
16. only does a chore/task when asked?
17. likes to pick fights?
18. likes to be stubborn?
19. who reads assignments only to do homework?

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mrs. Lucille B. Gorham and Mrs. Beatrice Maye were luncheon guests of Mayor Pat Dunn Thursday, August 21, at the Greenville Country Club.

Mrs. Gorham, whom the Lucille B. Gorham Interdenominational Center on 5th Street and Mrs. Beatrice Maye, whom the Beatrice Maye Garden Park on Farmville Blvd. bears her name, leons and community leaders, whose contributions and exemplary lives are well known and respected - "Sheroes" Congratulations!

Beatrice Jones Maye
Beatrice Jones Maye is a retired educator who was one of the first to teach in desegregated schools in Pitt County.

She was the first librarian at E.B. Aycock School and has shared her talents with the community as a talk show host and author of two books. Maye has been a recipient of the city's Best-Irons-Humanitarian Award and Sheppard Memorial Library's John G. Clark, Jr. Memorial Award.

In addition, the city honored Maye by naming the garden park on Farmville Boulevard after her. A mural of The Beatrice Maye Garden Park is located in the Greenville Convention Center. She still teaches a 16-week course on retirement living at the Pitt County Council on Aging.

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Reflections

Bits and Pieces

In the light of the recent water contamination and boil -water emergency here in Greenville, I ran across this article that was very enlightening to me.

"If you think picking up dog poop is unpleasant, try drinking it."

Pet waste washes into storm drains, polluting our rivers, lakes, and drinking water sources. One particular Parks and Recreation is installing 50 new dog waste stations at city parks and trails. The customized sign uniforms dog walkers that leaving pet waste creates a water quality problem.

Pet waste left on streets, yards, and trails washes into storm drains or streams when it rains, adding harmful bacteria and nutrients to the waterways. Each gram of dog waste contains 23 million fecal coli form bacteria. When you add up all of the bacterial and viral pathogens that may be flowing into streams from dog waste each day, the sum is a big threat to aquatic ecosystems and human health.

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A Tennessee man is suing his church for \$2.5 million, claiming someone should

have been there to catch him when he collapsed in religious ecstasy or, in other words, "slain in the Spirit." The minister anointed the man's forehead and "laid on hands". Subsequently, the man received the Holy Spirit and fell backward, striking his head on the carpet-covered cement floor. The fall aggravated a pre-existing spinal condition. A lawyer for the church's insurer said the man should have realized no "catchers" were situated behind him.

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A little pig that was scared of mud has gotten over her fears, after being equipped with some miniature boots. The little pig, named Cinders, who lives on a farm, apparently suffers from mysophobia, a fear of dirt; she refused to join her siblings as they wallowed in the muck. The owner's 12 year old daughter suggested outfitting the pig with this tiny footwear, which had been adorning some key rings. "Lo and behold, they fitted her like a glove," said the owner. The owner, who runs a sausage company, said that Cinders would be spared the grinders. "She's more of a pet really, now, and she's going to live a very long and happy life.

Extracted from various sources

Witty and Wise Sayings

Some cause happiness whenever they go, others whenever they go.

Oscar Wilde

Life is getting up one more time than you've been knocked down.

John Wayne

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.

Harry Truman

Only when we are no longer afraid do we begin to live,

Dorothy Thompson

Nothing is more dangerous than an idea when it's the only one you have.

Emile Chartier

A lot of people mistake a short memory for a clear conscience.

Doug Larson

Boys will be boys, and so will a lot of middle-aged men.

Kim Hubbard

It's not true that life is one damn thing after another; it is one damn thing over and over.

Edna St.

The race is not always to the swift nor the battle to the strong— but that's the way to bet.

Ring Lardner

Keep your face to the sun and you cannot see the shadows.

Helen Keller

Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot.

Clarence Thomas

The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none.

Thomas Carlyle

Nothing can be so amusingly arrogant as a young man who has just discovered an old idea and thinks it is his own.

Sydney Harris

Never explain....your friends do not need it and your enemies will not believe you anyway.

Elliot Hubbard

The further back you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see.

Winston Churchill

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by

the things you didn't do than by the ones you did.

Mark Twain

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manufacturing where we are disproportionately employed. So, we have lost good jobs with good wages and any attempts to open the doors for the (Black) middle class, to continue move us up the economic ladder, have really been stopped dead in its tracks by this administration," Herman said.

To bolster her argument for Obama, Herman added that McCain has voted with the president on economic matters approximately 90 percent of the time.

While the focus of the call was a discussion on the impact of the recession on African-Americans, Spriggs pointed out that Americans overall have suffered the same fate — it's just that it has had a disproportionate effect on Blacks.

Rising unemployment is a stark contrast from record low Black unemployment figures during the Clinton administration, Spriggs said.

"When President Bush took over, African Americans were at a record low unemployment rate, a record low poverty rate and a record high

income rate," he said. "Those records have fallen over the last eight years just as they have for white Americans. And, because the Bush administration has generated the fewest jobs, except for Herbert Hoover, no one has benefited from this economy."

Like Herman, he said, McCain would simply extend Bush's policies.

"The key problem with McCain is that he has adopted the same policies that have failed us over the last eight years," Spriggs said.

Chief among those policies is continued tax breaks for those in the upper income tax brackets — wage earners making more than \$250,000.

"Tax cuts that rob our treasury of, literally over the course of 40 years, trillions of dollars and makes it difficult to make the investments that our nation needs to make in healthcare and infrastructure," he said.

A study by Princeton professor Larry M. Bartels, portions of which were published this week by The New York Times, found that economic growth is typically higher when there is a Democrat in the White House.

The study looked at economic data from 1948 to 2007 and

found that the gross national product was 1.64 percent under Republican presidents and 2.78 percent under Democratic presidents.

"That 1.14-point difference, if maintained for eight years, would yield 9.33 percent more income per person, which is a lot more than almost anyone can expect from a tax cut," wrote Bartels.

He also noted that higher income earners showed relatively stable gains regardless of who was in the White House but lower income families tended to fare better under a Democrat.

"The less well-to-do ... fared much worse under Republicans than under Democrats," Bartels said.

Neither Spriggs or Herman commented on the study but they blamed the Republican economic "trickle down" theory for the economic meltdown the country is experiencing and said Obama will take a dramatically different approach.

"That's why it's so vital that we understand what the McCain plan means: More trickle down, more of the same failed policies," Spriggs said. "They didn't work for eight years — another eight years aren't going to make them turn around."

... Reparations pg4

a good living. And I can contrast my life as a free laborer with that of people locked in that slavery system that still exists in many places in this country."

Williams is president and CEO of the Job Work Development Corporation based in Oakland.

"I'm calling on my fellow Black Americans to take a stand, for your money and your land," he says. "We are asking the President and Congress for billions of dollars per year to build and rebuild the Black communities all over America. There is a lot more work to be done. Many people think that such actions would bankrupt America. But that is not the case. We do not want it all at once, but annually, like the Native Americans receive their money."

Williams cites the example of a \$3.9 billion allocation for Native Americans in the 2006 federal budget. He also points out that Black members of some tribes continue to receive payments under the title of "freedmen," recalling the work of the Freedmen's

Bureau and the Freedmen's Bank that provided an economic base for former slaves.

McCain Family Values

Williams holds that current-day political leaders are a part of the history of exploitation of Black farmers and their children.

"McCain's great grandfather owned a 2000-acre plantation in Mississippi and had 52 slaves in 1860," Williams says. "Those slaves picked over 1,000 bales of cotton, corn and peanuts a year. Slaves and sharecroppers existed on that farm from the 1860s through 1958. This is how McCain's family gained their wealth, wealth passed down through the generations."

Williams holds presidential candidate John McCain accountable for the continuing legacy of slavery in his Mississippi family history.

"We want the McCains to pay from their wealth the money owed to the descendants of the Black people who made them wealthy," Williams says. "In the Reconstruction days, John McCain's great grandfather was responsible for the massacre of 20 Black

men. Today, we want to be paid."

Mentors and Money

Williams points out that Black people are in desperate need of massive economic help. Pointing out that the Black homeless constitute nearly 40 percent of the total number, he proposes a building program that would engage these homeless in building shelter for themselves and others in need of housing. "Our goal is to develop a corps of mentors and a dedicated work force that will be able to develop a wide expansion of wealth based on the reparations paid for their past labor," Williams says.

"I want to build confidence, self-reliance and courage in our young people," he says. "Dr. Martin Luther King summarized the reasons and need for the kind of reparations that I am proposing today. King said that America has given Black people a bad check marked 'insufficient funds' in our land. It is time to correct the problem."

Contact Bishop Williams at 510-507-3424 or www.freewebs.com/dhenry123/

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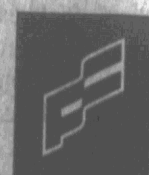
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"I Pray We'll Be Ready"

I pray we'll all be ready. I pray we'll all be ready. I pray we'll all be ready for His return. I pray that we'll get our business straight, so we can all meet at the gate. I pray we'll all be ready for His return. Two men walking by the road, one of them had a heart pure as gold.

The sky was split the pure in heart raptured away. But while the other one left behind, who did not purge his heart in time. Cried to the Lord but for him it is too late.

Sow A seed

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"I Pray We'll Be Ready"

There is a song that is dear and dear to my heart. Many times we are attracted to some songs because of the beat or rhythm that it may have. Have we asked ourselves what actually lies beyond the beat? The song that has awakened such a concern within my own spiritual walk with the Lord is by the Chicago Mass Choir... "I Pray We'll Be Ready." This song focuses on the rapture or the 2nd coming of Jesus Christ. I would like to share the lyrics with you and invite you to log onto <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpv0ZAJBj50>.

return. I pray we'll give our hearts a surge, so that we won't be playing church. I pray we'll all be ready for His return.

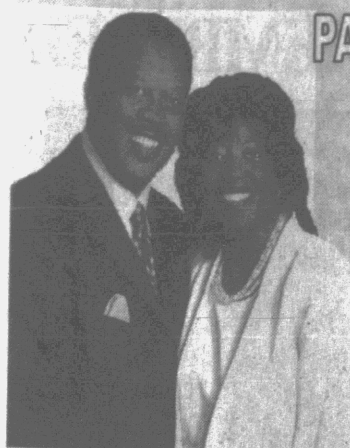
Mama and children in the mall, then mama heard the Master's call. She was swept into the by and by. It's hard to rely on your mama's prayer, when your mama is no longer there. Learn how to pray learn how to pray, while you still have time. I pray we'll all be ready. I pray we'll all be ready. I pray we'll all be ready for His return. I pray that we'll get our business straight, so we can all meet at the gate. I pray we'll all be ready for His return.

I pray we'll give our hearts a surge, so that we won't be playing church. I pray we'll all be ready for His return. I pray we'll get down on our knees so that the Lord can wash us clean. I pray we'll all be ready for His return.

My prayer today is that you will do three things: (1) Read the words to this song, (2) Listen to the song, and (3) Read St. Matthew Chapters 24-25. I pray that we are all ready for the return of Jesus Christ. No man knows the day or hour that the Son of Man shall return. It is His desire that no one is lost. However, it's our choice. If you have not given your life to the Lord, please do so today. Today is your day for salvation.

I pray we'll all be ready. I pray we'll all be ready. I pray we'll all be ready for His return. I pray that we'll get our business straight, so we can all meet at the gate. I pray we'll all be ready for His return. Man and wife in their bed, one of them by the spirit led. The rapture came and took that one above. The other one rose on the next day to find their loved one raptured away. Oh what a way to lose the one you love.

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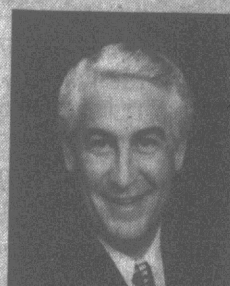


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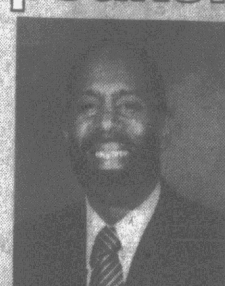
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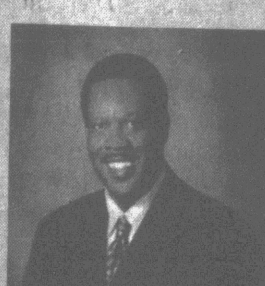
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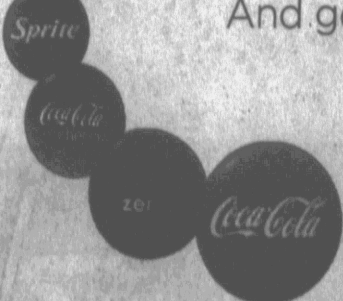
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IMAM MOHAMMED REMEMBERED

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REMEMBERED,
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The Wilmington
Journal

The Islamic leader who dared to veer away from his father's teachings of black nationalism to start his own highly regarded Muslim movement in America, is being remembered a kind, wise and visionary man who always strived to do God's will, and move the African-American community forward.

Imam W. Deen Mohammed, 74, died at his home in Markham, Illinois Tuesday. At presstime Wednesday, a scheduled autopsy had not been completed to reveal an official cause of death.

He was called "America's Imam."

The death comes during Ramadan, one of the holiest religious observances of the Islamic faith worldwide.

Born in Detroit, Michigan in 1933, Wallace Mohammed was seventh of eight children to Nation of Islam leader, the Honorable "Messenger" Elijah Muhammad.

Named after NOI founder Wallace Fard, young Mohammed served side-by-side with his father in what was commonly called during the 1950's and 60's as the "Black Muslim" movement, along with such notables as NOI ministers Malcolm X, Louis Farrakhan, and then world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali.

The movement taught self-love, self respect, self-reliance and an abhorrence of white racism during a time when the nation was still struggling with civil rights.

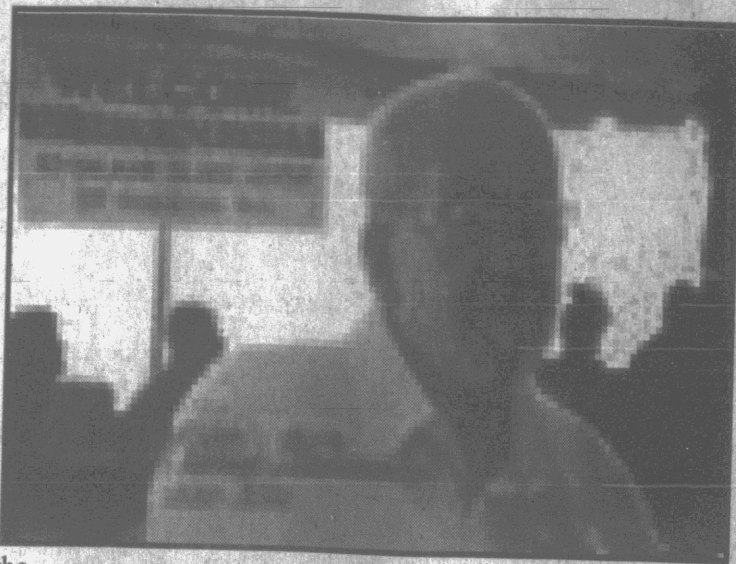
Min. Elijah Muhammad told followers that the white man was "the devil" and that blacks needed to separate themselves, and "do for self" if they were to survive. Thus, many black-owned businesses were started, and a membership estimated in the tens of thousands across the nation was born.

In 1961, Wallace Mohammed was sentenced to three years in federal prison for refusing to serve in the military on religious grounds.

Upon rejoining the NOI, Wallace had subsequent theological differences with his father, and was forced to leave several times, only to return.

Imam Mohammed, who has also taken part in numerous interfaith conferences with Christians and Jews in the US and around the world, also met with the Pope John Paul II in 1996 and 1999.

Mohammed was well acquainted with world leaders like late Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, who



he traveled frequently to visit and confer with.

For Muslims in America and beyond, the loss was profound.

In 2003, Imam Mohammed stepped down from leadership of the American Society of Muslims to focus on projects that would "change the negative image of Islam in the United States."

This was especially important after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, when the civil rights of American Muslims were put at greater risk.

Dignitaries from around the world, including Imam Mohammed's former rival, paid tribute to him upon word of his passing.

"We mourn the loss of our brother Imam W. Deen Mohammed," said Nation of Islam leader Min. Louis Farrakhan. "We thank Allah for him and his great contribution to the ongoing work of Prophet Muhammad ibn Abdullah (P.B.U.H) and his work of helping to create a better understanding and image of Islam in America and throughout the world.

"Our prayers and our thoughts are with the Mohammed family, with the followers and all those who feel our great loss."

"Obviously, it's a great loss for the entire Muslim community," Dawud Walid, executive director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations in Michigan, said. "He was encouraging his followers to accept the best of their humanity and to extend the moral and ethical values of Islam to the general American public."

Imam Mohammed's passing comes literally two weeks after his older brother, Jabir Herbert Muhammad, best known as the longtime business manager for Muhammad Ali, died after heart surgery in Chicago in late August.

Herbert Muhammad, as he was commonly known, was 79.

On Tuesday, the family of Imam W. D. Mohammed issued a statement which said, in part, "We ask that you pray for our father and leader."

A memorial service is scheduled to take place Saturday in Chicago.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley, nine children and several grandchildren.



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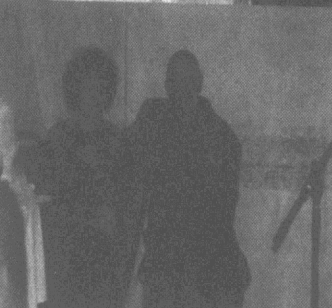
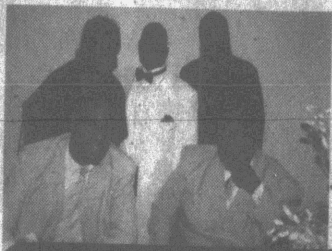
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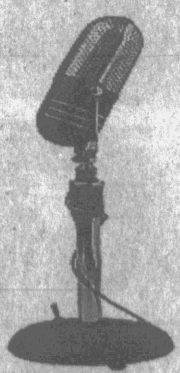
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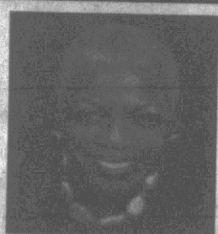
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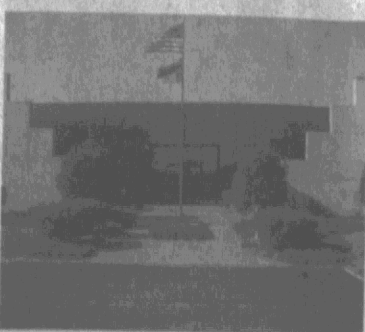
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Portion of Slave Burial Ground Saved
Special to the NNPA from the Richmond Free Press

RICHMOND (NNPA) - A portion of a 250-year-old burial ground for slaves and freed Blacks that now lies beneath a parking lot will be preserved and recognized as part of the city's effort to confront its slave-trading history.

The 50-by-100-foot section of the former "Burial Ground for Negroes" had been destined to continue as a parking lot under the ownership of Virginia Commonwealth University.

However, VCU, which earlier this summer faced protests over its failure to recognize the burial ground, has changed its mind.

VCU last week announced an agreement with the Richmond Slave Trail Commission to preserve that section of its parking lot for a future memorial and quit parking cars in that section.

The university has blocked off the portion of the parking lot identified with the burial ground, but is parking cars on the rest of the acre-property at 1554 E. Broad St. that it bought earlier this year. No timetable has been given for development of the memorial. The commission is taking charge of that effort.

Council Vice President Delores L. McQuinn, who chairs the commission, praised VCU for its cooperation. She said she plans to hold at least three public hearings during the fall to gain citizen views on "creating a fitting memorial for this sacred ground."

The city-created panel is developing a series of historic stops to illustrate Richmond's robust role in the slave trade and this would be one. Between 1808 and 1865, the city was the second largest slave auction site in the nation. The burial ground lies just north of the former site of Lumpkin's Slave Jail, which is part of the trail and where the commission is undertaking an archaeological dig.

Before the Civil War, the jail, dubbed the Devil's Half-Acre, was the largest holding pen for slaves. After the war, Lumpkin's became the initial site for a school for newly freed slaves that eventually became Virginia Union University. The site lies south of Broad Street near 15th street.

Kathleen S. Kilpatrick, director of the state Department of Historic Resources, which has played a key role in identifying the burial ground's location, said, "We now have a commitment that will help the community...do what is right by those people who lie nearby."

The burial ground was used from around 1750 to around 1812, after which the city approved a new cemetery for Black Richmond residents further north. According to the state history agency, Interstate 95 was built over the main portion of the burial grounds

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