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Farrakhan: 'This is time of doom'

By **HERB BOYD**
Special to the AmNews
Thousands of people turned out at the United Nations Plaza and spilled over on to Second and Third avenues to be told by Minister Louis Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam that they were living "in times of darkness and doom."

In a speech that was not as long as his stemwinder at the Million Man March in Washington, D.C., last Oct. 16, Farrakhan cited scripture to show that the United Nations could not "avert the war of Armageddon," which was the recurring theme of his speech Wednesday afternoon during an event billed as "World Day of Atonement."

"We have entered a period of spiritual darkness," Farrakhan boomed, safely shielded by a bulletproof cage. "I am a watchman, a warner... and you are the watchman too, and woe unto you if you fall asleep on your watch."

He repeated on several occasions the need for all of us to atone for the violence, murder and war that permeates the era, recalling reams of text from

Micah, Joel, Ezekiel and Daniel to make his point about the desolation and "the pall of death hovering over the human family."

There were also pointed remarks about the current crop of political and spiritual leaders. "Since the religious and political leaders have no power to control the arms race, the minister noted, referring to the alarming global and local escalation of weapons, "what can you expect from the people?"

On the proliferation of arms around the world, Farrakhan blamed the Central Intelligence Agency. "The CIA has created the problems in somebody else's house," he asserted, "so they can sell more weapons of death." He assailed a number of small nations who have succumbed to spending more money on arms than on food and education. Even Saudi Arabia was lashed.

"I'm not against Saudi Arabia," he said, "but I have to rebuke you when you're wrong."

Rev. Al Sharpton peppered his remarks with allusions to his possible mayoral run. "Let me welcome you as the future mayor of New York City," Sharpton be-

gan, to rousing applause. "I promise that our accommodations will be better next time." This was about as close as any of the major speakers came to mentioning the mayor. Farrakhan left Mayor Giuliani's name off his thank-you list.

Sharpton told the crowd that New York City is the only city in the country where "you can't tell the cops from the robbers," he roared. On the issue of crime, Sharpton said that "crime is down because love is up, hope is up. We lowered the crime rate when we lifted ourselves up."

During his speech, Sharpton was joined at the podium by members of the families of Anthony Baez and Anthony Rosario, both killed by the police. Iris Baez, Anthony's mother, insisted that "we mothers must stand together. We have had enough of this killing."

One of the event's most riveting moments occurred when Rev. Benjamin Chavis shared the podium with his wife, Martha, who translated his remarks into Spanish. The pair were particularly spirited in their chant of

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AS THOUSANDS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS to hear the Honorable Louis Farrakhan, local brothers and sisters gathered to hear him speak and to mark "World Day Of Atonement II" (The anniversary of the "Million Man March" in Washington, D.C. on October 16, 1995). For more pictures see "Faces & Places" Staff Photos by Jim Rouse

Bill Clinton's way ahead.

How Does Black America get ahead, too?

By: **Dr. Lenora B. Fulani**
Bill Clinton continues to pull ahead in the polls. He's at 52% and Bob Dole is lagging further and further behind.

With their eye on the scope of that lead, some political forces are figure out now to take advantage of the situation for differing agendas.

Take America's liberal/left for example. Here I'm referencing labor, feminist, environmentalist and socialist activists and sympathizers. This fairly small, but vocal constituency has been upset about the Democratic Party's drift to the right for some time. They've wanted to make a move to establish their political independence, to exert the political clout of the constituencies to which they relate (trade unions, women, students, etc.) by voting for independents, long

acknowledged as the best way to overcome the enormous power of the special interest-controlled two parties. However, they've held back from voting independent in the past for fear of costing a Democrat the election and electing a Republican in a three way race. In the Black community, we're all very familiar with this argument. It's the one Jesse Jackson and other Black leaders used to keep you from voting for me when I ran for President as an independent in 1988 and 1992.

Now, however, with Clinton so far ahead and with Dole slipping so substantially, there is no fear that a defection from the Democratic Party to an independent presidential candidate will throw the election to the Republicans. This gives these left activist voters room to maneuver and finally make their third party

statement. Thus, numerous left commentators and analysts are urging a vote for an independent presidential candidate — in most cases for the Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, who is on the ballot in about 20 states. I think this could help propel this mainly white liberal constituency into a more influential role in local and national politics and into a position to coalesce with other independents in the building of a major national third party.

The right has a response to the Clinton lead, too. Here I refer to a major push by the Republican Party to seek Black votes, votes which it ignores on the grounds that 1) they normally don't need them and 2) they normally can't get them.

(Case in point is the South, where Black voters could be the)

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Gore attacks Farrakhan on NBC's 'Meet the Press'

Vice President Al Gore attacked Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday, Oct. 13, calling his activities "un-American."

"Personally, I believe that what he has done and said is just completely outrageous," said Gore. "He has promoted anti-Semitism; he has promoted divisions between people of different racial and ethnic groups. That's un-American." Gore blasted Farrakhan for meeting with world leaders including Muammar Gaddafi, Saddam Hussein and Fidel Castro.

When asked to comment on Gore's remarks Farrakhan smiled and shook his head and said, "He [Gore] ought to be ashamed of himself. I am a free man. And just because I meet with various heads of state does not mean that I endorse their views or go along with all their positions."

When asked on "Meet the Press" whether Farrakhan's passport should be revoked, Gore backed away from that stance, maintaining it was too close to the election to make such a comment. Gore noted that an investigation into Farrakhan's travels abroad to openly hostile countries was underway. He said it would be improper to politicize the matter by calling for revocation of Farrakhan's passport in the middle of the presidential campaign, but quickly added that there was "no hesitancy based on fear of alienating Mr. Farrakhan."

During the 1950s actor/singer Paul Robeson was asked to give in Russia. When returned to the States his passport was revoked

and for several years he could not get work because he was boycotted and he could not travel. The same thing was done to W.E.B. DuBois during the 1950s.

Farrakhan maintained he wants to meet with Jewish leaders while in New York for his United Nations Day of Atonement Oct. 16. He said that if Jewish leaders can meet with Yasser Arafat, they should be able to sit down and talk with him if they can show him where

he is wrong, he will concede it.

The Nation of Islam held its U.N. Day of Atonement one year after the Million Man March to Washington in 1995. Farrakhan said he planned to broadcast by satellite his UWorld Day of Atonement rally at the United Nations Plaza all over the world and many friends around the world would tune in.

Appearing on CNN's "Late Edition" program, Farrakhan de-

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A step toward self-reliance

(PART IV)

Reverend Mark C. Olds
Recently, on a very cold, snowy Cleveland January evening, I hurried across the campus of Case Western Reserve University. My torrid week of graduate studies had concluded (three consecutive nights per week/plus a full time day job/plus ministry duties). My stride was swift as the humming of "Thank God It's Thursday Night" filtered my mind.

My residence is in the inner city of Cleveland by choice. My need and love to be with my people are both a personal philosophic and romanticist compassion. My regular route from the campus takes me onto Stokes Boulevard. This street sign often triggers a meditation of the mother who nurtured, loved and taught two young inner city brothers the virtue of positive living (one became an ambassador, a judge, mayor; the other a

congressman and senior statesman). These accomplishments are great testimonies for young men from an urban housing project. As my homeward journey took me deeper into the African American community, the flashing blue lights of a police cruiser filled my rearview mirror. Like a mini-parade, several cars made their way to the curb. I was the third car in the halting procession.

Upon coming to a complete stop, it became very clear that my vehicle was the attention of this law enforcement officer's pursuit. The drivers in the cars in front of me suddenly accelerated and returned to the traffic flow. I was left alone as the parade resumed without my participation. The officer asked for and received my driver's license. He announced that I was speeding. Of course, I did not believe that I could have been speeding

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VERNON ROBINSON, CANDIDATE FOR STATE Superintendent of Public Instruction, meets with the new president of Livingstone College, Dr. Bennett Joiner, at a banquet in Dr. Joiner's honor.

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swing vote in a number of key Congressional races. The Republicans see two factors they hope to turn to their advantage. First, Black voters did not turn out in large numbers for Democratic Congressional candidates in 1994, indicating growing Black disillusionment with the Democrats (and leading the Democratic Party to blame us for the Republican landslide). Second, Bill Clinton has been so successful in winning conservative white voters to the Democratic Party, by virtue of their overt and covert racism, that the Republicans think they have a shot at (not to mention a need to) court Black voters. In some of the Congressional districts where the contest is between two white candidates, Blacks make up as much as 35% of the population. If the Republicans pick up even 20-25% of the Black vote they can win some of these seats. Thus, the Republicans are busy making a pitch for us. Of course, trying to project the Republican Party, as a party of diversity and inclusion is a little like trying to convince the world that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu really wants to work things out with the Palestinians. But the point here is that politicians see the Black vote as being "in play" — to use the language of financial markets. The question for us is whether we will be able to cash in on the situation.

For us, the Clinton lead is a golden opportunity. In 1922, W.E.B. DuBois said, "May God write us down as asses if ever again we are found putting our trust in either the Republican or the Democratic Parties." I would add, now that it's 75 years later and we surely have been written down as asses: May God write us down as idiots if we don't grab the opportunity we have before us this year.

In 1992, we gave Bill Clinton 83% of our vote. Some of us believe — I am among them — that he deserves not a single Black vote in 1996, based on his record, no matter the consequences. Others, however, remain concerned about the "consequences" — namely, helping the Republicans. That is why Jesse Jackson is still telling you to vote for the Demo-

cratic Party. But this year, there are no consequences. Clinton is too far ahead. Rev. Jackson is mistaken (or misleading you).

If 20% of the Black vote went independent this year, we'd set the terms of our political interactions, rather than trailing after power. I am urging that this independent vote go to Ross Perot and the Reform Party. I make this choice for two reasons. One, I believe that Mr. Perot's focus on democracy and fiscal reform is the best route to invigorating our economy and providing viable job opportunities for all Americans, including most especially African Americans. But there is a second reason that I urge Black America to vote for Perot and it has nothing to do with Perot. It has to do with using your vote to create a new political party in America — the Reform Party.

The significance of the vote for Perot this year is that it will establish the Reform Party as a legally recognized party in many states and place it on a footing that will make it competitive with the Democrats and Republicans over the long term. This is a certainly The unanswered question is where that vote comes from. In 1992, 19 million white Americans voted for Perot and became the most sought after voting bloc in America. We know that the pro-democracy anti-Big Government white voter will be in the Reform Party and will be a substantial influence in it. I want to make sure, as this party comes into existence and reshapes American politics, that Black America is substantially represented there and becomes a major element of the Reform Party coalition.

In 1964, Malcolm X said: "You put the Democrats first and the Democrats put you last." He was right. He's still right. Shouldn't 1996 be the year we at least put the Democrats second and put ourselves first?

Lenora B. Fulani twice ran for President of the U.S. as an independent, making history in 1988 when she became the first woman and African-American to get on the ballot in all fifty states. Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party and

chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party. She can be reached at 800-288-3201 or through her home page at www.fulani.org.

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Time of Doom

"Stop the racist killing in America."

Chavis may have committed a gaffe when he recognized Gerald Rivera in the audience. There was a round of hoots and boos, but Chavis interrupted the catcalls with a reminder that "this was a day of atonement for all!" A stirring ovation greeted Winnie Mandela when she mounted the makeshift stage, arrayed in a long white caftan. Chavis advised the listeners that Ms. Mandela was not allowed to speak because of restrictions imposed by the South African government. Nevertheless, through a spokesperson, her words reached the cheering throng.

"Atonement is a process," Mandela said, and sometimes it is painful. My future cannot be clear until I've conquered my past."

Among those in attendance were jazz great Lionel Hampton, Charles Oakley, Herb Williams and John Starks of the New York Knicks, film director Spike Lee, attorney Alton Maddox, and commentator Bob Law.

There is no way to deter mine how many huddled in the streets in the shadow of the United Nations Building, but if the estimate is conducted as it was a year ago, then we can expect an undercount. But as we said last year, it is not about the numbers; it's about the spirit that resonated from one spectator to the other, as if they were comforted by being in close proximity to a caring brother or sister.

Clearly, the watchmen that Farrakhan believed are so necessary if we are to avoid the coming war of Armageddon were on hand and prepared to deal with the impending doom.

without the mini-parade also being guilty.

I inquired of the officer (as he presented the speeding citation and as a side note, a no seat belt mandatory \$50 fine), "why are you not chasing drug dealers? Why did you stop me?" Futile conversation as I sat at 116th Street and Parkhill. I knew the answer. I was an African American male, cruising through one of Cleveland's high drug traffic districts. Also, I had on a leather hat pulled down (it was a cold night) and the collar of my leather coat pulled up (my bones were still chilled from the walk across the campus). I was probably guilty of rhythmic head bobbing as Rance Allen jammed "An Awesome God" on the cassette. My car (a Honda, nothing fancy — it also matters little, if my money for transportation ends up in a suburb of Tokyo or Detroit) has a cellular telephone antenna. All these add up to a stereotypical inner city drug suspect.

I was angered by my thoughts and the process. Although my eyes were not observing the speedometer, I was sure that the posted speed limit had not been exceeded. My immediate decision was to go to court rather than mail in an excessive fine.

I discovered at the Justice Center that 70 per cent (I counted heads and conducted the math) of the people (50 cases) in traffic court were African Americans. This new tool in the war on drugs, arresting and ticketing motorists in high drug districts was doing nothing to stop ships and planes loaded with cocaine and heroin from entering the continental U.S.A. The case load that I was a part of only reflected the 2:30 p.m. docket. The average fine was \$60. The math comes out to approximately \$3,000 per hour paid by African Americans. There are two dockets in the morning and two in the afternoon. Again, the math (by Olds) would strongly suggest \$12,000 per day, five days per week equals \$60,000 weekly in traffic fines from the African American community!

Was this some new form of "buy black" that I had been solicited to participate in against my will? If so, I did not like the service or the product. The officer

who gave me the ticket was an African American male. The magistrate who levied the fine was an African American female. It was also an African American female to whom I paid the fine.

This episode forced me to reflect on the demeaning process not only for myself, but others as well. I entered into the hurts of the people whose family budgets were seriously upset by traffic violations and the excessive fines. I thought seriously about the training the patrolman had received that forced me into a pattern as part of his indoctrination. Next, I meditated on how Egyptians (people of color, before the Arabs arrived!) had enslaved the Israelites (also people of color).

African Americans have a projected disposable income in 1996 at 427 billion dollars (The Atlanta Journal/The Atlanta Constitution, Friday, June 30, 1995). Marc Rice, Associated Press, is quoted in the Detroit News, (Friday, August 5, 1994), "The spending power of black Americans is rising at a faster rate than the nation as a whole reports a study that urges retailers to do more to attract those consumers." Everybody who needs a greater revenue base is finding African American consumer dollars available and plentiful. When consumer dollars are not enough, the consumers (himself or herself) are far more valuable in a jail cell or penal colony. Prisons are growing at an alarming rate. The prisons create a middle class living at the expense of the poor and impoverished. However, 427

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'Meet The Press'

fended his controversial world tour as aimed at benefiting African-Americans. He said it was mis-portrayed by the media.

And in an interview with Newsweek magazine, Farrakhan said he realized his trip last summer drew criticism, but said, "There has never been a Black leader that was so honored and respected by heads of state and governments as Louis Farrakhan was. This is no joke," he said. "We came back with so many gifts from the governments and people that the captain of the charter plane had to tell us, 'You cannot bring any more gifts on the plane.' Now why didn't the press say that - Louis Farrakhan was literally treated as a head of state."

Farrakhan said his tour of Libya, Cuba, Iraq, Iran, Nigeria and Sudan was the greatest trip abroad ever by an African American." Farrakhan told Newsweek he hoped to meet some Jewish leaders in New York. "We really need to sit and talk as civilized and intelligent human beings, and if they can show me where I am in error, then I accept that," he said.

billion dollars are enough to change the course of a nation. The sum represents an average of "\$ 12,708 of disposable personal income - or what's left after taxes - for each of the nation's 33 . 6 million African Americans, according to the study by the Selig Center of business," writes Jerry W. Byrd (The Philadelphia Inquirer, Saturday, July 8, 1995). An economic life is a basic component for being a nation. The satisfaction of the material needs of a people is the economic life of the people. No one can doubt the presence of an economic life among African Americans. African Americans have an economic life which is counted on by many. In fact, African Americans have become the target of trendsetting, exploitative marketing campaigns.

It is time for a consensus and strategic effort of channeling the resources of African Americans into self-sustaining economic bases. The resources and consumer power of African Americans have to become recognized as an available asset which will remain among African Americans. This very fact signals another call for the African American Christian Nation. This is not an isolated issue. The African American Christian Nation needs you! "Ask not what the African American Christian Nation can do for you, but ask what you can do for the African American Christian Nation!" Send your resume immediately to THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHRISTIAN NATION, Attention: Reverend Mark C. Olds, 3550 Warrensville Center Road, Suite 101 South, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122.

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Insurance Commissioner Jim Long, who is serving his third successful term as Insurance Commissioner, pledges to continue to encourage a climate of healthy competition in the in-

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say we have the 6th lowest auto rates in the country and the 8th lowest workers' compensation rates. North Carolinians enjoy the lowest auto rates east of the Mississippi and I pledge to keep fighting to keep rates down."

Commissioner Long said North Carolina has been able to achieve such low rates due to excellent legal representation in its rate cases against the insurance industry. Jim Long has challenged nine auto insurance industry rate hike requests during his term of office. While the insurance industry has outspent the state 10 to 1 for legal help in these cases, the department has consistently saved the citizens millions of dollars under Commissioner Long's leadership. "A 1993 settlement with the industry reduced auto insurance rates by six percent," said Commissioner Long. "A second settlement in the same year resulted in more than a \$110 million in premium refunds to North Carolina drivers, the larg-

est refund of its kind in US history."

Commissioner Long also pledged to continue his work to assist senior North Carolinians with Medicare concerns. Long has created the Seniors' Health Insurance Information Program, known as SHIIP, in response to growing concerns about health insurance for the more than 800,000 senior citizens of North Carolina. "Today, more than 1,500 senior volunteers across the state are assisting their peers with Medicare, Medicare supplement insurance, and long-term care insurance problems and questions," Commissioner Long said.

Commissioner Long, who also serves as State Fire Marshal, promised to continue to provide leadership to the *Booze It & Lose it* and *Click It or Ticket* highway safety campaigns. "Injury prevention programs save lives and money," said Commissioner Long. "In its first 21 months, the

Click It or Ticket campaign cut deaths and serious injuries on our roads by 12 percent and saved North Carolinians almost \$164 million in related health care costs and insurance premiums. In 1994 and 1995 the insurance industry reduced its rate requests by a total of \$33 million because of the success of *Click It or Ticket*. Since the program began in 1993, North Carolina's seat belt use rate has increased from 65 percent to more than 81—percent the second highest rate in the United States."

The department's in-house safety campaign, the Buckle Up Kids program, has trained more than 200 fire and rescue professionals in the proper use of child safety seats. These professionals have, in turn, trained hundreds more parents and caregivers. The program has also provided more than 1,100 child safety seats to parents in need across North Carolina.

Book gives a bird's eye view of lives of slaves

By DAMASO REYES
Special to the AmNews

What if you didn't spend your days in an air conditioned office? What would it be like to work all day in the field for nothing except the hope that you wouldn't be whipped? How would you feel if your wife or husband was chosen by you employer? How would you feel if you just found out that you have been working as a slave when in reality you were free?

These are but some of the questions that historian Donna Wyant Howell has attempted to answer in the series "I Was a Slave." Inspired by the stories of her grandmother, who was a former slave, Howell has compiled the actual accounts of former slaves as written by interviewers working for the Works Projects Administration during the Great Depression. The author has attempted to provide the reader with a comprehensive view of different aspects

of slave life, with volumes including "The Breeding of Slaves," "Description of Plantation Life" and "The Lives of Slave Men."

Through the use of the actual texts and very often the various dialects of the former slaves, Howell has succeeded in not only saving an important aspect of Black heritage, but of the American experience. Via the use of sources which contradict each other, Howell attempts not to provide one smooth description of slave life, but a prism of what it was like to live both under the cruel whip of the overseer and the kind hand of the benevolent slave master. Each volume begins with brief quotations from dozens of former slaves on the subject in question. Then the author goes into more detail, offering accounts of specific aspects of the topic. In "Descriptions of Plantation Life," one topic addressed is time off. "Jacob Saturday night, we'd have a dance all

night long ...". Her use of contrasting sources paints a fuller image of life at the time. Howell then aids us by giving extensive interviews with many former slaves. By reading each edition we receive both a broad overview as well as personal stories of slave life.

While the language is at first difficult, and at times confusing, Howell has done a masterful job of placing each subject in context as well as plainly stating the limitations of what could be done with the rescued documents. By remaining true to the memory of her great grandmother, Donna Wyant Howell has done us all a tremendous service.

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Gantt says well-educated workforce is key to a strong North Carolina

(Charlotte) U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt brought his campaign to renew the American Dream to Pineville this morning, where he addressed the Chamber of Commerce. Following are excerpts from his remarks.

I believe that North Carolina's next Senator must work to help our families succeed in the 21st Century. A big part of that is making sure that all North Carolinians can afford the education they need for the jobs of the next century. North Carolina's economy has grown in large part because of our skilled workforce over the past 10 years. For our workers to continue to do well, they need to be well educated.

I'm an architect and a businessman. Six years ago, my firm didn't use computers. We did our drawings the old way—on drafting boards. But we knew we had to keep up with technology to stay competitive. Now, we use computers for almost everything that we do.

Because sixty percent of all jobs will require computer skills by the turn of the century, it is more important than ever that folks have the skills they need to keep up. I would like to see North Carolina's schools have the computers they need to teach our kids new skills. And I have proposed a middle class tax deduction for college tuition and job training, so that education is affordable for even one who wants to get ahead.

Senator Helms voted last year to cut funding for computers in our schools. The Senator opposes helping families afford education through a middle class tax deduction. And for twenty four years, the Senator has voted against student loans.

But this is not a time to move backwards. North Carolina's next Senator must understand that a strong workforce for tomorrow means teaching our students the skills they need today.

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Is Michael Jordan, like O.J. Simpson indifferent to African-Americans?

By KWAME OKOAMPA
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Special to the AmNews
Sam Smith's book about basketball's arguably greatest "debator" would have been aptly deemed to be pedestrian, if it weren't that the *Chicago Tribune* sportswriter calls to prominence the vital socio-economic and political responsibility of all professional athletes to both their ethnic communities and the nation at large.

In the "Second Coming" of Michael Jordan (HarperCollins), Smith chastises his subject for Jordan's failure to back his

homeboy, Harvey Gantt, in the latter's senatorial run in 1990 against right-wing Republican incumbent Jesse Helms. Citing the publicly noted disappointment of such sports greats as Arthur Ashe and Jim Brown, the author describes Jordan as one who is guilty of non-committal corporate consciousness, whatever that means. Further, Smith likens Jordan to O.J. Simpson, in that both prominent African-American athletes are more television-heroes than seeming to belong to any specific communities. Both sports legends also prefer to be simply identified as colorless (or

raceless) American superstars. To this effect, Jordan asks, "What do kids want? Do they want me to be in position just for Black kids and negative for everybody else?" Perhaps somebody needs to apprise this legendary "Ananse" of professional basketball that being Afrocentric or pro-Black does not make one averse to one's "main stream" American constituents. This very much revives the important issue of historical amnesia among many of our current super-star athletes.

The preceding notwithstanding, the writer also tends to be

quite catty in his assessment of Jordan's personality which prompts the sensitive reader to wonder whether Smith is not out to get his subject, as it were. For instance, in the preface to "Second Coming," the writer observes stereotypically that Jordan is more of an eloquent reader of slam dunks than being "book smart." Needless to say, most white professional athletes are known to be relatively no more highly literate or educated than their African-American compatriots. One also learns, quite to his credit, that Jordan's refusal to regard himself as a public role

model stems largely from his coming from a stable family background. The legendary Chicago Bulls player sincerely believes being a traditional role model is more of parental responsibility than "athletic-centric." Smith's "Second Coming" is quite interesting, especially those who have only a rudimentary knowledge of the sport and its behind-the-scenes socio-political intrigues, including how even though African-Americans often tend to best their white-American compatriots at the game, nevertheless, it is the white male players who are accorded the sweetest and

fattest contractual plums. This comes as no news, you might be tempted to say. And, you may be right, were it not also for the fact that professional sports continues to be in vehement denial of its pathologically racist institutional fabric.

Murder, mayhem in L.A. in wake of Tupac killing

According to police in Los Angeles, three days after Tupac Shakur was fatally gunned down in Las Vegas, three Crips were mowed down on the streets of Compton. The killings broke the two-year truce between the Crips and the Bloods and caused L.A. cops to fear open warfare between the two gangs that would further disrupt the streets of L.A.

With that in mind they raided the homes of several alleged gang members, going so far as to name a suspect in the Tupac killing as among those arrested.

Arrested was Orlando Anderson, 22, of Lakewood, Calif. He was being questioned as being one who was gunned down in the drive-by shooting Sept. 7. Anderson, along with 22 other suspects, was rounded up in a pre-dawn raid on Oct. 2.

Anderson, who is a Crip and whose street handle is "Lando," was reportedly arrested because of a street killing he is said to have committed in April. But police are also trying to tie him to the killing of Tupac Shakur.

Cops dressed in black tactical police squad outfits staged the raids that netted assorted weapons.

Anderson paid \$1,125 rent for a rather well-furnished two-bedroom house where he lived with his girlfriend and her mother. He drives two cars, a Chevy and a Ford. Neither one fits the description of the white Cadillac driven in the Tupac killing. That rather noticeable car has yet to be discovered.

Asked why Anderson was fingered, cops said informants coughed up his name.

Meanwhile, back in Las Vegas, police were reviewing a video tape of the altercation between an unknown young man and Tupac and company, said to have erupted over a woman Tupac was trying to talk to at the MGM Grand. The surveillance tape showed the disturbance, which was verbal and lasted a few minutes.

Security guards from the club rushed in, broke up the confrontation, and Tupac and his party left immediately after that. Attempts to tie that altercation to Tupac's death have been difficult because the man Tupac was arguing with was restrained by security at the MGM Grand and held for questioning while Tupac was allowed to leave.

When the shooting occurred the unknown man was still in custody of the security team. So he personally could not have done it. If he did not do it, the entire story about Tupac getting into an altercation with a Crip over a woman being the cause of his killing falls apart. If that theory falls apart, it's back to square one.

One witness claimed to have heard gunfire just as Tupac was leaving the club. Were shell casings found there? Tupac and company got into their car in a hurry and sped off. The white Cadillac apparently gave chase. Were the people in the white Cadillac and the unknown man Tupac was arguing with together?

Police did not obtain the name of this man.

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First Citizens Bank creates program to help small, minority businesses and farms

Venture includes funds for home ownership counseling, managerial and technical assistance for businesses, and a \$3 million loan pool

RALEIGH (October 15, 1996) — In a joint announcement with the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development Inc., First Citizens Bank announced the creation of an extensive new \$3 million loan program to aid small, minority-owned businesses and farms. The program also includes a grant package to fund education for low- and moderate-income families on strategies for home ownership.

"Two of the most pressing needs among minority businesses and low- and moderate income families are funds availability and financial management," said Andrea Harris, president of the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development. "First Citizens' commitment of \$3 million in loans and \$75,000 in education related grants will help us meet those needs."

Under the terms of the joint agreement, First Citizens Bank will provide a grant of \$60,000 to the Institute's Managerial and Technical Assistance Program. Administered in partnership with the University of North Carolina's Kenan School of Business, the MTAP provides business owners with access to expert counsel on running and growing their companies. In addition, First Citizens will provide a \$15,000 grant to the Institute to fund classes in home ownership counseling.

"We've found that while there is great desire among many low- and moderate-income families to achieve home ownership, there is often a lack of information about personal finance, saving, credit management and credit repair," said Jim Mebane, First Citizens senior vice president and CRA officer. This grant will help remove those roadblocks and put some families in homes of their own."

In addition to the grants for home ownership and small business counseling, First Citizens will also establish a loan fund with a lending goal of \$3 million. The fund will be administered jointly with the Institute for Minority Economic Development Inc. The fund's goal will be to help businesses and small farms take advantage of opportunities

in limited resource areas.

"By providing both education and financing, this program address two of the most pressing needs in our low-wealth neighborhoods across North Carolina," said Harris. "Bringing both components together in a single program makes a great deal of sense, and we are excited about our potential for success."

First Citizens' announcement of the grants and loan pool program with the Institute of Minority Economic Development was made today in conjunction with an announcement by the bank of its plan to create a \$200 million loan pool arrangement with the North Carolina Community Development Initiative.

"Together, these programs address some of the most pressing needs of our low- and moderate-income communities," said Mebane. "They are not the entire solution, however. First Citizens is committed to developing additional initiatives to address our communities' development needs."

Raleigh, NC-based First Citizens Bank operates more than 300 branches serving 186 towns and cities in North Carolina and Virginia. Customers can contact the bank's telephone bankers at 888-FCDIRECT in North Carolina, and 800-441-1596 in Virginia.

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Bid packets will be available on or after October 24, 1996. Instructions for submitting bids and complete specifications will be available at the Community Building, 306 South Greene Street, Greenville, North Carolina, during regular office hours.

Bid proposals will be opened and read promptly at 10:00 am, EST, on the 6th day of November, 1996 at the Community Building, 306 South Greene Street, Greenville, North Carolina. The City of Greenville reserves the right to waive any irregularities in bidding and the right to reject any or all bids submitted. Minorities and female-owned businesses are encouraged to participate.

The City will also accept applications from new contractors who desire to get on the City of Greenville Housing Rehabilitation Contractors List.

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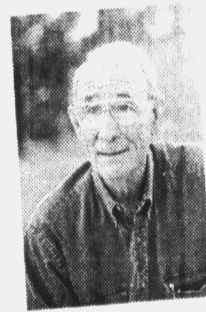
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I have enclosed a flyer with the specifics of what the bonds will do. I have also enclosed a sheet listing the dollar amounts that will go to your county if we pass the bonds.

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Because the bonds are public dollars, state law mandates that contracts over \$100,000 should have goals for minority-owned businesses. If your county or city

school district does not have an MBE goals program in place, now would be an excellent time for you to get a commitment to implement a program.

The NAACP and NC Association of Minority Businesses are communicating with state officials in the NC Department of Transportation regarding what they will do to increase utilization of MBEs with the proceeds of the road bonds.

Thank you in advance for your support of the bonds.

SBA ranks First Citizens Bank #1 among large lenders to small businesses

First Citizens Bank is ranked first in the Southeast among large banks engaged in small business lending, according to a report released recently from the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy.

Using a number of reporting ratios based on past lending activity, the report seeks to identify banks most likely to make small business loans -- generally categorized as those loans of less than \$250,000. The report, titled *Small Business Lending in the United States, 1995 Edition* rates approximately 10,000 commercial banks on a state-by-state basis, and is based on data that banks submitted to regulators as of June, 1995.

First Citizens Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer Jim Hyler attributed the bank's superior results to the bank's strong emphasis on serving the small- and mid-sized business market.

In 1994, the bank was awarded SBA Certified Lender status by the U.S. Small Business Administration. This special designation is given to banks that show extraordinary commitment to small business lending.

Copies of the SBA study are available by calling (703) 487-4650, or via the internet at <http://www.sbaonline.sba.gov/SmallBusinessLending1995>.



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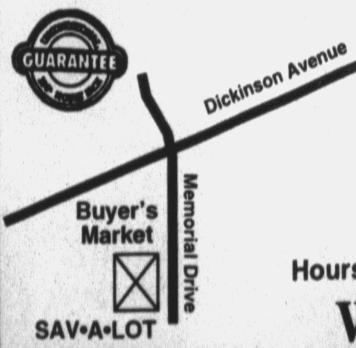
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- 1961 - 65 ECU, football and track
- 1965 - Flight instructor, ECU FIP program
- 1965 - 68 Pilot, Piedmont Airlines
- 1969 - 70 Teacher/Coach, Walter Williams, Burlington, NC
- 1970 - 71 Teacher/Head Football Coach, North Lenoir H.S.
- 1971 - 75 NCCU Law School
- 1975 - 77 Assistant District Attorney - Pitt County
- 1977 - 79 Private Law Practice
- 1979 - 80 District Court Judge - Pitt County, Appointed by Gov. Hunt
- 1980 Elected District Court Judge, 3rd Judicial District, Pitt County

Memberships past and/or present

- Wheat Swamp Ruritan
- Bethel Rotary
- Greenville Kiwanis Club
- ECU Pirate Club
- North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers
- North Carolina State Bar Association
- Pitt County Bar Association
- North Carolina Association of District Court Judges
- Attend Rose Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Personal

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- Father

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First Citizens Bank finances first home in Heritage Park

Rocky Mount — First Citizens Bank has become the first lender to finance a home in the Heritage Park subdivision, a development of 10 new affordable homes in the Red Row community of Rocky Mount.

The bank sponsored a celebration and open house for the buyers, community leaders and other project supporters on Sunday, April 28 at 2 p.m. Among other VIPs in attendance, Rocky Mount Mayor Fred Turnage spoke. The Rev. Irwin Everette, pastor, St. Paul Baptist Church read the scripture and lead attendees in prayer. The Rev. Lacy Simpson, pastor, Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, lead the Litany of Dedication, and the Rev. Chris Jordan, pastor, Unity of Faith, offered the Prayer of Dedication and Benediction.

Community Development Corporation, in partnership with the City of Rocky Mount, is leading the effort to build the new homes to provide high quality housing for low- to moderate-income families. Two homes have been completed in the 10 unit development, and two more are already under construction.

"The Rocky Mount/Edgecombe CDC has worked for several years to make this project a success," said Joyce Dickens, executive director of the CDC. "We've worked with First Citizens and other community leaders, and it's gratifying to see those efforts come to fruition."

The buyers of the first home, Ms. Patricia Alford and her family, originally attended a Finance Day home buying seminar sponsored by First Citizens in October.



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Dr. McCrea should be applauded. Not for recognizing the dilemma, but for his willingness to help make a difference...A positive difference...In the lives of our boys and girls. It is hoped that others will take note and make similar gestures.

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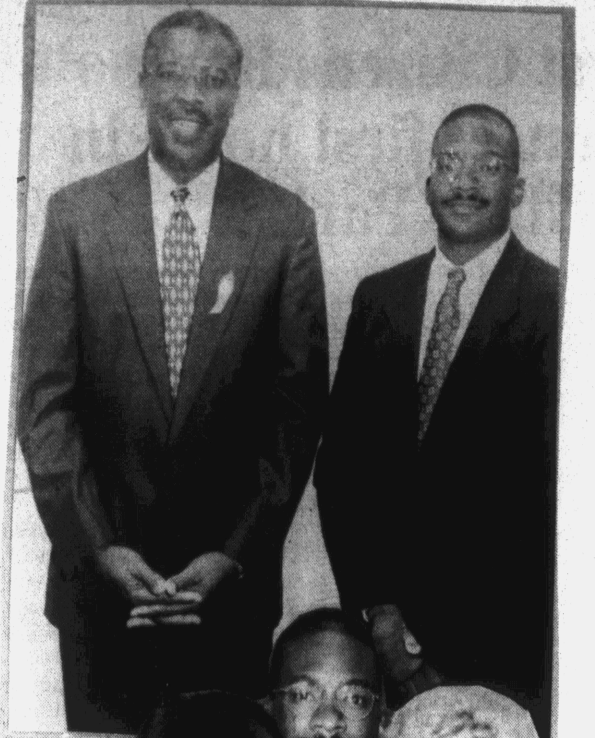
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Wednesday, October 16, 1996

October 16, 1996 (FHTNC)— Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Derrick L. Dancy, a 1990 graduate of North Pitt High School of Greenville, N.C. is currently half-way through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the dock land ship USS Gunston Hall, as part of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

Dancy, along with more than 700 Sailors and Marines aboard the ship, departed their home port of Norfolk, Va., in June. The USS Saipan ARG also includes the amphibious assault ship USS Saipan, and the amphibious transport dock ship USS Austin.

Recently Dancy participated in one of NATO's largest exercises in Southern Europe. Approximately 7,500 allied Sailors and Marines from Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom participated in a combined air, land and sea exercise that may be required to support amphibious operations in the region.

Dancy's ship supports amphibious operations using Landing Craft Air Cushions (LCACs), conventional landing craft and helicopters to transport Marines onto hostile shores. The combat troops Dancy moves ashore are then able to seize control of port and air base facilities, and prepare for follow-on invasion forces.

So far during the deployment, Dancy and fellow service members have traveled more than 8,000 miles and have visited Albania, France, Greece, Italy, and Spain.

He joined the Navy in August 1990.

October 16, 1996 (FHTNC)— Marine Lance Cpl. William T. James, son of William T. James of 401 Azalea Garden, Greenville, N.C., is currently halfway through a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU), embarked aboard the ships of the USS Saipan Amphibious Ready Group (ARG).

James, along with more than 2,000 Marines of the 24th MEU, departed their home base of Camp Lejeune, N.C., in June. The USS Saipan ARG includes the amphibious assault and flag ship USS Saipan, the amphibious transport dock ship USS Austin and the dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall.

In July, the 24th MEU took part in multinational training for noncombatant evacuation, and humanitarian and maritime operations. The exercise, conducted in Romania among the 24th MEU and Marines from Italy and Romania, was designed to test inter-operability between NATO and partner nations' naval forces in conducting joint peacekeeping exercises.

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The 24th MEU is trained to evacuate civilians, rescue downed pilots, conduct reconnaissance and serve as an initial landing force ashore.

So far during the deployment, James and fellow service members have visited France and Romania.

The 1991 graduate of North-west Cabarrus High School of Concord, N.C., joined the Marine corps in January 1995.



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