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Problems are things that you solve, not reasons to do nothing.
George P. Schultz

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Local leader Henderson shot at while at home

Some people upset by lack of official action taken

Mr. Calving Henderson, serves as Executive Director of the Winterville Concerned Citizens and Development, Inc., and is a very outspoken individual and a true community leader.

On Dec. 12, 1996, a shot was fired into the home of Mr. Henderson, through an insulated wall hitting a brick wall and possibly ricocheting into another area. All this due to Mr. Henderson being outspoken and a true community leader for his community and the citizens of Winterville.

Through the years, Mr. Henderson has tried to the best of his ability to address those issues that would help remove the dreadful illness of racism and hatred that for too long has plagued our citizens and kept justice from prevailing for all people regardless of race, creed, or color. Yet here in the community, like many others in our country, one does not have the freedom to address change that is good for all people if one is black without ones very life being put in serious jeopardy. It seems too much of a coincidence that this event took place immediately following a very heated meeting that took place on Dec. 12, 1996, at the Winterville local government office. A meeting that took place between the Winterville Historical Society and the Winterville Health and Wellness Steering Committee. Both committees had met previously on Dec. 09, 1996, to discuss a project that the Health and Wellness Steering Commit-

tee, worked extremely hard for two years in completing a goal of initiating a nurse-managed center to serve the health care needs of Winterville citizens with particular program emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention in the elderly, frail and children.

To accommodate this need the Health and Wellness Steering Committee has spent considerable time and effort to secure an appropriate site for housing. A prominent Winterville family had offered us the use of a very desirable site. It was apparent that the Historical Society was opposing our use of this site. At this meeting the steering committee was verbally attacked to our proposed use not being in the best interest of the site. The meeting was so heated until the Winterville Board of Alderman advised that we meet at a later time to discuss this issue including to review their suggestions for another available site. Consequently, this meeting was scheduled for

We as black citizens are well aware of our constitutional rights and also aware that often our welfare has no priority or importance in the overall larger picture.

Dec. 12, 1996. Attorney Kleen Lasiter, city attorney chaired the meeting. After hearing the offer made we had previously received rather than to accept their proposal. Upon our stating such the members of the Historical Society appeared to become very disturbed and angry. In fact, one person was observed throwing papers on the table. Thereafter the meeting was adjourned.

The mayor of Winterville is a member of this steering committee representing the local government and he has informed us that many negative and racial comments have been made to him and the city clerk by various members of this group while openly using the "N" word.

Reportedly they are opposed to the site housing programs for

In Remembrance Of Memorial tribute to Howard C. Barnhill

By Velmar R. Speight

On January 6, 1996, Jesus paused beside Howard and whispered low: "Your work on earth is finished, it's time to go." He did not weep, and with a faint smile, he nodded and said "I've been ready for a while."

I believe at that moment Howard looked up to heaven and silently prayed,

"Lord, I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles since my life is done."

I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who grieve today before the sun to grasp the happy memories that I leave since now my life is done."



The late Howard C. Barnhill

The Aggie family is saddened today because of the silenced voice of a pioneer in alumni work - one who gave unselfishly, with distinction, an swerving dedication, and devotion to his Alma Mater and to the Alumni Association. However, we celebrate. We celebrate a life of love and an understanding.

Each of us has his or her own remembrances of our most loyal, committed, dedicated, devoted and supporting Aggie. These we treasure. For some, it is remembering his presidency of the Alumni Association, the one with the longest tenure in history, and how he

'Black Family Day'



These folks recently attended Black Family Day, sponsored by the Black College and Universities of Pitt County and The Bone Marrow Foundation of Pitt County, are were enjoying the festival on the Greenville Town Commons. In the upper photograph is Sister Patty Smith - president of the Pitt County Chapter of Black Colleges and Universities, Sister Pearl Frizzell, the "new" lawyer in town, Sister Joan Eaton, and a young brother. In the bottom photograph is Sister Marleen Anderson, Sister Jackie Cannan, Sister Mildred Council, Sister Connie Gorham-Walston and other friends enjoying themselves.



Kemron trials show promise

Treatment for AIDS in Kenya is moving forward

By Abdul Alim Muhammad, M.D.

After returning from a September 1991 trip to Kenya, Dr. Muhammad and colleague Dr. Barbara Justice began treating a series of patients with Kemron the Kenyan treatment for AIDS. Over the next 12 months, they treated more than 50 patients with the same amazing results they had witnessed in Kenya.

The story continues below: After successfully treating scores of patients, we enlisted the help of a brilliant biostatistician at Morgan State University, Dr. Harold Aubrey, Ph.D., who helped us design a study of our clinical data. In August 1992, we presented our findings at the National Medical Association's (NMA) convention in San Francisco.

The results were so astounding and scientifically valid that the House of Delegates of the NMS voted unanimously in favor of the National Institutes of Health spon-

soring clinical trials. The NIH at this point had taken a decidedly negative view of the work going on in Kenya. After all, we all know that if there is to be a breakthrough in science or medicine, then it must take place in a Western, i.e., white country. Certainly no little upstart Black scientist in a Third World country was going to get the upper hand on the likes of NIH and its European counterparts - this we all learned in White Supremacy 101.

By October 1992, the NMA, which represents more than 22,000 Black doctors throughout the country, had used its good offices to arrange a meeting between the officials at NIH and myself and Dr. Justice. We had a double duty that days as I remember it. Not only did we have to establish the case for Kemron Clinical Trials, but we also had to undo the negative propaganda that had been put out in advance of our meeting at the "summit" of the white American medical establishment. Also in attendance, laying the procedural framework, was Dr. Walter Shervington of the NMA.

Meanwhile, Dr. Aubrey buttressed the clinical argument with statistical and mathematical formulations. After a long discussion,

which at times grew very heated, the NIH side yielded and admitted that they had heard enough and were willing to reverse their longstanding conviction against Kemron Clinical Trials.

The NIH reversal was announced immediately at a press conference in Washington, D.C. where NIH officials were nearly shouted down by representatives of some of the major news organizations, especially ABC. Unknown at that time was the network was laying the ground-work for a hatchet job on their weekly news progra, Prime Time Live, which would seek to savage the reputation and undermine the credibility of both Dr. Justice and myself. Although a four-hour plus interview was given to the ABC's news team, it resorted to underhanded tactics such as hidden camera and phony patients.

Despite negative publicity, the work continued to grow. Over the next few years the protocol for the clinical trial was written through endless and interminable meetings with the NIH officials and others, but perseverance has it's rewards. In April 1996, almost four years after planning began, it was announced that Kemron Clinical Trials were underway. They didn't

Latino Newspaper Supports King, Calls for Boycott of HBO

By Collie J. Nicholson

Don King is perfectly suited for the pressure-cooker position he occupies the "world's greatest boxing promoter."

Against numerous roadblocks and the greatest conceivable odds, he vaulted to the top of his profession almost three decades ago and, today, literally stands distances ahead of every other boxing promoter s "King of the Hill."

A supsalesman, who can blend baloney and brilliance with all the skills of a carnival pitchman, King's high-pitched voice gets even higher when he talks about the sport he loves.

His smiling visage and hairstyle are different, but his story is not unlike others from the inner city who pulled themselves up by their bootstraps.

He struggled from a depressed beginning and overcame adversity to dwarf the accomplishments of all the other boxing and entertainment promoters, gaining notoriety for himself and, in the process, parlayed his personal affluence into high figures, a great part of which is given to charity annually.

King paid the Internal Revenue Service \$30 million in taxes for income earned in 1996. He awarded nearly three million dollars to charity.

Rarely, if ever, has one individual controlled the purse strings in boxing or in any other sport with such authority.

Small wonder then that there are detractors and open media hostility.

On June 15, King will be inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in Canastota, N.Y. for his competence, professional genius and for the role he played in the resurgence of boxing worldwide.

When the announcement was made that King was among 13 inductees scheduled for enshrinement, promoter Bob Arum, one of King's bitter enemies, reverted to his disgruntled style by criticizing the 25-member selection panel, complaining that "Those guys worked too hard to build it up (the International Boxing Hall of Fame) and now in one swoop tear it down by electing King."

Boxing superstar Sugar Ray Leonard, ex-light heavyweight champion Jose Torres and King are the only living members to be enshrined. Ten members will be inducted posthumously.

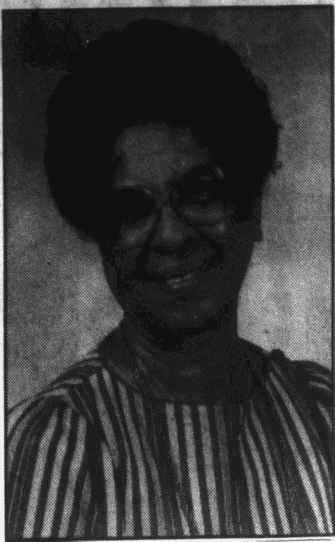
Whatever the criticism might be, King's credentials are impeccable. He made boxing artistically captivating and his stock continues to rise.

No one can match his record of 400 championship fights. He has been the driving force behind some of the greatest and richest prize fights in history, including boxing luminaries Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Mike Tyson, Evander Holyfield, Roberto Duran, Larry Holmes, Sugar Ray Leonard, Julio Caesar Chavez, Terry Norris and numerous other stellar champions.

Mindful of his enormous achievements, what he means to boxing, and concerned about racially offensive remarks vilifying Mike Tyson, Oscar de la Hoya and Julio Caesar Chavez made by boxing commentator Larry Merchant &n

from the desk of **Mrs. Beatrice Maye**

GO TO THE HEAD OF THE CLASS



Mrs. Beatrice Maye

To the editor:
Crime doesn't pay but it sure does cost.

Increasing crime has become a national disgrace, especially here in Greenville/Pitt County. Its inevitable effects threaten the continued existence of our society, while effective remedies have eluded us.

Certainly there is no dearth of the theories to the causation of crime: poverty, secularization of society, violence on TV, permissiveness, weakened adult authority, the breakdown of morality,

failure of the legal process, and so on. Undoubtedly each of these has contributed something to the problems of violence, vandalism and law breaking. However, most authorities probably would agree that the main roots of crime and delinquency lie in the family.

But where is the family? Specifically what factors in the family are critical? Is it lack of discipline? Neglect? Lack of moral education? Broken homes? Economic deprivation? Working mothers? Poor nutrition? All of these are often cited as principal causes of crime and delinquency.

Less often is attention called to another factor, which may contribute the most to whether a child turns out to be a constructive and cooperative member of society or a person bent on committing acts that are destructive to others, and eventually to his or herself. That factor, quite simply, is the quality of the parent-child relationship. If the parent-child and husband-wife relationships are good, we would predict a low probability of criminal or delinquent or violent behavior. If it is bad, then a high probability of criminal or delinquent or violent behavior.

Let's point our finger exactly where the problem lies and only you and I can help solve it by being living examples of positive role models, including a spiritual renewal.

Note - The work of the preacher

and the policeman is similar. The policeman usually gets the preacher's dropouts.
Beatrice Maye

WHAT SHALL I TELL MY SON?

It was our sons who fathered the more than quarter of a million babies born out of wedlock last year. It was our sons who impregnated an estimated half-million unmarried girls who underwent criminal abortions last year. And it was our sons who had to enter into some quarter of a million hasty and frequently loveless marriages last year because their brides were already pregnant.

I want to tell him that the birth-control pill offers American women "an ability that men have always known, the ability to make love without personal consequences".

I shall urge him to have his own definition of integrity and to stick to it regardless of the college bull sessions, regardless of what the other men in the army barracks say.

I want him to understand that to think of sex simply as fun is to degrade it. To put sex in the same category as playing tennis, which is fun, or as going out to dinner, which is also fun, is to make mockery of the most stirring experience he will ever have.

I want him to know that no one has the right to hurt another hu-

man being. Perhaps boys can get away with it, but I hope my son will never take advantage of that quirk of biology. Besides, I will ask him, how can he ever get away with something so long as one person knows? And he is the person who will know to the end of his days.

(Condensed from: Christian Herald by Arlene Silberman)
Don't Sell Yourself Short

Many people make themselves unmagnetic, if not actively disliked by always making a play for sympathy. Your mother or your sweetheart may care, but everyone else the recital of your troubles and illnesses is usually a bore.

Nobody is interested in your not looking well because you didn't shut your eyes all night or you injured yourself uselessly; instead if you exerted yourself to be animated and charming, if you complimented others and thought of something kind to do or interesting to say, nobody would notice how you looked.

You are fishing for compliments when, you say, "I'm afraid this dress is awful" or "I'm broke, I don't see how I'll make out till payday" You simply reveal a definite inferiority complex.

But most of these confessions are due to simple thoughtlessness, or to inordinate tendency to talk. For when one talks too much, one is apt to talk of oneself. Some people indulge an irresistible urge upon meeting a friend, or even a stranger, to pour out a sort of oral diary, telling everything that has happened to them and everything that is in their minds.

Remember, a certain amount of reticence gives you more power. It lifts you to a higher plane of self-respect.

(Excerpts from: Gelett Burgess, author of "Why Men Hate Women")
Animal Babies

Here are the special names for animal moms and dads. Fill in the blanks with the babies' special names.

1. Mom: cow
5. Mom: sow
- Dad: Bull
- Dad: boar
2. Mom: hen
6. Mom: dam
- Dad: rooster
- Dad: sire
3. Mom: duck
7. Mom: ewe
- Dad: drake
- Dad: ram
4. Mom: nanny
8. Mom: hen
- Dad: billy
- Dad: tom

DID YOU KNOW THAT?

1. Mother pigs, or sows, have more babies at one time than any other farm animal. They might have as many as 12 piglets in a litter. They are pregnant for 114 days. Right after they are born, they pick their own nipple on their moms. Each piglet goes back to the same nipple every time it nurses.

Lambs often get on their knees to nurse. They can walk soon after they are born. At first they identify their mother by smell. Later they can recognize her by her call, or bleat, as well.

Baby horses are inside their mother's womb for about 11 months. After they are born, the mother licks the baby, or foal, and nudges it to its feet. Foals can stand up a few minutes after they are born.

Many animals such as calves, lambs, piglets and foals are born with their feet coming out first. Right after they are born, their mothers lick them clean. This helps dry them off so they won't get a chill. It also helps them to start breathing. It helps get their heart beating right and their blood flowing as it should.

Thought for the Month:
REMEMBER: the difference between a BOSS and a LEADER: A BOSS says "GO" and

a LEADER says "LET'S GO"

Mothers/Women's Day Speaker, Sunday, May 11, 1997

Mrs. Evelyn Worthington Hagans, spoke at the Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church in Simpson, NC, using as her subject, "Women, How Strong Is Your Faith?" Mrs. Hagans, a retired media specialist from the Wilson Schools System is the daughter of Mrs. Eurydice Worthington of Winterville, NC.

Ms. Shelia Frizzell, principal, Aoshkie Graded School and the daughter of Monty and Pearl Frizzell, challenged the youth at the morning service at Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church to adhere to the principles of wisdom, understanding and respect.

Mrs. Rhonda Jordan spoke to the membership of St. Rest Holiness Church in Winterville during the morning service.

Ms. Cheryl Fields of Winston-Salem and a member of her home church, Sycamore Hill Baptist, spoke at the 11 o'clock service from the subject, "A Mother Worthy of Praise". Cheryl is the daughter of Walter and Dorothy Fields.

Congratulations! Mrs. Ezzie Brewington, the wife of Jesse Brewington, was crowned the "1997 Mother of the Year", during the regular morning service at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, sponsored by the Willing Workers Auxiliary.

First runner - up, Mrs. Evora Hollody
Second runner - up, Mrs. Claudette Cox.

The 1996 "Mother of the Year", Ms. Gloria Brewington crowned Mrs. Ezzie Brewington.

Welcome back home, Mrs. Mattie Barnes from New York City after a brief visit with your daughters.

Happy Birthday, Mrs. Sadie Rooks, 95 years young. She says her secret to longevity is "Treat everybody right". Her two grandsons from Winston Salem gave her a birthday party in her home, Saturday, May 10 from 4-6 o'clock. Many friends visited to say "Happy Birthday".

Thought for the Day
"Godly mothers not only bring you up, they bring you to God".

Thank you, Brother Jim Rouse for your efforts in trying to get a street named for Roscoe Norfleet, a veteran businessman in Greenville whose demise was recently.

Five principles we should prayerfully communicate and model before our children.

1. Life's main purpose is to trust Christ and live for Him.
2. We care enough for them to protect them.
3. It's better to please God than to please people.
4. What we expect of them, they'll see in us.
5. They can't go anywhere and get more love than they get at home, not even from a boyfriend or girlfriend.

Teach your children these principles, and they'll have the best reasons to admire you. "As the twig is bent, so grows the tree".
"Love Signs", EBONY magazine, May 1997, page 24.

Polling a group of smart, savvy sisters, "Love Signs" you can read to help you decide if he's in it for a long haul. Worth reading.

Things
Little things do make a difference. It is the little things, the ordinary things, the routine things that bring change to individuals, or that come to symbolize change. And that which brings change to the individual brings change to the world.

It was Rosa Parks' resolve not to sit in the back of the bus that gave rise to the civil rights movement.

Congratulations to the Board of Christian Education for sponsoring a unique dinner, Sunday, May 18, 1997, following the morning service at Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, honoring Older Americans (May is Senior Citizens Month).

The family style was used with the set-up of elegant tables with exquisite table cloths, fine china, crystals, silver and centerpieces by these hostesses: Carolyn Ferebee, Julia Davis, Mavis Williams, Vina Hassell, Shirley Ebron, Charles Gatlin, Connie Morris, Barbara Brown, Ann Huggins and Mildred Williams, chairperson.

Mary Taft led the procession of styles with Angela Morris at the piano, following the prayer/grace by Deacon Leroy James.

Beatrice Maye gave words of commendation prior to Reverend Howard Parker's remark.

James Ebron, Jr. and Connie Morris were photographers.

Mrs. Williams, orchestrate this event again, Soon!

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Mother's Day Special



How about this lovely family. Shown here in a couple of proud parents out with the brand new baby. Dad is a worker at Parker's BBQ, and is a dedicated worker and family man.

Flashpoints of the civil right movement

Julian Bond interviewed about struggle for equality

As a founder of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the 1960s, Julian Bond stood at the forefront of the civil rights struggle. Today he is teaching a new generation of students about its history—by sending them back to where it all began—reports the cover story of the Spring 1997 *American Legacy*, a quarterly magazine published by *American Heritage* and RJR Communications.

Julian Bond is interviewed by Douglas Brinkley in *Places At The Heart Of The Movement* (p.9). Bond, who was born in Nashville, Tennessee in 1940, helped to found the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) in 1960. He worked on voter-registration drives in rural Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and Arkansas, and then, in 1965, was elected to a one-year term in the Georgia House of Representatives. The other representatives voted not to seat him because of his opposition to the Vietnam War. The Supreme Court eventually ruled that the Georgia House had violated his civil rights in refusing him his seat, and Bond went on to become a successful legislator, serving four terms in Georgia's House of Representatives and six in the State Senate.

After he left politics, Bond began teaching American history. He is currently Distinguished Scholar in Residence at American University in Washington, D.C., and he also teaches at the

University of Virginia. For his classes on the civil rights movement, Bond recommends that students visit civil rights sites throughout the South so they can visit sites where the events they have read and heard about took place. Here are some excerpts from the interview:

Douglas Brinkley: "When you were growing up, did you ever read Jefferson and think about the meaning of 'All men are created equal' and how that statement applied to black America's fight for civil rights?" **Julian Bond:** "The phrase 'All men are created equal' is so resonant in America that I think all schoolchildren hear it at one time or another, even if they don't connect it with Jefferson. I associated it with him later. Of course, I never dreamed I would be teaching at the university he founded. But that phrase was ever-present in the civil rights movement. It was all around us." (p.20)

Julian Bond: Even though the number of civil rights courses at universities is going up, it is possible to go to college in America today and come out with a liberal-arts degree and have no notion of what happened throughout the South and in the rest of the country relating to the ongoing conflict about race. It is possible to be of ficially an educated person and yet know nothing of this history." (p.26)

THE LAST HEROES (p.26): Richard E. Miller, a retired Naval Chief Hospital Corpsman, observes: "When I became a professional sailor in the equal-opportunity Navy of the 1970s and 1980s and began to study Naval and African-American history, I was saddened to learn that the stories of the thousands of black sailors whom I regarded as spiritual forebears those who served as messmen and stewards throughout the Second World War—had been neglected by historians as well as by African-Americans serving in the modern Navy."

In fact, the ranks of these men include some of the nation's most highly decorated military men of African descent. During the Second World War every black recipient of the Navy Cross, awarded for heroism, belonged to the Navy's stewards' branch. As veterans of practically every campaign from Pearl Harbor, in 1941, to Okinawa, in 1945, they saw more action than any other group of black men in the American armed forces. In December 1941 the Navy's African-American mess attendants and stewards numbered 5,026. That count rose to approximately 68,000 by August 1945. More blacks served as mess attendants and stewards than served in any other branch of the Navy.

PATHFINDERS: CHIEF (p.6): As a teenager, Charles Anderson worked to collect a few dollars in the hope of taking flying lessons. In the aviation world of the 1920s, no instructor would even consider taking him on. He decided to buy his own plane, but his attempts to raise enough money were futile. When his parents' employer learned the object of the heart of her

groundskeeper's boy, she gave him \$500.

Anderson bought a used plane, a Valie Monocoupe, with a wooden prop and open cockpit. Then he had to find out how to fly it. None of the men at the small uninvited local airport were going to get involved with some black kid. They wouldn't even answer his questions. In spite of the obstacles, at age 22, in 1929, Anderson became a licensed pilot.

In 1933 Anderson and Albert E. Forsythe, a doctor and flying enthusiast, flew a Fairchild 24 from Atlantic City to Los Angeles and back. It was the first cross-country flight by African-Americans. The next year they flew to Nassau and landed in the middle of the night on an empty street. Another first.

No aircraft except seaplanes had ever put down in the Bahamas, before.

Anderson went to Tuskegee Institute in Alabama to train young men with the one plane the school could afford. He was there in 1940, when Eleanor Roosevelt visited, and she was introduced to him. She decided to take a ride with Anderson, and he took her up for three-quarters of an hour. "It was an event that changed lives and history," said *The New York Times* decades later, "because Mrs. Roosevelt told her husband that if the country was going to train pilots for the coming war, some of them ought to be black."

The program went forward, and Charles Alfred Anderson was appointed chief flight instructor.

The base turned out nearly a thousand fliers, known as the Tuskegee Airmen. They flew thousands of sorties and missions, shot down six hundred German planes, and never lost a bomber. By the time Chief died, at eighty-nine, in April 1996, he was widely known as a legend and an air pioneer. Gene Smith reports.

CAMERA MAN (p.44): Starting in the 1920s black newspapers hired photographers to document African-American life on a regional and national scale, and black communities saw newspaper photography as a way to showcase their achievements. As a young photographer in the 1930s and 1940s, Robert H. McNeill helped record this period of profound change in the African-American urban landscape.

A hand-me-down camera from a favorite aunt got him started. McNeill used the camera to take pictures for his high school paper. McNeill entered Howard University as a pre-med student in 1935, but in 1936 a historic event revived his passion for taking pictures. Jesse Owens returned to the United States in triumph, after winning four gold medals at the Olympics in Berlin. He was a hero to Americans black and white and an inspiration to

people all over the world. Arriving in the nation's capital, the athlete visited Howard University. McNeill recorded the moment on film. Four Washington, D.C. daily papers as well as the city's two black papers published the picture. McNeill calls it "my first real success as a news photographer."

Later McNeill opened a studio and founded the McNeill News Photo Service. He remembers taking a picture of Bill ("Bojangles") Robinson backstage at the Earle (now Warner) Theater. "I couldn't go in the front and buy a ticket to watch the show from the audience. Yet they allowed me to take a picture from the wings."

Even when he portrayed celebrities, McNeill gave his work a hometown slant. Photographing Joe Louis at a boxing match in 1941, McNeill ignored the fight and shot Louis as he was examined by Herbert Marshall, a prominent District physician. McNeill's photographs of protest marches and picket lines document a determined African-American population struggling to overcome segregation. Today McNeill lives in the same Washington neighborhood he was inhabited for more than forty years, the custodian of a broad and evocative archive of African-American life as seen through his camera's eye. Jane Lusaka reports.

NEW VOICES FOR OLDSALEM (p.36):

Old Salem is a colonial-era village re-created in the heart of twentieth-century Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Salem was founded in 1766 by German-speaking Protestants known as Moravians, and the Moravian church dominated its community both spiritually and socially, carefully documenting the day-to-day activities of its members. In their diaries, reports, and funeral records, Salem's early recordkeepers also detailed the lives of church-owned slaves, who made up about 10 percent of Salem's population. Slaves played a major role in this important trading center, working as potters, road builders, cooper, carpenters, teamsters, cooks, brick makers, tanners, domestics, hostlers (horse tenders), farmers, and blacksmiths. Yet few African-Americans in Winston-Salem are fully aware of the contributions blacks made to the city's most historic district. Sheila Turnage reports.

Events CALENDAR

Caring Family Network is providing training on June 5, 12, and 19 from 5-9 p.m. for those interested in providing mentoring services to high-risk children. Call (919) 833-6025 to RSVP.

GREENVILLE - The first Reach for Hope Gala will be held June 7, with proceeds going to the Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center. At this event, one lucky person will walk away with \$5,000 cash—the prize in a raffle being conducted by the cancer center.

The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Jockey Club at the Rock Springs Equestrian Center on N.C. 43. Tickets to the event are \$85 each or \$175 per couple. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or three for \$25. Money raised by the gala and raffle will be used for clinical services, education and research at the cancer center.

The Leo W. Jenkins Cancer Center is a comprehensive cancer treatment center located in Greenville. It is part of University Medical Center of Eastern Carolina.

Registration is limited. For more information, call 816-7867.

Democratic Challengers Step Up to the Plate in NC

Although North Carolina Attorney General Mike Easley has bowed out of the next year's Senate contest, the Democratic bench of potential challengers "is as strong as new rope," according to Michael Tucker, Communications Director for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee.

"While we deeply appreciate and understand Attorney General Easley's considerations for his family, we are extremely excited about the other candidates actively con-

sidering a challenge to incumbent Senator Lauch Faircloth," Tucker said.

Both attorney John Edwards and businessman Charlie Sanders would make outstanding candidates and both would put the needs and concerns of North Carolina's working families first, unlike Senator Faircloth.

"Senator Faircloth has not been looking out for the best interests of working families," said Tucker. "He voted against an increase in the minimum wage and—if you can believe it—against a provision that would make it easier for homemakers to establish IRAs. Clearly, North Carolina's hard working men and women would be much better off if they had the kind of voice they both need and deserve in Washington."

Tucker pointed out that North Carolina's Senate contest is one of 34 in the nation in 1998 and added that the Faircloth seat is among the DSCC's top targeted races.

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OPINIONS

Keeping children a priority is a never-ending task

Vivian Young of Wilmington, Delaware, has made it her mission to see that politicians, preachers, and parents don't forget the children.

On one occasion, she approached a pastor she had heard was one of the most dedicated preachers around. "That being the case," she told the minister, "I need a miracle or two: I need your church outreach program to take in some children who aren't in your immediate church family. I don't always get a good response from ministers, but I have to let them know that there's a lot more to pastoring than preaching and passing the plate," she says. On another occasion, she walked

service agencies, churches, and community groups, which will highlight the health needs of America's children. Many child health experts have been invited to speak at the gathering, more than 60 health booths will be set up, and there will be fun activities and food for the children who attend. "We will even have healthy food," Vivian says with a smile. "The children will be eating veggie burgers, but maybe we'd better keep that secret since it's good for them."

The Delaware rally will coincide with hundreds of rallies in communities all across America. So far there are more than 500 local Stand For Children rallies planned in 50

tees on education, health, housing, abuse and crime, and each committee is researching its area so that we can be informed when we appear before members of the Legislature," Vivian says. "There are so many problems that it's astonishing."

Vivian has also gotten her family involved. Her husband, Leonard, Sr., who spent many years with the United Nations International Labor Organization before retiring, handles clerical duties for Delaware Stand For Children. And her only son, Leonard, Jr., who retired from Dupont after 25 years, helps out with business affairs.

"My life is frenetic, but it's interesting," says Vivian, who often stays up until 2:00 or 3:00 in the morning preparing for her visits to policy makers. "Sometimes I think about sitting on the porch and knitting, and then I say, 'Nah! I'm supposed to be living at this pace. I think it's what keeps me young.'"

When state Rep. Lane Mulrooney handed Vivian the Delaware Tomorrow Award recently, for her work with children, Mulrooney said, "It seems as if everybody will recognize Delaware Stand For Children as a dominant force for children for a long time." "She was right," Vivian says. "We will be a force that the Legislature, the governor, and the local government will have to deal with. And the good thing about Stand For Children is that it's not a one-time thing. We will remain for children."

For information on how you can Stand For Healthy Children in your community on June 1, 1997, call 1-800-663-4032.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, which coordinates the Black Community Crusade for Children (BCCC), whose mission is to leave no child behind and to ensure every child a healthy, head, fair, safe, and moral start in life. For more information about the BCCC, call 202-628-8787.

The enduring legacy of Malcolm X

This week we celebrate kuzaliwa, the birthday of "our Black Shining Prince" El Hajj Malik El Shabazz, Malcolm X. There is no leader in the history of Africans in America who is more worth to be commemorated, celebrated and emulated than Malcolm X. As we reflect on the tragic deaths of Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls in the last year, tow of our brilliant young warriors who lived and rapped about the "realness" of ghetto life, it is useful to see Malcolm's life as a metaphor of possibilities for those locked in the prison of ghetto life today. Malcolm rose from humble beginning in a poor working class family, he eventually got caught up in the dark underside of the domestic colonies created by Amerikkka's white supremacist system. He was a petty thief, a pimp and a light-weight gangsta who landed in Amerikkka's criminal justice system for his transgressions.

The remarkable thing about Malcolm, however, is that under the tutelage of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, he did not get stuck in the "thug life." He did not simply bemoan the "realness" of ghetto existence or wallow in and perpetuate it. Malcolm X transformed himself from an agent of destruction within Amerikkka's dark ghettos to an agent of liberation committed to changing the "realness" of racial oppression and economic exploitation afflicting Africans in America and the world. This transformative dimension is one of the most enduring aspects of the legacy of Malcolm X.

But there is obviously much more that this generation needs to study and learn from the life and teachings of El Hajj Malik El Shabazz. At a time when police brutality, killings and misconduct have reached epidemic proportions the analysis and teachings of Malcolm continue to be instructive: "The white press inflames the white public against Negroes... The police are able to make the white public think that 90 percent or 99 percent of the Negroes... are criminals. And once the white public is convinced that most of the Negro community is a criminal element, the this automatically paves the way for the police to move into the Negro community, exercising Gestapo tactics, stopping any Black man who is on the

sidewalk, whether he is guilty or whether he is innocent, whether he is well dressed or whether he is poorly dressed, whether he is educated or whether he is dumb... As long as he is Black and a member of the Negro community, the white public thinks that the white policeman is justified in going in there and trampling on that man's civil rights and... human rights."

Malcolm X understood the racist and systematic nature of police violence directed against the Black community. He also knew that only collective and concerted action by the Black masses would stop police violence and end the oppression/exploitation of the Black nation. Hence, Malcolm, taught us that we must control the

These were not popular ideas when Malcolm was among us and they are hardly popular today. But Malcolm courageously stood by his convictions, changing some precepts and concepts as his experiences expanded his knowledge base, but always standing firm on the basic principles of nationalism, internationalism and Pan-Africanism. It is clear that Malcolm's life and legacy are as relevant to our circumstances as African people today as ever before. No doubt Malcolm would be disappointed that "the more things change, the more they stay the same," that we have not made more progress since he walked among us. That notwithstanding, our "Black Shining Prince" would



Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman

At a gathering of state policy makers and said, "You may know that I conduct Child Watch visits [where she gives politicians and community leaders a firsthand look at children's plight by taking them on tours of neonatal wards, orphanages, juvenile courts, and other children's services], but just remember, I'll be watching you."

But since Vivian helped organize more than 2,700 people to Stand For Children at the Lincoln Memorial last June 1st, she has been working hard to keep children a top priority in Delaware. She's been bouncing from hearings at the State House in Dover to community meetings in Wilmington—arming herself with all the information she can gather about the needs of Delaware's children and focusing attention on specific things people can do to insure young people's lives.

At last count she had more than 30 organizations working together to plan the local Stand For Healthy Children rally on June 1, 1997 in Wilmington. They include social

states.

Under the umbrella of Stand For Children, people are networking and coming together with ideas for how to solve many of the problems children are facing. Vivian says, "There are a lot of services out there, but people don't know how to access them," she says. "When somebody needs to know something about mental health services for young people, I know I can turn to someone in our network to find out about it. It feels good when I can tell people how they can get help and not have to pay a lot of money for it."

As in every state, Vivian says, Delaware's children are suffering from poverty, poor nutrition, preventable childhood illnesses, and lack of health and dental coverage. "If everyone would get involved, children would not be suffering here or anywhere else," she says.

With Vivian's help, Delaware Stand For Children has organized committees to address children's issues. "We have set up commit-

Mend affirmative action now

For the first time in history, Black Americans are being penalized not because they are Black, but because other people pretending to be black are posing as Black in order to get a cut of the affirmative action pie. These pretenders are neither white nor Black. They are the "honorary" "white" people who previously avoided Black people and sometimes ridiculed Black people when talking with whites.

These recently converted pseudo-Blacks did not sit at segregated lunch counters or in the "crow's nest" at movie houses. They never

victimized ancestors and was thereby qualified to receive restitution because of the Civil Rights laws passed in the sixties.

These laws of the 1960s were aimed specifically to open opportunities for Blacks who, as a group, obviously had been systematically excluded from financial opportunities solely because they were African Americans.

Several other cases have involved Lebanese business men, Southwest Asian people and more, some having hired foolish Black men to "front" for their misrepresented and

This action, if thoroughly done, will help restrict non-Black pretenders and quiet some critics.

Affirmative Action laws should have written more rigidly to include only two wronged groups—female citizens and African American citizens of this nation.

The United States already had paid millions of dollars in "repair and restitution" to Native Americans who were wrongfully displaced and deprived to in the Westward Expansion. It also paid millions of dollars to Japanese-Americans and their descendants who were wrongfully imprisoned during World War II. Safeguards were taken then to guarantee that only the damaged persons received "repair and restitution." No outcry was made about wrongful benefits then. Careful monitoring of the affirmative action program will produce the same results today.

Just as specific restitution went to specifically damaged Native Americans and to specifically damaged Japanese internees, so must the specific restitution of affirmative action be applied only to African Americans who with their ancestors suffered slavery and discrimination.

Affirmative action benefits today must go only to American females and to American Blacks who, with their ancestors, must receive damage repair in the form of competitive financial advantages and "level playing fields" to heal wounds and repair damages inflicted by almost 400 years of slavery, exploitation, degradation, torture, and hopelessness.

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Minority Report

By James E. Allsbrook, Phd

attended Jim Crow schools designed to prepare Blacks for mediocrity and subordination or to be good, faithful, obedient nobodies.

These people come in various colors and from various places. They are yellow, brown, red, and various hues and shades among these tints and tones. They have come to America from Asia, South America, Central America, the Philippines, Guam, Alaska, the Middle East, North Africa and Asia, and represent most non-Caucasian groups. When the prospect of getting money became evident, many suddenly became "Black African Americans."

One example of wrongful intrusion into the Black populations is the case of the highway contractor in Colorado. He won a big highway paving job by getting preference through affirmative action on the basis that he was a descendant of

illegal enterprises.

When voluntary affirmative action began about 30 years ago, I emerged from Kansas University with my master's degree and became a reporter and feature writer in the previously all-white editorial offices of the Louisville Courier-Journal. After working there for two years, I thought I saw a glass ceiling and went back to school for a doctorate. Visiting that newspaper about 18 months later, I was introduced to the new "replacement" Black writer and was amazed. One glance and a few words indicated that my replacement was not an African American physically or culturally. Being considered Black then, like now, is tolerable if it means money in the pocket.

When President Clinton said he would "mend, not end," affirmative action he promised to look more closely at applicants and qualifiers.



Vantage Point

By Ron Daniels

politics and economics of the Black community, that politicians must come from and be accountable to the Black community. Deeply steeped in the philosophy of self help and self reliance that was/is the centerpiece of the economic program of the Nation of Islam, Malcolm consistently hammered home the point that Black people must utilize their economic resources for self development, that the shops, stores and business enterprises in the Black community should be owned by and accountable to Black people.

Malcolm's vision was not confined to Amerikkka, however. He was an internationalist and Pan-Africanist. Malcolm was clear that the same system of white supremacy that was oppressing Africans and people of color in Amerikkka was oppressing and exploiting people throughout the Third World and Africans everywhere including Africa. Therefore, he was a fierce proponent of self-determination of African and Third World people and devoted to the concept of African and Third World unity/solidarity as a means of achieving the goal of freedom from global white domination.

not give up on this generation. His abiding faith in the transformative power of African people as exemplified by his life would dictate that he exhort us to continue to struggle with the confidence that ultimately we will be victorious.

El Hajj Malik El Shabazz was born a victim of circumstances created by racism and white supremacy. Like so many victims of racial oppression and economic exploitation he was criminalized by a criminal system. In effect he was sentenced to death in the genocidal conditions of the ghetto. But Malcolm X refused to languish in the grave. He rose up to become one of the greatest leaders of African people of all time. This is an enduring legacy of Malcolm X, a legacy which should be an inspiration to this and succeeding generations. Long live Malcolm X! Ron Daniels was an independent candidate for President of the United States in 1992. He may be reached at CCR@igc.apc.org or 718-533-1624. He served as executive director of the National Rainbow Coalition and was a campaign manager for Jesse Jackson in 1988.

Police Brutality: What can we do?

Last week I wrote about what seems to be the rise of cases of police brutality across the nation. A recent National Emergency Conference on Police Brutality was held by the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) in New York City to look at the growing number of complaints. Conference participants came from 50 cities and 16 states to share their stories and examine this phenomenon.

In the week since I wrote that column Atlanta police chief Beverly Harvard has announced that she will study how to discipline two Atlanta officers, one of whom is a sergeant, who beat an Atlanta man repeatedly with a baton and who were caught on videotape by a passer-by. The Atlanta man, carrying his wife and two children in his car, was attempting to fill a prescription for his sick child and exited an interstate, only to be told to get back on the highway by police officers who had closed the exit because of Black College Spring break activities. What is causing this epidemic of police brutality? As more and more middle class Americans move to the suburbs and to gated communities with private police forces, they cut themselves off from people in the cities and they seem to care less how the police keep the peace.

Then, as more and more city residents are losing their jobs as factories move out of the country or become obsolete, there is growing economic pressure on poor, unskilled and poorly-educated

men, sometimes causing them to turn to crime. As we as a nation continue to deny the existence of racism, we do not take on police officers or others who exhibit racist behavior.

"It feels as if America is at war against itself and that there is a military occupying force targeted against citizens to many people in our cities," said Richie Perez of the National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights, an organization which has worked with many families of police brutality victims. "It almost

Constitutional Rights is working with Congressman John Conyers from Michigan on this issue. It is hoped that Congressional hearings will be held on police brutality since it is so widespread and that the Congressional Black Caucus will hold a workshop on this critical issue at their annual fall meeting.

In addition, CCR is working to set up a national network for parents and families of victims of domestic violence. This is critical, especially, for those families where



Civil Rights Journal

By Bernice Powell Jackson

feels as if we've adjusted to police brutality and corruption and to inferior education in our cities," said Rev. Jesse Jackson, another speaker at the conference.

What can we do about law enforcement official brutality? First, mayors and police chiefs must make it known that such brutality will not be condoned and will be punished. Only if these officials understand that the public will not tolerate police brutality will they take steps to end it because of the power of police unions and the code of silence which is prevalent in police forces.

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the victim was killed.

Finally, CCR is hoping to set up a national clearinghouse to collect data on police and other law enforcement official brutality. Right now there is much anecdotal information showing that this phenomenon is on the rise, but no one is collecting statistics to prove it.

(For more information, call the Center for Constitutional Rights at 1-800-7640235.)

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Woman Of God



A truly anointed woman of God, Rosie O'Neal, pastor of Koinonia Church, is shown posing for The 'M' Voice camera after an inspiring service.

PCMH will search for ways to transport non-emergency patients

GREENVILLE—Thanks to a state transportation grant, Pitt County Memorial Hospital and the N.C. Department of Transportation will look into ways to better coordinate non emergency transportation for people needing health care in eastern North Carolina.

The grant of approximately \$80,000 comes from the Public Transportation Division of the DOT and will fund a two-year pilot project to improve the coordination between regional health care providers and people who need to come to Greenville to receive care, said Glyn Young, PCMH administrator for continuity of care. Project leaders hope to get it off the ground by June.

The funding will pay to hire one person—who will be a PCMH employee—to develop a coordinated health care transportation system for the region. An advisory board of people who live in the region will also be formed. The Regional Development Institute at East Carolina University and the DOT will monitor the project's progress and evaluate it after two years.

Young explained that vans funded by public agencies typically bring people from distant counties to Greenville for care. But due to funding restrictions, vans from one county usually are pro-

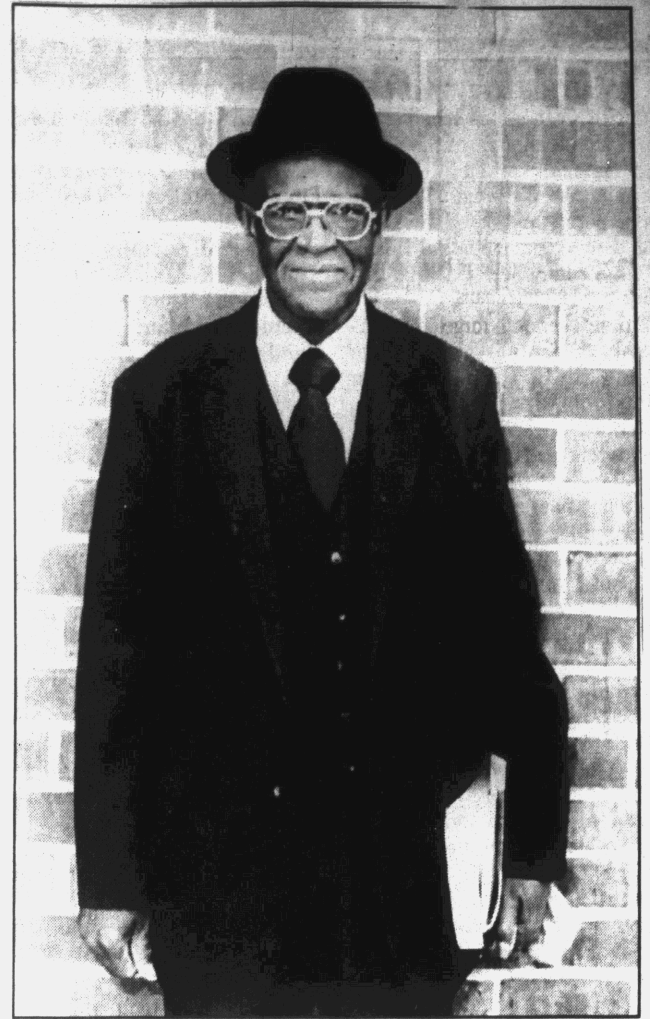
hibited from transporting people who live in another county. As an example, Young said a van traveling from Pasquotank County to Greenville will pass through several other counties which have people who also need to come here for care, but the van can't pick them up.

Since the 29-county region of eastern North Carolina which PCMH serves is a vast region populated by people who often lack personal transportation, they often will call emergency medical services to transport them for routine care, Young said. Or, she added, they will wait until a routine problem becomes serious and then call EMS.

EMS typically do not get reimbursed by Medicare or other payers for non-emergency transport, Young said. A 20-mile EMS trip can cost as much as \$250, she said, while the same trip by van costs only \$23. That's why the DOT feels this project is an important one.

"We see the coordination of medical transportation as a way to improve cost effectiveness and efficiency of vehicle use," said Leonard Holden, a DOT transportation consultant. "Our number one priority is to lower the cost of transportation while meeting the need."

A Real Pioneer



Mr. Joseph Barrette, a member of Mt. Calvary Church is hanging in there after a Sunday service.

Rose dominates meet

When the J.H. Rose boys' track team lost out in the Big East Conference meet last week, it hurt. So they decided they had to make up for it by winning the East Regionals, something no Rose team had ever done.

Saturday afternoon, the Rampants fulfilled that dream, running away with the championship.

The Rampants, led by Alvin Grimes, Micah Spaulding-Dixon and Blake Roberson, collected 90 points to easily outdistance Apex's 74. Jacksonville and New Bern tied for third with 57 points each.

"I'm ecstatic," Rose coach James Rankins said. "All week, we new we could be in the top three, but I had no idea we could win it."

"But the guys kept telling me that we could win. They wanted to make up for not winning the conference meet. Some of the other teams might have had more top seeds, but I think we had more heart."

Grimes, an ironman by any standards, won two individual events and ran legs on two winning relay teams. What makes that so special is that three of the events, the 800-meter relay, the 100-meter dash and the 110-meter high hurdles, are all run in succession.

"I feel really good," Grimes said. "I had a lot of support from my teammates; we always stick together."

Grimes credited his winning in the 110 hurdles (14.6 seconds), the 100 (10.7 seconds) and the 800-meter relay (1:30.05, along with Anthony Barrett, Savior Jones and Spaulding-Dixon, to his coach. "He gives me good training and good conditioning to run all three,"

Roots of black syphilis epidemic in World War I

Wars bring death, destruction and disease to populations, and World War I was the catalyst behind an epidemic of syphilis among southern Black Americans that continued for nearly 40 years, according to Penn State researchers.

"The social disruption brought on by World War I was the critical and unique environmental condition that ignited an epidemic of syphilis among Black Americans," according to Dr. Toni P. Miles, professor of biobehavioral health and director, Center for Special Populations, at Penn State.

Using a biohistoric approach to the problem, Miles and Dr. David McBride, professor of African and African-American studies and history, looked at the cohort of men born between 1890 and 1899. These men were youths during WWI and, for them, venereal disease became a major health problem.

World War I was the first time that large number of African-Americans entered the military and served overseas. During the war, 380,000 blacks served in the Army and 200,000 served in Europe.

The researchers note, in a recent issue of "Social Science and Medicine," that World War I created multiple occasions for propagating syphilis. Opportunities existed first en route to enlistment, then during induction and finally upon return from overseas

duty. In 1918, the rates of syphilis infection were 35.7 per thousand men and 32 per thousand men for black and white recruits, respectively. By 1941, the rate for black recruits was 252.3 per thousand while the rate for white recruits was 17.4 per thousand. Between the wars, something had drastically affected the rate of syphilis in the black population.

While military bases have long been recognized as distribution points for venereal disease, World War I was unique because of the enormous dislocation of men, especially black men. Although none of the military men transported to Europe had syphilis, the general rate of syphilis in the French population was about 10 percent. Most black soldiers in Europe were not sent to the front, but handled resource distribution and behind-the-lines support, provided ample

opportunity to contract syphilis. "Soldiers not only returned home to wives and girlfriends who became infected, but the 'lure of the Khaki' led to promiscuity between soldiers and young women both during and directly after the war," says Miles. "Syphilis among women emerged as a public health issue after the war."

By the 1920s and 1930s, the rates of sexually transmitted diseases in the US among both blacks and white was high, with a death rate from syphilis for white men at about 28 per 100,000 and for black men at about 98 per 100,000. The mortality of women was lower, but black women had a rate of 41 per 100,000 while white women had a rate of about nine per 100,000. Sexually transmitted diseases were also associated with a lower birth rate among black women and increased stillbirths.

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OBITUARIES

MAMIE RUTH WELLS
GREENVILLE - Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mrs. Mamie Ruth Wells age 67 of 1216 Davenport Street Greenville, N.C. who died at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C. Sunday, April 27, 1997.

Funeral service was held Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Warren Chapel Free Will Baptist Church in Winterville, N.C. with the pastor, Elder W.H. Joyner officiating. Burial followed in the Greenwood Cemetery in Greenville. Mrs. Wells was a native of Pitt County where she attended the County schools. She was a member of Warren Chapel Church and served on the Senior Usher Board.

She is survived by two daughters; Mamie W. Leake of Greenville, N.C. and Teresa Wells of Rocky Mount, N.C., three sons; Walter Wells of Columbus, Ga., Terry Wells of Hawaii and Dennis Wells of Greenville, N.C., two sisters; Alice McLawhorn of Winterville, N.C. and Helen Washington of Brooklyn, New York, one brother, Arthur Anderson of Brooklyn, N.Y., 10 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The family met friends Friday night from 7 to 8 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville.

Mrs. Leareau H. Sherrod Flanagan Funeral Home announce the death and funeral services for Mrs. Leareau H. Sherrod, 82, 1002 A, West 6th St., who died Saturday, April 26, 1997 in Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held

Thursday 1:00 p.m., St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church. Burial in Homestead Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Sherrod was a native of Pitt County and attended the local schools. She was a member of St. Peter's Missionary Baptist Church.

Surviving: daughters, Deloris S. Carter of Planinsfield, NJ, Geraldine S. Baker of Irvington, NJ, Mildred S. Warren of Greenville, NC; son, Charlie L. Sherrod, Jr., of Whitehouse Station, NJ; sister, Rosa Adams of Greenville, NC; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

Visitation Wednesday 8-9 p.m. Flanagan Funeral Chapel.

MRS. ANNIE RUTH DANIELS

In profound sorrow Rountree and Associates Funeral Home announces the death of, Ms. Annie Ruth Daniels, 41, of 119 Hollybrook Estate, died Thursday, April 24, 1997, in Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services Wednesday 1:00 p.m., Philippi Church of Christ.

Interment in Homestead Gardens. Bishop Randy Royal officiating.

Ms. Daniels a native of Pitt County was a member of Philippi Church of Christ where she served on the #2 Usher Board. She was a graduate of Oklahoma College School of Nursing and was employed by Home Health Care Services as a nurse.

She is survived by: one daughter; Andria Lane of Washington, N.C., one son; Eric Daniels of Greenville, N.C., parents: Mother,

Helen Brown of Greenville, N.C., father; James Bradley of Greenville, N.C., five sisters; Helen Crandle of Stokes, N.C., Bettye Young of Greenville, N.C.

C., Mary Langley of Greenville, N.C., Patricia Johnson of Greenville, N.C., and Sharon Brown of Greenville, N.C., three grandchildren.

Wake Tuesday 8 til 9 p.m. at the Church. Family visitation at the home of Ronnie Matthews 119 Hollybrook Estates, Greenville, N.C.

Arrangements by Rountree and Associates Funeral Home.

MRS. QUEENIE SMITH PATTERSON

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death of Mrs. Queenie Smith Patterson, 91, of 1004 Hill Road Circle, died Sunday, April 27, 1997 in Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services Wednesday 2:00 p.m., Flanagan Funeral Chapel. Burial in Branches Cemetery.

Mrs. Patterson was a native of Pitt County and attended the local schools.

Surviving: Chiquita Whitaker of the home; sisters, Jessis R. Strong of Winter, NC and Lucy Leggett of Ayden, NC; five grandchildren.

Visitation Tuesday 7-8 p.m. at Flanagan Funeral Chapel. Please do not send flowers. Flanagan Funeral Home, Inc., Greenville.

MR. WILLIAM B. CHAPMAN

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mr. William B. Chapman, 75, of 114 Thower St., died April 30, 1997 in Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services Wednesday 2:00 p.m., Mt. Shiloh Disciples of Christ. Burial in Shiloh Cemetery. Mr. Chapman was a native of Craven County and attended the local schools. He was a retired brick mason.

Surviving: sons, William E. Chapman, Johnnie Chapman, and Chester Kornegay all of Greenville, N.C., James E. Kornegay of Ayden, N.C., Jesse C. Kornegay of Ra-

leigh, N.C., Mitchell W. Chapman of Baltimore, MD; daughters, Eva Mae Kornegay of Kinston, N.C., Evangelist Rhonda Kornegay of Winterville, NC; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

Visitation Tuesday 7-8 p.m. at Flanagan Funeral Chapel.

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH GRIGGS

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Griggs, 60, of 1256 Crawford Street, died Thursday, April 29, 1997 in Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City.

Funeral services Wednesday 4:00 p.m. Bethel Chapel Church. Burial in Pinelawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Griggs was a native of Edgecombe County where she attended the local schools. Surviving: father, Mathew Thigpen of Bethel, NC; sons, Johnny Ray Griggs and Alton Earl Griggs both of Norwalk, Ct; daughter, Mary Ethel Capers of Norwalk, CT; three brothers, Richard Thigpen of Long Island, NY, Calvin Thigpen and Ervin Thigpen both of Norwalk, CT; sisters, Mildred Yarrell and Annie Manor both of Norwalk Ct; four grandchildren.

MR. JASPER RAY BULLOCK

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mr. Jasper Ray Bullock, Sr. age 41 of 114 Hammond Street, Winterville, N.C., who died at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C. Saturday, April 26, 1997.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 2:00 p.m. at Philippi Missionary Baptist Church in Simpson, N.C., with the pastor, Rev. A.C. Batchelor officiating. Burial in the Winterville Cemetery.

Mr. Bullock was a native of Simpson, N.C. and attended the County Schools. He was a member of Philippi Missionary Baptist Church where he served as the president of the Male Choir.

He is survived by his wife; Deborah Wilks Bullock of the home, three sons; Jasper Ray Bullock, Jr. of Winterville, N.C., Michael Green and Lamont Green

of New Haven Ct., three daughters; Yolanda P. Blount and Kia Edwards of Greenville, N.C., and Latoshia A. Bullock of Winterville, N.C., three sitters; Rev. Janie Cox Hiers, Evelyn Cox and Florence Rodgers of Greenville, N.C., three brothers; William Cox and Steven Bullock of New Haven Ct., and David Earl Harper of Alexandria, Va., five grandchildren, three aunts, four uncles, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The body was on view Wednesday from 2 to 9 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville.

For further information concerning the obituary, you may call Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville. Telephone: 756-3492.

MRS. LUCY B. HARRELL

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mrs. Lucy B. Harrell, 80, of 2601 Pocosin Road, died Friday, May 2, 1997 at her residence.

Funeral services Wednesday 8 p.m. Warren Chapel FWB Church. Burial Thursday 10:00 a.m. Homestead Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Harrell was a native of Pitt County where she attended the local schools. She was a member of Waterside FWB Church.

Surviving: daughters, Ernestine H. Brewer of Brooklyn, NY, Mattie Phillip, Grace Phillips, Bonita Tyson, and Pamela Harrell all of Greenville, Gloria Hill of Queens, NY, Sandra Harrell of the home, Marty Fabian of Irvin, CA; sons, Johnny Harrell of Brooklyn, NY, Terry Harrell of Ayden, NC, Ricky Harrell of Greenville, NC; sisters, Cherry Ricks of Baltimore, MD, Jammie Brown of Brooklyn, NY; 40 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren.

MRS. VIOLA DARDEN

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mrs. Viola Darden, 88, of 122 B. Howard Circle, died Tuesday, May 13, 1997 in Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services Sunday 2:00 p.m. Flanagan Funeral Chapel. Burial in Brownhill Cemetery.

Mrs. Darden was a native of Pitt

County and attended the local schools.

Surviving: sisters, Mary Shirley, Sadie Bell Daughtry, Alethia Vines, and Charity Taft all of Greenville, NC.

MR. ROBERT L. WILSON

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mr. Robert L. Wilson, 42, of Apt. 6-B Quail Ridge, died Sunday, May 4, 1997 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services Friday 3:00 p.m. Riddick Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial in Pinelawn Cemetery.

Mr. Wilson was a native of Pitt County and attended the local schools.

Surviving: mother, Mary C. Wilson of Goldpoint, NC; sons, Robert Earl Wilson of the home, Roxsheen Sneed of New York; brothers, Johnny Salisbury of Tarboro, NC, Lind Earl Wilson of Baltimore, MD; sisters, Pearlie Best of Greenville, NC, Mary Wilson Parker of Williamston, NC, Sylvia Knight of Bethel, NC, Adelaide Albritton of Goldpoint, NC; one grandchild.

Visitation Thursday 7-8 p.m. at the church.

MR. MORRIS SPEIGHT, SR

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mr. Morris Speight, Sr., 54, of Lot 28 Smith Trailer Park, died Friday, May 9, 1997, at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

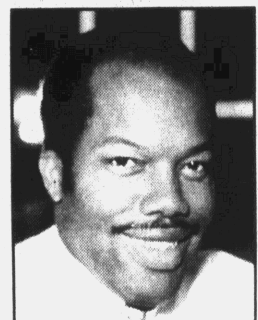
Surviving: wife, Lizzie H. Speight of the home; son, Morris Speight, Jr., of Washington, DC; daughters, Jacqueline Speight and Elizabeth Speight both of Greenville, NC; brothers, Bobby Speight and Jimmy Speight both of Washington DC, Charles Speight and Melvin Speight both of Maryland; sisters, Shirley Speight and Betty Jean Speight both of Maryland, Rosa Speight of New York, Queenie Speight of Greenville, NC, Minnie Horne of Goldsboro, NC, Marilyn Speight of Oak City, NC.

Viewing one hour before service.

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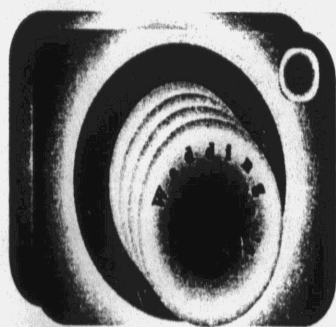
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OBITUARIES

MRS. MARTHA P. BURNAY

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mrs. Martha P. Burnay, 72, of 704 W. 2nd St., died Friday, May 9, 1997 at her home.

Funeral services Thursday 2:00 p.m. St. Rest Holiness Church, Winterville. Burial in Homestead Memorial Gardens.

She was born in Bruce/Falkland Community and attended the local schools. She was a member of Pictolus Holy Church.

Surviving: daughter, Mary Burney of Ayden, NC, Thelma Carr of Greenville, NC, Ella B. Battle of Rocky Mount, NC; sons, James Burney of Ayden, NC, Samuel Prayer of Winterville, NC, David Burney of New Haven, Ct; sisters, Francis P. Stencil of East Orange, NJ, Addie Dodson and Dorothy Barnes both of Dorchester, MA, Annie Mae Harris of Fountain, NC; fostersons, Pastor Doe, Mingo Davis, Pastor Daniels; foster daughters, Belinda Wilkes, Peggie Midgette, Sister Daniels; 25 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren.

Visitation Wednesday 8-9 p.m. Flanagan Funeral Chapel.

MR. RODNEY GREEN

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mr. Rodney Green, 22, of 208 West Main St., died Monday, May 12, 1997 at the home.

Funeral services Saturday 2:00 p.m. Holy Temple Church of God in Christ. Burial in Hamilton Memorial Site.

Mr. Green was a native of Martin County and attended the local schools.

Surviving: mother, Vanessa G. Lyons of Hamilton, NC; father, Walter Lyons of Lakeland, FL; maternal grandmother, Ada Green of Hamilton, NC; paternal grandmother, Mary Lyons of Oak City, NC; sisters, Lecie Manning of Greenville, NC, Janae and Jaznee Lyons of Lakeland, FL; brother,

Eddie Kentrell Green of Hamilton, Nc.

Visitation Friday 7-8 p.m. at the church.

MR. HENRY HOOKS

Mitchell's Funeral announces the death and funeral services for Mr. Henry Hooks, age 85 of 1807 Rusk Road Ayden, N.C. who died at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C., Monday, May 12, 1997.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Winterville, N.C. with the pastor, Rev. Gregory Ellis officiating. Burial in the Ayden Cemetery.

Mr. Hooks was a native of Pitt County where he attended the County Schools. He was a member of Mt. Shiloh Church and served as a Deacon.

He is survived by his wife, Hattie Windley Hooks of the home, four sons; Robert Lee Hooks of Vanceboro, N.C., James M. Hooks of Greenville, N.C., Alvin R. Hooks of Murray, N.C. and Larry A. Hooks of Brooklyn, N.Y., five daughter; Anna H. Maddox and Deborah D. Whiten both of Greenville, N.C., Marion B. Harper of Cassett, S.C., Valeria S. Scott of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Brenda J. Dixon of Walstonburg, N.C., one sister, Fannie Tuggle of Baltimore, MD., 52 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

The family met with friends Friday night from 7 to 8 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville.

For further information concerning this obituary, you may call Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville. Telephone: 756-3492.

MR. PAUL JUNIOR JOYNER

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mr. Paul Junior Joyner

age 71 of 302 Catherine Court Wilson, N.C. who died at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C. Wednesday, May 21, 1997.

Funeral service was held Monday at 2:00 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Chapel in Winterville, N.C. with Rev. Kenneth Battle officiating.

Burial in the Greenwood Cemetery in Greenville, N.C.

He is survived by four sons; Paul Joyner, Jr. of Fort Washington, Md., Timothy Joyner of Raleigh, N.C., Rodger D. Joyner of Wilson, N.C. and Dwayne L. Joyner of Bethel, N.C., two daughters; Velma; Velma G. Dove of Fort Washington, Md. and Rena T. Joyner of Wilson, N.C., three sisters; Christine Faircloth of Albany, New York, Elma Mitchell of Washington D.C., one brother, James Joyner of Washington, D.C., six grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The body was on view at Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville, N.C. Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m.

For further information concerning this obituary, you may call Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville. Telephone: 756-3492.

MS. ICELENE HARPER PETERSON

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Ms. Icelene Harper Peterson age 57 of 12 Contentnea Street Greenville, N.C. who died at Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, N.C. Wednesday, May 21, 1997.

Funeral service was held Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Chapel in Winterville, N.C. with Elder Ronnie Purvis officiating.

Burial in the Greenwood Cemetery in Greenville, N.C.

She is survived by three daughters; Ernestine Purvis, Shelia Peterson and Angelia Peterson all of Greenville, N.C., one son, Will-

iam Peterson of Greenville, N.C., her mother, Annie Harper of Greenville, N.C., five sisters; Christine Farmer, Barbara Perkins, Deloris Howard, Lizzie Speight, Terry Harper all of Greenville, N.C., four brothers; Thomas Harper of Bridgeport, Ct., Leo Harper, Pete Harper, Jr., Timothy Harper all of Greenville, N.C., five grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends.

The body was on view Saturday from 2:00 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville.

For further information concerning this obituary, you may call Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville. Telephone: 756-3492.

MR. AUGUSTUS LEROY ANDREWS

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mr. Augustus Leroy Andrews, 41, of 1538 Carlos Drive, died Saturday, May 17, 1997 Pitt County Memorial Hospital. Funeral services Friday, May 23, 2:00 p.m. at Wynne Chapel M.B. Church.

Burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Mr. Andrews was a native of Pitt County and attended the local schools. He was employed with NACO/Yale.

Surviving: brothers, James Andres of Bethel, NC, Donnie Andrews of Greenville, NC; sisters, Geradine Andrews of Robersonville, NC, Rosa L. Chrery of Greenville, NC.

Visitation Thursday 6-8 p.m. Flanagan Funeral Chapel.

MRS. DORIS JEAN TEEL

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services of

Mrs. Doris Jean Teel who was called to her heavenly rest, Monday, May 19, 1997 at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held Thursday 2:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Raymond Peele officiated. Interment in Homestead Memorial Gardens.

Ms. Teel, a native of Greenville, attended C.M. Eppes High School and Shaw University. She taught school for over 20 years in Pitt and Edgecombe Counties.

Ms. Teel is survived by her son, Adam Chad Nobles; sisters, Jane D. Teel and Lauraetta T. Gatlin of Greenville, NC; brothers, James E. (Tokie) Teel of Greenville, NC and William E. (Bill) Teel of Manassa, Va., and one brother-in-law, Walter E. Gatlin of Greenville, NC. and three grandchildren; two uncles, David Adams of Greenville, NC and Julius Best of Jacksonville, Fla; aunts, Mary Manne and Viola Rogers of Baltimore, Md, Daisy Spain, Annie Teel and Willie B. Adams all of Greenville, NC.

Cherished friends, Maggie Faulcon of Raleigh, NC, Ann Tyson of Greenville, Sidney Smith of Burlington, NC and a special friend, Larry Guew of Durham, NC, a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Viewing 4-8 p.m., Wednesday at Flanagan Funeral Chapel and at other times the family was at the residence at 1101 Fairfax Ave., Greenville, NC.

MR. LINDBURGH "SHORTY" JOYNER

Flanagan Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mr. Lindburgh "Shorty" Joyner, 67, of 1808 Battle Dr., died Thursday, May 15, 1997 at Guardian Care of Farmville.

Funeral services Monday 1:00 p.m. Rockspring FWB Church. Burial in Homestead Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Joyner was a native of Pitt County and attended the local schools.

He was a member of Rockspring UAFWBC. He was owner of Joyner

Drywall Plastering Construction Company, Hannah's Convenient Mart, The Flamingo and Virgo Nightclubs.

Surviving: wife, Martha E. Joyner of the home; daughters, Linda J. Brown of Baltimore, MD, Evangelist Phyllis Watts and Estella J. Davis both of Greenville, NC; sons, Keith M. Joyner of Alexandria, VA, William O. Joyner of Windsor, Conn., Michael R. Joyner of Norcross, GA, James Yarrell of California, Reginald Monte' Williams of Greenville, NC.

Viewing Sunday 7-8 p.m. Flanagan Funeral Home.

MR. PRENTICE LEE "TOM" BIZZELL

Mitchell's Funeral Home announces the death and funeral services for Mr. Prentice Lee "Tom" Bizzell, Sr. age 61 of 236 Miller Street, Goldsboro, N.C. who died at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro Saturday, May 10, 1997.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew F.W.B. Church in LaGrange with the pastor, Elder Jimmie L. Stewart officiating. Burial in the St. Matthew Cemetery in LaGrange.

He is survived by his wife, Gladys Bizzell of Mount Olive, N.C., two sons; Prentice Bizzell, Jr. of Goldsboro, N.C. and Michael Bizzell of Durham, N.C., three daughters; Brenda Stanback of Jacksonville, N.C., Wanda Bizzell of Goldsboro, N.C., and Dianne Bizzell of Vernon, Ct., four sisters; Helen Philpot, Verna Sutton, Marlen Sutton, and Carol Sutton all of LaGrange, N.C., one brother, Billy Jack Bizzell of LaGrange, N.C., eight grandchildren, one aunt, a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

The body was on view Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Mitchell's Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Mitchell's Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements for the Bizzell family.

Nikes: Are they the shoes of death?

Intelligent marketing keeps sinister shoes on top of heap

By Dennis Schatzman

I was wearing a \$150 pair of white Nike high top tennis shoes on the night of Nov. 17, 1990.

That's when I was shot in the back by a drug dealer who wanted the pay telephone I was using on the corner of Georgia Avenue and Webster Street in Washington D.C.

The dealer and his entourage left before they could get my shoes, a popular pastime in those (as well as these) days. But one of the paramedics who arrived at the scene didn't miss a step. I entered the Washington Hospital Center emergency room sans Nike.

I was reminded of that incident in March when the grisly videotape was shown on the evening news of the 39 Heaven's Gate members who committed suicide. All of them were wearing black low-top Nikes.

How ironic that a shoe that comes with so much negative baggage would be named "Nike."

The name came from Greek mythology: Nike was the goddess of victory, usually represented as a winged figure carrying a wreath and a palm branch. Other than the shoes, the only reference to Nike in the 20th century is to the U.S. Army surface-to-air guided missile, evolved through several stages (Nike-Ajax, Nike-Hercules, Nike-Zeus) weighing about 2,200 lbs. with an 80-mile range.

There is no evidence that people run faster, further or jump higher if they wear Nikes than say - Converse or Pro Keds. In fact, more Olympic medals have been won by people who have worn those German shoes, Puma and Adidas than Nike, the - ahem - shoes of victory.

What is unmistakable about the Nike brand is that it is the most expensive mass-produced athletic shoe on the market, starting from roughly \$90 a pair. It is the shoe of choice for many inhabitants of the dirt-poor Black and brown ghettos that aren't used to having anything of value. How little ghetto urchins whose parents can afford to give their children three square meals a day can fork up upwards of \$150 for a pair of tennis shoes is beyond me.

In the early 1980s, I was sitting on the district court bench in my hometown of Pittsburgh, PA. as a judge. Many truancy cases came across my desk. I remember one case where this ninth grader had all failing grades and this kid was wearing top-of-the-line Nikes in my courtroom. I asked the mother who had bought these lovely and expensive shoes. She said he did. I made that boy take those shoes off in my courtroom and walk back to school, sans Nike or any other footwear. I sent the shoes up to Ida Dula who ran the Salvation Army office in the all-Black section of Homewood-Brushton who promptly gave them to someone who had no shoes at all. I'm proud to say, however, that the boy never illegally missed another day of school after that.

But, I digress. Nike has been making International news of late in other ill-repu-

table ways. On March 28, Cable News Network reported that Nike makes most of its shoes in Vietnam and Indonesia and pays the worker 20 cents an hour, even less during the employees' probationary period. A Latina student of mine rationalized that these Asian workers are due this paltry sum of money because, "They don't require that much money to survive where they live." "Yea sure," I told her.

Perhaps she should explain that to that thousands of her countrymen and women who cross the Mexican border each day so they can live on minimum wage, which is quadruple what they make in Nueva, Casa Grandes, Magdalena, Puerto Penasco and other village south of the Rio Grande.

Further, I asked her, "if these people can live comfortably on 20 cents a day, why don't my Nikes cost only \$45 or less?" No answer there.

Fortunately for Nike, much of this negative aura is not widely known to the public. Philip Knight, Nike's chairman of the board, is the consummate marketing genius. Two public relations coups have helped to keep his company at the top of the tennis shoe heap in the nation's employment, food and self-esteem starved ghetto neighborhoods.

First, Knight landed a deal with both Jerry Jones and his Dallas Cowboys, better known as "America's Team," and the parent National Football League to supply those members teams with official NFL logoed paraphernalia. Then Knight signed phenom Black golfer Tiger Woods to a \$60 million promotion deal, and damn if he

didn't kick everybody's derriere on the links, Fuzzy Zoeller notwithstanding.

Intelligent marketing aside, Knight's genius does not mask the fact the Nike, like the boom box craze of the 1980s, is laughing all the way to the bank on the backs of poor little ghetto kids (and paramedics) who sometime rob, steal and sell drugs to get the money to buy vastly overpriced Nike tennis shoes so they can be "in the mix," as it were.

Obviously, something has to be done about his prostitution of America's poor communities under the guise that it is just being aggressive marketer. That's just pure horsepuckey. In Part Two, you will see why.

(The author is a journalism professor at California State University at Fullerton, a NNPA syndicated columnist, media advisor for the Congress of Racial Equality of California, a former district court judge in Pittsburgh, PA, and the co-author of "The Simpson Trial in Black and White.")

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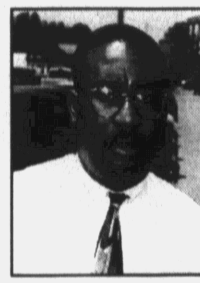
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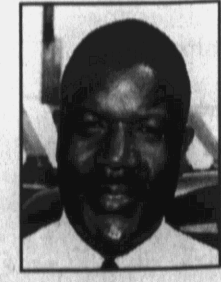
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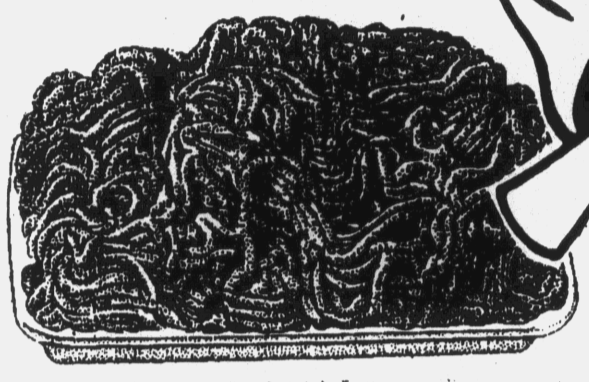


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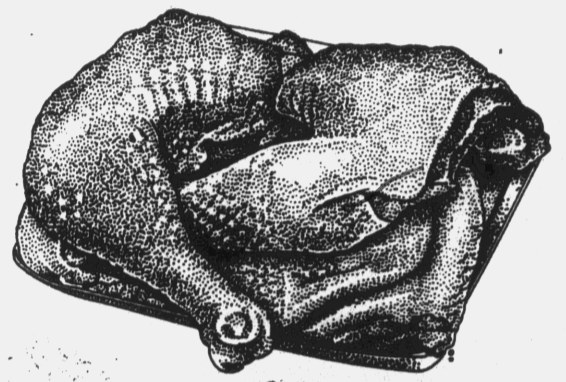


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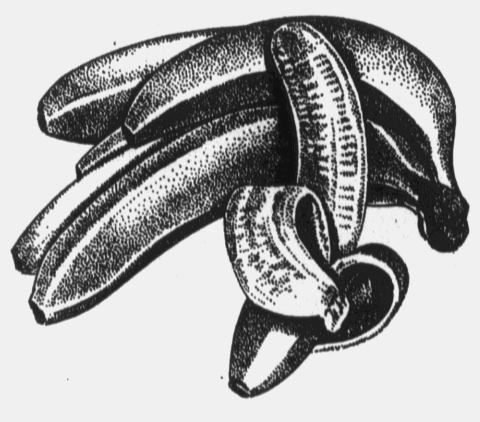
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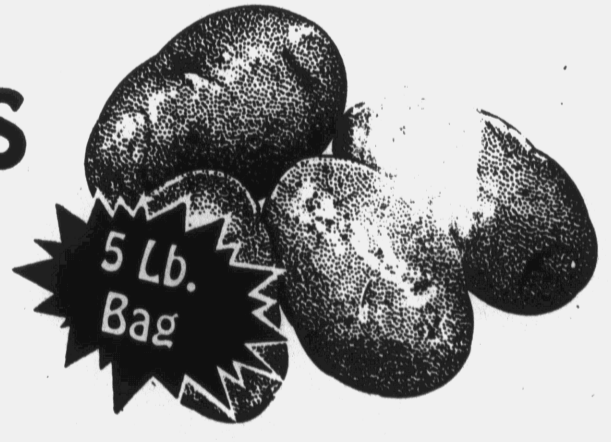
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Tribute

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guided the Association through turbulent times. For some, it is remembering his walking the floor at the annual meetings and pounding the table at times, becoming emotional about giving back to the University that he loved so much. For some, it is remembering how he always took the lead in annual giving, challenging each to give because of the great need of students for financial assistance. He was adamant about having funds for any deserving student who wanted to come to A&T. For some, it is remembering his place at Homecomings and Commencements, for we always looked for Howard. He had the record of returning to both of these events for more consecutive years than any other Aggie. For some, it is remembering how serious he was about our image - always on top of the things he thought enhanced and preserved our rich history. Some of us always will remember the lectures on our school colors. Howard, since I know you are listening, please know that I am wearing for you today, the true Aggie colors - dark blue and antique gold! I will continue to insist that we keep our colors correct! For some, it is remembering his voice of support for the Association while he was a member of the University Board of Trustees and the University Foundation Board of Directors. For some, it is remembering him as a mentor, someone who was always there to offer encouragement. Howard, we have a new bumper sticker that reminds me of you and I know you would approve, "The hassle is worth the tassel."

Each of us in the leadership family has a personal memory that we bear silently for it has a deeper inner meaning that we hold sacred. But collectively, for all of us, our memory is of a man who was a gentleman, a family man, a fraternity man, an effective politician, and an Aggie who could be classified as a donor, recruiter, fund raiser, supporter, dedicated worker and committed to all that was good about NC A&T. Our memory is of a man who loved us freely without reservation. Whatever our needs were, he tried to fulfill them, even bending in his values depending on the importance of our need. When we were lonely in leadership positions and needed him, he was there. If we needed to talk, he listened, if we needed to listen, and believe me as youngsters we needed to at times and he talked. When we needed the strength of the human touch, he touched us. He gave to us all of the things that make life worth living, like faith, caring, sharing, joy, kindness, understanding and love. He issued not just words, but a spirit that inspired, that motivated, that energized, that illuminated, but, most of all, that unified us. Today we continue to observe the Aggie family unity he desired so much.

Surely we will miss him, but our memories are such pleasant ones that they will sustain us. We will use our memories to keep alive within us that part of Howard which we knew so well, and we will cherish the legacy—the legacy of a champion which he has left for all of us—that legacy of love and honor which was his life and which, in truth, can never, never die. So Howard

The memory which you left is a happy one; You left an afterglow since your time on earth is no more.

You left a real echo whispered softly to all of us today so, we remember the happy times and bright and sunny days.

We are grieved, but our tears are now dried before the sun by the many happy memories that you left now that your life is done.

Deloris C. Chisley, President and Velma R. Speight, Executive Director, The North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Alumni Association, Incorporated

Kemron

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just involve the clinics or myself, Dr. Justice and that of Wilbur Jordan on the West Coast, but major institutions including three of the country's four Black medical schools, Meharry, Howard and Charles Drew. And, they were soon joined by Georgetown, State University of New York and Yale University's School of Medicine.

But, the dirty tricks were not finished yet; the day after the clinical trials opened, we discovered that the Internal Revenue Service had frozen all of the assets of the Abundant Life Clinic of Washington, D.C. which I head and later Dr. Justice was faced with the same IRS attack, making it nearly impossible for us to continue in our work. If it had not been for the unprecedented dedication of our respective staff, the work indeed would have ground to a halt. Similar tactics were used on the West Coast against Dr. Jordan who suddenly discovered that his sources had also dried up and he was unable to hire the staff needed to run the trials in the Los Angeles area.

But, through the bloody onslaught, the work continued, the workers still persevered, the patients still enrolled and by March of 1997, more than 193 patients, mostly African-Americans, had been enrolled in the Kemron Clinical Trials and the work still continues. Within the next 12 months, the clinical trials should be completed with a full complement of 565 patients, each followed for six months.

The criterion for enrollment in the trials is simple: The person must be 18 years or older and if female, they cannot be pregnant; they cannot have a T-cell count (CD4) between 50 and 350 and must have some of the clinical signs and symptoms of HIV/AIDS.

While enrolled in the trials they will be given possibly one of three

formulations of low dose alpha interferon or a placebo (sugar pill). The study is "double-blinded" which means that neither doctors nor patients know exactly what each patient is receiving. The code for each patient cannot be cracked until they go off study. In this way, no bias will be introduced in the tabulation.

Dr., Justice and myself are confident that the Black community supports this historic effort which is a major African-inspired breakthrough in AIDS research with the ongoing struggle of African-Americans in the Diaspora. We Black researchers appreciate the efforts of the Black press who have kept this story alive from the beginning. By continuing to pull together, we are convinced that the study will yield useful, productive and positive results. The day is not far off when low dose oral alpha interferon will be the main treatment for HIV/AIDS all over the world - and guess what, it all started in Africa.

For those who are interested in finding out about how to enroll in the Kemron Clinical Trials please call our study coordinator, Kimotho Muhammad at (202) 397-4080.

Dr. Abdul Alim Muhammad is head of the Abundant Life Clinic in Washington, D.C.

On The Job



East Carolina University housekeeper, Sisters Tempie Streeter and Daisy, are shown on the job in uniform with that housekeeping dedication smile on their faces, at Cotton Hall on ECU campus. God had blessed these sisters to take care of our children on the hill.

King

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Home Box Office, the publisher of *El Diario-La Prensa* of New York City, the oldest paper in the United States, asked Latinos to support a boycott of the HBO network, in a recent editorial.

Merchant's statement angered Oscar de la Hoya to the extent that he threatened to refuse to fight on HBO in the future is Merchant is a part of the ringside broadcast team.

The complete editorial from *El Diario-La Prensa* follows: "If we were to take Don King out of the boxing business, we would see a group of white males making money while Blacks and Hispanics kill each other in the ring."

"The white males who control the business seem to have no respect for the boxers and their heritage: they are only interested in making money off them."

"The facts show it." "Larry Merchant, a white male, is one of the country's foremost boxing commentators. He has taken time to make racially offensive remarks against champions like Mike Tyson and Julio Caesar Chavez without any consequences for it."

"His latest insult came during the recent Oscar de la Hoya fight. The boxer had invited a mariachi band to play and Merchant said on the air that the musicians 'suck.'"

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Hello, my name is Marquette Carney-Brown, and I am a student at Byung Lee's Kinger Tiger Tae Kwon Do Academy. In March I competed at the 13th Annual North Carolina State Tae Kwon Do Tournament in Fayetteville, N.C. I competed and placed in two events, Poom-sae (Form) and Sparring. I have enclosed the newspaper article that was in the Daily Reflector. By placing in these events, I now have the opportunity to compete in the 17th U.S. Junior Olympic Tae Kwon Do Championship to be held June 30, 1997 - July 5, 1997 in Louisville, Kentucky.

Tae Kwon Do is a sport that I truly love. I am 6 years old and I attend Falkland Elementally School. Tae Kwon Do has helped me with my self confidence, build both my physical and mental strength, as well as emphasis the importance of integrity. My parents, Arthur and

Charmane Brown and I are excited about this opportunity. We solicit your support in my goal to participate in the 17th U.S. Junior Olympic Tae Kwon Do Championships to be held in Louisville, Kentucky June 10, 1997 - July 5, 1997. Marquette won a silver medal in the poom-se competition at the 13th annual North Carolina State Tae Kwon Do Tournament held at Methodist College in Fayetteville.

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