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Always try to do things in chronological order. It's less confusing that way....  
- Anonymous

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## Strong Support Shown for Eva Clayton VOTE TUESDAY!

### Dr. Fred Price Exposes Racism in the Church

By LAURA STAFFORD  
Staff Writer

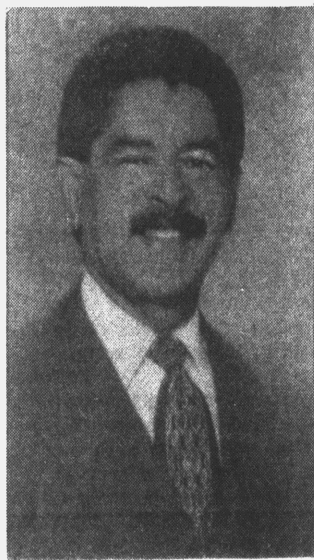
It looks like the Crenshaw Christian Center (which is not on Crenshaw, but at 7901 S. Vermont Ave.) will be moving into the next century in the midst of controversy.

The founder of the church has taken on the task of exposing the church's role in the oppression of black folks from slavery to the present.

Dr. Frederick K. C. Price does not mince words either in his Sunday morning sermons or just plain conversation: "...the most racist place in the world is the Church in America..." he says.

"And you know why, because...white people by and large believe that they are superior..."

Dr. Price has preached over 43 sermons on "Race, Religion and Racism," and he says he has no idea when they will end. His hope is for people to understand the true nature of the problem.



DR. FREDERICK K.C. PRICE

"You know if you really think about it, racism is economics. Racial, ethnic and color prejudice, that's another thing, that usually goes under the label of racism. But racism is a power thing. And it's about those who have the power, and those who don't. Those who have the power, can make the rules."

"So when they make the rules, they're always going to make the rules in favor of themselves, unless you have a very benevolent person. And that's been the crux of the matter here, that this nation has, down through time, claimed to be a Christian nation, but it's acted very un-Christian in its application of its so-called Christian principles, in reference to ethnic groups and particularly the black man."

What type of man takes on America's Christian church? Price was born right here in Santa Monica, California in 1932.

He went to McKinley Elementary School, Foshay Junior High, Manual Arts and Dorsey High schools. He also completed two years at

Los Angeles City College. Price's ministerial degrees are all from the Friends International Christian University in Merced. In 1992, he received a doctor of philosophy degree in religious studies.

It took seventeen years for Price to find what he calls "...the missing dimension—the demonstration of the power of the Spirit of God," or what the Bible terms "the gifts of the Spirit."

During that 17-year search, Price was a minister in four different denominations. He was an assistant minister in the Baptist church from 1955 to 1957; then a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church in Val Verde, Calif. from 1957 to 1959; then on to the Presbyterian church; and finally in 1965, the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

But it was 1973 before Price established the Crenshaw Christian Center in Inglewood, Calif. with just 300 parishioners. In just ten years the church outgrew that facility, and in 1984 relocated to the former Pepperdine University Los Angeles campus. They built the FaithDome, which seats 10,146 people, one of the largest church sanctuaries in the United States.

Currently the Crenshaw Christian Center, has a membership in excess of 17,500 and continues to grow. The center also has a ministry training institute, an elementary, middle and high school, and the "Ever Increasing Faith" television, radio and tape ministry.

A spokesperson for the center, says the Nielsen ratings show that the "Ever Increasing Faith" program reaches more than 33 million households in 23 markets throughout the United States.

So the question becomes, has the nearly year-long series of sermons on "Race, Religion and Racism" made a difference in Dr. Price's congregation?



Campaign Trail '98 - Shown above at the Franklin Brick Center outside of Enfield, NC is Gary Grant, Vice-President of the National Black Farmer's Association, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, John Hall, owner of WYAL and County Commissioner, Halifax County, Pitt County Commissioner Jeff Savage and Congresswoman Eva Clayton with supporters for her re-election in the special election on Tuesday, September 15, 1998.

photo by Jim Rouse

Price says, "Really, I wasn't expecting to see that much change in my own congregation. I was expecting to see a change in the body of Christ as a whole. Cause, my congregation is primarily black, and I don't think that they had too much of a problem with racism."

"I think there's been definitely a heightened awareness of our self-worth. And that's something that has been commented on by a lot of people, coming into knowledge of a lot of information that they didn't have before about themselves and about the relationship that they have with this country. So from that standpoint, it's been very positive."

The church world outside the Crenshaw Christian Center, Dr. Price says, has yet to respond to his more than 43 hours of sermons: "From the standpoint of the rest of the church world, I haven't heard a mumbling word from them!"

But Price has heard from his nationwide television audience. He says



### THE REAL MILLION YOUTH MARCH-Commentary

By Hugh Price: President, National Urban League

If you think you've missed the Million Youth March, put that out of your mind.

There's plenty of time for you to join in.

I'm not talking about that event in Harlem last weekend that was never meant to be anything more than a platform for the odious antics of Khallid Abdul Muhammad.

Although some newspaper columnists and politicians insist upon acting as if Muhammad had some significant following in the black community, there's never been any evidence that the overwhelmingly majority of African Americans think so. There was none, again, in Harlem last Saturday.

No, the march I'm referring to - the real Million Youth March - is the one going on in neighborhoods all over country: the longstanding one in which black youngsters, often against daunting odds, strive to do their best in school and strive to be of service to their communities as they march toward adulthood.

We've seen wave after wave of young African Americans make that march. Some of them have come and are coming through the National Urban League Incentives to Excel and Succeed (NULITES) youth program, now almost a decade old. Some we inducted last spring into the new Thurgood Marshall Achievers Society, part of our Campaign for African-American Achievement.

Many have come through the youth program of our civil rights counterpart, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or through the vast network of national and local social-service groups, fraternities and sororities, and community organizations. Still others come by

way of a devoted family, or school teacher, or caring adult.

However they come, the evidence that black youth continue to follow the well-trod path to achievement is voluminous.

Do we need to inspire more youth to follow that path? You bet we do.

That is the point such leaders as the Reverend Jesse Jackson, and Kwesi Mfume, of the NAACP, and the Reverend Joseph E. Lowery, former president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, made by their presence and their remarks at the Million Youth March Movement gathering in Atlanta last weekend.

One should not dismiss that event merely because it drew such a small number of young people: from the first this kind of march faced serious logistical and organizational problems that its models, the precedent-setting Million Man March in 1995 and the 1997 Million Woman March, did not.

Rather, one should focus one's attention on where the action is: in or neighborhoods and in our schools.

In that regard, then, the Million Youth Movement will have served its purpose if it reminds more of us that the opening of schools is the equivalent of New Year's Day for school-age youngsters.

It's a season of fresh beginnings and new possibilities - a chance for them to step onto and move further along the path of achievement.

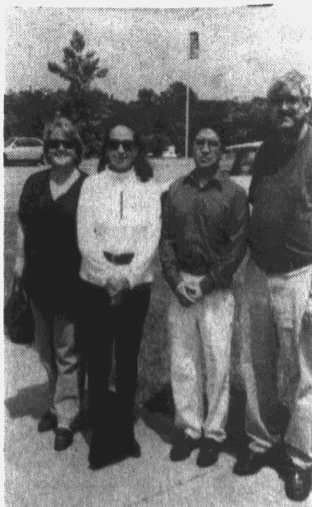
We adults should also take it as an occasion to make some pledges about our children's preparation and future that we'll never break to them, or to our people.

State after state is raising the standards for what our children must know and be able to do in order to get a high school diploma.

Yet, the signs are that the achievement gap is widening again, pushing black children in urban school systems further and

further behind academically. Fortunately, black parents are getting the message. A recent survey (Continues on Page 5)

#### Hunt Appoints Castillo To Hispanic Advisory Council



Javier Castillo (far right) is shown with his wife (far left) along with visiting Mexican Consulate Arturo Chavarria and his wife-center.

GOVERNOR Jim Hunt has named fifteen North Carolinians to the Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. Javier Castillo of Greenville and a radio show host at WOOW was one of those named by Hunt. The council was formed to give Hispanics a stronger voice in government and to bring a greater awareness to the issues which affect the Hispanic/Latino community throughout the state.

#### Congresswoman Eva Clayton Pushes Hard for Her Reelection Bid...

GREENVILLE - Congresswoman Eva Clayton has represented North Carolina's First District since 1992. Clayton brings to Congress more than 27 years of experience in both government and the private sector, including more than 14 years experience as an elected official.

Clayton currently serves as a member of the Agriculture and Budget Committees and is the ranking minority member on the

Department Operations, Nutrition, and Foreign Agriculture Subcommittee of the House Rural Caucus.

Clayton has received numerous awards for legislation in the areas of agriculture, nutrition, and rural economic development, including awards from Housing Assistance Council and the Food Research Action Committee, and Bread for Assistance Council and the Food Research Action Committee, and

Bread for World. She is a strong advocate for education and vocational training, economic development, rural health and increases in the minimum wage.

In 1992, Congresswoman Clayton made history by becoming the first woman elected to represent the State Of North Carolina. She was elected President of the Democratic Freshman Class, the first woman ever to hold the Office.

#### Right Step Academy Gets Community Support

About 30 people came out last Thursday to show their support for Right Step Academy and other charter schools. Supporters included parents, teachers and administrators from area charter schools. The group felt that charter schools have positive impacts on students and that the state should put more into supporting schools like the Right Step Academy.

The meeting which was held at the Right Step Academy by the NC Education Reform Foundation. Those present voiced how Right Step has served to put a lot of children on the right track. Right Step Academy and other charter schools across the country serve to give families more educational alternatives. "We need charter schools to work for the sake of the schools for the country because public schools are writing off a whole segment of children who

tend to be poor and minority," explained Anne Woodard, director of a charter school in Wilson.

Charter schools receive their funding from the government and are run by nonprofit organizations. Students with problems can attend at no charge. Supporters claim that charter school are helping students who may not have gotten any special attention.

North Carolina charter schools have been studied for the past two years. They have been criticized for being racially imbalance. The state has categorized most of the schools as "low performing."

Right Step Academy students, teachers and administrations are predominately black. It failed to meet state academic requirements the first year and its enrollment dropped the first year.

Supporting school officials explained that charter schools need

more time to prove themselves. Vernon Robinson, founder of the NC Education Reform Foundation, said that the General Assembly has not done enough to support the institutions. Melvin Cox, president of Right Step Parent Teacher Organization claimed that charter schools have put a lot of children on the right track.

Pitt County Sheriff Billy Vandiford, was the moderator for the meeting. Vandiford, who is running as Republican candidate for District 9 in the NC State was invited to attend the meeting because his opponent Sen. Ed Warren is a part of a committee who has refused to allow a Senate hearing on charter schools. Those who attended the meeting were encouraged to vote for politicians who supported continued funding of charter schools.

# CLINTON'S PLIGHT NOTHING COMPARED TO LYONS' DEN

By Walter Reed,  
Publisher of Who's Who in Black Corporate America

Take a minute and consider: Why is it that the vast majority of African Americans continue to offer unwavering support to President Clinton in his trials, but, in contrast almost all are anxious to view the Rev. Henry Lyons hanging from the strongest tree they can find in the state of Florida?

To some, there is an amazing amount of similarity in the two cases. They both involve public perceptions of sex and money. Discussions went on daily about Clinton being called before a grand jury regarding allegations of having had sex with White House intern Monica Lewinsky, and on charges Lyons faces arising from his wife, Deborah, having set fire to a plush waterfront home Lyons owned with another woman.

No serious argument is being made here that Clinton, or Lyons, is not guilty of at least some of the offense for which they are accused. But questions should be posed regarding how they are discussed

among Blacks. In Clinton's case, Blacks say: "Okay, our boy did a few things he shouldn't have done. Anyway, these things shouldn't be." They say the president's persecutors are the real danger to the republic; their partisan, out-of-control with hunt is far worse than the allegations they are investigating. Blacks are peeved that Clinton is being hounded by such investigations, particularly because he's hired so many Blacks to high positions in his administration -- a number of whom have their own investigations by federal persecutors.

On the other hand, check out the amount of support Lyons gets among African Americans. Blacks feel he betrayed them, the National Baptist Convention USA (NBCUSA), and his wife. Except for the Black Print Press, most Blacks have left Lyons to "Hang in the wind." Although he received a vote of confidence from the NBCUSA, and set up meritorious

collective marketing and employment plans for NBCUSA members through collective buying clout with the Revelations Corporation and for members' funeral services, Lyons has become a pariah in most African-American conversations of him.

The case on Clinton is hardly as simple as a mere dalliance around the Rose Garden. There is the Whitewater investigations, about the \$60 million that failed savings and loans in Arkansas cost taxpayers, the possibility of obstruction of justice regarding millions, and whether trade pacts were made with Chinese officials for contributions. An audit of Clinton's alleged "misconduct" money trail totals over a quarter billion dollars, a hundred times the \$5 million amount Lyons is accused of scamming from The Loewen Group funeral home operation.

Lyons is accused of using his leadership position in the Baptist group to solicit contributions that

he is said to have spent to support his lavish lifestyle, including country club memberships, trips cars, jewelry and houses. Lyons, along with the convention's former director of public relations, who was director of meeting and conventions, allegedly used multiple bank accounts to bilk the corporation and the convention.

It could be said both used their positions unscrupulously. But, Blacks don't. It is unlikely Clinton will be impeached for his affairs. But, he's still under fire from the independent counsel Kenneth Starr and faced Congressional hearings. Lyons and his NBCUSA group are scheduled to convene in Kansas City in September. He faces a maximum 815 years in prison and \$25 million in fines.

Blacks seem willing to go all the way with Clinton, but are prepared to stand at the jailhouse door for the Lyons "send off". Is that proper justice?

# The Booker File

By James Booker  
Black community mourning the deaths of Judge Juanita Kidd Stout and Dorothy West

**PHILADELPHIA AREA RESIDENTS** and African-American barristers nationwide are mourning the passing of Judge Juanita Kidd STOUT, 79, retired Pennsylvania Supreme Court Jurist. She died on Aug. 21 after a long bout with leukemia. In 1959, she became the first Black woman elected a justice in the USA when she won a seat in the Philadelphia Municipal Court.

**THE OAK BLUFFS** summer residents crowded into the Union Chapel on Aug. 22 for a memorial service for novelist Dorothy WEST, 91, one of the last living members of the Harlem Renaissance movement among Black writers, whose novel, "The Wedding," was published in 1995 and later made into a film.

**PROMINENT WASHINGTON INSIDER** and "First Friend" attorney Vernon E. JORDAN, who with his wife hosted the 52nd birthday party for President CLINTON at

their Martha's Vineyard home last week, may be heeding the advice that it is always good to have a second career. He plays the role of a judge in the upcoming movie to be released this fall, "Rounders," starring Matt Damon. He had a role last year in Robert Altman's film, "The Ginger bread Man."

**MORE THAN 500** civil rights activists from across the country journeyed to Greenville, S.C. on Aug. 22 to pay tribute to former NAACP national board chairman, Dr. William "Doc" GIBSON, the pioneering dentist from the "Palmetto State," who gave thousands of his personal funds and often led protests throughout the South in the crusade for civil rights. Among the dinner speakers were former NAACP officials and board members, including A.J. POOLE of Florida and New York's Dr. Annie B. MARTIN.

**TRUSTEES AT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, PA.** are expecting a resolution at their Sept. 19 meeting seeking the ouster of President Dr. Niara SUDARKASA, whose handling of school funds is being probed by the state. Dr. Sudarkasa, head of the University since 1987, said she was unfazed by the efforts to oust her.

**IN FAILING HEALTH** for several years, suffering from blindness and diabetes which caused the amputation of both his legs, noted civil rights legend James FARMER, 78, said he will take medical leave from his professorship at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va. and retire in January.

**THE NAACP NATIONAL** office has suspended the officers of the Las Vegas, Nevada Chapter for failure to file its 1996 financial report; and Edward LEWIS, president of the tri-State Conference has taken over until new elections are held in December.

**A BOY, BORN** four months prematurely to Illinois Rep. Jesse JACKSON JR. and his wife, Sandi JACKSON, died shortly after delivery last weekend at the University of Utah Medical Center.

**TWO OF THE** nation's biggest money superstars are continuing to rake in the green! Michael "I want to smell like Mikey" JORDAN, while not expected to continue his basketball winning streak with the Chicago Bulls, has his line of cologne passing the \$200-million in sales, with a shaving collection in the works. His marketing people are telling corporations that bidding for his endorsements start at \$2-million a year for ten years. His Airness draws down roughly \$47 million a year in off-the-court deals. Official reports on the other Michael, "The Gloved Father" JACKSON, claim that his "Thriller" album is the all-time best seller in the United States with over 25 million copies sold.

**ELSEWHERE...** LIONEL HAMPTON, AMERICA'S Ambassador of Music, is slated to join Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia FIELDS, Rep. Charles RANGEL, Gov. George PATAKI and other political and entertainment nabobs at the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the newly-reopened Showman's at 375 West 125th St., on Aug. 26 and 27.

**THE SOUTHERN QUEENS** Park Association has lined up an attractive list of entertainers for its afternoon-long "Peace and Luv" Concert on Sept. 5 in the Roy Wilkins Park.

**MOVIE BUFFS FEEL** that Hollywood for a change has portrayed Blacks in a real normal situation in "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," starring accomplished actress ANGELA BASSETT and newcomer TAYE DIGGS. It is still among the box office top attractions after being released several weeks ago and being panned by some White movie critics who may not really be qualified to determine what is a good Black movie!

**UP NORTH...** ON THE HEELS of the attorneys for the Million Youth March going into federal court to obtain a permit to hold their march and rally in Harlem on Sept. 5, lawyers for the Black Israelites last week sued the city to regain their permit to use sound systems in Times Square, although they had spoken and used the area for years, preaching the message that Christ was Black and will return to enslave Whites. Bruce TEITELBAUM, Mayor GIULIANI'S chief of staff, had canceled the permit reportedly after receiving a complaint that the group used profane and abusive language.

**C. VIRGINIA FIELDS,** Manhattan Borough President; Rep. Charles RANGEL and the Rev. Al SHARPTON are joining with State Sen. David PATERSON, Councilman Bill PERKINS, church and youth group leaders in a series of meetings this week to resolve matters over the Million Youth March before court hearings resume on Aug. 26.

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



less hectic. Some changes in the ways families use their time should concern us.

One great time consumer is the television. Our children average 29 hours of television per week, but it takes only 30 hours to do a full time job. How does this impact our children?

The attention span needed for viewing is only three to five seconds. From television children can pick up some undesirable values, such as violence and greed. They also see an unrealistic world where people have everything imaginable. They get depressed when they cannot have all of those things, and they feel like failures. One doctor challenges families to turn off the television sets completely for one week with the assurance that we will get to know each other better during that week. He further recommended limiting television viewing to one hour a day and choosing what our children watch.

**CHILDHOOD INFLUENCE**  
(Parents make the biggest impact on their child's values.)  
Here are some suggestions, to help our children in school:  
Examine our family's priorities. We need to put our children at the top of the list and make our lives

One priority that we need to include is time to read to our children every day and to let children see us read. Children mirror their parents' behavior. If they see us read, they will read also.

All families need a spiritual base on which we build our values and set our family priorities. Through this foundation, we all have a purpose and meaning in life.

Setting aside time for homework is another priority which helps your child in school--15 minutes of reading and 15 minutes of other homework for young children every night.

The way we discipline children also teaches lessons to them. Although it is difficult for some parents, it is fine to tell our children "NO".

What we do and how we live greatly influence our children much more than what we say. We instill values in all that we do around our children. An encouraging note is that 85% of our children return to

their parent's values.

Although most parents have good intentions, we can all benefit from examining our lives and our priorities...indeed, these suggestions extend beyond helping our children in school; they also help them in life and our families' quality of life.

"Children need strength to lean on, a shoulder to cry on and an example to learn from."

### YOUNGSTERS PROBLEMS

Some of the big problems our youngsters face are drugs, murder, rape, teen-age pregnancy, gross disregard for authority and scoring dead last, or nearly so, on international comparisons of academic achievement. These problems threaten the nation's future and what do we do? We cover the "entrances next door"-- and go after teen smoking.  
(Walter Williams, writer, Creators Syndicate)

### GET DRESSED IN 10 MINUTES OR LESS

Even if you never remember--or have the time--to plan your outfit

the night before, you can still zip out the door looking perfectly put together--just follow our easy guidelines.

\*\* Organize your closet so workday and weekend wear are separate.

This narrows your choices and makes it easy to see what works together.

\*\* Don't waste time riffling through your bureau for the right pair of hose or underwear: fill a drawer with emergency provisions such as extra hose in a variety of shades, a seamless nude bra and a body shaper.

\*\* Put clothes in a ready-to-wear condition. If something needs pressing, do it before you put it away.

\*\* Never put away a garment that's missing a button, losing a hem or that needs dry cleaning--otherwise you may find yourself making multiple wardrobe changes when you should be heading out the door!

\*\* No time to iron? Stick with knits - not only do they pack plenty of polish, but they're also wrinkle-resistant.

\*\* It's super-easy to get dressed when you build a wardrobe in the same color range. If you buy a few good mix-and-match pieces, you'll never be at a loss for something to wear.

### YOUNG MEN: STEPPING OFF ISN'T COOL...

"Stepping off" is a teenage slang for backing away from a challenge you cannot handle. When a young man fathers a baby too soon and then runs out on his responsibilities, his male friends see him as "stepping off." More and more, they are not impressed.

A group of young men, quoted by sociologist Dr. Mercer Sullivan in his 1985 study "Teen Fathers in the Inner City", had few kind words for other young men they knew who made babies and walked away.

"I know quite a few who say, 'I got a daughter who lives over here and a son who lives over there' and the way they say it, it seems like they don't care... They don't get no respect from me on that... it ain't nothing to brag about."

"I know one guy named Rick and he got a baby by this girl. He don't take care of the baby right".

"I've seen what happens on both side of that situation. There's the girl. She's got nobody to take care of her and the baby. And the guy, too. He loses his self-respect. Not only that buy everyone else loses respect for him too."

Fathering a child he cannot support will not make a young man look bigger in the eyes of his peers or anybody else. What it will do is put him under pressures he is not yet ready to handle. Young men who have not finished school or who cannot find a job will have a hard time finding money to meet their own needs, let alone those of a baby.

All if us, adults and teens, need to start talking sense to our young men about what it means to become a parent too young. Nearly two-thirds of America's male teens are sexually active today, but too few are getting the message that they have half the responsibility if a baby is the result.

We can begin by making it clear to our young men that irresponsible behavior is not "cool" and does have consequences for them. Several new teen pregnancy prevention posters from the Children's Defense Fund are aimed specifically at young men. Put one up in your school, church, health clinic, or library.

**Don't Forget to Vote Tuesday, September 15th**



# The Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church

"Celebrating Homecoming 98 on Sept. 6th, 1998"  
*In the Spirit of Unity*  
 A. C. Batchelor, Pastor



## .....the Booker File

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**THAT DISPUTE OVER** the Sept. 19 CORE street fair has been settled, with all sides agreeing to move the fair to Fourth Ave., between St. Marks Place and 14th St. the day before the Jewish New Year.

**DARRYL GAY, VETERAN** labor arbitrator, called in to help mediate the APOLLO Theater's stagehand dispute in time for the production for the new season of "It's Showtime At The Apollo." Local 1 of the Theatrical Stage Employees Union flooded 125th St. with union members on Aug. 23 in support of the Apollo workers, causing a new rash of downtown media to come uptown to rehash the Apollo controversy. The Apollo Foundation expected to sign a new contract with Percy SUTTON'S Inner City Group this week to allow the new filming.

**THE CITY OF** Mount Vernon has agreed to pay \$250,000 to Raymond GERMANO, former head of its Housing Authority, who charged he was fired because he is a White man in charge of a predominately Black housing program.

**OUT BROOKLYN WAY** residents are happy to see the father-son team of veteran Congressman Edolphus TOWNS and Assemblyman Darryl TOWNS campaigning together in their re-elections bids in the Sept. 15 Democratic primary.

**MONROE COLLEGE IN** The Bronx has been named as a national leader among private junior colleges for its high rate of graduating African Americans and Hispanics, ranking among the top 15 in the country.

**SEEKING TO KEEP** alive the memory of the late Alice Wragg KORNEGAY, the tireless housing crusader and community activist, a committee headed by Percy DAVIS, Amber GREEN and Theresa Freeman JOHNSON, is holding a gala dance on Sept. 5 at the 369th

Armory to raise funds to provide scholarships in her name. **LESLIE CAMPBELL PARKS**, daughter of noted photographer Gordon PARKS and his wife, Elizabeth PARKS, was wed on Aug. 22 to Allen Edward HARDING, a partner in the Patios bistro in Brooklyn.

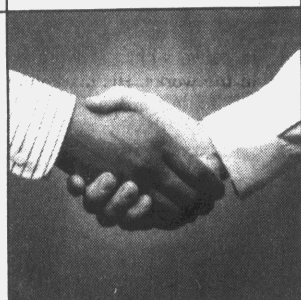
**LEGAL MINDS WERE** joined last week when attorney Kira WATSON, a law associate in a Philadelphia law firm and daughter of New York Times general counsel Solomon WATSON, married attorney Alvin YEARWOOD, an Assistant District Attorney in The Bronx.

**WHEN CO-DISTRICT LEADERS** of the Martin Luther KING Democratic Club, Rep. Charles RANGEL and Inez Dickens RUSSELL, co-hosted their club's annual Unity party at the Central Harlem Senior Citizens Center last Friday, guests cheered loudly as U.S. Senate candidate, Rep. Chuck SCHUMER danced the "macaranian" upstairs and rival candidate, Public Advocate Mark GREEN, swung a mean lindy hop downstairs on the two-tiered patio. Warm applause and cheers were also given when community appreciation honors were awarded by the club to Gloria WRIGHT, dedicated civic worker; statesman Percy E. SUTTON, whose plaque was accepted by Lloyd WILLIAMS, President of the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce, the Rev. Ed CULVERT; Nathan MARIUS accepted the posthumous honor given to his late wife, Elaine MARIUS, founder of the Center; and North General Hospital President Eugene MCCABE, presently hospitalized, whose award was accepted by Deborah COFER, director of Women's Health Services.

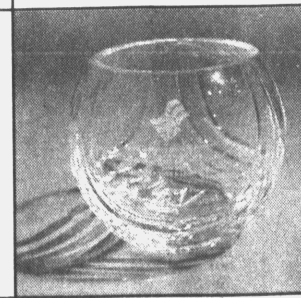
**PASTORS, THEIR CONGREGATIONS** and a long list of "Who's Who" in the religious and secular communities from all around New York State will be coming into Harlem on Sept. 18 to honor the founder of the A.M.E. Church, Bishop Richard ALLEN, America's Apostle of Freedom, at the Schomburg Center and Metropolitan A.M.E. Church.

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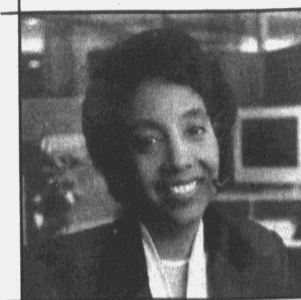
**If you desire knowledge study while still young, for when you are old, learning comes with difficulty.**  
 -- Philippine Proverb



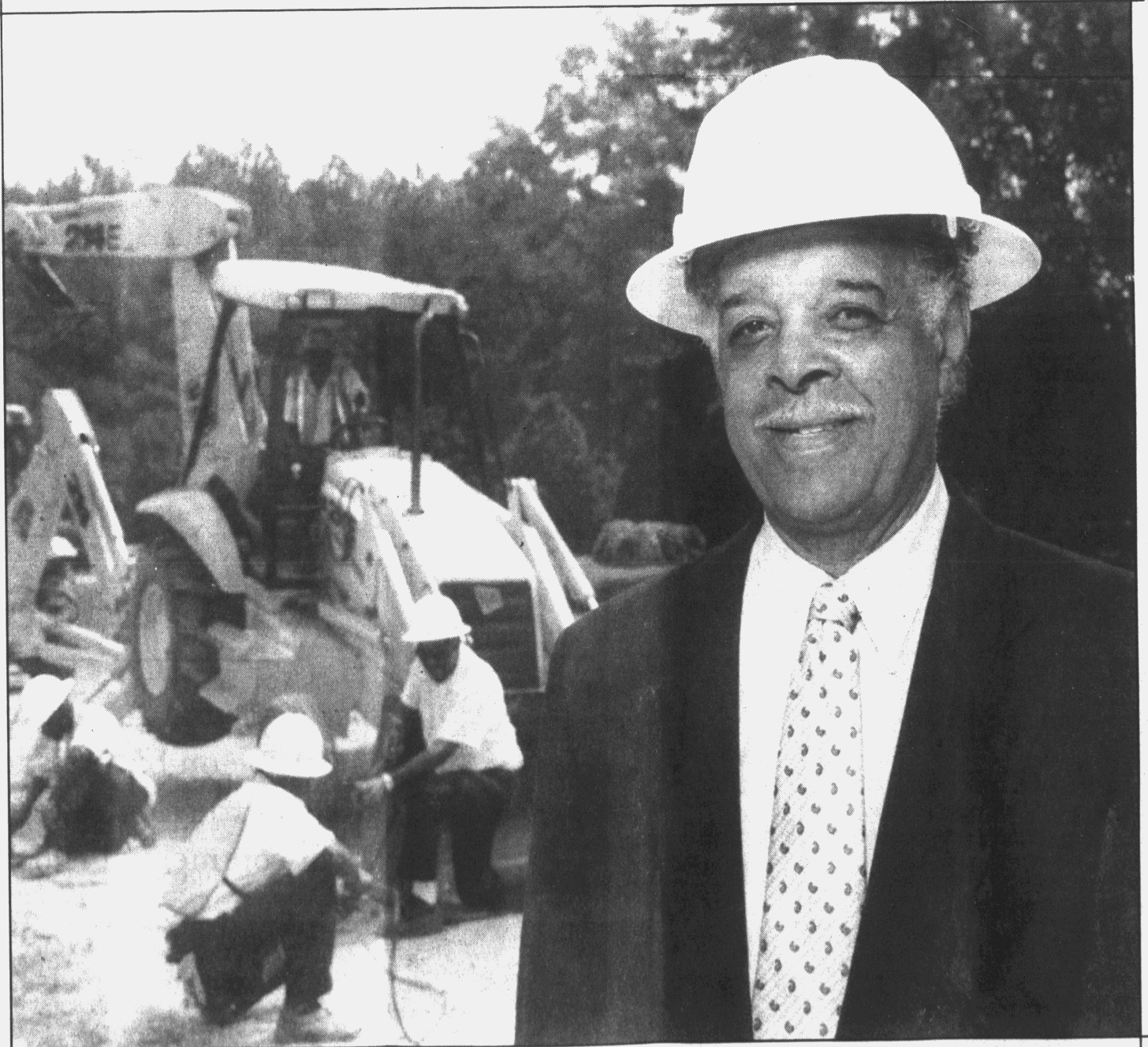
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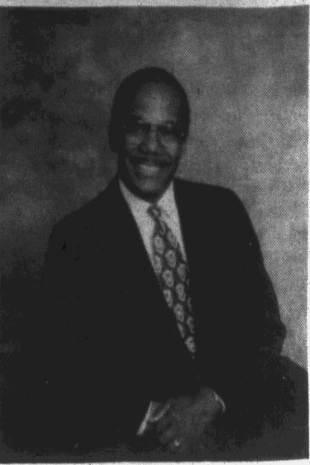
### IN BUSINESS, BIGGER IS NOT ALWAYS BETTER

Small companies can't afford to make mistakes. At Agra Cable Inc., we "try harder, run faster, and jump higher" to make sure we deliver excellent products and service to our customers. And that's what CP&L was looking for. They needed a company to provide installation crews for underground and overhead power distribution lines. They also wanted a company concerned about quality and safety, and Agra Cable was a perfect match. CP&L was serious about doing business with us, and the results of this partnership have been excellent.



**THE BLACK CHURCH: THE 'COCOON' FOR THE BLACK 'BUTTERFLY' AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC IDIOM....**

By Hubert Walters



**Hubert Walker**  
 EDITOR'S NOTE: Hubert Walters, a native of Greenville, North Carolina, is Professor of Music at University of Massachusetts Boston. He is also one of the founders of the internationally renowned Kuumba Singers in 1970 at Harvard University.

An interesting phenomenon takes place in the world of nature when the larvae of the *Monarch* butterfly goes through the period of metamorphosis in the protective cover of the cocoon and emerges as one of the most beautiful butterflies in North America. This phenomenon seems to be an appropriate metaphor to use in our discussion of the African-American Music Idiom. This idiom was developed and nurtured in the "cocoon" of the Black Church, while undergoing the "metamorphosis" of slavery, second-class citizenship, and segregation and emerge as the beautiful Black musical, "Butterfly," which stands as the very foundation of the only true American music. A casual look at the world of popular music would reveal that African-American music and musicians are being imitated the world over. As

*Dave Clark*, the leader of a British Group in the fifties called "The Dave Clark Five", stated in an interview almost three decades ago, "We are all trying to sing colored."

It is also becoming clearer that this "colored" attitude of singing was developed in the environment of the Black Church, *Leroi Jones* stated in 1963.

The early black Christian churches or the pre-church "praise houses" became the social focal points of Negro life. The relative autonomy of the developing Negro Christian religious gathering made it one of the only areas in the slave's life where he was relatively free of the white man's domination. The "praise nights" or "prayer meetings" were also the only times when the Negro felt he could express himself as freely and emotionally as possible.

*Rock and roll* is another music that effects this kind of historical background. *Rock and roll* was not really a new type of popular music, for, as *Fats Domino*—a popular Black recording artist—stated, "what they call *Rock and Roll*, I have been singing for fifteen years as *Rhythm and Blues*."

During the 1960s, there was an increase in demand for materials relevant to Black cultural experiences due to widespread Black protests. These materials suggest that there is such a thing as an "African-American Aesthetic," and that this "esthetic" has its roots deep in the soil of Africa; and, contrary to the opinions of many, these Africanisms survived the horrors of American slavery. As *Leroi Jones* reminded us, "It is certainly immediately apparent that all forms of political and economic thought which were two of the most profound sophistications of African culture, were suppressed immediately. The extremely intricate po-

litical, social, and economic systems of the West Africans were, of course, done away with completely in their normal manifestations. The much praised "legal systems" known could not function, except very informally, in the cotton fields of America. The technology of the Africans... iron-working, wood carving, weaving, etc... died out quickly in the United States. Almost every aspect of the African culture took a new less obvious form or was wiped out altogether... Only religion (and magic) and the arts were not completely submerged by Euro-American concepts. Religion and art certainly are important aspects of any culture and it is a well-documented fact that, during the years 1702-1705 the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts* sent clergymen to the colonies to minister to the slaves and to convert them to Christianity. The missionaries believed that converting the slaves to Western Christianity would make them more "docile" and "humble", thereby producing a more obedient slave. The missionaries devised "slave catechisms" to insure that the message of Black inferiority and divinely ordained white domination would be instilled in the slaves.

"It does not take a seminary education to know that white missionaries were distorting the gospel in order to defend the enslavement of Blacks, but white Europeans did not succeed; and Black history is the record of their failure." And of course no where is the record of this failure reflected better than in the time-honored songs known as spirituals, the first real body of music developed by the transplanted African and the body of song that is the foundation for all other types of Black music

created in the United States.

The *Black Church* during the period of slavery was known as the "invisible church." This church was not located in a building as such, but in the areas far away from the plantation big house, where slaves assembled at night and developed those songs based on the Old Testament stories of the struggles of the Hebrew children in captivity and eventual freedom in the lands of Egypt and Babylon. Many of these songs were based on African melodies as well as melodies picked up from the missionaries and plantation owners, but they were tinged with a particular "African-American Attitude" towards the elements of music, namely melody, rhythm and harmony. Following the Emancipation years, 1863-1865, the famous *Fisk Jubilee Singers* presented their version of these songs on a tour that took them to England and other foreign countries during the years 1871-72. That was the first time that the newly developed "African-American Music Idiom" was heard outside the United States.

Towards the end of the 18th century, some Blacks were allowed to worship in the same buildings with whites, but confined to sit in the balconies. The story of *Richard Allen* and his friends being removed bodily from their seats at the Old St. George Methodist Church in Philadelphia is well known. Incidents like these were the reasons that many Blacks began to establish their own churches. With the establishment of their own congregations, Blacks were free to worship as they pleased and in their own manner. The earliest permanent congregation in the nation was

the *First African Baptist Church* at Savannah, Georgia, founded in 1788 by *Andrew Bryan*, who was ordained a Baptist minister that year.

According to *Leroi Jones*, "blues began in slavery, and it is from that peculiar institution, as it was known euphemistically, that blues did find its particular form." And, if slavery dictated certain aspects of the blues form and content, so did the so-called Emancipation and its subsequent problems dictate the path blues would take." Following the *Emancipation*, Blacks were allowed to travel outside of the South and, of course, they took

their music with them. The "idiom" now began to take on more "secular" aspects as Black music has always been a social art and the music is reflective of whatever condition Black people find themselves in at that particular moment and time.

Following the end of *WWI* and *WWII*, large numbers of Blacks began moving to the large cities in the north. In the early 1930s, *Thomas A. Dorsey*, who was a musician at the *Pilgrim Baptist Church* in Detroit, began compos-

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# Family Battles to Keep Control of Newspapers

by Kendall Wilson - Tribune

CHICAGO - The granddaughter of the late John Sengstacke, longtime chairman of Sengstacke Enterprises Inc., publishers of the pioneering daily Chicago Defender and a chain that includes several other newspapers, is engaged in a desperate battle to keep the newspapers in the Sengstacke family.

But Myiti Sengstacke, 26, faces a difficult battle because the chain's board of directors, including Sengstacke's son and her father, Robert, and its minority shareholders voted to sell the business to pay off some \$4 million in estate taxes.

Sengstacke Enterprises was quickly taken off the auction block when Myiti Sengstacke dismissed the Northern Trust Co. as the family trustee, fearing that its commitment to Mr. Sengstacke's instructions - that his heirs have maximum financial security - would result in the sale of the newspapers.

She is in the process of seeking another trustee, investors to help pay off the tax debt, and looking into possibly reorganizing the company under either a merger or issuance of additional stock.

Another possibility suggested by her advisers would be to have an investor pay off the debt in exchange for non-voting preferred stock.

The Sengstacke chain, with weeklies also in Detroit, Memphis and Pittsburgh, is valued at \$10 million to \$12 million before taxes.

Black business and professional leaders in Chicago are cautiously watching the granddaughter's efforts and have raised concerns that the granddaughter's failure to save the newspapers could also mean the end of Black ownership. Reports are that some are even preparing their own purchase plans

should Myiti Sengstacke fail. Many thought the newspapers would remain under Sengstacke's control well into the next century.

Robert Sengstacke, Myiti's father and only living child of the chain's founder, said the quandary over the estate should not be unexpected.

He said no clear heir was groomed to take over the business. He said he was shunned in favor of his children because of a feud with his father.

"We never saw eye to eye about my grandfather's intentions for the company," Myiti Sengstacke said in a published report. "This is something we've given a lot of thought to, and we understand the trust has to be funded and we have to be taken care of."

Acting as a proxy for her brothers and sister, Myiti Sengstacke said removing Northern Trust "is in the best interests of the family."

It is Mr. Sengstacke's will that a family trust would be established as the legal owner of the estate's assets, selecting Northern Trust as the trustee. He also named his six grandchildren as the beneficiaries of the trust.

He left two sets of instructions. To Northern Trust, which he named trustee in 1975, he gave orders that his heirs have maximum financial security.

To his oldest granddaughter, Myiti, he convinced her to promise that the newspapers would stay in the family.

But for Northern Trust the immediate issues were settling the estate and raising the money to pay the taxes. A sale of the newspapers seemed in order, the race of the buyer irrelevant.

One nationally noted expert in estate planning said many people

fail to communicate their plan to the people it will affect, suggesting that both Northern Trust and the Sengstacke heirs were on different channels.

"You wouldn't expect a trustee to have a broader interest than the financial interest," the expert said.

Northern Trust expressed disappointment in the Sengstacke grandchildren's decision.

"We regret that those beneficiaries who have the ability to remove the trustee have taken this action," the company said. "We believe we have acted from the outset to follow faithfully the clear directions left by John Sengstacke in the trust and to serve the best interests of all the trust beneficiaries."

"Nonetheless, our duty as trustee now requires us to cooperate in any way we properly can to accomplish an orderly transition, and we intend to do so. We have not been informed that any successor trustee has yet been selected."

"As for the sale of the Chicago Defender and the other newspapers, we understand that the board of Sengstacke Enterprises Inc., which had initiated the sales process, has now voted to temporarily suspend efforts to sell the papers."

Elias Matsakis, a lawyer with McBride, Baker & Cole, the firm representing the Sengstacke grandchildren, said that while finding a new trustee may be difficult, more than a half dozen banks had already met with Myiti Sengstacke.

"We're pleased with the recognition that a number of major financial institutions in Chicago have for the legacy this family is attempting to preserve," he said.

Many Black business leaders have wondered why Sengstacke would allow a company with one of

Black America's richest heritages to end up in the hands of a white bank, which also serves as the executor of the estate.

The Defender was founded in 1905, when the late Robert S. Abbott, the son of former slaves, drew up the first issue with 25 cents worth of pencils and paper. He was soon to become one of America's first Black millionaires, as the Defender became a national voice for African Americans.

John Sengstacke inherited the company from his uncle and established his own legacy as a leader in the publishing industry and business and civic world.

When John Sengstacke died last year, Myiti was attending Hampton University. Two generations before, Robert Abbott had sent John Sengstacke there to learn the business.

# MILLION YOUTH MARCH- Commentary

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of Public Agenda shows that parents want public schools to concentrate on lifting the achievement levels of their children.

But we cannot stop there. Let me propose five principles that parents should insist schools in their communities follow.

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Second, every child has the right to be taught by fully qualified teachers who believe they can achieve.

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Fourth, every child has the right to attend a well run, well equipped and well maintained school whose primary mission is

teaching and learning.

Fifth, every child has the right to participate in constructive after-school programs that can promote healthy development and keep them out of harm's way.

These principles are the foundation of the Urban League's educational programs. More than 90 of our affiliates across the country are participating in our third annual "Doing The Right Thing" celebration September 19 to honor ambitious and accomplished and hopeful young people in their communities.

These youths, part of the historical and contemporary movement of African Americans into the American mainstream, underscore that putting young people on the path to achievement pays huge dividends for all of American society.

# Boeing CEO, Jesse Jackson to Meet on Race Bias...

SEATTLE (Reuters) - Boeing Co. Chairman Phil Condit will meet the Rev. Jesse Jackson Friday in an effort to allay concerns about alleged racial discrimination at the aerospace group, a company spokesman said.

Condit spoke with Jackson by telephone after a newspaper reported the civil rights leader was frustrated he had been unable to set up a meeting to discuss improving working conditions for blacks and other minorities at Boeing.

"He (Condit) wanted to reaffirm that Boeing takes these issues very seriously and that fundamentally the reverend's goals are the same as Boeing's goals," Boeing spokesman

Peter Conte said.

Condit rearranged his schedule to make time for a meeting with Jackson in Seattle Sept. 4, Conte said.

Jackson's interest in race relations at the manufacturer stems from a lawsuit filed in March by 41 employees who charge a pattern of discrimination against blacks and other minority workers.

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit, who are seeking class-action status on behalf of about 15,000 black workers at the company, charge they work in a hostile environment where racial slurs are common and less-qualified white workers routinely win promotion over more

senior minorities.

Boeing is defending itself against the claims, but also has acknowledged that it needs to do more to promote diversity in its work force of 238,000, which is about 82 percent white.

Jackson is seeking Boeing's commitment to allow women and minorities to participate in its decision-making processes, to establish a plan for women and minorities to advance through the corporate ranks and to set up a minority supplier program across all business sectors.

"Those are goals we embrace wholeheartedly," Boeing spokesman Larry McCracken said.

# NAACP Urges Americans to Focus on Affirmative Action

BALTIMORE - The historic March on Washington was held 35 years ago at the Lincoln Memorial. There, hundreds of thousands heard the eloquent and prophetic "I have a Dream" speech about equality delivered by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

NAACP Chairman Julian Bond and President and CEO Kweisi Mfume urged Americans not to let the fond nostalgia about this day skew the real purpose or intentions of King's speech or the march.

"During this time of reflection, it is important to focus on the issue that is setting the stage on the battleground for the civil rights as we move toward the 21st century: affirmative action."

Bond said, "As quiet as it is kept, Martin Luther King supported affirmative action. The critics like to quote his dream from 1963 that one day his children would be judged by the content of their character and not by the color of

their skin. It was a dream then; it remains a distant dream today." However, as Bond noted, in 1967 King said, "A society that has done something special against the Negro for hundreds of years must now do something special for him."

Mfume added, "We want the American people to understand that discrimination is not an article of the past, it is an article of the present. Discrimination is present today, and affirmative action is one weapon against it. Equal opportunity should be living reality for the majority and not just a mere dream for many minorities."

Mfume went on to point out that the so-called "playing field" of equal opportunity in this country is still not level. "A 10 percent set aside means that we're still setting aside 90 percent for white men in this country who, for centuries now, have had the privilege to think and act on the thought that their skin color entitled them to the full 100

percent of everything," said Mfume.

Since its inception in 1909, the NAACP has maintained a visible and vocal opportunity for all Americans. Inherent in the name is the mission to champion causes for the advancement of colored people who come in all colors, whether on the political, economic, education, health or military fronts. The call to action remains equal in opportunity for service and for action available to each of us, wherever and whenever we may happen to be. The NAACP is prepared to march as Dr. King and the thousands who marched with him, before and after him did. But we are also prepared to continue to work our way to civil rights through the difficult business of organizing, knocking on doors, one by one. Financing the cause of social justice, dollar by dollar. Creating an interracial coalition, nationwide."

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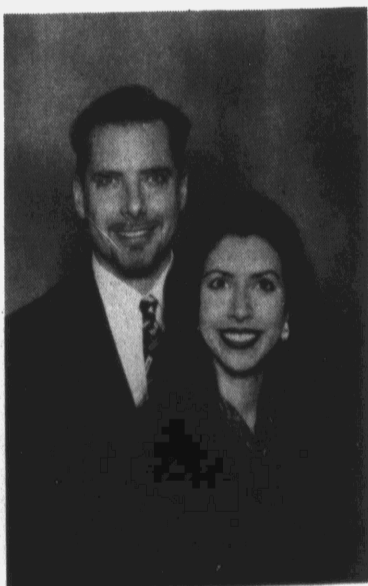
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## The Father of Black Masonry WHO IS PRINCE HALL....?

Prince Hall is recognized as the Father of Black Masonry in the United States. He made it possible for us to also be recognized and enjoy all privileges of free and accepted masonry.

Many rumors of the birth of Prince Hall have arisen. A few records and papers have been found of him in Barbados where it was rumored that he was born in 1748, but no record of birth by church or by state, has been found there, and none in Boston. All 11 countries were searched and churches with baptismal records were examined without finding the name of Prince Hall.

The widely circulated rumor states that "Prince Hall was free born in British West Indies. His father, Thomas Prince Hall, was an Englishman and his mother a free colored woman of French extraction. In 1765 he worked his passage on a ship to Boston, where he worked as a leather worker, a trade learned from his father. During this time he married Sarah Ritchery. Shortly after their marriage, she died at the age of 24. Eight years later he had acquired real estate and was qualified to vote. Prince Hall also pressed John Hancock to be allowed to join the Continental

Army and was one of a few blacks who fought at the battle of Bunker Hill. Religiously inclined, he later became a minister in the African Methodist Episcopal Church with a charge in Cambridge and fought for the abolition of slavery." Some accounts are paraphrased from the generally discredited Grimshaw book of 1903.

Black Free Masonry began during the War of Independence, when Prince Hall and fourteen other free black men were initiated into Lodge # 441, Irish Constitution, attached to the 38th Regiment of Foot, British Army Garrisoned at Castle Williams (now Fort Independence) Boston Harbor on March 6, 1775. The Master of the Lodge was Sergeant John Batt. Along with Prince Hall, the other newly made masons were Cyrus Johnson, Bueston Slinger, Prince Rees, John Canton, Peter Freeman, Benjamin Tiler, Duff Ruform, Thomas Santerson, Prince Rayden, Cato Spain, Boston Smith, Peter Best, Forten Howard and Richard Titley.

When the British Army left Boston, this Lodge, # 441, granted Prince Hall and his brethren authority to meet as a lodge, to go in procession on Saints John Day,

and as a Lodge to bury their dead; but they could not confer degrees nor perform any other Masonic "work". For nine years these brethren, together with others who had received their degrees elsewhere, assembled and enjoyed their limited privileges as Masons. Finally in March 2, 1784, Prince Hall petitioned the Grand Lodge of England, through a Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge in London (William Moody of Brotherly Love Lodge # 55) for a warrant or charter.

The warrant was granted on September 29, 1784 under the name of African Lodge, # 459 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England by authority of then Grand Master, the Duke of Cumberland, delivered in Boston on April 29, 1787 by Captain James Scott, brother-in-law of John Hancock and Master of the Neptune. Prince Hall was the first Master of the lodge which was organized one week later, May 6, 1787.

The warrant to African Lodge # 459 of Boston is the most significant and highly prized document known to the Prince Hall Mason Fraternity. Through it, our legitimacy is traced, and on it more than any other factor, our case rests.

That charter, which is authenticated and in safekeeping, is believed to be the only original charter issued from the Grand Lodge of England still in the possession of any Lodge in the United States. African Lodge allowed itself to slip into arrears in the late 1790's and was stricken from the rolls after the Union of 1813 although it had attempted correspondence in 1802 and 1806. In 1827, after further unrequited communication, it declared its independence and began to call itself African Grand Lodge # 1. It is interesting to note that when the Massachusetts lodges which were acting as a Provincial Grand Lodge also declared themselves an independent Grand Lodge, and even when the present Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was formed by the amalgamation of the two separate lodges, African Lodge was not invited to take part, even though it held a warrant every bit as valid as the others.

The question of extending Masonry arose when Absalom Jones of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania appeared in 1791 in Boston. He was an ordained Episcopal priest and a mason who was interested in establishing a Masonic lodge in Philadelphia. Delegations also traveled from Providence, Rhode Island and New York to establish the African Grand Lodge that year. Prince Hall was appointed Grand Master, serving in this capacity until his death in 1807.

Upon his death, Nero Prince became Grand Master. When Nero Prince sailed to Russia in 1808, George Middleton succeeded him. After Middleton, Peter Lew, Samuel H. Moody and then, John T. Hilton became Grand Master. In 1827, it was Hilton who recommended a Declaration of Independence from the English Grand Lodge.

In 1869 a fire destroyed Massachusetts' Grand Lodge headquarters and a number of its priceless records. The charter in its

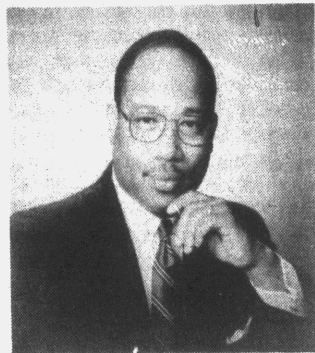
metal tube was in the Grand Lodge chest. The tube saved the charter from the flames, but the intense heat charred the paper. It was at this time that Grand Master S.T. Kendall crawled into the burning building and in peril of his life, saved the charter from complete destruction. Thus a Grand Master's devotion and heroism further consecrated this parchment to us, and added a further detail to its already interesting history. The original Charter # 459 has long since been made secure between heavy plate

glass and is kept in a fireproof vault in a downtown Boston bank.

In 1946, the Grand Lodge of England again extended recognition to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge but withdrew it the same year. In 1994, the Grand Lodge of England finally accepted a petition for recognition by Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. "England cited several reasons recognition was withheld," Nicholas B. Locker, Grand Master of Prince Hall from

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## Robinson Challenges Longtime Incumbant Howard Boney for D.A. Spot



Charles Robinson

Charles Robinson is the Republican challenger to Howard Boney for the position of District Attorney for Nash, Edgecombe, and Wilson County. This election is of major historical interest to Eastern North Carolina because it marks the first time Boney will be opposed in a general election since he took office in 1977.

Robinson is the first Republican to run for the position of District Attorney in the tri-county area. He is also the first African-American to run for the post. Robinson has been a Republican since the days when he was a Marine in the 1980's.

It was while he was in the Marines that he became interested in the Republican party due to his association with some of the black officers who were Republican. "There were not very many black officers in those days and many that were officers were republicans," explained Robinson. "This captured my interest and I began to talk more with the officers."

"I feel that the Republican party presents the most opportunity for political diversity. Diversity is

needed in education, religion and politics. Blacks must be a part of every facet of the political system," says Robinson

"It should not be assumed that a person is a Democrat just because he is black and a black person must not assume that he must be a democrat for political power. We are making progress when we break political molds. I want people to vote for me because I'm qualified and not just because I'm black."

Robinson, 44, has been married to Dr. Lisa Nelson-Robinson who is a surgeon in Rocky Mount. They have three daughters, Ava, Dallas, and Dara.

Robinson, who received his law degree in 1983 from Washington and Lee University School of Law in Lexington, Virginia, also has a masters degree in criminal justice. He practices primarily criminal law with the Rocky Mount law firm of Battle, Winslow, Scott & Wiley, P.A.

Robinson served as an Assistant Attorney General with the Tennessee Office of the Attorney General from 1990-1993.

He served as Treasurer and Secretary for the North Carolina Bar Association's Section on Constitutional Rights and Responsibilities. He was a captain and military prosecutor in the U.S. Marine Corps and served active

duty from 1983-1986.

Robinson commitment to community include serving as a youth tutor and board member for the Rocky Mount Boys & Girls Club, the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce and others. He is chair of the Triangle East Community Penalties Program, Inc. and is the Treasurer for the Carolina East Business and Professional League.

Robinson, 44, has been married for 15 years to Dr. Lisa Nelson-Robinson who is a surgeon in Rocky Mount. They have three daughters, Ava, Dallas, and Dara.

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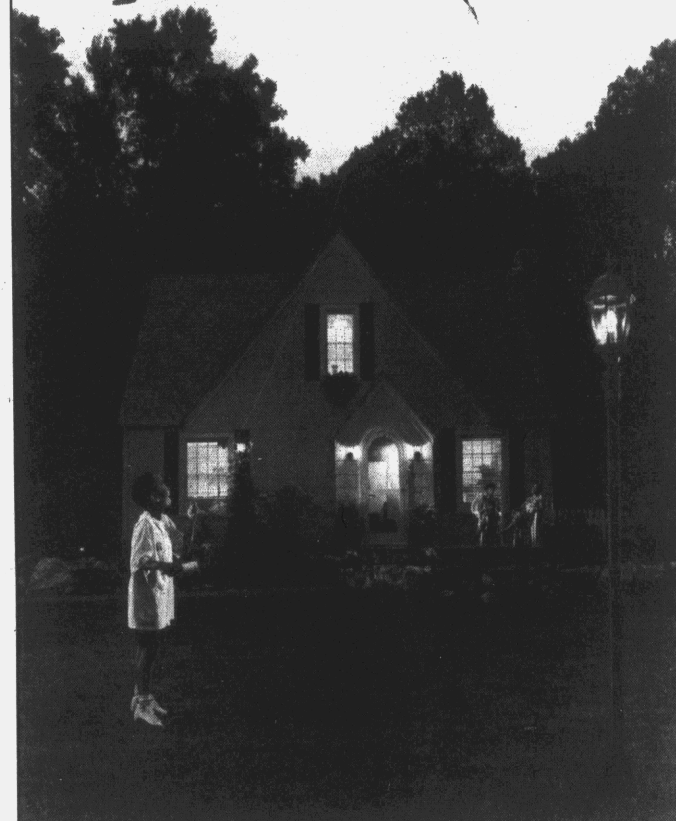
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**THE BLACK CHURCH: THE 'COCOON' FOR THE BLACK 'BUTTERFLY' AND THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSIC IDIOM...**  
By Hubert Walters (Part Two)

ing what has come to be known as Gospel Music. Dorsey was an exceptional musician and was comfortable in writing and performing African-American music in many styles. His most famous composition is entitled, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Prior to his composing this song, Dorsey was the accompanist for *Ma Rainey*, one of the famous "blues" singers of this period. Dorsey was able to apply the musical idioms, that were developed in his hometown church in Georgia, to the new and different social situations found in the larger urban cities. The result is something that *Michael Harris* calls "the gospel blues." This might be an appropriate term to describe the "idiom" as it is used in this context.

American music were developed in the Black Church. Listen to any recording of *Aretha Franklin* singing "Respect" and then listen to her rendition of "How I Got Over" from the great 1972 recording, "Amazing Grace." A keen musical ear will observe the unusual vocal gymnastics characteristic of Aretha, in both of these recordings. It must be pointed out that Aretha did not learn to sing at one of the nation's music conservatories. Aretha developed and sharpened her art in her father's church long before she became a recording star. In fact *Reverend C. L. Franklin*, Aretha's late father said, "if you really want to know the truth, Aretha has never really left the church."

It is a rather interesting fact that the growth and dissemination of the "African-American Music Idiom" has occurred almost simultaneously with the growth and development of the recording industry. Black musicians were among the earliest to record their music. "The earliest recordings of Black musicians that can be documented came in 1901 when *Victor Talking Machine Company* recorded *Bert Williams* and *George Walker* singing popular songs and songs from Black

musicals to the period." The earliest recording of a Black female singer took place on February 14, 1920, when *Mamie Smith* sang "You Can't Keep a Good Man Down" and "This Thing Called Love." By this time, the idiom was popular throughout the nation, and recording companies began to label recordings by Black artists as "race records" to distinguish them from recordings made by white artists. In many ways, the recording industry has been a blessing and a curse to the idiom. Without the industry, many people would not have heard this beautiful "butterfly". On the other hand, the idiom, in most cases, has always been presented to the public by white "imitators" of the idiom, who were always able to reap huge financial profits from their efforts because of the peculiar racial character of the American public in the early years, as well as today. The category of "race records" was given to recordings made by Blacks from 1920 until June 25, 1949, when *Billboard*, a music trade magazine, introduced the term rhythm and blues to define the Black popular music idiom. Rhythm and blues had its origin in the Black Church also. Many of the

rhythm and blues artists of this period were formerly members of Gospel singing groups like the *Dixie Hummingbirds* and the *Soul Stirrers*. *Sam Cooke* and *Jackie Wilson* were formerly members of these groups.

The idiom has left its impression on what we shall call Euro-American Music to identify, European Classical music that has been the foundation of academic music study since the early 1800s in America. On December 2, 1923, *Roland Hayes* (1881-1976), an African-American concert singer from Georgia, became the first Black artist to perform at the famous Boston Symphony Hall. On this program, Hayes performed a group of French, German and Italian art songs, and closed with a group of Negro Spirituals. This concert was the beginning of a long and illustrious career for him, on the great concert stages of the world. He was really the first great American concert singer.

For many years Hayes' contributions to American music remained unnoticed, but in January and February of 1996, the city of Boston celebrated his accomplishments in the world of music with a series of

concerts and related activities. For our purpose here it is important to note that Hayes and his family were members of the *Ebenezer Baptist Church* in Boston for many years. Hayes had very positive ideas regarding the importance of Negro folk music. He once said in an interview: My people have been very shy about singing their crude little songs before white folks.

They thought that they would be laughed at—and they were! And so they came to despise their own heritage if, as I truly believe, there is purpose and plan in my life, it is this: that I shall have my share of rediscovering the qualities we have almost let slip away from us; and that we shall make our special contribution only a humble one perhaps, but our very own human experience.

Were he here today, Mr. Hayes would be amazed to see that this humble contribution has become the foundation for the truly American music, and indeed the "esthetic base" of this magnificent period in the history of music which *Henry Pleasants* and many, many others have labeled "The Afro-American Epoch."

Today, the Black Church is still

the only place that the descendants of Africans who were made slaves in America can truly be free. A close look at the top American musicians in the popular field will show that a large majority of them received their early music training in the Black Church. Academic institutions are beginning to include the study of the great body of music in their curriculum as an integral component of intellectual understanding of music; thus, the metaphor of the "cocoon." The cocoon is the silky and fibrous case in which the larvae of the butterfly spins about themselves to shelter it during the pupa stage. With time and patience, and great struggle, "metamorphosis" takes place, and the beautiful butterfly floats above the earth. The African-American music idiom was developed and nurtured in the "cocoon" of the Black Church. In the fullness of time, the idiom overcame the "metamorphosis" of slavery, second-class citizenship, and segregation and exploitation described in this essay, and emerged as the beautiful "Black Butterfly" energizing the "aesthetic" which is at the base of African-American culture, and today, even world culture.

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1992-1994, said in an interview in June 1996. "One was territorial boundaries, because the Grand Lodge of England had already recognized the white Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which shared the same jurisdiction with us." Another factor was that Prince Hall owed back payment of dues to the Grand Lodge. Back 200 years ago, there were no checks, and often dues for England were put in the hands of sailing ship captains. It was several

months before the ships arrived in England, and money was lost. So it wasn't possible to say for sure that Prince Hall paid all his dues.

The ties were arranged to be formalized in June 1996. In its 212 years, the Prince Hall Grand Lodge has spawned over 44 other Grand Lodges. The subordinate lodges receive recognition once their grand lodges are recognized.

Today, the Prince Hall fraternity has over 4,500 lodges worldwide, forming 44 independent jurisdictions with a membership of over 300,000 masons.

Prince Hall is buried in a cemetery overlooking the Charlestown naval yard in Boston's north end. His grave is situated

near a large tree, his wife's grave is directly behind his. The site is marked by a broken column; a monument erected 88 years after his death by Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Massachusetts. Still today, believers in the Deity and travelers from all walks of life can be seen winding their way to that sacred spot to pay homage at the final resting place of the first Grand Master of the "colored" Grand Lodge of Masons. This great Mason, Statesman, and Soldier, having traveled to that undiscovered country from whos bourne no traveler returns; remains as the pillar of wisdom, strength, and beauty to all black masons today.

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**News That You Can Use...**

**AARP OFFERS REFRESHER COURSE**

Pitt County Memorial Hospital and the American Association of Retired Persons are teaming up to offer a 55 Alive/Mature driving program. AARP developed the eight-hour classroom refresher course to help drivers 50 and older improve their defensive driving skills.

The two-part course is Sept. 23-24 from 9AM -1 PM each day at the PCMH Day Rehabilitation Center at 2264 Stantonsburg Road on the PCMH campus. Cost is \$8. Topics to be covered include handling adverse driving conditions, the effects of medication on drivers and a review of driving safety rules.

For more information or to register for the course, contact Donna Robertson at (252) 816-6369.

**BODY BUILDING CHAMPIONSHIP COMES TO GREENVILLE**

The Pump House of Kinston and Champions Health and Fitness in Greenville are hosting the 2nd Annual Mr./Ms. East Carolina Body Building and Fitness Championship Saturday September 19th. Over 70 competitors from up and down the eastern seaboard are expected in Greenville to compete. The competition, which is sanctioned by the National Physique Committee, will consist of several different divisions, each

divided by weight class. A Master's men and women division will also compete during the evening.

The championship will be held at the J.H. Rose High School Cultural Arts Center located at 600 West Arlington Blvd. Prejudging will begin at 10 am and the night competition will start at 6 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 for prejudging and \$15.00 for the night show. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Pump House in Kinston or at Champions Health and Fitness in Greenville. Tickets will also be sold at the door. For more information on Mr./Mrs. East Carolina Body Building and Fitness Championships please contact April Craft at (252) 523-9222.

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Due to the explosion of demand for new phone numbers to handle fax machines, pagers, cellular phones, second phone lines, and modems, North Carolina has three new area codes. Part of the 910 area code is now the 336 area code. And a portion of the 704 area code is now using 828.

On March 22, 1998, customers in the Northeast portion of the 919 area switched to the 252 area code. Beginning September 22, 1998, callers who dial the 919 area code in error will be intercepted by a recording and instructed to redial using the 919 area code.

This change will in no way affect your rates, your local calling area or your current seven-digit telephone number. Although you may have to make minor adjustments during the transition period, Sprint is dedicated to making this process as easy as possible for you. We can assure you that the new area codes will make it possible for us to serve you better in the future as North Carolina continues to grow.



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**Pitt County Board of Education Committee to hold public hearing on Attendance Line Policy.**

The Pitt County Board of Education's Attendance line Policy Review Committee, chaired by Jill Camnitz, will hold a public hearing on Monday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. to receive comments, reactions, and suggestions regarding proposed changes in the Board's Attendance Lines Policy and Procedures.

Individuals or groups interested in addressing the Board should contact Barry Gaskins, Public Information Director (252) 830-4258 prior to the beginning of the hearing. Individuals and groups will be given three minutes to address the Attendance Line Policy Review Committee during the hearing.

Proposed changes in the policy are shaded.

The hearing will be held in the third floor board room of the Pitt County Office Building.

**PROPOSED PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 1.102 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS**

It is the philosophy of the Pitt County Board of Education that, in as much as is practical, students should attend schools closest to their homes. It is also the belief of the board of Education that integrated schools provide students with an enriched learning environment.

**PROPOSED PITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PROCEDURE 1.102 SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS**

The Pitt County Board of Education has determined the primary considerations that govern the establishment of a school attendance area are:

- Fair and equitable education defined as comparable educational programs, services, and resource allocations.
- Building capacity and usage defined as maximum use of the facility.
- Transportation requirements not to exceed a bus ride of 90 minutes for any student.
- Racial balance
- Attendance line changes will be initiated only as a result of the following situations:
  - the building of a new school;
  - a change in organizational patterns; or
  - as necessitated by growth in pupil populations.

\*Process to avoid a segregated school system defined to mean an annual review of schools in September to determine if the racial balance of any school falls outside a +/-20% deviation of the total Pitt County Schools population.

The Board of Education reserves the right to designate satellite districts within existing attendance areas and may reassign areas of new residential development as needed to adhere to the criteria stated above.

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**OBITUARY**  
**MRS. BEATRICE GARRETT WILLIAMS**  
 Eulogistic services for Mrs. Beatrice Garrett Williams, 91, formerly of Greenville, North Carolina, who passed in New York, New York, on Friday, September 4, 1998, were held at 7:00 PM on

Friday, September 11 at the Phillips Brothers Mortuary. Burial took place at 10:00 AM on Saturday morning at Brown Hill Cemetery. A retired member of Petri Stores, Inc, Mrs. Williams was a member of Local Union #65. She was a member of A.M.E. Zion Church in New York, New York, where she

served as a Mother of the church, a member of the Vesper Choir, Vice President of Class #15, Financial Secretary of the Pastor's Aid Society, and Recording Secretary of the Leaders Board.

Her survivors include: 3 grandchildren: Cynthia Williams and Eugene Williams of Laurel, Md., and Linda Gray of Washington, D.C.; one great-granddaughter, Jennifer Woods; one great-grandson, Andre Harrison; two brothers, Adam Garrett of New York, New York, and Dennison D. Garrett, Sr., of Greenville; a sister, Naomi Garrett Dupree of New York, New York; 3 sisters-in-law, Mamie M. Garrett, Carolyn Garrett, and Clotea Garrett, all of Greenville.

Friends were received at the home of D. D. Garrett, Sr., 1204 West Fifth Street in Greenville.

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**CONTINUITY DIRECTOR**  
 Specific duties include receiving and logging in all incoming tapes, scheduling station promos, maintaining detailed files and assisting in entering copy. Success demands PC proficiency, including knowledge of Microsoft Excel, strong attention to detail and ability to function in a fast-paced, time sensitive setting. This position involves cross-training in all traffic areas.

**MASTER CONTROL OPERATOR (S)**  
 Specific duties include operating Master Control equipment, i.e. running programs, inserting local spots, recording satellite feeds, monitoring transmitter, dubbing tapes and other normal master

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## Looking Back..... Spotlighting Black History-September

- September 1, 1891 - Hallie T.D. Johnson becomes first woman of any race to practice medicine in Alabama.
- September 2, 1958 - Frederick M. Jones patents control device for internal combustion engine.
- September 3, 1979 - Robert Maynard editor-publisher of the Oakland (California) Tribune, becoming the first African American to head a daily newspaper.
- September 4, 1962 - New Orleans Catholic schools integrated.
- September 5, 1960 - Leopold Sedar Senghor elected president of Senegal.
- September 6, 1848 - Frederick Douglass elected president of National Black Political Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.
- September 7, 1954 - Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Md., public schools integrated.
- September 8, 1907 - Negro Leagues baseball star Buck Leonard born.
- September 9, 1968 - Arthur Ashe Jr. wins the first U.S. Open Tennis Championship.
- September 10, 1855 - John Mercer Langston elected township clerk of Brownhelm, Ohio, becoming first black to hold elective office in the U.S.
- September 11, 1959 - Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington wins Springarm Medal for his achievements in music.
- September 12, 1992 - Dr. Mae C. Jemison becomes first African American woman to travel in space.
- September 13, 1886 - Literary critic Alain Locke, first African American Rhodes Scholar, born.
- September 14, 1921 - Constance Baker Motley, first African American appointed federal judge, born.
- September 15, 1963 - Four African American girls killed in Birmingham church bombing.
- September 16, 1923 - First Catholic seminary for Black priests dedicated in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi.
- September 17, 1983 - Vanessa Williams becomes first African American woman named Miss America.
- September 18, 1895 - Booker T. Washington delivers famous Atlanta Exposition speech.
- September 19, 1893 - Elbert R. Robinson patents electric highway trolley.
- September 20, 1830 - First National Convention for Free Men agrees to boycott slave-produced goods.
- September 21, 1815 - General Andrew Jackson honors courage of Black troops who fought in Battle of New Orleans.
- September 22, 1862 - Emancipation Proclamation announced.
- September 23, 1863 - Civil and women's rights advocate Mary Church Terrell born.
- September 24, 1957 - Federal troops enforce court-ordered integration as nine children integrate Central High School in Little Rock, Ark.
- September 25, 1974 - Barbara Hancock becomes first African American woman named a White House Fellow.
- September 26, 1962 - Sonny Liston knocks out Floyd Patterson to win heavyweight boxing championship.
- September 27, 1912 - W.C. Handy publishes "Memphis Blues".
- September 28, 1895 - National Baptist Convention organized.
- September 29, 1910 - The National Urban League founded in New York City.
- September 30, 1962 - Under the protection of federal marshals, James Meredith enrolls as the first African American student at University of Mississippi.

### OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**  
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 2. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.  
 TO VOTE, FILL IN BOX LIKE THIS:

### FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE (1))

**EVA M. CLAYTON**  
**LINWOOD E. MERCER**

Primary  
 September 15, 1998  
 Pitt County, N.C.  
 Chairman: Pitt County Board of Elections

Pitt County precincts in Congressional District #1

Belvoir Greenville #1  
 Bethel Greenville #2  
 Carolina Greenville #3  
 Falkland Greenville #4  
 Fountain Greenville #5  
 Grifton Greenville #6  
 Grimesland Greenville #7

Portions of Pitt County, precincts in Congressional District #1

Ayder Greenville #8

### OFFICIAL BALLOT ON SPECIAL TAX FOR FALKLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER**  
 1. TO VOTE FAVOR of levying a tax, fill in the box to the right of the words "IN FAVOR."  
 2. TO VOTE AGAINST levying a tax, fill in the box to the left of the word "AGAINST."  
 3. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.  
 TO VOTE, FILL IN BOX LIKE THIS:

### IN FAVOR of tax for fire protection in FALKLAND FIRE DISTRICT

**AGAINST** tax for fire protection in FALKLAND FIRE DISTRICT

Primary  
 September 15, 1998  
 Pitt County, N.C.  
 Chairman: Pitt County Board of Elections

Pitt County precincts in Falkland Fire District

Belvoir Greenville #1  
 Bethel Greenville #2  
 Carolina Greenville #3  
 Falkland Greenville #4  
 Fountain Greenville #5  
 Grifton Greenville #6  
 Grimesland Greenville #7

Portions of Pitt County, precincts in Congressional District #1

Ayder Greenville #8

### OFFICIAL REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

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 TO VOTE, FILL IN BOX LIKE THIS:

### FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE (1))

**DUANE E. KRATZER, JR.**  
**JEROME POWER**  
**TED TYLER**

Primary  
 September 15, 1998  
 Pitt County, N.C.  
 Chairman: Pitt County Board of Elections

Pitt County precincts in Congressional District #1

Belvoir Greenville #1  
 Bethel Greenville #2  
 Carolina Greenville #3  
 Falkland Greenville #4  
 Fountain Greenville #5  
 Grifton Greenville #6  
 Grimesland Greenville #7

Portions of Pitt County, precincts in Congressional District #1

Ayder Greenville #8

### OFFICIAL DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEPTEMBER 15, 1998

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 2. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.  
 TO VOTE, FILL IN BOX LIKE THIS:

### FOR U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (You may vote for ONE (1))

**ROBERT JUNIOR (BOB) AYERS**  
**SHEPPARD NEAL MOORE**  
**JON WILLIAMS**

Primary  
 September 15, 1998  
 Pitt County, N.C.  
 Chairman: Pitt County Board of Elections

Pitt County, precincts in Congressional District #3

Arthur Greenville #7  
 Choccolite Greenville #8  
 Farmville Greenville #9  
 Simpson Greenville #10  
 Swift Creek Greenville #11  
 Winterville East Greenville #12

Portions of Pitt County, precincts in Congressional District #3

Ayder Greenville #13

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