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## Blacks in Gray An American Controversy

The record is clear that whatever their motivations, Southern slaves donated money to the Confederate cause, held concerts to raise additional funds, worked in munitions factories and served as body servants to Southern officers. And at least one Black regiment allegedly served in the Confederate Army.

But did Blacks enlist and serve as combat soldiers in the Confederate forces?

That is a question with which a growing number of academics and Confederate heritage activists are struggling. Some estimate that as many as 30,000 or more Blacks served the Southern military.

Skeptics, including Civil War historian James McPherson at Princeton and National Park Service historian Edwin Bears, say the number was much lower, perhaps a few dozen or at most a few hundred.

Blacks, as is well known, served in great numbers in the Union military, more than 200,000 altogether. When Lee surrendered at Appomattox, the number of Blacks in the Northern forces alone far exceeded the number of soldiers in the field with Lee's army.

There's no question that Blacks served in a variety of support positions for the Southern mili-

tary. The Confederate Congress approved enlistment of slaves near the war's end. Some units were trained, but they didn't see actual combat.

Erwin Jordan, a Black archivist at the University of Virginia, boosted interest in the "Blacks in gray" question in 1994 when his book, *Black Confederates and Afro-Yankees in Civil War Virginia*, raised the possibility that Southern Whites had been unwilling to acknowledge military service by Blacks.

Jordan pointed to instances in which Blacks had written the word "soldier" on their pension applications, only to have the word crossed out later and replaced with the "servant".

Wartime comments by Dr. Lewis Steiner, a member of the U.S. Sanitary Commission, have drawn particular attention. When Southern forces marched through Frederick, Md., en route to Sharpsburg, Steiner noted that "over 3,000 Negroes must be included in that number. They had arms, rifles, muskets, sabers, bowie-knives, dirk etc. ...they were manifestly an integral portion of the Southern Confederacy Army."

To support Steiner's theory, historians have uncovered a regiment of Black Confederate sol-

diers from Louisiana. According to the story, when Louisiana seceded from the union a regiment of free Blacks, called the Native Guard was formed for the defense of New Orleans against Union invasion. Many of these men had fought in the defense of New Orleans against Union invasion. Many of these men had fought in the defense of New Orleans during the war of 1812. Once the Union army captured the city, however, these men allegedly did not remain with the confederate army, and eventually formed the Corps d'Afrique under Union General Daniel Ullman. However, there is no strong evidence the Blacks actually fought Union forces in defense of New Orleans.

Late in 1863, General Cleburne and some of his officers drafted a proposal to President Jefferson Davis soliciting the enlistment of southern slaves in return for their freedom. This proposal highlighted a desire on the part of some southerners for independence even without slavery. The

proposal was submitted on 1/2/64 and was rejected immediately. However, after additional letters from War Secretary Benjamin and General Lee, the Negro Soldier Law was signed on 3/13/65.

## Ann Huggins appointed to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Jeffrey Savage



Ann Huggins candidate for Pitt County Commissioner District A was appointed Tuesday, March 14, 2000 to serve the unexpired term of Mr. Jeffrey Savage by Clerk of Court Eleanor H. Farr. The Pitt County board of Commissioners will conduct her swearing in ceremony on Wednesday, March 22 at 8:30 am. in the Commissioner's Auditorium. The public is invited to attend. Congratulations Ms. Huggins for being the first African American Woman to sit on the Pitt County Board of Commissioners... What a mark in History! Pictured are the three candidates running for the County commissioner seat in District A, candidate Peaden, candidate Ann Huggins and candidate Bishop Randy Royal.

Photo by Jim Rouse



**The Copper Kettle Soul Riders!** The American Legion was the scene for the C.K. Soul Riders anniversary. African American Brothers and Sisters who enjoy riding their "hogs" came together in Greenville from as far as Charlotte New York, Virginia, Rocky Mount, and surrounding cities. Pictured, President Jenkins and fellow riders that were in attendance (See page 9 for Collage)

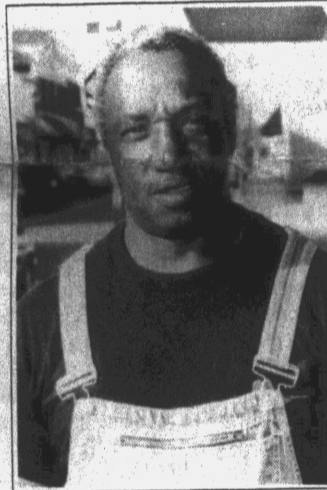
Photo by Jim Rouse

## Get Out and Vote May 2nd



The concerned citizen's of Winterville presented a forum with the political candidates of Pitt County. The guest speaker for the event was professor Henry Suggs, Professor of History from Clemson University. Pictured are Calvin Henderson, Tony Moore candidate for county Commissioner; Dr. Henry Suggs, Faris Dixon candidate for District court Judge; Jim Antinore candidate for Superior Court Judge. Also in attendance but not shown, Jim Rouse candidate for NC house of Representatives District 8 and Keith Cooper candidate for Register of Deeds.

Photo by Jim Rouse



Pastor Perry

By Steve Johnson  
Editor

Pastor Frank Perry, one of the only remaining residents in the Meadow Brook area, is highly upset at the Greenville City Council for not allocating funds to rebuild the area.

Recently he discovered the Council Agreed to allow private funding to be raised to resurrect a local park destroyed by Hurricane Floyd flood waters "But what about the residents and lost homes" he commented That's what type of funding needs to be raised, it just isn't right". When asked what his thoughts were on the issue he had this to say.

**"M" Voice:** Why do you suppose the city has not made any attempts to rebuild the homes in the Meadow Brook area?

**Pastor Perry:** I believe they wish to keep the Blacks out. With the expansion of the Greenville Airport as well as the major chain stores moving into the area, they want to redesign the area so that it will become more appealing to Whites and tourist.

**"M" Voice:** What would you like to see done?

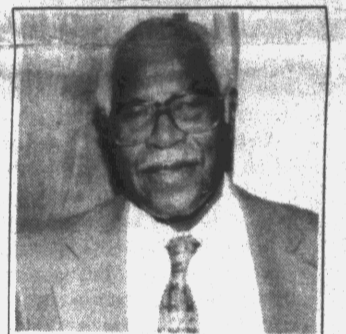
**Pastor Perry:** I would like to see money raised to repair homes so citizens can begin returning to their homes.

**"M" Voice:** What do you think Black citizens can do to help solve this dilemma?

**Pastor Perry:** First off we need to get more Blacks elected to office so that we may have a voice in what goes on in our community. Secondly we also need to take an active part in rebuilding our own communities.

If you would like to learn more about what money is being allocated to the City of Greenville and how those funds are being used, please contact our city government or the "M" Voice Newspaper for more information.

## Happy Birthday Tipp Taft



William Tipp Taft held his 80th Birthday Celebration at the Golden Corral Feb. 24, 2000. Mary Taft his wife gave the celebration. When asked what his plans were for the next 80 years he simply smiled and said doing yard work and watching T.V. "Tipp" is a member of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church with the pastor Dr. Howard Parker. "Tipp" sings in the Men's Choir and is the Vice President of the Usher Board and Chairman of the Trustee Board.

*"Thank the Lord for giving me all these days and to God be the Glory. Thanks for his mercy and his grace"*

Tipp Taft

## Gubernatorial Candidates Compete for Black Votes

By Jackie Peoples, J.D.

Gubernatorial candidates Dennis Wicker And Mike Easley are competing for the Black vote by placing ads where they are likely to reach Blacks. But competition for the black vote got hot when the Baptist Convention (an association consisting largely of black Baptist churches) was drawn into the heat by someone on Mike

Easley's side. The ads were aired on Black radio stations and featured Rev. C. R. Edwards. Mr. Easley's director of field operations. He was identified in the ad as former president of the convention.

An attorney for the convention said, "It reflects very poorly on whoever's judgment led them to do ilk."

This is not a good time for Mike

Easley to be chastised in the press. It's difficult to imagine that he has sufficiently healed from the sting of the press who weeks ago - criticized him for not showing up to events.

Meanwhile gubernatorial candidate Dennis Wicker gains a favorable response and more support from the ads he is running in the black press.

By Jackie Peoples, J.D.

The first planning meeting of the new statewide Black Chamber of Commerce took place on March 3, 2000 in Raleigh. Some of the attendees were Senators Luther Jordan and Larry Shaw representing the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus; attorney and publisher of The Challenger Newspaper, Peter Grear; president of the Carolinas Association of Minority Contractors, James Rayford, president of the North Carolina Black Publishers

Association, Mason McCullough Metroilna Black Chamber President Troy Watson; Curtis Richardson, Jim Patterson of Webb- Patterson Agency; and chamber president and presiding officer Gary McCants of Black Pages U. S. A.

Senator Jordan is enthusiastic about this initiative and believes that "...it is needed, and comes at a good time." He went on to say that many people will be surprised at the benefits of this type of organization.

The agenda for the meeting

included Organizational and administrative issues such as board membership, meeting schedules, and membership criteria. According to Gary McCants however, "The essence of the meeting was the declaration Of strong support for the statewide Black Chamber project and cohesion among the groups and organizations involved." Steps have already been taken to meet again on March 17, to finalize recommendations for the structure of the chamber.



**KLEAVER'S KLIPPINS**

**I'm Mad as Hell and I'm Not Going to Take It Anymore'**

By JIM CLEAVER

These words are a direct quote from a movie that was popular more than 20 years ago. It starred Faye Dunaway and William Holden and a host of other major actors. The actor who used the statement had people screaming at the

top of their lungs at their television sets in protest. Well, that same kind of vehemence is stuck in my craw and I cannot sit still without uttering at least that kind of protest against those idiots who are suggesting the Los Angeles Police Chief Bernard

Parks consider resigning his post. The reason for this notion is based on the problems which have evolved from the Rampart Street fiasco, which has been made public by Bernard Parks.

In the more than 30 years that I have been a part of the news media in Los Angeles, this is the first time that a Los Angeles Chief of Police has opened the sacrosanct ranks of the blue knights and allowed the public to see some of the real problems that have plagued this city for far too many years.

Just the mere fact that he is trying to clean up someone else's mess at the expense of the bad public relations and adverse press, speaks highly of his integrity and willingness to correct some of the wrongs.

Bernie Parks could have stonewalled, denied the charges, made all manner of excuses for the culprits. Instead, he pushed for a thorough investigation of the charges and has sought to rectify the wrongs that may have been perpetrated by his troops.

At this point however, we need to look closely at his position and how he got there. The problems that exist within the ranks of the Los Angeles Police Department did not start when Bernie Parks became chief. Neither did they begin when Willie Williams took the helm. These problems have been around for a long time. Unfortunately, nobody had the intestinal fortitude to bring them to the forefront. Until Bernie Parks.

When he headed internal affairs, he was not his own boss. He didn't call the shots. Everything he did had to go to a higher authority. Things that should have been handled were somehow lost in the wash.

It is kind of like the way we wash our socks. We put in six pairs but when the dryer is finished there are only four pairs of socks and an odd sock. What happened to the others?

The things that are coming to light now are not new. They happened on other chief's watches, but nobody dared to buck the power structure and bring these things into the open.

Now that Parks has opened the door, there is that element that wants to crucify him without looking at how the department got to this point. Former Chief Daryl Gates was not going to open that door. Neither was his predecessor, Ed Davis.

These are two different kinds of men, but both of them held the morale of their officers in high esteem and to break this kind of tradition would surely destroy that morale and perhaps injure that inbred loyalty to the department.

Parks is indeed just as loyal to the department, but it appears that he wants the cleanest and most effective police department in the country and is willing to do whatever it takes to create that department. It would seem that it means weeding out the bad apples and placing them in public view, then so be

it. If the witch hunters are looking for a head, then they need to go back to a period before Willie Williams came to town. Williams came in the role of a new administrator coming to a different kind of organization. He did not know, could not have known the snake pit into which he had been tossed.

In point to fact, he was an interim chief in a transitory seat. Through no fault of his own, he was not going to make the grade, however bright he might be.

On the other hand, Parks knew and knows the playing field. He has been on it for 35 years. He has made some mistakes and he has made some enemies. But the bright spot is that his approach to the problems has been clean and above board. He has asked no quarter and has given none. The chips are falling where they may and he is letting the lady with the two edged sword have her way.

It may not be pleasant for everyone involved. Clearly some careers may be short-stopped. Some folk may be out of work, but then, perhaps we should consider that everybody dressed in LAPD blue should not be there.

What we must remember at this juncture, is that no chief of police for this city has shown the cajones of Bernard Parks. At least not in the past 30 years.

Oh yeah, people will start to point fingers and make charges of all kinds. The bottom line here is simple. This (the police miscon-

duct) was something that people had to know about. People in the community complained for decades on end. Some progress was made through the advancement of some black officers, but not nearly enough.

Men like Joe Rouzan, Homer Broome, George Lewis, Billy Wedgeworth, Marion Johnson, Ron Banks, Jesse Brewer, Ron Nelson, and a handful of others were the pioneers of the black command level officers. But the final decisions were not theirs. It all had to be cleared at the top.

Now Bernie Parks sits at the top and he is making the decisions. He has the courage to make choices that are not always popular but necessary nonetheless.

He has thrown open the floodgates of public criticism for the good of the department and for the good of the total community. He knows there will be backlash. Still he has made the stop.

All of this takes courage and willingness and indeed, a desire to create a better police department that serves and services the entire community.

Because he has had the guts to open this Pandora's Box, he is to be commended and even revered. No other chief saw fit to take this step. Those people who are talking about him stepping down need to climb back under their respective rocks and come out at the end of the next millennium.

**MY THOUGHTS**

By EARL OFARI HUTCHINSON, PhD

**Garcetti Must Act in the Mitchell Shooting**



LAPD Chief Bernard Parks has accused L. A. County District Attorney Gil Garcetti of stymieing his efforts to nail the dirty cops in the Rampart scandal by refusing to prosecute them. Parks is right to point the finger at Garcetti for his foot-dragging on Ramparts but it would have been even better if he had pointed the finger at Garcetti for his even more deafening silence and paralysis in the shooting death of Margaret Mitchell.

But it's hardly likely that Parks would criticize Garcetti for inaction in the Mitchell case. From the start of the tragedy he has reflexively defended the officer who shot Mitchell. Even after the Police Commission and the commission's inspector general emphatically ruled that the shooting of Mitchell was "out of policy," Parks still stubbornly contends that the officer who shot Mitchell used bad tactics but did not violate the LAPD's shooting policy.

Despite Parks's puzzling view of the Mitchell shooting the Police Commission ruled correctly. The LAPD's guidelines on the use of force clearly state that "force may not be resorted to unless all reasonable alternatives have been exhausted." Several eyewitnesses to the shooting contradicted the police claim that Mitchell threatened the officer with a screwdriver and insisted that the officer never attempted to use non-lethal weapons such as a baton, mace or pepper spray to subdue her.

Now that the inspector general and the Police Commission have defied Parks and ruled that the officer misused deadly force the question is what will Garcetti do about it? He insists that he is moving full speed ahead with his own investigation into the Mitchell shooting and the Ramparts scandal. Yet the fact is that despite Parks' anger at him he has not brought any charges against the officers accused of wrongdoing in the Ramparts case.

Even more disturbing he has given no indication what if anything he'll do about the officer who shot Mitchell. Given his anemic record in prosecuting officers accused of misconduct there is no reason to expect that his office will initiate waves of prosecutions against the Ramparts officers let alone against the officer who shot Mitchell.

In defending himself against Parks' charge of inaction in the Ramparts scandal, Garcetti claimed that he can't and won't prosecute officers until he has iron-clad evidence and testimony that will make the charges against them stick. Yet the Mitchell shooting seems to be a made-in-heaven fit for the elevated standard of proof that Garcetti requires when the alleged perpetrators are police officers. There is solid eyewitness testimony that the officer acted improperly. The LAPD's guidelines on shooting were clearly violated. There is an official ruling by the Police Commission and the inspector general to that effect.

This is far more proof than Garcetti or for that matter any prosecutor has ever needed to arrest, prosecute and ask for a prison term for ordinary citizens accused of crimes. Even in the beating of black motorist Rodney King there was not the mountain of evidence there is in the Mitchell shooting that the officers acted improperly. The videotape and public outrage were enough to propel then LAPD chief Daryl Gates to recommend that the officers who beat King be prosecuted and for District Attorney Ira Reiner to take the case to trial.

A prosecution by Garcetti in the Mitchell shooting would do much to silence those who perennially accuse him of invisibility and paralysis on the issues of police misconduct. It would show that he is capable of taking legal and moral responsibility for going after those who break the law even when they wear a uniform and a badge. And, perhaps most importantly, it would reassure the public that a Mitchell shooting won't happen again.

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**BETWEEN THE LINES**

**Why are Black Politicians Looking Past the 55th Assembly District**

By A. ASADULLAH SAMAD

The question of how the changing demographics of California has already begun to play out in certain areas of Southern California. The emerging Latino "political" has several "camps" (much like the black community) that have very disparate views as to how their empowerment should come about, and at whose expense.

It's interesting to watch the Villariagosa and Beccara camps as they talk "coalition" politics in positioning themselves for a non-partisan mayoral run, while on the other hand watching the Molina and Polanco camps talking its time for the "Pro-Latino" flex, taking state or city council seats where Latinos hold a populous majority, at all costs—no matter who holds them, including us. This makes coalition "talk" convoluted, at best, very stained, at worse.

Black political power is shrinking while Latino political power is on the rise. The notion that blacks have "had their turn," is creating a

sense of urgency some think is premature. At the same time blacks are not doing much to resist the power grab. In fact, black political representation is slipping and slipping fast. On the state level, the California Legislative Black Caucus has shrunk from 12 members to six members over the past five years, all the remaining members represent districts in Southern California.

Last month at the Urban Issues Breakfast Forum of Greater Los Angeles, new Legislative Black Caucus Chairman, Assemblyman Rod Wright discussed the need to expand the Caucus and implement strategies whereby blacks would win where they could and make the difference (margin swing) where they couldn't but hold the winners accountable.

Yet in their own backyard, the Legislative Black Caucus appear to be conceding a seat that, in the 1991 reapportionment, was redistricted to favor the majority black voter representation. Why is the Caucus

and other officials looking past the 55th Assembly seat?

It would seem that if Southern California is the last strong hold for state house representation (given there is no black representation in Northern California), we'd be "digging in" for any seat where we stood a chance to win. Wouldn't we? There seems to be a concerted effort not to get behind Keith McDonald's candidacy. I've heard all the sides on this. "People are tired of nepotism (we've been tired of it)" because the black candidate has a mother in Congress that formerly held the seat. Yeah, but he's an elected official now and the protocol (generally) is to support your fellow officials. Particularly on an open seat. "He can't win because he lost before." Well, that is the candidate development process, isn't it?

Get your name out there to build recognition, and then succeed later on. He's done that. "He doesn't have a 'black pro' (political consultant) running his mail cam-

aign—that's another article." True, but it's no reason to concede the seat. "His politics ain't right."

This, of course, is alluding to McDonald working for the man he's seeking to replace in the Assembly, Dick Floyd, who is also running for office—in one of the traditionally "black" State Senate seats, against who many see as the community's choice, Ed Vincent.

Then there's the underlying issue that nobody wants to touch or talk about, the issue of "the dueling Congresswomen" which nobody wants to be nowhere near, much less in the middle of. That's one of those things you "just leave alone," as another insider told me, but it is the biggest contributor to the withholding of the Legislative Black Caucus endorsement.

Everybody knows "who's tied to who." But still, is that a reason to give up our already shrinking political power base? Floyd took the seat last time because his former district was merged into the new district, so he had a base. Now that

he's termed out, there's no need to concede it any longer. Why not take it back, now?

The likelihood is that both Vincent and McDonald could win if the Caucus made "holding power" the priority versus "the personalities." Hell, in politics, everybody's in bed with everybody at one point or another. Why "playerhate" McDonald for playing the game the way most of them have played it at some point in time. "Don't hate the player, hate the game."

So now they want to leave him out there for himself, or as one official told me, "If his mama don't save him, he won't be saved." Well, that's conceding power. The Latino Caucus is putting money, power and influence behind Long Beach City Councilwoman Jennie Oropeza's candidacy. McDonald's got the endorsement of labor, law enforcement, the teachers, the farmers, even City Council people in Carson, Compton and Long Beach (Oropeza's backyard).

He even got the State Demo-

cratic Party's endorsement at the last convention earlier this month. The Black Legislative Caucus, in the meantime, are pushing candidates in San Jose and San Diego with money and manpower, but letting one go in their own backyard. How much sense does that make? None at all.

With the 2001 redistricting coming up after this Census period, the 55th District's line will be redrawn for sure, if there is not a black representative in that seat. The seat will be gone. The power shift in political representation may be coming, but it will come even quicker if we play concession games that have nothing to do with our ability to hold a seat, but our ability to withhold our help when it's needed.

The Black Legislative Caucus needs to come on board with their endorsement. The 55th Assembly seat is not one we need to concede. Political representation is a valued commodity at this point in time. We need to hold the power as long as we can.



**URBAN PERSPECTIVE**

**Welfare to Work With Less Work Available**

By LARRY AUBER

Welfare reform seems to be on everyone's lips. In California, "Welfare to Work" is the label for this state's "total reform" effort to right the systemic wrongs toward poor folks. One of the nation's foremost authorities on race and poverty offers a framework within which to analyze and better understand the near intractable problems and challenges of providing effective service to the poor by meeting their basic needs. Dr. William Julius Wilson's seminal work, "When Work Disappears" (1966), sets forth a provocative theory about the world of the new urban poor and is already the definitive sounding board for emerging welfare reform strategies and programs.

Wilson contends that the consequences of high neighborhood joblessness are more devastating than those of high neighborhood poverty. A neighborhood in which people are poor but employed is different from a neighborhood in which people are poor and jobless. Many of today's problems in the inner-city-crime, family dissolution, welfare, low-levels of social organization, etc.—are fundamentally a consequence of the disappearance of work.

The public debate around the causes of the disappearance of work is not productive because it seeks to assign blame rather than recognizing and dealing with the complex and changing realities that have led to economic distress for many Americans. Explanations and proposed solutions to the problems are often ideologically driven, according to Wilson.

Thus, those who endorse liberal ideology have tended to emphasize social structural factors, including race. Those who endorse conservative ideology tend to stress the importance of values, attitudes and styles in explaining the different experiences, behavior and outcomes of groups. According to this view, group differences are reflected in the culture.

Wilson attempts to demonstrate in his book that social structural factors are important for understanding joblessness and other experiences of the inner city poor, but that there is much these factors do not explain. Although race is clearly an important variable in the social out-

come of inner city blacks, much ambiguity remains about the meaning and significance of race in certain situations. Cultural factors do play a role, but any adequate explanation of inner city joblessness and poverty should take other variables into account. Social psychological variables must be integrated with social structural and cultural variables. Wilson insists that we need a broader vision that includes all of the major variables and, even more important, reveals their relative significance and their interaction in determining the experiences and life chances of inner city residents. This vision guides Wilson's interpretation and integration of the research reported in "When Work Disappears."

Wilson highlights problems in order to inform the public and social policy debates. Social researchers who wish to inform and influence public policy are more likely to focus on a community's problems than on its strengths. Their purpose is to stimulate thought so that policymakers, concerned citizens, journalists and others will have a basis for understanding such problems and the need to address them. Given the reemergence of the discussion concerning the importance of generic endowment, Wilson points out that it is urgent that social scientists once again emphasize, for public policy purposes, the powerful and complex role of the social environment in shaping the life experiences of inner city ghetto residents.

Since the publication of "The Bell Curve" in 1994, a genetic argument has resurfaced in public discussions about the plight of inner city residents. This controversial book by Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray argues that regardless of social, economic or ethnic background, low intelligence is the root cause of many of our social problems.

Herrnstein and Murray attempt to demonstrate that "cognitive ability" as measured by intelligence tests, powerfully predicts not only earnings but a range of other outcomes from parental competence to criminal behavior. "The Bell Curve" questions the extent to which the environment influences group social outcomes, and whether intervention programs can com-

pensate for the handicaps of genetic endowment.

Wilson argues the importance of understanding and communicating the overwhelming obstacles that many ghetto residents have to overcome just to live up to mainstream expectations involving work, the family and the law. Such expectations are taken for granted in middle-class society. Americans in more affluent areas have jobs that offer fringe benefits; they're accustomed to health insurance that covers paid sick leave and medical care. They do not live in neighborhoods where attempts at normal child-rearing are constantly undermined by social forces that interfere with healthy child development.

Wilson believes that it's just as indefensible to treat inner city residents as superheroes who are able to overcome racist oppression as it is to view them as helpless victims. His central argument is that the disappearance of work and the consequences of that disappearance for both social and cultural life are the central problems in the inner city ghetto. To acknowledge that the ghetto still includes working people and that nearly all ghetto residents, whether employed or not, support the norms of the work ethic, should not lead one to overlook the fact that a majority of adults in many inner city neighborhoods are jobless at any given point in time.

The book also emphasizes that the disappearance of work and the growth of related problems in the ghetto have aggravated an already tense racial situation in urban areas. The nation's response to racial discord in the central city and to the growing racial divide between the city and suburbs has been disappointing.

Wilson's vision promotes values of racial and intergroup harmony and unity and he rejects the commonly held view that race is so divisive that whites, blacks, Latinos, and other ethnic groups cannot work together in a common cause. His vision encourages Americans to see that the application of sound programs to combat inner city problems would benefit everyone. Wilson believes that this vision, supported by public rhetoric of interracial unity, is essential to address the problem of the inner city.



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PITT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS IS SEEKING QUALIFIED REGISTERED VOTERS TO WORK AT THE PRECINCTS ON ELECTION DAYS. THE NEXT ELECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2, 2000.

ELECTION VOTING HOURS ARE FROM 6:30 AM TO 7:30 PM JUDGES AND SOME ASSISTANTS MUST ARRIVE EARLIER TO SET UP THE PRECINCT FOR VOTERS AND STAY TO COMPLETE ELECTION ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES WHEN THE POLLS CLOSE. THE HOURLY RATE RANGES FROM \$6.25 TO \$7.00

TO APPLY, VISIT THE PITT COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE, 201 EAST SECOND STREET, GREENVILLE N.C. OFFICE HOURS ARE FROM 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CALL BETTY NURSE AT 830-4121



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Hiring Salary Range: \$76,710 - \$95,305, depending upon qualifications and experience; total range to \$113,900. The City of Greenville offers an excellent benefits package.

Submit resume no later than Friday, April 28, 2000 to Human Resources Director, City of Greenville, P.O. Box 7207, Greenville, NC 27835-7207

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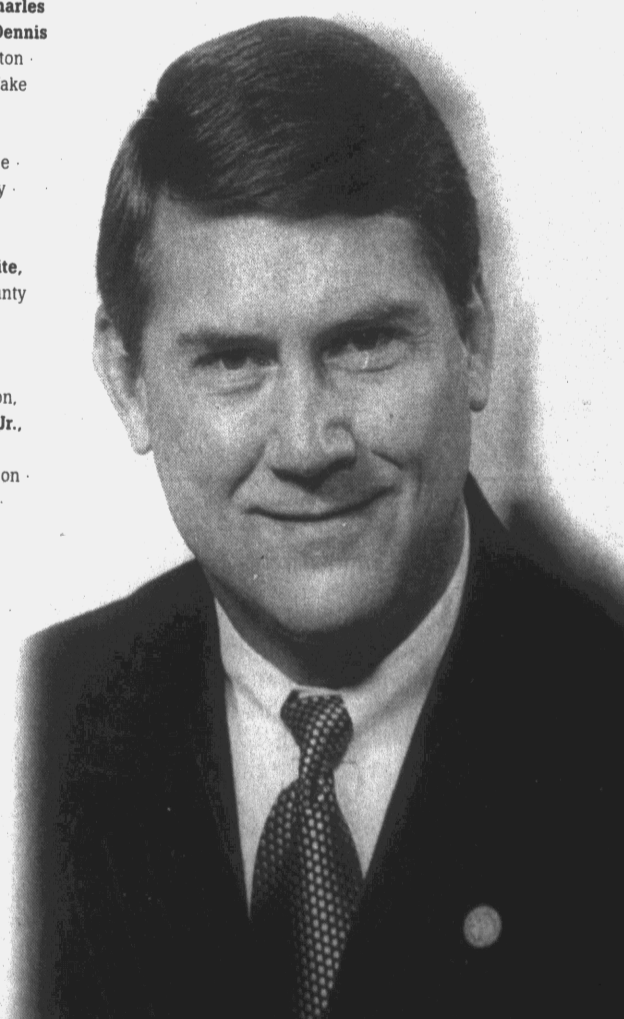
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# Words of Faith



Suejette Jones

What is a Cult?

The two words, "cult" and "occult" sound similar. But while different, they both pose a similar spiritual threat to people by appearing to be something they are not. Both can cause its victims to miss God's loving and free provision for their lives through Christ, and cause them to face a tragic, Christless eternity. There are many nice, friendly and caring people in the cults and the occult. God loves them, so much that Christ died for them. They are not our enemy. Our enemy is Satan and his deceiving spirits.

In popular usage, "cults" are religious groups predicted by the Bible (2 Peters 2:1) that deviate from the control, historic truths of biblical Christianity and God's revelation in Christ. Some cults are offshoots of ancient pagan religions, have no similarity to Christianity, and are easy to identify. Others falsely try to imitate Christianity, often using the Bible and Christian terminology, and are more difficult to distinguish. These latter cults typically exhibit one or more of the following traits:

1. They may consider Jesus Christ as not equal to God the Father, but something less. But Jesus said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14:9). Paul said that Christ is the "image of the invisible God" (Colossians

1:15). The Bible is repeatedly clear that Jesus is deity, and when on the earth, He was God in Human form. We can be redeemed from our sins only because God's own perfect cleansing.

2. They may typically reject the clear biblical revelation of a true God, sometimes called the Trinity: God, sometimes called the Trinity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit - - one God, not three, but manifest in three Persons, yet One.

3. They may have their own "sacred" book in addition to the Bible. And although they usually deny it, these books conflict with and are given precedence over the bible.


4. They typically reject the wonderful biblical truth that salvation a "free gift" from God by grace through faith alone (this truth glorifies God and not man). Instead, cults and all other "religions" falsely say that people must "earn" their salvation by certain works and deeds, often works that will perpetuate the cult (this glorifies man rather than God).

5. Cults are often exclusive, centering around a strong leader (or late founder) who has the only "true interpretation of Scripture. Whereas Christ came to give us freedom. (Galatians 5:1) Cult members are in bondage to that cult or leader, with the threat that leaving the cult will cause a loss of salvation.

Thousands of these cults exist but the New Age Movement (which is also occult) probably is the most predominant today. If involved in any cult - - run, don't walk, to the nearest exit, and find a Christ-centered, Bible-believing Church. (to be continued)

Reference: Dr. Walter Martin, The Kingdom of the Cults

Submitted By: Suejette A. Jones



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RALEIGH, NC

**The Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Program is looking for advocates for abused and neglected children. Volunteers are trained, then appointed along with an attorney advocate to represent the child's best interests in juvenile court proceedings.**

**The program works with other agencies to locate and develop resources that would benefit the child and his/her family. Volunteers can assist by speaking up for a child's right to grow up in a safe and caring environment.**

**For more information contact Catherine Darby at P.O. Box 1391, Greenville, NC 27834 or call (252)695 7325. Training classes for new volunteers will begin May 1.**

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**Spring Clean Up**

Call the Neighborhood Services Office to register!  
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**ATTENTION ALL Churches, Civic Organizations, Neighborhood Associations, and interested individuals! Sign Up Today Pick your own project or volunteer for an area targeted by Neighborhood Services.**

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**OBSTICLE**



God, please help me, for at night I cant sleep, I think about all the bad and good times miss. for sometimes it causes me to weep. Men also cry from there pain, the trouble is so wild its much more than we can tame, drowning in this rain so much is on my brain, please show me and my brother the light, we get hyper and the tension causes us to fight amongs one another, I can truely say to myself I love my brother, but its hard, when I believe in you and he don't believe in you, My God. You have seen tears, plus you have seen my fears, take the arrow out my back, for my enemy has shot a spear. Trying to destroys me, it only makes me stronger, how many times will I have to get through this, and how much longer. Thou its a mountain I have to climb please help me take my time, to reach my destiny, I know you won't let it get the best of me. So I will keep my faith, and continue to pray, being that you carried me half the way. Bless you, is what you would say. So I know, I will see another day. I Won! The Obsticle in this RACE!

*by Abitibi R. D. D. S. D.*

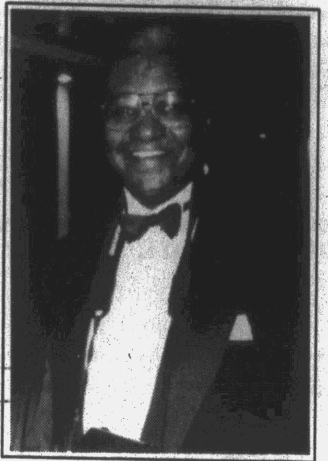
**E.O.D/FAMILY**

# From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



Mrs. Beatrice Maye

## A TESTIMONY TO SUCCESS



Jim Rouse

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Mrs. Beatrice Maye

### Discipline, What's the Deal ?

Hitting a child shows lack of respect. It sends the message, "I'm bigger than you."

Hitting a child may make him so angry that the only lesson she learns is that violence is the way to settle disputes.

Time out is only equivalent to the child's age.

Take away privileges, something your child cares about, like TV

watching or playing outside.

Praise good behavior. Make your praise as specific as possible.

Give her a hug or pat on the back, then label her good behavior.

Children who receive firm, loving discipline at home are more apt. to get along well with others during play.

Give rules about kindness, honesty, and respect for others.

If you are angry, parents, fake it. The objective is to get through to the child, not scare him.

Its easy to enforce rules when you're tired.

It's comfortable to a child to have predictable limits.

Discipline is healthy. Discipline is not so much punishment as a lesson in love.

Boys tend to cover emotions with misbehavior.

Girls, after sulking, will tell why and begin to cry.

Boys and girls emotions are expressed differently.

### STEPS TO SUCCESS

1. Take charge of your thoughts.
2. Overcome obstacles .
3. Establish communications.

4. Build a dynamic support system.
5. Achieve balance.
6. Expand your horizons.

FR: Black Enterprise Jan. 2000

**THOUGHT: "Living without focus is only existing."**

### WHERE HAVE GOOD MANNERS GONE ?

What's up with all this me first behavior? Are there more things to worry about today than there were just a few years ago? Has stress made us rude?

### Some examples of bad behavior:.....

1. Gossiping about someone and being overheard by her.
2. Parked in a handicapped space (when not handicapped)
3. In an office setting, inappropriately dressed --- tank top.
4. Cell phones:..example....church, school, restaurants, etc.
5. Irritating modern phone technology.
6. being left on hold endlessly? Call waiting ? People who talk loudly on cell phones in public.

A fact: Plastic surgeons can do almost anything with a person's

nose except keep it out of other people's business.

### HEALTH FACTS .....

Risk Factors Among Youths.....

In North Carolina, we're finding a very high prevalence of obesity (overweight) and physical inactivity among our children, and along with that we're finding a higher prevalence of hypertension, about twice as high as one would expect to find in children.

Joann Harrell, Ph.D., Professor of Nursing

UNC Chapel Hill School of Nursing

We must promote healthy lifestyles. That's at any stage in life. You can't sit and be fit. You've got to disengage the automobile legs and TV eyeballs and engage the idea of active movement.

By getting into the habit of eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day, you can much more readily turn away those foods that are not healthy.

Accumulate a minimum of 30 minutes of physical activity through out the day.

Each day, 4,000 teens become new smokers. Most of them will become addicted before they are 18. One-third of them will die from a smoking related illness.

### 8 WAYS TO LOWER YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE NATURALLY

1. Learn to talk slower. People who have high blood pressure are usually very fast talkers. Putting back the comas, and pause for a breath of air.
2. Get a pet. Companion animals provide an access to intimacy. Interrupts the worry. Anything that turns your attention outward to the natural environment around you is a powerful way of controlling tension, thereby lowering blood pressure.
3. Take your own blood pressure every day.
4. Take off those extra pounds .
5. Decrease sodium in your diet and increase potassium. Beware of hidden sodium, such as found in canned and processed foods.
6. Choose your health-care professional wisely.
7. Reduce your sugar intake. Watch those large quantities of sugar, soft drinks, and baked goods.
8. Decaffeinate yourself. This means giving up coffee, tea, many other soft drinks and chocolate.

## Faris Dixon

### District Court Judge

**VOTE**

May Primary 2000

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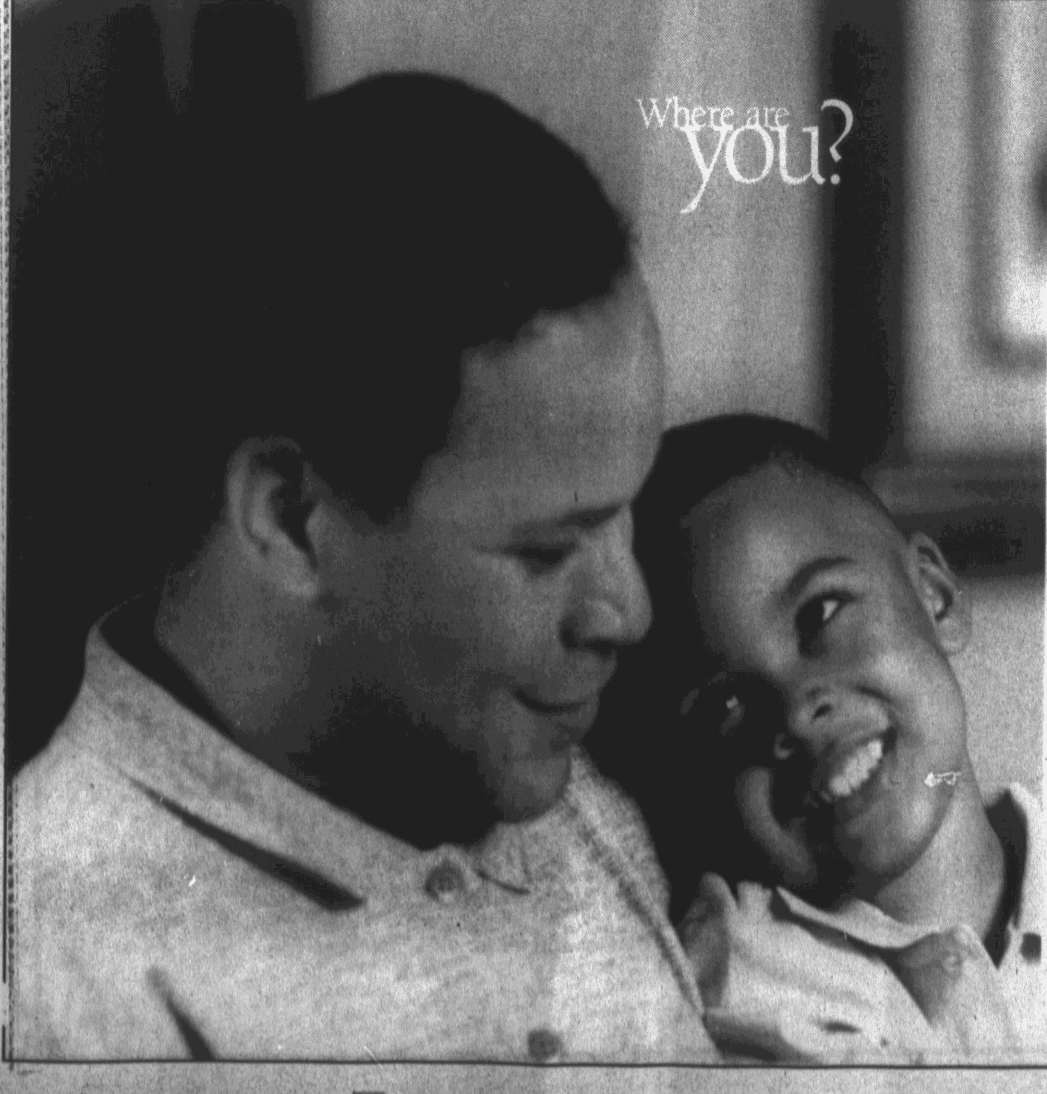
## Funding Available for Youth Programs

The North Carolina Office of Juvenile Justice announces the availability of \$336,658 in state funding for programs serving delinquent, undisciplined, and youth at risk of court involvement for Fiscal Year 2000-2001 beginning on July 1,2000. this amount is subject to action taken by the General Assembly. The Pitt County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council has identified the most needed program services to be the following:

1. Restitution/Community Service
2. Counseling/Home Based Services
3. Residential Treatment/ Group Home
4. Structured Day Program
5. Residential Placement/Temporary Shelter or Group Home
6. Psychological Services
7. Vocational/Educational Program
8. Adult Volunteer/Mentoring Program
9. Sex offender Treatment
10. Parent Responsibility Classes

Eligible applicants must provide matching funds of 20%. Local public agencies, private nonprofit 501c3 youth serving corporations and local housing authorities wishing to submit applications for programs to address any of these program services can obtain application forms by calling Brian Stewart, Council Chairperson at 695-7350. for further information and technical assistance contact Jesse Riggs, OJ consultant at 355-9013. The deadline for receiving funding applications is March 31,2000.

# GET OUT AND VOTE MAY 2ND



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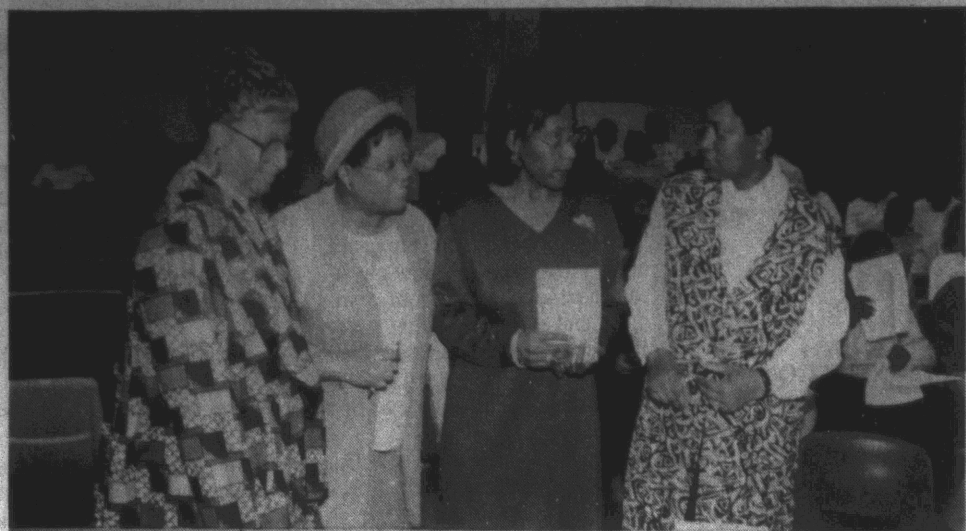
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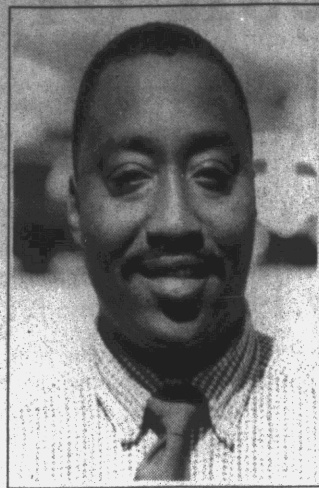
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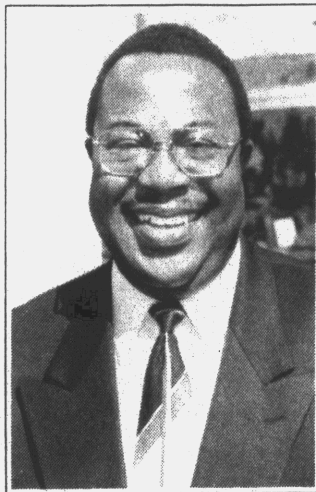


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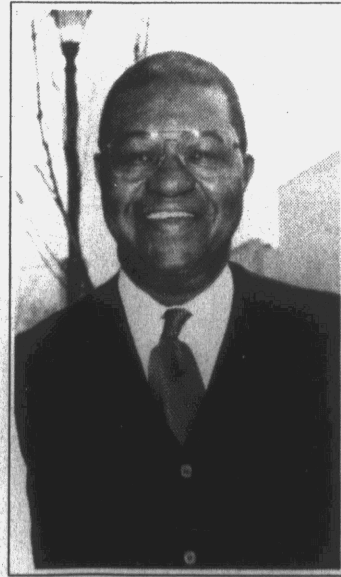


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# vote for my grandpa Jim Rouse



Vote to elect Jim Rouse to  
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District 8

May Primaries 2000

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Farmville Boys and Girls Club visit WOOW and The "M" Voice Newspaper. On a recent field trip the Farmville Boys and Girls Club visited the studios of WOOW. The Children got a first hand look at how a newspaper is layed out as well as chance to cut their very own commercial. They're shown with publisher Jim Rouse and owner of WOOW radio. Jim Rouse is Also running for the NC House of Representatives.

Photo by Steve Johnson

"The New Kid On The Block"  
"One Year Later"



Elder DeWayne A. Johnson, pastor of the Apostolic Way of Life Church of Christ, Inc., located at 308 A Pennsylvania Avenue in the city of Greenville, NC celebrated his first pastoral anniversary banquet on Feb. 26, 2000 at the Greenville Hilton Hotel. After being led by the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, Elder Johnson embarked upon a challenge one year ago, to come to eastern NC to build a sound Pentecostal, Apostolic Ministry, under the pastoral leadership of Apostle W. L. Bonner the Chief Apostle of the Churches of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Elder Johnson and the Apostolic Way of Life Family was blessed to have the Presiding Apostle of the Churches of Our Lord Jesus Christ of the Apostolic Faith, Inc., whose headquarters is located in New York City, and who also pastors the Greater Refuge Temple Church in Jacksonville, Fla., was the keynote speaker. Apostle Groover blessed the saints of God from far and near with an encouraging message from the subject, "How to Get What You Didn't Ask For." Elder Johnson and the Apostolic Way of Life Family has been blessed by God to grow naturally as well as spiritually. The church has under gone cosmetic renovation, and has expanded its seating capacity to over 100, under Elder Johnson's leadership. Elder Johnson and the AWLF is striving to reach out to the lost with a message of hope, inspiration, deliverance and salvation. The goal of the ministry is to reach out into the hedges and highways compelling men and women of all nationalities, ethnic, and religious persuasions, to seek for a deeper spiritual relationship through the spirit of God that he so greatly desires for us to have. Creating a safe haven for the youth of Greenville is also part of the great vision set forth by God for this ministry. The church hopes to build financial stability through gifts, grants, and investments that will make this house of worship a financially solvent institution.

# FRIENDS FOR ANN CAMPAIGN

**ANN HUGGINS for County Commissioner**  
A Plan for a Better Pitt County

- Increase value of education by promoting better pay and better resources.
- Because of Hurricane Floyd devastation, I would like to address the damages that were done to environment.
- I would like to help improve the quality of life for our Senior Citizens.
- I would like to increase resources and incentives for our county employees.
- I would like to address health issues in our county by working with Pitt Memorial Hospital and other countywide health organizations.
- I would like to improve the county infrastructure through building and rebuilding roads, facilities, and countywide water/sewer system for a better Pitt County.
- I would like to improve County security through crime prevention and intervention.
- I would like to encourage the most productive usage of our tax dollars. I will also examine other ways to generate revenue.

A Vote for Ann Huggins is a Vote for a Better Pitt County  
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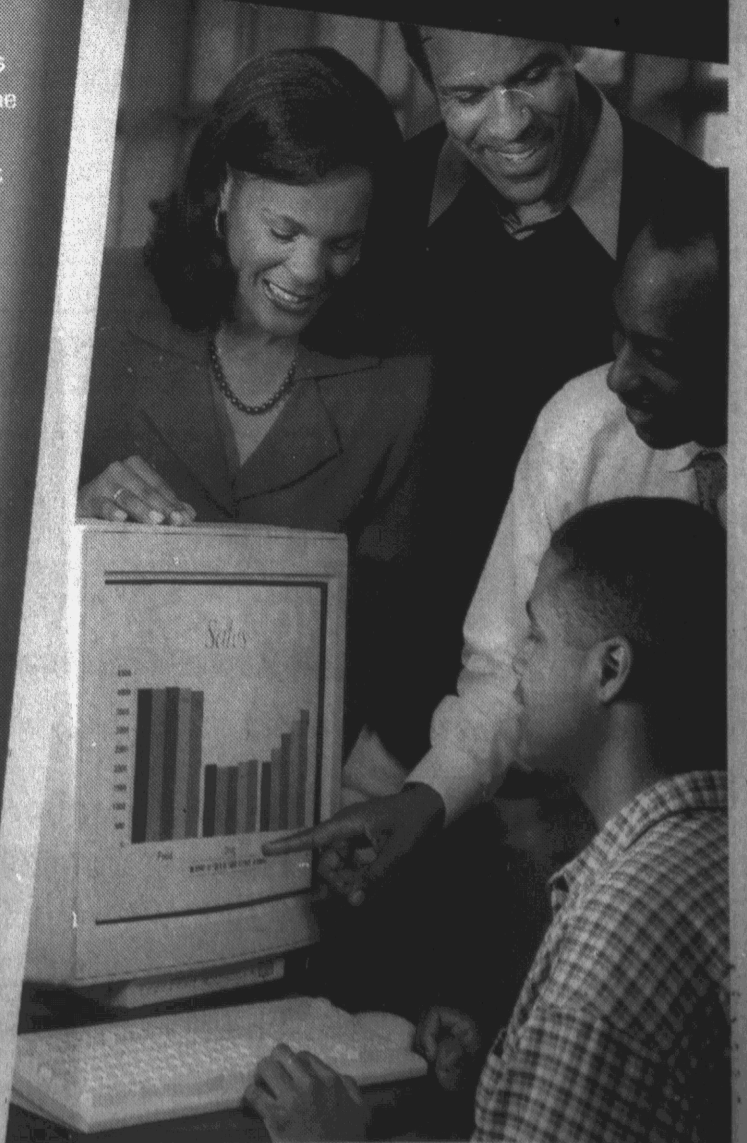
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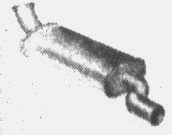


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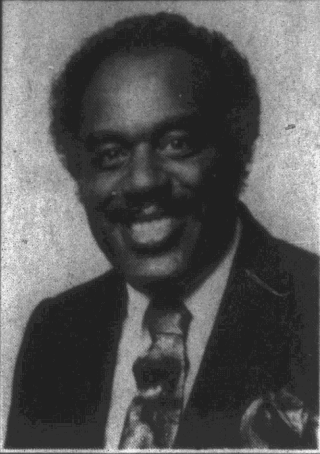


The Jackie Robinson Baseball League is seeking good head coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers for its 2000 baseball season. Coaches should have baseball, organizational and disciplinary skills. Volunteers can provide assistance in a number of areas, including the building of a concession stand at Thomas Foreman Park and manning the concession stand during games. Plans are to have the concession stand completed before the season begins in June.

The Jackie Robinson Baseball League was organized in 1991 and began play in 1992 with six teams ages 9 - 12. The league expanded the following year to eight teams for ages 9 - 12 and four teams for ages 13 - 15. The league currently has eight teams for 9 - 12 year olds. Participants must be 9 on/before July 31 and must turn 13 before August 01. Register now !!!! Free physicals will be given 9am - 12pm, Saturday, Mar. 18 at the South Greenville Recreation Center. Tryouts and practices begin in April.

For information concerning the Jackie Robinson Baseball League, please telephone one of the following: Bobby Short at 329-4544; or Michael Jordan at 756-6138; or Howard Pearce at 757-1660 (after 6pm).

**Spiritual Thoughts**



**Dr. George Hawkins**

Why Bother ?

**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.**

As I look at the Body of Christ and area churches as a whole, we don't seem to have a problem coming together to have "church". They scripture above commands, not suggests, that we not forsake or abandon coming together because when we come together corporately, we get the strength we need to face the upcoming circumstances or situations within the week to come. I will bring it a little closer to home, to face the next minutes or hours to come.

However, the key factor to which I am getting around to is why do you go to church? We go Sunday after Sunday, week after week but is it benefiting you? Are you

crossed your mind? Is church actually doing anything for you? Does the yoke destroying, burden lifting power of God abide within you? I am referring here to the anointing. What we fail to realize is that the anointing is not contained in structured buildings but in earthen vessels. God desires to but His power in yielded, clean church if you keep the "house" clean. Matthew 9:12 says "They that be whole (well) need not bound in spirit, soul and body. The anointing in the church is there to destroy yokes in the lives of the people and to remove burdens. I have seen the anointing so strong in our church that sometimes I don't have to lay hands on the people. God does His own delivering but have this kind of anointing infiltrated in a church comes with a great price. It is in this type of atmosphere that we see miracles take place."

God has designed it so that each time you enter His "house", you don't leave the same way you came. There are higher heights and deeper depths in the Lord. If your spiritual needs are not being met, why bother to get out of bed each Sunday morning and go to church? Why word is not bringing about a change in your life? Jesus came to liberate the whole man, spirit, soul and body. He wants to meet every need. Why bother to go to church out of tradition or because it's the right thing to do? Why bother to go out of duty? You are not doing God a favor by going to church. He owes you nothing but we owe Him everything. You should be going to church to get your soul right to meet Jesus in PEACE!

because the days are evil (Ephesians 5:16). We don't have much time left.

God commands us, not suggests, in Psalm 100:4 to enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name. Psalm 22:3 says He inhabitant the praises of Israel, so why would you think that God wants us to come and sit as a "solemn assembly" when we are commanded to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Come before His presence with thanksgiving.

It is time to stop going to church out of religious duty or because it is the thing to do. Why bother? It is time to stop playing with the Lord. What we do for Him has to be real. Our motives must be pure. Jesus is real and He is holding us accountable for what we do. Hebrews 10:26 & 27 says "For if we sin willfully after that we received that knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins. But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries".

In conclusion, beloved, you are going to need Jesus one day. It might look like things are on easy street and smooth sailing now, but a reckoning day is coming and it is going to be a horrible time when you need Jesus the most, he laughs at your calamity. Proverbs 1:21 says "I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh." Make it count when you go to church!

God Bless you.

really getting anything for your spirit and soul? Has it ever Why bother to waste precious time? We must redeem the time

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