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## Bush breaks faith says CBC Dems

By Hazel Trice Edney  
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WASHINGTON (NNPA)— With a Republican majority vote, the House of Representatives approved the budget proposal of President Bush, despite strong objections from the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and other House Democrats.

If passed by the Senate, the proposal would likely lead to vast cuts in government spending for services needed in Black and Hispanic communities to make room for the \$1.6 trillion tax cut

that he wants.

"While President Bush has emphasized reaching out to minority communities and working for all Americans," states a report released by the CBC and House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt (D-Mo.), Bush's budget proposal "breaks faith with those promises and short-changes both African-American and Hispanic communities. Gephardt and the CBC held a joint press conference on the issue two weeks ago.

Though Republicans point to proposed increases in educational spending, including a 30 percent increase in spending for

historically Black colleges and universities, Democrats say the proposed budget would jeopardize funding for social security, Medicare and Medicaid, and freeze the Justice Department budget, which could significantly affect programs of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The EEOC handles more than 75,000 employment discrimination cases per year.

Democrats also point out the Bush budget proposes the "smallest increase for education in five years," "starves key education initiatives," and cuts funding from community development and public housing.

## Waffle House faces discrimination lawsuit asking for \$275 million

By JASON STRAIT  
Associated Press Writer

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — Black customers who say they were refused service at a Tullahoma Waffle House — and captured the incident on videotape — have filed a \$275 million

discrimination lawsuit against the restaurant.

The four plaintiffs say in their federal court suit they were locked out of the Waffle House by employees who claimed the restaurant was closed for maintenance, although white patrons were clearly visible inside and continued to be served.

Steve Berry of Tullahoma said he videotaped the late-night incident after the restaurant refused to serve him and other black customers the two previous weekends.

On the videotape, a Waffle House employee can be seen closing the restaurant's front door as Berry and others approach. An

## RAY CONGLETON: INVENTOR



Ray Congleton.

Ray Congleton of Greenville is an artist. He builds scale models of high performance custom cars. To the unsuspecting eye Congleton's models look not unlike Revel and Snap-On models. And one cannot help but admire the unique custom body designs Congleton comes up with, but when one learns that the models are made from paper, one's admiration is transformed into surprise and disbelief.

Paper is Congleton's primary material, but he includes household odds and ends such as Flavor Straws, lagbolts, and faucet handles to simulate tail pipes, valve covers, and custom wheel designs. He uses automotive lacquers to paint his models; sometimes he gives his models as many as seven coats until they look like plastic.

Congleton is an African-American man who lives in Greenville with his wife Jennifer and four year old son Julian. He received a degree in Art Education from Elizabeth State University and a Masters in Adult Education from Eastern Carolina University. For the past eighteen years he has served as the Director of Adult Education at Pitt Community College.

The artist started making paper sculpture cars only three years ago while spending time at home babysitting his son Julian. Congleton says, "...there are no schools for this sort of art-work...." and as well-educated as Congleton is, he is in fact a self-taught in his sculpture specialty.

Ray Congleton is making his artistic debut with a showing of about 30 paper models in the Four Sisters Gallery at North Wesleyan College. We especially encourage car buffs and model makers of all ages to come out and see this unique exhibition and meet the artist.

Kelly Darden/Kappa Alpha Psi team won top honors for raising the most money. Kelly Darden/Kappa Alpha Psi raised \$3,314.46. Kelly stated, "I have taken a deep interest in this event each year, because my wife, Mrs. Jean J. Darden, was a victim of cancer, and passed in 1992." Mr. Kelly L. Darden Sr. and his grandson, Kelly L. Darden III are both cancer survivors.

Mr. Darden has served as captain of the team, Kappa Alpha Psi, for several years. This year, Mr. Darden himself, raised \$2,681.00 of the teams total. The fraternity was rewarded a plaque for five continuous years of participating and raising the highest amount of all other



Celebrating Dr. Andrew Best, shown at the Ramada Hotel Plaza, with Larry Siegal, Operation manger of Catalytica, along with Dave McRaye, President of Pitt Memorial Hospital. (top photo)

Ann Brown, President of Pitt County A&T Alumni, Bro. Don Brown, owner of Don Brown Funeral Home, along with Rosa Bradley, owner of Rosa Bradley Home for Adults. (middle photo)

Dr. Mallette of ECU Medical School, along with Sis. McCleary who is the First African American Graduate from East Carolina University, also Dr. Henry Clark Jr. who is the First African American Graduate with Ph.D., from East Carolina Medical School. All were honoring Dr. Andrew Best, who's been a pioneer in medicine, education, and breaking barriers for our people. (bottom photo)

Ray Congleton, hats off to a dedicated brother. Bro. Kelly Darden of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity poses for the M'Voice Newspaper. His team raised the most money for the '2001 Relay for Life', hosted by American Cancer Society

## HATS OFF TO KELLY DARDEN & KAPPA ALPHA PSI

teams. They were also awarded the Premier Plaque for raising the highest amount as a team

The 2001 Relay for Life raised more than \$100,000 for cancer research and programs in Pitt County this weekend.

Walkers and some runners circled the E.B. Aycock Middle School track Friday and Saturday during the 24-hour event to recognize cancer survivors and those who have lost the fight against the disease.

Relay for Life is the largest fundraising campaign for the American Cancer Society. This year's goal is \$110,000.

Cancer survivors were typically the first to walk a lap, and about 80 survivors turned out Friday. The walk is symbolic of the daily struggle patients endure in their battle against cancer.

The Minority Voices would like to give recognition to all that participated, especially to Kelly Darden/Kappa Alpha Psi. Mr. Darden/Kappa Alpha Psi wishes to thank all persons and businesses that contributed toward this cause.





Ray Barnes and his lovely wife were on hand to honor Mr. Jim Rouse, owner & operator of Jim Rouse Communications.. photo Michael Adams

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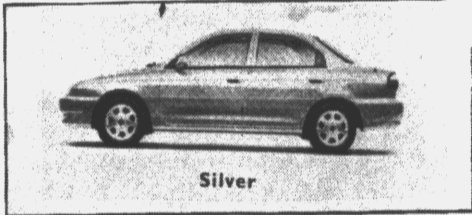
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# AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY



## "The Scottsboro Boys: An American Tragedy"

In March 1931, a freight train crowded with homeless and jobless hoboes left Chattanooga, Tennessee, bound for points west. A short time after the train crossed into Alabama, a fight erupted between two groups of hoboes—one black and one white. News of the fight reached the tiny town of Paint Rock, Alabama, where the train was stopped by an armed posse. Before anyone knew what had happened, two white women stepped from the shadows of a boxcar to make a shocking accusation: nine black teenagers aboard the train had raped them. So began one of the most dramatic legal fights of the 20th century. Before it was over, the Scottsboro affair—so named for the little Alabama town where the nine were put on trial for their lives—would divide

Americans along racial, political, and geographical lines. It would draw North and South into their sharpest conflict since the Civil War, yield two momentous Supreme Court decisions, and give birth to the Civil Rights Movement.

On Monday, April 2, at 9 p.m. ET on PBS, American Experience presented this riveting drama in "Scottsboro: An American Tragedy." Producers Daniel Anker and Barak Goodman spent five years piecing together the story. Their painstaking research uncovered long-forgotten archival footage and photos, letters, diaries, newspaper editorials, and trial transcripts. These together with the insights of historians and recollections of eyewitnesses tell a heartbreaking story. Andre Braugher narrates; the voices of Frances McDormand, Stanley Tucci, and others help bring the story to life.

In the boys' first trial, accusers Victoria Price, 21, and Ruby Bates, 17, played a critical role. The women weren't stereotypical Southern belles: they worked in the textile mills, lived in the black part of town, and occasionally traded sex with both black and white men for food and clothing. But in the racially charged atmosphere of rural Alabama, Price and Bates quickly came to personify the ideal of Southern womanhood. And these nine boys—the oldest of whom was 19—were going to pay for what white Southerners deemed an unforgivable offense. The tough-talking Price claimed fended by a real estate attorney who had spent just 20 minutes with his clients before urging them to plead guilty.

Terrified, the boys concocted stories to try to save themselves. But all were found guilty and

sentenced to death, except for a 13-year old, whose sentence the jury could not agree on.

Help finally arrived from an unexpected source—the Communist Party; which was gaining ground in America in the 1930's because of the Depression. Hoping to gain the support of African Americans in the South, Communist sympathizers demonstrated against the Scottsboro trial, met with the prisoner, and despite opposition from the NAACP, convinced the boys' families to allow the Communist Party to represent the nine.

In 1932, with lawyers retained by the Communist Party providing the arguments, the Supreme Court handed down a precedent-setting 7-2 vote that set aside the verdict in the first trial. The court ruled the prisoners' defense had been so woefully inadequate that it had violated equate that it had violated their rights to legal due process. Alabama prepared for a second trial.

The International Labor Defense, the legal arm of the Communist Party; hired one of the country's most prominent defense attorneys. Samuel L. Leibowitz, to represent the boys. Although he disagreed strongly with Communist ideology, Leibowitz took the high-profile case because he was confident it would enhance his reputation. And having won 77 of the 78 murder cases he'd argued, Leibowitz was certain he'd be successful this time, too. But he failed to realize how much the Alabama jury would resent him as a New Yorker and Jew.

Leibowitz mounted a brilliant defense. He got the doctor who examined the women after the alleged rapes to describe evidence that made it impossible

for the boys to have been guilty. He brought in a drifter who admitted he and a friend had had sex with Victoria and Ruby the night before the supposed incident, thus the existence of semen. He even brought in Ruby—who had vanished after the first trial. She now appeared as a witness for the defense. But in reality Leibowitz was on trial. According to historian Dan Carter, the prosecutor came right out in his summation and said to the jury, "Show them that Alabama justice can't be bought and sold with Jew money from New York!"

Once again the verdict was guilty. They saw the ultimate outsider," says historian Wayne Flynt of Leibowitz. "Someone who was Jewish—totally foreign to their religion. They saw someone who was allegedly a Communist—totally foreign to their political values. They saw someone who was defending accused black rapists—someone totally contrary to their racial values. The minute a Jewish lawyer from New York City came to Alabama, that case was lost."

Devastated but not defeated, Leibowitz appealed to Judge Edward Horton to overturn the verdict. The judge, defying overwhelming popular sentiment in the South and putting his own career in jeopardy granted a new trial.

Alabama prosecuted yet again, this time with a new judge who openly sided with the prosecution. Once again all nine boys were found guilty. This time Leibowitz appealed to the Supreme Court, claiming that Alabama had purposely excluded African Americans from the jury. Once again the High Court sided with the plaintiffs, and Alabama was forced to gear

up for a fourth trial. By this time public opinion was beginning to turn against the state, with people wondering if all the effort was worth it. State officials agreed to compromise on the condition that Leibowitz step down. With a Southern attorney acting on behalf of the nine defendants, five were convicted. The other four, who had by this time been in jail for six years, were released. As the years passed and the case left the headlines, the state began to relent. "In the end," says producer Barak Goodman, "it was not letter, marches, or editorials, but time alone that brought the Scottsboro affair to an end."

In 1943, the Alabama Parole Board met for a fourth time and voted to parole one of the prisoners. Within the next three years, all but one of the Scottsboro boys, now men, would be released.

In 1948 the last of the nine would find freedom—not through the judicial system, but by outrunning the prison guards.

*Editor's note: A Tragic story indeed, but this is America in all of its Glory. Enuff said!*

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### Virus

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**This Way for Black Empowerment**

by Dr. Lenora Fulani

**Census Undercount: Independent and Non-aligned Voters**

With the unveiling of the new census Americans are getting a closer look at who we are, and who we are becoming, as a country. Prominently featured in the early analysis of the census report is our changing racial composition since this was the first time the census offered a range of choices in the category of race. Our country, long called the melting pot, now has reams of statistical data to spell that out in great detail.

Evidence that America is

diversifying politically also continues to mount. A report by the committee for the Study of the American Electorate showed the total number of people registering as independent has increased 800 percent in the past three decades. Gallup news service reported last year that, despite the continued strength of the two-party system in U.S. elections, more people today consider themselves politically independent than identify with either the Republican or Democratic Parties. "This findings not new," they reported, "but has been apparent in Gallup's national election surveys for most of the 1990's." Responses to an effort I recently helped to launch to unify the independent political movement leads to similar conclusions as well.

Several weeks ago I, along with a group of activities, began a national campaign called The Independent Appeal—a nationally coordinated grassroots petition drive which aims to collect a million signatures and unify the independent political movements in the process.

The Independent Appeal states that America has tens of millions of independents who are connected by a mistrust of politicians and parties, the desire to reform our political process and opposition to the corrupting influence of special interests in government and elections. It reads, "This movement has taken different forms over the years: 20 million voted for Ross Perot; Minnesota Governor Jesse Ventura's election; John McCain's huge popularity in the presidential primaries; Ralph Nader's 2.7 million votes in

the last election; popular support for term limits, campaign finance reform and non-partisan debates." The independent movement is out here growing, the Appeal says, but waiting to be led.

It then goes on to state that there must be a coming together of independents across the ideological spectrum—from the center, left and right -- and urges the movement's most prominent leaders -- Jesse Ventura, Ralph Nader and Ross Perot—to cross their respective ideological divides, connect with each other and unify the broader movement which has popularized their varied efforts by calling for and leading a Million Independents March on Washington.

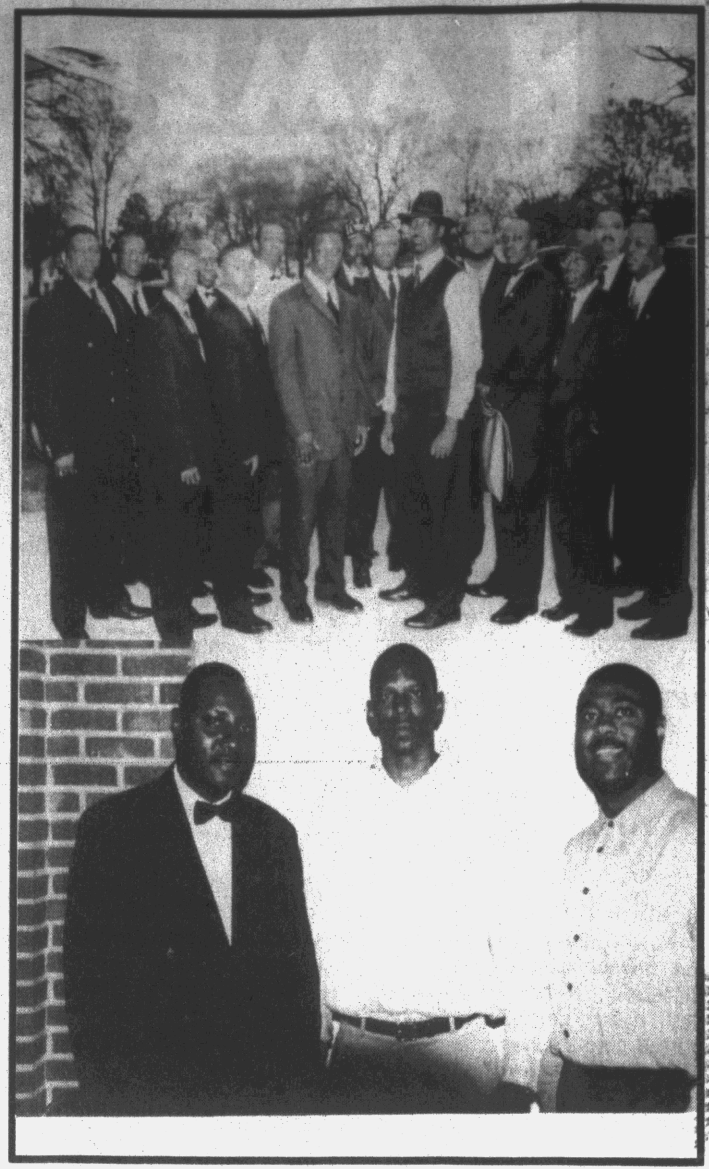
The initiators of the drive represent a cross-section of the independent movement and include: a high-ranking member of the Ventura administration, a former executive level leader of the Reform Party, and chairs of the leading state-based independent parties and community-based political reform organizations.

The Million Independent March concept was inspired in part by the Million Man march in 1996, which drew attention to and mobilized another under-recognized and under-empowered constituency--African American men. Wayne Griffin, the Chairman of the United Citizens Party of South Carolina, and I are strongly calling on the Black community to support our years of work in building this movement and to take its place in the foundation of its future. It is an opportunity for the Black community to assert itself inside of

independent politics. Several thousand signed-on in the initial days of the petitions release. CSPAN viewers were introduced to the drive several weeks later via the broadcast of a Black History month speech I gave at Columbia University. We immediately received another 400 calls and emails at my office the next day.

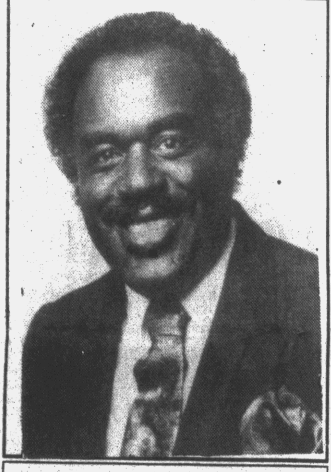
Discussions of election reform have become fashionable these days with everyone, from state legislators to former Presidents, forming commissions to study and make recommendations to improve voting procedures. Congress is consumed with debate on the McCain/Feingold legislation to reform campaign finance laws. Within this dialogue, much which is posturing by one political party over another, there is an important debate growing about the two-party system and political parties themselves. The new American majority -- the independent -- must be seen, heard and heeded in this debate. Contact my office to sign the Independent Appeal by calling me at 1-800-288-3201 or by visiting my website at [www.cuip.org](http://www.cuip.org).

*Lenora B. Fulani has twice run for president as an independent--making history in 1988 by becoming the first woman and first African American to appear on the ballots of all 50 states. She currently chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party, the country's leading think-tank for independent politics. She can be reached at 800-288-3201 or at [fulanicolumn@cuip.org](mailto:fulanicolumn@cuip.org) or by mail at: 225 Broadway, Suite 2010, New York, NY 1007.*



The Mount Calvary Lodge & The Mount Herman Lodge were "out & about" and the Minority Voice cameras caught up with the Worship Master Reggie and the other brothers who are all masons here in Pitt County. photo by Jim Rouse

**Spiritual Thoughts**



PASTOR GEORGE HAWKINS

*molish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" 2 Corinthians 10:3-5*  
*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in heavenly realms." Ephesians 6:10-12.*

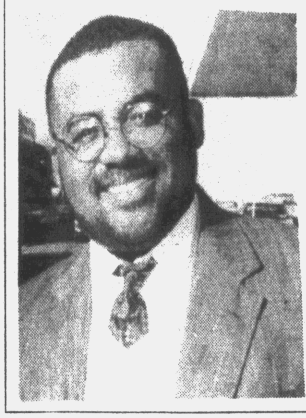
This ministry's stress upon spiritual warfare is an attempt to bring about a proper balance in Christian lives. So many Christians have become passive and fearful. Some are satisfied just to believe the right things and attend church services and activities each week. This type of lifestyle is quite different from that which Jesus had called believers. For example, like the apostles (Lk 9:1-2) and the seventy (Lk 10) who were told by Jesus to go out and preach and teach about the Kingdom of God and also said they were told by Jesus to go out and preach and teach about the kingdom of God, and he also said they were to heal the sick and set the captives free. In Matt. 28:18-20, Jesus commissioned the disciples.

*And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you; and remember, I am with you always to the end of the age."*

The new converts were to be disciplined and taught that God wanted them to be doing the things that Christ's disciples had been doing. And Jesus would be with His people to the end of the age, doing His works through them as they were yielded to Him in faith.

The reason ministries like ours exist at all is because of the failure of the Church to obey all of Christ's commission to His people. Working in the power of Christ to do like that today." But we, and ministries like us, are reminders that God continues to work the way He did with the First Century Church.

Spiritual warfare is a pro-active approach to our faith. We actively resist the devil when his hosts harass us. We actively pursue spiritual disciplines that will make us stronger and better prepared. We actively engage the enemy when people are in spiritual bondage.



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**King & Fifth Street Greenville, NC**

On April 6, 1998 former Greenville City Councilman Huggins made a motion to name that portion of Fifth Street from Evans St. to Memorial Drive after Dr. Martin Luther King. Councilwoman Council seconded the motion, which passed.

I often think about how such a vote was a disservice to a great civil rights warrior. Also, that controversial vote insulted the praiseworthy legacy of King and the intelligence of King's disciples. The time to bring closure to this issue is long overdue.

It's no secret that many streets are named after trees. For example, motorists around the country fre-

quently see such streets as Oak, Spruce, Pine, Elm, Arbor, and Maple. Therefore, people of good conscience should welcome efforts to rename an entire street after King.

King promoted racial healing, understanding, and tolerance. Due to his peaceful efforts, our fragile democracy still exists. The turbulent waters of hate in an ocean of ignorance and discrimination still rage.

Most streets, bridges, parks, and schools named after King are in economically depressed neighborhoods, as is the case on MLK Drive. Nevertheless, denying warriors for racial justice the full street from 10 St. to the city limits is like offering crumbs to Lazarus. This humiliation must be rectified soon.

Concerned citizens may close more wounds of racial hatred by asking that the statue of the Confederate soldier mounted on the front lawn of the Pitt County Courthouse be removed and replaced with a monument of King. This will help balance the scales of justice.

After closure is brought to the Fifth St. project, supporters of atonement should consider asking the City Council to name Memorial Drive or Greenville Boulevard after Rosa Parks, the "Mother" of the modern day civil rights movement.

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# Nyika White reclaims gymnastics title

By MICHAEL BARRETT  
Sports Editor

CONCORD — Nyika White has reclaimed his spot at the top of the mountain.

The 18-year-old gymnast and Williamston High School senior completed another climb to Tarheel supremacy last weekend by becoming the 2001 N.C. State Men's Gymnastics Champion for ages 16 and up—the second time in three years he has accomplished the feat.

But that's not all. He was also named the Athlete of the Year for North Carolina by gymnastics judges and coaches at the annual trial. Voting followed the competition.

The state meet was held March 24-25 at the Cabarrus County Gym-

nastics Center near Concord. White competed with other teammates from his home gym, Rose's Gymnastics of Greenville.

"By the scores he's getting, he should make nationals," said John Rose, White's longtime coach in Greenville. "You've got to score at least a 42 there. Nyika got a 44 (at the state competition) and has been doing that consistently."

White posted the first- or second-highest score in each of the six physically-demanding individual events, including floor (8.35), pommel horse (6.65), rings (7.60), vault (8.20), parallel bars (7.40) and high bar (6.20).

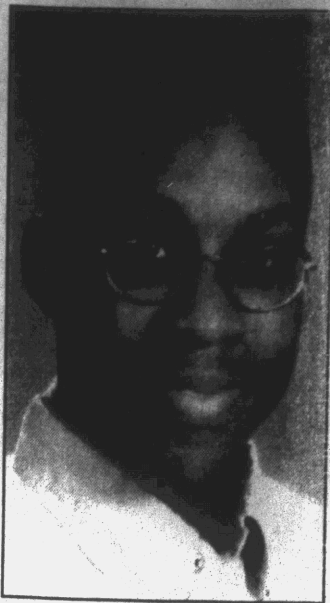
He won the state championship with a cumulative score of 44.40, beating out second-place competitor Willie McCaskey's 42.45.

White won his first-ever state gymnastics championship in 1999. He was edged in 2000 by his good friend and rival at Rose's, Brandon Lennox.

Next up for the local phenom is a trip to the Southeast Regional competition in Chattanooga, Tenn., where White will compete against other state finalists from North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee.

The top six gymnasts will make the Southeast Regional Team, and will advance to the Junior National Olympics in Minneapolis, Minn. during the week of May 1-6.

"His chances are good," said Rose. "Anything can happen on any given day in gymnastics. But if he's on, he should make it easy."



White



Smiling faces, the Greenville Hilton Hotel is always an enjoyable place to go to get away and the perfect place for your family reunion. Each year African Americans make their plans to celebrate at the Hilton Hotel in Greenville, NC. Get ready for the New Civic Center compliments of Hilton Hotel. (staff photo by Jim Rouse)

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## NABJ bothered by drop in number of Black

The National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) is disappointed and frustrated with the news that the number of minority journalists has declined, as reported recently by the American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE).

According to the 2001 ASNE newsroom employment census, the number of journalists of color has declined for the first time since ASNE began tracking daily newsroom staffing levels 23 years ago. NABJ is particularly disheartened to hear that the number of African-American journalists has declined from 5.31 percent in 2000 to 5.23 percent in 2001.

"We're going in the wrong direction. Our nation is becoming increasingly diverse and our nation's newspapers are becoming less diverse. Is that any way to truly represent our communities in an accurate, balanced and fair way?" asked NABJ President William W. Sutton Jr. "I simply don't understand why so many top editors are so willing to mouth the right words but go into their offices and do the same things. If this were an advertising, circulation or a general revenue problem, I'm sure more people would be paying attention and there would be more positive results."

The total number of journalists of color dropped from 6,665 to 6,563 because so many journalists of color left the profession and the retention rate took a hard hit, dropping from 96 percent last year to 90 percent this year.

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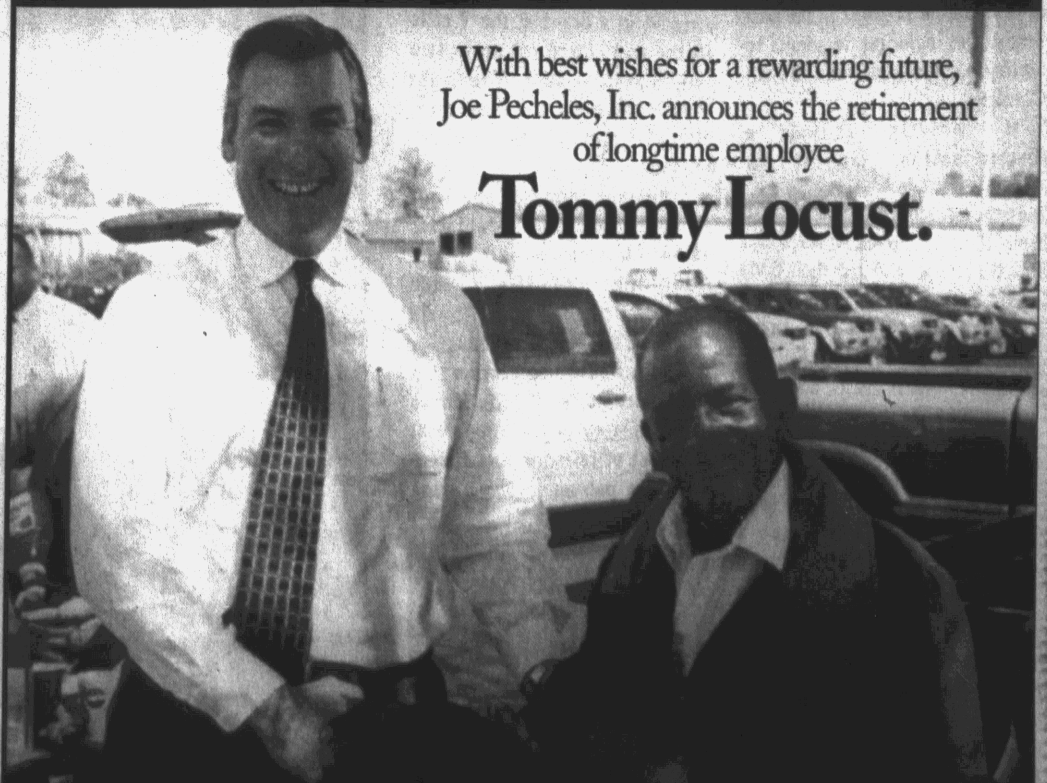


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# Reflections, Expressions, and Reviews



**Suejette Jones**

## The Focus On Black Women: Condoleezza Rice

Condoleezza Rice whom President Bush named as his national security adviser is the granddaughter of a poor Alabama cotton farmer who became an accomplished classical pianist and ice skater, and graduated from college at 19. Born and raised in Alabama, she was the only child of teachers and attended segregated schools until 10th grade. She notes that her father became a Republican in 1952 because Democrats in Jim Crow Alabama would not register him to vote.

As a child, she studied French, ballet and classical piano, which she plays well. Every year she attends a week-long music camp in Montana. Her first name (Condoleezza) comes from the

Italian musical term for "with sweetness".

At 38 she became Stanford University's youngest, first female, first African American provost, making her the chief operating officer of a billion-dollar-a-year institution. One of President Clinton's advisers referred to her as being "lightning-brained." Before her appointment as provost, she had never held any university administrative position before. Yet, six years later, she left the job to praise and a performance by 100 members of Stanford's African American community who sang two of Rice's favorite gospel songs, "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" and "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Rice's position at Stanford and her Republican connections propelled her onto corporate boards. As a board member of Chevron Inc. and Charles Schwab Corp. Rice made a minimum of \$70,000 a year plus meeting fees and stock options. Proxy statements show she owns about a quarter million dollars of stock in Chevron, which named an oil tanker after her. Rice also serves on J.P. Morgan & Co.'s International Council, which meets every eight months to advise the bank.

Like national security advisers before her, she will possess the advantage of operating out of the White House. "Condi knows the president better than anybody....and geography is everything," says an analyst. "Those are her trump cards."

*Excerpted from an article by Steve Mufson*



Top left....1st row Betty Moore, Mercedes Walston, and Judy Edwards. 2nd row... Freda Wilkins, Jennifer Congleton Top right....Allegra Gross, Lillie Powell, Gloria Hines Helen Harrell. 2nd row Carolyn Ferebee Edwards, Jean Butterfield, Jennifer Congleton. Bottom left... Mercedes (bone marrow recipient) and Connie - Gorham Walston. Bottom right ... 1st row Charles Jeffries, Karen Parker, Freda Wilkins, Allegra Gross, Helen Harrell. 2nd row Jennifer Congleton, Gloria Hines, Lillie Powell, Jean Butterfield, and Carolyn Ferebee Edwards

# The Links Inc. Sponsors Workshop

The Greenville/Williamston members of The Wilson-Rocky Mount-Tarboro Chapter. The Links, Inc. sponsored a Linkages to Life: Organ, Tissue and Bone Marrow Awareness workshop recently.

The Linkages to Life is a bone marrow and organ donor project organized to increase awareness and participation in the number of donors and recipients throughout the United States. It is a collaborative effort of The

Links, Inc. to alleviate the critical need for bone marrow and organ donations and to educate individuals of the need for organ and bone marrow donations.

Workshop participants included Ms. Freda Wilkins, Social Worker, and Ms. Karen Parker, RN, Transplant Coordinator, from the East Carolina Organ Donor Program. A group of donors and recipients were also in attendance and shared poignant experiences.

The Wilson-Rocky Mount-Tarboro Chapter is committed to developing a strong community-based program to make the African American community more knowledgeable of its program and to focus on the critical need for organ, tissue and bone marrow donations in Greenville and other communities.

The Greenville/Williamston members include: Lillie Powell, Jennifer Congleton, Carolyn Ferebee Edwards, Edith

Leathers, and Paula Wynn. Helen P. Harrell and Allegra B. Gross are the Linkages to Life Coordinators and Gloria M. Hines is president of the Wilson-Rocky Mount-Tarboro Chapter. The Links, Incorporated

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## Waffle House lawsuit

employee then taped a sign to the glass door that read, "Closed due to Maintenance."

"Employees of the Tullahoma Waffle House ... simply locked the doors and pretended to be closed when they saw African-American patrons arrive," according to the lawsuit, which was filed last week in federal court.

In one incident, according to the lawsuit, a black customer who had called in a carryout order overheard a Waffle House worker say, "It's one of them wanting a to go order. What should I tell her?"

Waffle House, based in Norcross, Ga., has been named in at least four other racial discrimination lawsuits in the past few years, including incidents in Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina.

It recently settled a discrimination lawsuit in

Kentucky where three people from Illinois claimed workers at a Waffle House violated their civil rights by harassing, intimidating and refusing to serve them because they are black. The company settled out of court for \$4.5 million.

Chris Jacobsen, spokesman for Waffle House, said he could not comment specially on the Tullahoma case, but issued a statement saying Waffle House "does not tolerate discrimination of any kind."

News that the restaurant did not close for maintenance as the company has claimed. Shaw did not immediately return a call to The Associated Press.

"If you're closed for maintenance, you send everybody out. They were still serving people. They hadn't slowed down a lick," he said.

Named as defendants in the lawsuit, filed last Friday in Winchester, Tenn., are Waffle House, Inc., SouthEast Waffles, LLC, which owns the Tullahoma

restaurant, and the 10 employees who allegedly refused to serve the group.

Charles Yancey, director of human resources at SouthEast, said the restaurant shut down because the crowd had become unmanageable - not because it was black.

He said the Waffle House has a history of violence on Friday and Saturday nights and that it was not unusual for the restaurant to close as a matter of public safety.

"There had been previous instances of fights within the Waffle House at 3 o'clock. Those incidents are what made the employees feel we should close," he said.

In June, 13 people were arrested in a brawl at the Waffle House that lasted for up to two hours, police said. The fight occurred at about the same time, around 3 a.m., as the February incident.

However, none of the four plaintiffs listed in the lawsuit were among those arrested in June. Additional plaintiffs include Mario Braston and Carla Childress, both of Tullahoma.

The lawsuit also claims that employees at the Waffle House have a history of "making racial slurs and of referring to African-American patrons in disparaging and derogatory ways."

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Though modern society is distorting the true essence of the angels, Islam is preserving it and has provided mankind with a very effective weapon to defeat the evils the shaitan is letting loose.

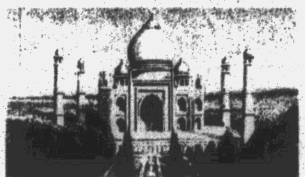
Today we have lost our awe for these powerful and faithful beings created by Allah. The ancient tradition that paints the angel Mika'il angrily driving the devil out of paradise have been replaced with cute human-like babies with bows and arrows to attract men to women and vice versa. Angels have become passe in modern day cultures. Now relegated to the roles of Christmas tree ornaments and actors who portray them as victims to human avarice. These distorted views leave mankind vulnerable and powerless confronting the evils of the shaitan.

It is apparent that the world has gone astray. Except for those who believe for Allah says:

"O ye who believe! Believe in Allah and his Apostle and the scripture, which He hath sent to His Apostle, and the scripture, which He sent to those before (him). And who denieth Allah His angels His Books His Apostles and the Day of Judgment hath gone far far astray." The belief in angels is a pillar of faith in Islam. To deny them is tantamount to disbelief because through them the Prophets of Allah received Allah's messages and were guided in their missions. The Almighty says:

"It is not righteousness that ye turn your faces toward East or West; but it is righteousness to believe in Allah and the Last Day and the Angels and the Book and the Messengers; to spend of your substance out of love for Him for your kin for orphans for the needy for the wayfarer for those who ask and for the ransom of slaves; to be steadfast in prayer and practice regular charity; to fulfil the contracts which ye have made; and to be firm and patient in pain (or suffering) and adversity and throughout all periods of panic. Such are the people of truth the Allah-fearing."

In his book the "The World of the Angels" Sheikh 'Abdu'l-Hamid Kishk says "In these blessed ayats, of the Noble Qur'an guides us to the fact that belief in the angels is a basic tenet of belief. It stands at the very root of the revelation of Allah and His Messengers because the revelation of Allah almighty only reached the Prophet by means of one of the angels named Jibril, the Trustee of the revelation. Thus if a person denies the existence of the angels, he also denies the revelation of the Divine Books and consequently the message of the Messengers. That is why the Qur'an mentions belief in the angels before belief in the Divine Books and Messengers.



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# IN THE NEWS



## SON OF CHOCOWINITY (N.C) RESIDENT IS SERVING AT NAVAL AIR MAINTENANCE TRAINING UNIT

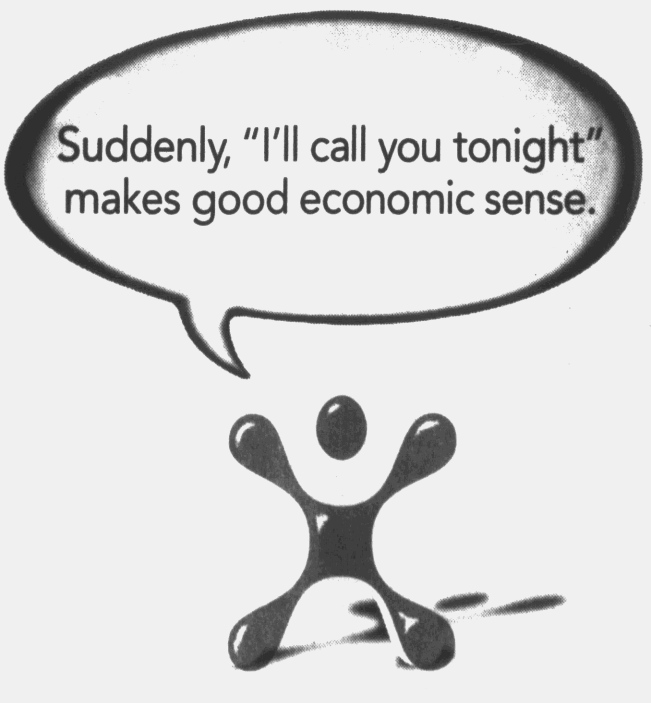
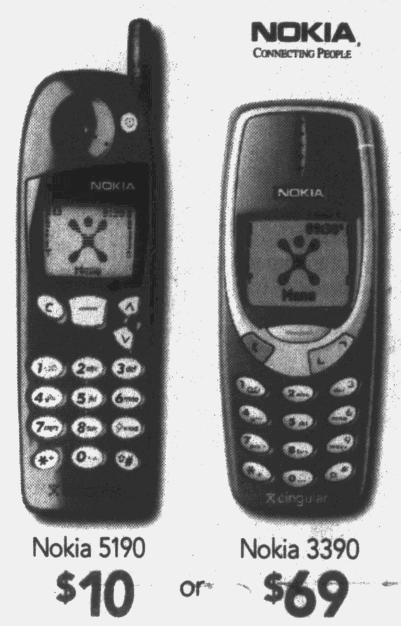
By Rachael Leslie  
NORFOLK, Va.-- For most people, traveling the world as a sailor in the U.S. Navy would bring plenty of excitement, but not for the aviation ordnance-man of the world's finest Navy. This special breed of Sailor works with highly explosive materials and equipment on a daily basis. They are the trained experts who care for the Navy's bombs, torpedoes, guns, rockets and missiles to ensure the United States is protected from enemies on the sea, under the sea, in the air and on land.  
Brian K. Bunch, son of Deborah Bunch of CHOCOWINITY, N.C. (27817), recently completed an advanced school for the aviation ordnance field at the Naval Air Maintenance Training Group at Naval Station Norfolk, Va. This is just one of

the many schools a Sailor will have the opportunity to attend throughout his or her career.  
Bunch joined the Navy one year after graduating from John A. Wilkinson High School in 1988. "I chose the Navy over the other branches because I wanted to travel and see the world."  
The 30 year old aviation ordnance-man says he has learned many things during his 13-year naval career. "I have learned to work with all kinds of people from every possible background," said the husband of Stephanie Davis Bunch and Father of 11-year-old Rashaad, ten-year-old Brian and three-year-old Jada.  
Bunch says the Navy has fulfilled his travel expectations throughout his career. "When my ship is out to sea, I love teaching my junior personnel how to do their job well," said Bunch. "I tell them that if they learn as much as they can about their job and how to work well with people, they will go a long way in the Navy."  
Bunch says his job is very exciting and plans to retire from the Navy after a few more years. "After I retire from the Navy, I plan to work in the field of computers," said Bunch. "I am looking forward to lots of fishing, golf and sharing my sea stories with my grandchildren."  
Whatever his future holds, Bunch will look back on this time of his life with fond memories. He'll also have the pride that comes with serving in a Navy uniform.  
By, Rachael Leslie, assigned journalist, Public Affairs

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## Seeing the Ray of Hope In the Human Condition

By DR. DOROTHY I. HEIGHT  
Chairwoman,  
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The terrible, sad AIDS epidemic, cutting down African women, children and men has been called a medical, social and economic crisis. Certainly, it is all of those. But essentially, I believe, it is a human crisis. "AIDS is not just a disease. It is not just a heart attack. It's the human condition," says Robert Janssen, an AIDS specialist at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That is why it is claiming millions of lives, and ironically, that is why there may be a ray of hope for the future.

I have visited Africa many times. I initiated the National Council of Negro Women's international activities in 1975 in Senegal, when we became the first African American women's private voluntary organization working in Africa. I know firsthand that in sub-Saharan Africa, disease has medical causes but it spins out of control because of poverty and ignorance.

When we talk about a disease—AIDS—that most often is transmitted sexually, we're talking about the human condition. We must recognize that in much of Africa the human condition includes deep poverty, hunger and ignorance. What makes AIDS a public health nightmare in Africa is the way all of these factors—poverty, lack of education, cultural stigmas and taboos, lack of medicines, lack of functioning health systems and sanitation, and in some instances years of neglect and lack of political will—are connected and mutually reinforcing.

But the other side of the human condition perspective is this: AIDS is wiping out the people, but an important part of the solution lies with the people, too. Obviously, billions of dollars of emergency aid could buy medicines, build clinics and pay doctors. But if billions aren't forthcoming, or if they aren't coming fast enough, are we helpless?

Based on my lifetime of work, organization building and advocacy for human dignity and rights, I think not.

Of course, we must be realistic. An estimated 34 million people are infected with the HIV/AIDS virus, about 20 million of them in Africa.

The bitter truth is that nearly all of those victims will die prematurely—a phenomenon usually seen only in war.

For those Africans who are already infected, the most we may be able to provide is a quality of life that provides some dignity and comfort. But for those who are healthy (and for those not yet born) there is hope. Aid and health experts have come

to realize that the very best defense against HIV/AIDS is not to get it in the first place. The most cost-effective public health strategy available in poor countries is prevention. As I know from many years of experience, that is more a matter of hearts and minds, than wallets.

In his inaugural address, our new President said, "Where there is suffering, there is duty.... Compassion is the work of a nation, not just a government." How well his Administration lives up to that ideal, we shall see. But many Americans, and many volunteer organizations, might be surprised to learn how much can be done to plant the seeds of education and awareness in the developing world.

At NCNW, we believe that the most effective approach to changing attitudes, and thus improving community life, is not a top-down strategy that starts with the national government, but one that works from the bottom up. Change starts with the people. Because women in poor countries often are disadvantaged, because they are the primary caregivers and because many social problems are gender-based, women are most receptive to a message of change.

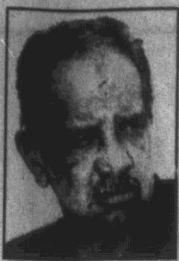
At NCNW, we look for partners who are willing to take responsibility—people, especially women, who feel "If I had the information, I could do something about this problem." We have pursued this strategy successfully in 16 countries in Africa. Now, as thousands of African children are orphaned and healthy Africans struggle to care for family

AIDS victims, I believe the strategy is timelier than ever.

Many Africans would welcome assistance from American volunteer groups in bringing about change that can slow the spread of AIDS. A 1999 Pulitzer Prize-winning series in *The Village Voice* highlighted examples of African organization at the grassroots. "Below the radar of government, in individual communities there are astonishingly vigorous responses to AIDS. In every province we have member organizations," says Thembeni Mahlangu, director of the Zimbabwe AIDS Network.... If governments finally mobilize against this disease, they will find some of the best and most energetic AIDS strategies right under their noses."

Groups like this are "isolated and scattered blossoms," said one African woman. "I wish this blossom could be turned into a flower garden." Those of us involved in work in Africa hear her voice. It would be important and wonderful work if American volunteers everywhere helped to build the garden.

(Dr. Height became president of the National Council of Negro Women in 1957, and currently serves as its chair.)



## URBAN PERSPECTIVE

### Capital Punishment Still Targets the Least

By LARRY STEVENSON

Capital punishment has always disproportionately

targeted those least able to defend themselves and in this new millennium, little, if anything, has changed. An article in the January/February 2001 *Crisis* magazine by Bryan Stevenson addresses current implications of capital punishment and provides useful insights on this complex issue.

More than any other state, Texas has routinely executed black and brown people, the poor, the mentally ill, and those too powerless and marginalized to deal with a notoriously unequal, unfair system of criminal justice. Stevenson believes that it is time to stop executions in America.

There are currently 3,700 people on death row in the United States, and 38 of the 50 states currently authorize capital punishment. Since the death penalty was resurrected in 1976, there have been nearly 700 executions, most of which have been in the South. Women, juveniles and the mentally ill are among the hundreds who have been shot, executed and asphyxiated and injected with lethal poisons by the state governments in the United States. Most of these executions have taken place in the last 10 years as federal courts have retreated from the kind of oversight and review of death cases that existed in the early 1980s.

In the first year of the new millennium, the world's "leading democracy" executed close to 100 of its residents. All of the condemned were poor; a disproportionately high

number were racial minorities whose victims were white. Many of the condemned were mentally ill, some were 16-years-old at the time the crimes occurred, and there is no meaningful assurance that all of the executed were guilty of the crimes for which they had been convicted.

Last year, Columbia University released a nationwide study of capital cases which revealed that nearly two-thirds of all death sentences are reversed because the convictions or death sentences had been obtained illegally. The study cited inadequate defense lawyers, overzealous police investigations and prosecutorial misconduct as the most common problems. While prosecutors are quick to assert that the study did not prove that innocent people have been executed, Stevenson asks, "Can such a mistake-prone system of sending people to death really be defended?"

Why so many errors in capital cases? In America, it has a lot to do with money. Our system of justice treats you much better if you are rich and guilty than if you are poor and innocent. It is frequently said that in the United States, "Capital punishment means that without the capital get the punishment." Many death-sentenced inmates were represented at trial by dysfunctional, incompetent lawyers or well-intentioned lawyers too poorly compensated to provide effective legal assistance. Most of the 185 people currently on Alabama's death row were represented by state-appointed attorneys whose compensation was limited by state statute to \$2000 per case for the attorneys' out-of-court time.

America's unequal system of

criminal justice has resulted in men, women and teenagers being sentenced to death in trials where no defense witnesses are called, no closing arguments are made, and nothing approaching zealous advocacy is offered.

There are hundreds of death row prisoners in the United States who currently have no legal representation and dim prospects of finding counsel. With no constitutional right to counsel, people on death row cannot effectively file appeals that have frequently proved vital in demonstrating innocence or otherwise establishing that a conviction or sentence is illegal. There have been documented cases to date of innocent people who have been wrongly sentenced to death for crimes they did not commit. Some of these innocent men and women came within hours of an execution before being spared. For every 8 people executed in the United States, an innocent death row prisoner has been identified.

Bias against the poor is exacerbated by bias against racial minorities. Over half of those awaiting execution in the United States are racial minorities. In Pennsylvania, 83 percent of people sent to death row from the largest city, Philadelphia, are African American. Strikingly, since resumption of the death penalty in 1976, 82 percent of those sentenced to death in America have been convicted for the murder of a white person, despite the fact that about half of all United States murder victims are black. In some southern states like Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, two-thirds of those executed have been black. Some 75 percent of juvenile offenders executed in the United States have

people of color, while nearly 90 percent of the victims in these cases were white. A review of the federal death penalty published last September revealed that 80 percent of the cases submitted by federal prosecutors for authorization to seek the death penalty in the past five years involved racial minorities, nationwide.

Last year, the American Bar Association renewed its call for a moratorium on all executions in the United States. A moratorium is already in place in Illinois. African American leadership from the Congressional Black Caucus to local and national groups has been calling for an end to the death penalty for years.

Brian Stevenson is an attorney who has represented many condemned prisoners. He knows that many people of color have long understood how the criminal justice system has become the institution that enforces the social and political values that marginalize and disempower poor and black people. "When we execute prisoners, we are really saying that the condemned person's life has no meaning, value or purpose. We're saying that they are beyond hope and redemption."

The legacy of capital punishment in America is inexorably linked to the history of lynching, mistreatment of racial minorities in the criminal courts, and the abuse of power by law enforcement officials directed at disfavored people. "America must do better and stop all executions, not just to save those who have been wrongly convicted, but to save all of us in whose name it claims to take a human life."



## VERONICA'S VIEW

By VERONICA HENDRIX

### Digital Inclusion Increases Disillusion

Checking my e-mail every morning before I

leave for the office and every evening before I retire has become as routine as brushing my teeth. E-mail is my primary method for communicating with my son's teachers.

For some it may seem a little "tech nouveau" but it works for my busy life style. His teachers give me detailed accounts of his class performance, they keep me up to date on upcoming tests, conferences, school events and missing homework assignments. And I do get the occasional unsolicited report from one of his teachers that warrants a personal classroom visit

I am not the only one checking e-mail at home. My 14-year-old son also has an e-mail address. His primary use for it is to exchange secret video game codes with some of the kids he has met in sanctioned chat rooms I allow him to visit.

Nearly 42 percent of all American homes have access to the Internet. By the end of this year more than half of all households are predicted to be part of the "tech nouveau" generation. And the majority of those households are white. African Americans are increasingly seeing the value of being connected. Today 11.2 percent of African American households have Internet access.

The digital divide is indeed narrowing. The "circle the wagons" approach is moving us toward digital inclusion. Government, corporate and private organizations have

wrapped millions of dollars around many public libraries, schools and community centers to establish technology centers with internet access.

Rural communities have not been excluded either. Plans are underway to wrap funding around these isolated areas to deploy high speed Internet access. Soon my grandmother in McKenzie, Alabama, a small rural town with a population of less than 1,000 residents, will be able to ride on this newly constructed highway.

Driving on the technology highway is exhilarating. Unlimited information about any topic is available at the click of a mouse. Yet driving on the technology highway is not always a smooth ride. There are a proliferation of profane and repulsive sites "out there" lying dormant in the recesses of the Internet until they are summoned.

The latest such site which has commanded my attention is CNET. CNET offers its visitors a downloadable game called *Dope Wars*. Yes, you read that correctly. It is now one of the hottest Internet accessible games in the world. More than 1.7 million people have downloaded copies of this game so far. *Dope Wars* has earned the unsavory distinction of holding a primary spot on the top 50 list of downloadable internet games since 1997. This week alone, the game was downloaded more than 50,000 times.

The objective is implicit in the title-players get a chance to see how they "fare in this game about buying and selling illegal substances,"

and they do battle with forces that threaten to stop them from realizing a profit. The illegal substances include ecstasy, heroin, acid and other illicit narcotics. Players do armed battle with police, muggers and loan sharks. And players defend themselves by buying guns, which they can use to eliminate any threats.

This elaborate game gives players a choice of transacting their business in New York, Los Angeles, London, Derby, and Sydney. Players travel among the city's six neighborhoods (specific to the five different locales), checking out the various drugs that may be available and buying the drugs they believe they will be able to sell at a profit in another neighborhood. Players must also respond to fluctuations in the marketplace such as a drug bust, which inflates the price of their inventory tremendously.

Sounds a little eerie. It certainly does. However 92 percent of the players that reviewed the game were in ecstasy over it. *Dope Wars* creator, 32-year-old New York computer consultant Ian Wal, doesn't see anything eerie about it. He created the game for kicks, and thought it would be a "bit of a giggle" for his colleagues. What's that old saying about the idle mind?

Well the Drug Enforcement Agency is not laughing. And they are not amused at a game that glamorizes drug dealers. This is not harmless entertainment. Drugs have ravaged our communities, destroyed countless families and resulted in

the loss of human life. The tragedy that shrouds the underpinnings of the drug trade is not a "bit of a giggle." I see no redeeming value in such a game. Where is the thrill in living the life of a drug dealer vicariously through a video game? Those who find it thrilling are totally disconnected from and essentially callous about the impact of drugs on humanity.

Some have argued that there are lessons to be learned from this game like economics and free enterprise. I say there are countless ways to teach these principals without glorifying illicit activity. I can't stop wondering about the subliminal intent of such a game and who the target audience really is. Especially when our kids are accessing the Internet in increasing numbers.

The technology gap is indeed narrowing. We have greater access to the Internet and that access will increase as measures are taken to increase our digital inclusion. But with this inclusion comes some disillusion. The Internet is littered with profane, subversive, and offensive information. It is not always a harmless place for our children to visit. It is critical that we pay attention to what our children are accessing on the Internet at home at school. These kinds our sites will only continue to proliferate and it is unlikely that any regulatory measures will be taken to protect us from them. It is therefore our responsibility to protect our children from them.

By A. ASADULLAH SAMAD

## BETWEEN THE LINES

### Gang Violence Accord: Will Love and Church Conquer All?

The battle to stop, or curtail, gang violence in

I've been living, try to reconcile with the battles and conflicts that have become as much a part of their lives as breathing.

The "marking" and "tracking" of so-called "gangs" in South and East Los Angeles has allowed all men of color to be identified on site as "suspect" and "dangerous" in the societal construct, whereby hostile public policy and social discourse follows them wherever they go. Several high profile policies that include the CIA drug dealing, illegal curfews and sweeps, and most recently the infamous "Driving While Black" all started out as attempts to regulate gang violence.

In the end, the violence ensued and society became less redemptive. The mass incarceration of men of color has built 22 new prisons since 1985 alone. Many of those

caught in the first and second generations of gang warfare, having done their jail bits, have come out in time to witness the making of a third generation of the "same ole," same ole, only to realize the same "trick" that worked on them is now working on their children.

In some cases, their grand-children. Grandfather "gangstas" is now an emerging phenomena. What makes it emerging is that there are some when there once was none. What makes it a phenomena is that gang life expectancy is so short, most don't live to see their children, much less grandchildren. Whereas 40 years old is the beginning of midlife for most adults, that's senior citizenship in "gang years."

It's also a blessing. The wisdom that God has allowed them to attain is now being passed on to younger

generations trying to figure out the "trick." And it is not taking the younger generations as long as it took their older "homies" to figure out there is more to life than "bangin'."

Still many have lost their way and now there is another attempt to reach out to them. This one is based on love. As I sat witnessing a mosque full of men, close to 500, from different gang sets listen to their own tell them to "come home" to God, I couldn't believe prophetic witnessing and insights that were being delivered from the minds of (relative) babes.

Young men 21, 22, 25-years old who have figured it out and now are trying to help their homies figure it out too. Called together by Muslim Minister Tony Muhammad and actor/comedian/talk show-host, Steve Harvey with backing from Bishop

Kenneth Ulmer and Football Hall of Famer, Jim Brown, these men heard plans to help all these young men escape the compromise they have been imprisoned by.

The emotion was high and the passion "to escape" this gang syndrome was great. Activities are being planned to integrate community based solution into governmental solutions that will force society from criminalizing men of color, but in particular these young men who walk the streets—many cases through no fault of their own—and are constantly harassed until they are swept off the streets. This past weekend, many went into housing projects to confess their love for black women and apologize for their past deadly deeds.

The "Mama, I'm Sorry" project is just one of several endeavors leading up to a major men's march in

the fall of this year; all designed to re-capture the black man from the system that has given him "marks of the beast," criminal stripes and gang affiliations to track them for life. Many approached have been used to stop gang violence, job, training, mostly suppression (jail). But now love is being advanced.

Love of brothas saving brothas. Everything else has been tried, why not this. I've never been big on this "love conquers all" thing. Mostly because it's always tied to the "non-violence, turn-the-other cheek while they dog us" hook.

But from a community sustainability perspective, whether "they" ever love us or not, we have to help our men learn how to love themselves and each other. They will continue to hate themselves and anyone that looks like them if they never learn to love first. It's worth a shot (no pun intended) and it may conquer all.



# The Desk of Mrs Beatrice Maye



**Black Man**  
**Black Man, Black Man,**  
**"What's the matter with you?"**  
**Why do you do the things you do?**  
**You fight your father, you kill your brother.**  
**You sell your sister and steal from your mother.**  
**Black Man, Black Man,**  
**"What's the matter with you?"**  
**Why do you do things you do?**  
**Why do you think making babies make you a man?**  
**When you won't even take care of the child, I don't understand.**  
**Being a man doesn't start between your legs.**  
**Being a man starts in you head.**  
**Black Man, Black Man,**  
**"What's wrong with you?"**  
**Why do you do the things you do?**  
**You blame the white man when you don't succeed.**  
**Don't you know God has all you need?**  
**The white man didn't make**

**you rape, kill, or steal, You did that out of your own free will.**  
**Black Man, Black Man,**  
**"What's wrong with you?"**  
**Why do you do the things you do?**  
**Why do you wear your pants hanging down so low?**  
**Don't you know people are watching you where ever you go.**  
**Pull those pants up and stand up straight.**  
**Look like somebody, it's not too late.**  
**Cut that hair, maybe shave, Put those guns down and turn from your wicked ways.**  
**Black man, Black Man, love your brother,**  
**show more love one to another, Give your life to Christ and you'll never be the same.**  
**Dr. King said, "We shall overcome some day?"**  
**I say, "The Word of God is the Only Way."**

*By: Ernestine Lynch  
 Tarboro, North Carolina  
 Given to Mrs. Maye (by the late Eugene Faison and his wife, Mrs. Faison)  
 This poem is a rerun by request.*

**To the editor,**

*Violence has become entertainment.*

The American Psychological Association reports that by age eighteen, the average child will have seen 16,00 murders and 200,000 acts of violence in the

movies or on television. In many of these programs, the images are explicit and graphic, violence is glorified, and the perpetrators are not held accountable or punished. When children are exposed to so many acts of violence, they begin to believe that violence is acceptable. Some children even believe that violence is the preferred way to believe, solve problems, and resolve conflicts. Video games can influence a child to be violent. Many of the "first-person-shooter" games reward players with points for killing people. Again, children learn that shooting is acceptable and fun. It would be unfair to say that violence in your children's lives. Preview or review movies before your children watch them. If you are unsure about the content of a television program, watch it with your children. If the program becomes violent, turn to another station.

Know the warning signs. Children who consistently threaten violence often commit violence. Threats may be verbal or nonverbal. Some children draw pictures of violence. Children who exhibit sudden changes in mood or behavior, such as temper outbursts or increased aggression, may become violent. If you have a weapon in your home, lock it up. Teach your children how important it is to be a friend, to be good decisions makers, to manage their own feelings. Hopefully, these skills will give children a wider scope of vision and self-confidence they need to solve problems without anger, aggression, or violence.



**DELTA DAY'S IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL**

Cynthia Doctor, President of the Greenville, NC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Gloria Dickens, Social Action Chairman of the sorority are pictured with Gwendoolyn Boyd, the 22nd National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. at the 12th annual "Delta Days in the Nation's Capital", on January 28-30. There were over 600 sorors from 34 states and the District of Columbia representing approximately 200 Congressional districts. The four day conference provided information that will be invaluable in our efforts to be advocates for social change.

*photo compliments of Ms. Beatrice Maye*

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**Project:** Clean Water Management Trust Fund (CWMTF) Urban Stormwater Management System and Stewart Parkway Improvements

**Owner:** City of Washington, 102 E. 2nd St, Washington, NC 27889

**Engineers:** Contact I The Wooten Company  
 120 N. Boylan Avenue  
 Raleigh, NC 27603  
 (919) 828-0531  
 Fax (919) 834-3589

Contact II Jarvis Associates, P.A.  
 130 E. Second Street  
 Washington, NC 27889  
 (252) 974-7795

Sealed Bids will be received by the Owner until 2:00 pm, May 8, 2001, at the office of the City Manager located in the City Hall at 102 E 2nd Street, Washington North Carolina, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read for the construction of the CWMTF - Urban Stormwater Management System and Stewart parkway Improvements project.

After Bids are opened, they shall be evaluated by the Owner in accordance with the methods and criteria set forth in the Instructions to Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all Bids. Unless all Bids are rejected, Award will be made as two (2) prime contracts.

### The Project consists of the following contracts:

- \* Contract I, CWMTF - Stormwater Wetland, Urban Stormwater Management System
  1. Approximately 460 linear feet of 36-inch reinforced concrete storm drainage pipe and appurtenances.
  2. Approximately 160 linear feet of 88-inch reinforced concrete storm drainage pipe.
  3. 10 ft ID storm drain manhole.
  4. 10ft x 12 ft wetwell / weir outlet structure with approximate 200 gpm sump pump.
  5. A 10 ft x 12 ft trash removal structure.
  6. Approximately 32,000 cubic yards of excavation.
  7. 4 acre constructed stormwater wetland.
  8. Approximately 1,895 linear feet of 6-ft wide boardwalk (as add alternate).
- \* Contract II, CWMTF - Stewart Parkway and Stormwater Improvements
  1. Approximately 9,000 LF of 30" curb and gutter.
  2. 1,500 tons of paving asphalt.
  3. Removal of existing parking lots.
  4. Re-grading of the existing parking lots.
  5. Removal of approximately 33 storm drainage structures.
  6. Approximately 410 LF of 60-inch reinforced concrete storm drainage pipe.
  7. Approximately 502 LF of 54-inch reinforced concrete storm drainage pipe.
  8. Approximately 1,098 LF of 48-inch reinforced concrete storm drainage pipe.
  9. Approximately 460 LF of 30-inch reinforced concrete storm drainage pipe
  10. Approximately 460 LF of 30 -inch reinforced concrete storm drainage pipe.
  11. 6 storm drainage manholes and 4 bypass structures.

*Bidding Documents may be examined at each Engineer's and Owner's office and at:*

- \* Associated General Contractors, offices in Fayetteville, Greensboro, Greenville, Raleigh, and Wilmington, NC
- \* F.W. Dodge Company, offices in Greensboro and Raleigh, N.C.
- \* Construction market Data, office in Raleigh, N.C.

Complete Bidding Documents for each individual contract may be obtained at the office of the responsible Engineer upon depositing the following non-refundable amounts for each individual contract:

Contract I- CWMTF-Stormwater Wetland  
 Urban Stormwater Management System----- \$100.00  
 Contract II- CMWTF-Stewart Parkway and Stormwater Improvements-----\$100.00

### With request for Bidding Documents please supply the following information:

Company name, contact person, street address, and phone and fax numbers for Bidding office; North Carolina contractor's license with limitation and classification; indicate if the firm will be a Bidder, Supplier or Sub-Contractor.

Bidders will be required to show evidence that they are licensed to perform the work in the Bidding Documents as required by North Carolina Gonoral Statuto, Chapter 87 and the information for Bidders

Bid Security in the amount of five percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid and shall be subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be at the office of the City Manager located in the City Hall at 102 E. 2nd Street, Washington, North Carolina, on April 24, 2001, at 2:00 pm Representatives of Owner and Engineers will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference but it is not mandatory. Engineers will transmit to Bidding Document holders of record such Addenda as Engineers consider necessary in response to questions arising at the conference. Oral statements may not be relied upon and will not be binding or legally effective.

Owner is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate. Small, minority and woman's businesses and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit bids. The City of Washington has a goal of 5 percent for participation by minority businesses in building construction contracts awarded pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-128.





### Caring for OUR ELDERS.....

Article taken from Health Quest, By Rachel Christmas Derrick

At first the shift is subtle. Then suddenly you look up and you're a parent to your parents. Over the years, you've depended on them to share their memory and diminish their faculties, your parents may turn to you for care and guidance. Or, fighting off this looming role reversal and not wanting to be a burden, they may cling desperately to their independence as you try to persuade them to accept your much-needed help.

Do you put your grandmother in a nursing home, help your aunt find a retirement community, ask your father to move in with you or move back home yourself? Read on for tips to make your loved one's golden years positive ones, whether they spend them in their home, yours or one of the latest in alternate living facilities.

#### Home, Sweet Home

"My husband and I suspected that his 78-year-old mother was having trouble managing her daily life-forgetting to pay bills, taking out loans that were way over her head," says Maxine, a 46-year-old real estate agent and mother of two school-age children. "But until we got a letter from a collection agency telling us that her house was on the

brink of foreclosure, she kept insisting that she was handling everything just fine. When we had to take out a home equity loan and then sell her house to pay it off, she finally agreed to move in with us." Maxine realized just how painful this move was for her once-fiercely independent mother-in-law when she came home from work one day to find her weeping in the dark.

Traditionally, African-Americans have been reluctant to place aging relatives in nursing homes, preferring instead to care for them at home. According to the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc., more than twice as many older African-Americans live with relatives other than a spouse than white Americans do. A random survey done in 1997 by the National Alliance for aging parents. And (Surprise! Surprise!) most caregivers are women.

Of course, multigenerational households offer a wealth of benefits. The old and young can learn so much from each other (sidebar). Still, tending to the needs of elders while trying to manage the rest of your life can be both stressful and exhausting. It's important to make sure that everyone's needs are considered.

When you contemplated having an aging loved one live with you, "make sure that the older person is really OK with the idea, that he or she's not feeling forced into it," warns Donna Wagner, professor of gerontology at Towson University in Maryland. "Have a discussion with your spouse and children beforehand so that everyone is clear about what this means. Make a plan so that Mom feels welcome and has enjoyable activities to engage in."

"You also need think about privacy issues," advises Susanne Mintz, President and co-founder of the National Family Caregivers Association in Bethesda, Md., "and talk about what Mom's roles is going to be in the household." Maxine's mother-in-law looks forward to taking her granddaughter to and from nursery school every day. "Be open about finances, too," Mintz adds. "Does Mom have enough to support herself? Will you have to contribute? And, if so, how much? Does she have health insurance, investments, a pension? Maxine's advice: "Begin planning for the care of aging loved ones long before the need arises, before they're ill or mentally incapacitated. Start asking the hard questions now."

As love ones age, even care giving that once seemed easy becomes tough. The good news is that the field of "respite breaks-has been broadening in recent years, says Robert Greenwood, Director of Communications at the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, in Washington, D.C. Once limited to adult day centers (where loved ones with chronic conditions such as Alzheimer's are

dropped off each day), respite care now includes facilities and services that help caregivers as well.

When elderly loved ones get so frail that nursing homes appear to be the only answer, caretakers now have a new option. Enter PACE (Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly). This new, nationwide, managed-care, adult day-center system is for people at least 55 years old who are eligible for nursing home care under Medicaid and Medicare. With on-site clinics complete with teams of physicians of physicians, nurses, physical therapists and home health workers, PACE centers are cropping up across the country. Stressing preventive and supportive services, they allow the aging to remain more vibrant by staying with family or friends instead of moving to often-impersonal nursing homes where many would deteriorate more quickly.

Another welcome change on the home care front is the \$125-million National Family Caregiver Support Program, approved by Congress in December 2000. This means we can look forward to a greater availability of local services, such as home health aides, registered nurses and homemakers to help with daily responsibilities. "Care giving can be very frustrating, very isolating and very sad," notes Mintz, a caregiver herself. "But people find an inner strength they never knew they had, and it can bring families closer together."

**Homes Away from Home**  
Living with an aging relative or friend won't work for everyone. Fortunately, today's senior residences aren't your father's old-folks homes. We now have

continuing care accommodations range from independent living to the "round-the-clock skilled care of a nursing home. Thus, older adults don't have to worry about relocating as their health care needs increase over time. They won't be separated from spouses who require different levels of care and they'll remain with friends. Depending upon the range or services you want, costs can vary widely.

A home-like assisted living residence-which might be part of a CCRC, linked to a nursing home or on its own-is a good choice for an older person who needs some help with activities of daily living but isn't incapacitated enough for a nursing home. Keep in mind, though, that while nursing-home care may be covered under Medicare or Medicaid, assisted living is not. Depending on where you live and what services you need, the cost of assisted living-covered by some long-term care insurance policies-varies from several hundred dollars a month to more than \$3000.

Greenwood notes that among the newest trends in senior communities are residents with part-time jobs, residence with larger units and college affiliations so that seniors can take advantage of continuing education classes and other campus facilities. Faced with these new opportunities for specialized care for the aging, we can all truly say that we're not getting older, we're getting better.



### EASTER

Origins of the name "Easter":

The name "Easter" originated with the names of an ancient Goddess and God. The Venerable Bede, (672-735 CE.) a Christian scholar, first asserted in his book De Ratione Temporum that Easter was named after Eostre (a.k.a. Eastre). She was the Great Mother Goddess of the Saxon people in Northern Europe. Similar "Teutonic dawn goddess of fertility [were] known variously as Ostare, Ostara, Ostern, Eostra, Eostre, Eostur, Eastra, Eastur, Austron and Ausos." Her name was derived from the ancient word for spring: "eastre." Similar Goddesses were known by other names in ancient cultures around the Mediterranean, and were celebrated in the springtime. Some were:

- Aphrodite from Cyprus
- Astarte, from Phoenicia
- Demeter, from Mycenae
- Hathor from Egypt
- Ishtar from Assyria
- Kali, from India
- Ostara, a Norse Goddess of fertility.

An alternate explanation has been suggested. The name given by the Frankish church to Jesus' resurrection festival included the Latin word "alba" which means "white." (This was a reference to the white robes that were worn during the festival.) "Alba" also has a second meaning: "sunrise." When the name of the festival was translated into German, the "sunrise" meaning was selected in error. This became "ostern" in German. Ostern has been proposed as the origin of the word "Easter".

Sunday is named after a Pagan sun god, Solis.



Cowboy Mania coming soon..... Cowboy Al & Rodeo Rich of the Black Cowboys / Cowboy Mania, congratulate their newly elected Civil Court Judge of Kings County (Hon: Judge Betty Williams) file photo of the M' Voice Newspaper



Pictured above.....Mrs. Beatrice Henderson who retired from the Pitt County Health Dept in Feb of this year. She retired after 30 years of dedicated service. As a certified Nursing Assistant she worked with the Hispanic population. Mrs Henderson was presented with 2 plaques for Excellence in Service. photo by Faith May

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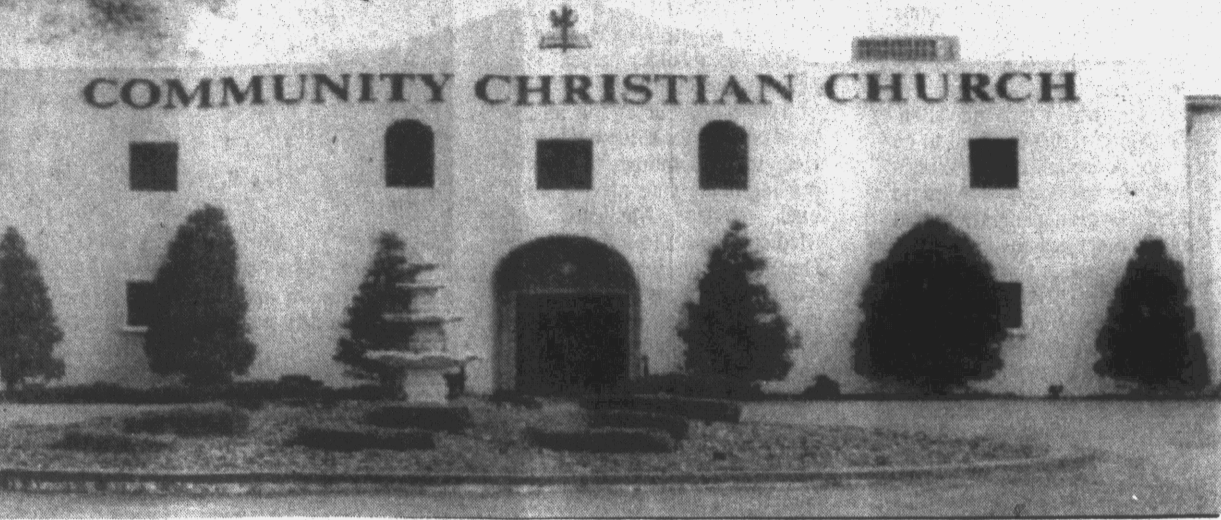
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Sunday Morning Worship	8:30 & 11 a.m.
Saturday Night Services	7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	10 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
SuperStar Saturday (ages 6-12)	9:30 a.m. every Saturday
Youth Church (ages 13-18)	11 a.m. every 4th Sunday
Children Church	8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

### Fellowship for EVERYONE

- Couples Fellowship (married couples only)
- Women Fellowship (just for women)
- OASIS Fellowship (people 50 yrs & older)
- Achievers Fellowship (people who want more out of life)
- Singles Fellowship (unmarried only)
- Men Fellowship (just for men)
- Business Fellowship (entrepreneurs)
- Medical Fellowship (people in the medical field)

## Our Schools

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105 Airport Road (252) 752-KIDS (5437)

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WTOW 1320 AM	8:05 a.m.

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WIAM 900 AM	10:30 a.m. & 5:05 p.m.
WSSG 1300 AM	10 a.m. (including Saturday)

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WHFL-TV 56 (Goldsboro)	9:30 a.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
WKFT-TV 40 (Fayetteville)	6:30 a.m.
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