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## HIGH COURT RULING MAY HURT MINORITIES, WOMEN

**High court ruling may hurt minorities, women**

by: Isabelle K. Pinzler

Last week the Supreme Court, in one of its by-now-routine 5-4 votes, announced an ominous but little understood decision in *Alexander v. Sandoval*.

Its history and the process by which this case got to the court, its actual holding, as well as its obviously intended implications, are thoroughly chilling, not only to the rights of minorities, its immediate subject, but to all women as well.

The case involved a challenge by a Hispanic woman, Martha Sandoval, to a new requirement by the state of Alabama that drivers license tests can be taken only in English. She argued, under well-established law and precedent, that the rule, whether intentionally or not, has a discriminatory effect on her and keeps her from getting a drivers license because of her national origin. James Alexander, director of Alabama's Dept. of Public Safety, was named as a defendant.

That both the federal trial and appellate courts agreed with her was not surprising since the principles she invoked had been recognized by the Supreme Court since the mid-1970s and repeatedly ratified by the Congress since then.

What was shocking was the fact that the current high court took the case at all, and then it agreed with Alabama, a state that has an extensive record of resisting the rights of minorities, to limit the scope of a vitally important civil rights protection. It was the second time this term that the court entertained a

challenge by Alabama to a previously well-established civil rights protection. The other case involved the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Sandoval brought her case under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI prohibits of federal financial assistance, and Alabama, like every other state, receives large infusions of federal transportation money. In exchange for that bid, they are supposed to refrain from discrimination.

Supposedly impartial practices can have discriminatory impact. But many supposedly impartial practices have a tremendously discriminatory impact on racial and ethnic minorities, as well as women, girls, and other protected groups. Example include racial profiling by police, placing potentially toxic plants or waste treatment facilities in minority neighborhoods, height and weight requirements for employment and other selection procedures, such as written tests, and so on.

Intentional discrimination, on the other hand, may be difficult to prove, even where it exists. That the intent may have been benign does not soften the harsh effects. Thus, 30 years ago, a unanimous Supreme Court led by Warren Burger, the conservative chief, rot the liberal Earl Warren, roundly condemned intentional discrimination that nevertheless harmed minorities, characterizing it as a "built-in headwind."

Yet the current court, by a bare majority, has seen fit to limit access to federal courts to a challenge this kind of systemic discrimination when committed with the use of federal funds.

Voting against Sandoval were Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

The Sandoval decision will, in all likelihood, apply with equal force to similar provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally-assisted education programs. Similarly, the decision also can be expected to apply to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974 and Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in federally funded programs.

Biased educational practices could be exempt from challenge. For women and girls, this means that educational practices such as standardized tests, which have a discriminatory effect on women, that is, disparate impact, are likely to become exempt from an individual challenge under Title IX. It is known fact, for example, that women tend to score lower than men on the SAT, despite the fact that women tend to get higher grades in college, which is what the aptitude test is supposed to predict.

The result is that women must get higher grades in high school to gain an equal shot at admission to the same colleges as higher-scoring men, and they may lose out on numerous scholarship opportunities in which standardized tests are a deciding factor.

Even more worrisome is the fact that the same ultra-

conservative judicial activists have signaled their hostility to civil rights laws in general and to the use of the disparate impact theory, in particular, and may very well be getting ready to jettison it from a whole range of civil rights protection. That would be great tragedy.

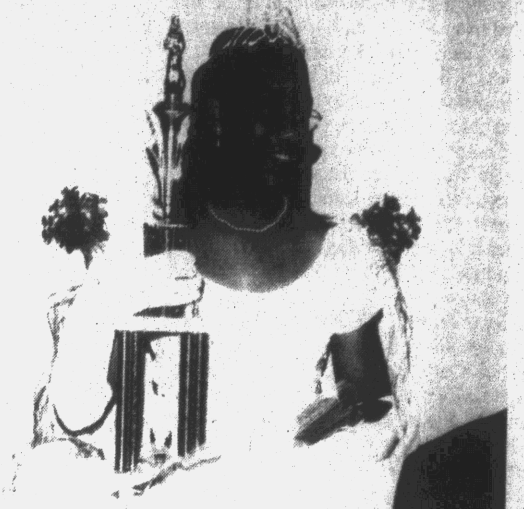
We are long past the time when anyone is foolish enough to put out a sign saying "No Blacks need apply" or print separate columns for "help-wanted---male" and "help-wanted---female," but the results are still all too often the same.

All women, minority men and women, and the disabled of both genders and many races have made great progress in the last 40 years.

But if recent developments in the courts have been any indication, nothing, not even long-entrenched legal precedents, is set in tone. Hard-won access to opportunities previously attained and those not yet achieved hang in the balance.

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## "Miss Golden Circle 2001"



Ashlee L. Daniels recently participated in the "2001 Gold & White Cotillion" sponsored by the North Carolina State Grand Assembly Order of The Golden Circle, AASR-P.H.A.

The biannual event was held in Charlotte, NC with the theme being "Presenting the Guardians of Tomorrow". The Cotillion is a stepping stone for the contestants to claim their destiny and come closer to reaching their goals in life.

The young ladies that participated were sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from cross the State. Ashlee was crowned "Miss Golden Circle 2001".

Ashlee is the daughter of Larry and

Mildred M. Daniels and the god-daughter of Rev. & Mrs. James and Fannie W. Harris of Greenville. She represented Roanoke Assembly #248 Order of Golden Circle located in Williamston, NC.

She is a member of Hayes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and a sixth grade honor roll student at Greenville Christian Academy. Ashlee is involved in many activities within her church and community. Ashlee, her parents and family, and members of Roanoke Assembly #248 would like to thank everyone for their support. Salutations to Ashlee for a job well done as she reigns as "Miss Golden Circle 2001".

## Brock, Reparations "founder" being left out of process



Pictured center background .....is reparations founder, Mr Robert L. Brock along with Bennie Roundtree and Bro Jim Rouse giving encouragement to a young student. M' Voice staff photo

by: William Reed  
contributing writer to The (TSD)

Just two years ago, touting reparations for Black slavery was a lonely pursuit. So, imagine the glee that Robert L. Brock, a 76-year-old legal activist, felt when writers from mainstream newspapers like the Boston Globe and Washington Post approached him for interviews and information about his long history pursuing reparations for Blacks.

Polls in 1995 showed less than 10% of African Americans supporting the concept of reparations. Against this back drop of swimming against the tide, Brock toiled 40 years toward getting Blacks compensation for the "40 acres and a mule" they should have gotten at the end of slavery. He has filed numerous class-action suits for Blacks to gain compensation for slavery, including Dec. 10, 1965, suit that preserved the rights of Blacks to sue against the statutes of the 13th Amendment. "You couldn't collect if not for me," laments Brock regarding high-powered lawyers, including Harvard Law professor Charles Ogeltree and Johnnie Cochran, who have been plotting strategy for a class-action lawsuit seeking reparations.

With the high-profile of Randall Robinson and lawyers Ogeltree and Cochran, mainstream media such as CBS, the Post and the Globe have been

reporting comments like that of Georgia Pentecostal minister, the Rev. Gary Grant, saying, "The white man has been taking advantage of the Black man all our lives. Now, we want to get paid." A growing number of reparations proponents have propelled Detroit Congressman John Conyers' bill--H.R. 40--to the forefront in the US House of Representatives.

But instead of getting the issue to the Supreme Court, where Brock wants it heard, acknowledgment of the reparations issue by the majority media has simply reaped scorn on Brock.

"Why are they attacking me?", asks Brock. "Hell, I am the one who got Conyers started on the bill." Correspondence records do show that Brock's early 1980s discussions of reparations with former California Congressman Augustus Hawkins and Mervyn Dymally prompted them to publicly announce their support for reparations and for Brock to share his findings with the executive director of the Congressional Black Caucus. From those CBC discussions came the reparations bill that Conyers has introduced annually in Congress since 1989. "Conyers doesn't give me credit for starting the issue, but that really isn't important" Brock says. However, he does get credit in the American Bar Association Journal's story on reparations in their Nov. 2000

issue. Brock says any Black's demand for reparations must be based on four things: an understanding of his citizenship rights as an African of slave descent; an understanding of US laws and statues written for Africans of slave descent; an understanding of the history of slavery in the US and other European nations; and an understanding of the work of Self Determination committee has completed. Brock points out that the website for his Self Determination Committee, [www.directblackaction.com](http://www.directblackaction.com), clearly spells out his successes and why each Black must make a claim for their own reparations payments.

Brock's 40-year pursuit of reparations has been inspired by teachings of Marcus Garvey, Father Divine, Bishop Turner of the AME Church, and Alberta Spain, who teamed up with Mississippi Senator Bilbo in 1939 to get support for a bill to pay Blacks reparations. He says Black reparations has taken a long time to come into the public eye because in the past, bringing it up was difficult. For example, in the early 1980s, no Black would dare bring it up because they feared repercussions from Whites. Now, he is realizing that the repercussions can be just as lethal when they come from Blacks in the employ of Whites.

## Educator Mentor Role Model



Mr. Francis Mebane

This letter was recently acquired by the M' Voice staff and we thought it bears reporting. We also, in printing this letter, acknowledge the leadership and inspiration of Mr. Francis Mebane.

A recent conversation with one of our employees brought to my attention how deeply indebted we are to you and your school for the remarkable number of talented young men produced by your local school who are now working for us. Mr. Willie Langley, a graduate of your class of 1960, is presently one of our most accomplished linemen, and more importantly, one of the finer people in our organization. Mr. Langley has been a leader in encouraging others of race to seek employment with this end other companies, and to exert themselves to achieve the maximum of their capability.

Among the former students of your school who are presently employed with The Connecticut Light and Power Company in

Norwalk, Conn., are Charlie M. Weaver, Jr., class of 1965, Johnny R. Newton, class of 1965, Johnny L. Ford, class of 1964, Willie E. Barrett, Jr., class of 1963, Ashley Langley and Curtis Langley.

You and your school are to be congratulated for having produced such a group of self-reliant and productive members of society. This Company is fortunate to have them with us.

Mr. Willie Langley is himself a credit to both your school and to his people. It has been a privilege to work with him and I look forward to many more years of the same.

Please convey to the members of your staff our appreciation for a job well done in the training of these men, and to your present student body our hopes that they may be successful.

Sincerely,

J.R. McClendon  
District Manager



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## Perspectives

### Who's Lottery is it anyway

**Val Atkinson**

Neither Chuck Neely nor the NCAE should decide if North Carolina has a Lottery. It's the people's state, it's the people's Legislature and it's surely the people's money.

You remember Chuck Neely, former Legislator and unsuccessful candidate for the Republican Gubernatorial nomination in May of last year. Neely lost the Republican primary race to Richard Vinroot who eventually lost the Gubernatorial election to our current Governor, Mike Easley.

The institution of a State Lottery was one of Governor Easley's campaign corner stones. Chuck Neely opposed the lottery. And now - through an organization he chairs (Citizens United Against the Lottery) - he wants to go the back door route to accomplish what he couldn't do at the ballot box.

The NCAE has endorsed a State Lottery for North Carolina and most of the citizens of North Carolina - in every poll taken thus far - have supported a state lottery. Mike Easley ran on a State Lottery and was (in all

accounts) given a mandate to use lottery funds to support education in North Carolina. And education should be the main topic whenever we discuss a North Carolina State Lottery. After all that's what this is really about. The lottery is not about North Carolina being one of the 38 states who have a lottery or the 12 that don't. It's not about a poor tax or moral convictions, because less we forget, the lottery is a voluntary venture.

Those North Carolinians who play the lottery in Virginia, Georgia, and else where (and soon to be South Carolina) are mature adults who have made a decision as to how they will invest their PERSONAL money. This money they're spending on the lottery does not (by default) belong to the businessman in the area. Our Northern Counties along the Virginia border haven't experienced any increase in crime associated with their play of the Virginia lottery. Churches, Mosque, Temples and Synagogues haven't experienced any lose of membership or patronage because their citizenship plays the lottery ever now and then. So what's the problem? I'll tell you what the problem is. It's a group of North Carolinians (some of whom I highly respect) who've decided to follow the leadership of Chuck Neely and oppose a State Lottery on so called moral grounds. What bothers me is that these anti lottery voices aren't raising a

finger to do anything about the \$300,000,000.00 North Carolinians spent in Virginia last year (the Governor could have really used that money in North Carolina this year). It appears to me that the anti lottery folks are saying.... "We don't care if North Carolinians spent every dime on the lotteries of Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and South Carolina. We don't care if we don't have the funds we need to improve education in North Carolina; we just want to be able to say, in the final analysis, that North Carolina didn't have a state supported lottery."

You've gotta wonder if these guys have both oars in the water. They've gotta know that education is the bedrock of any community or society. Without the means to properly educate our children, the economic prospects of North Carolina are dim at best. I agree with Mike Easley when he says ... " Don't just say no to the lottery, tell us your plan to provide for smaller classrooms, increased teacher salaries, quicker access to at-risk children and higher education opportunities for the historically disadvantaged of our great state". And if you don't have a better alternative to the lottery play you ought to listen to the words of the seasoned Army Infantry Veteran, who so eloquently stated.... " Lead, follow, or get the hell out of the way".

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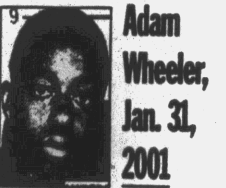
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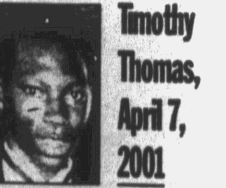
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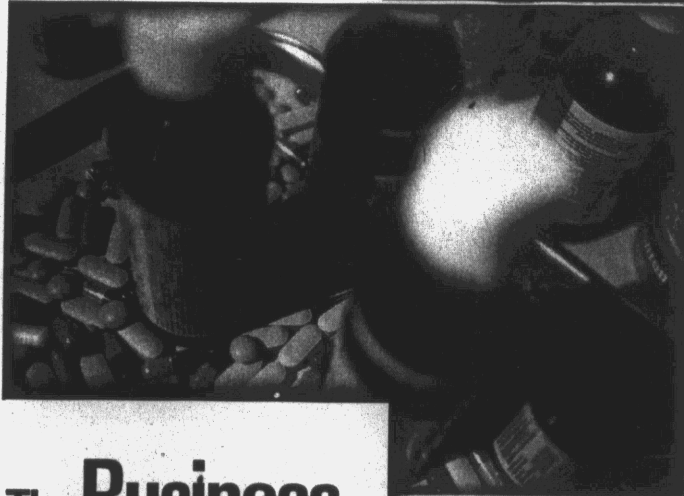
**Adam Wheeler, Jan. 31, 2001**

**Summary:** Mr. Wheeler, 21, was wanted on three open felony warrants when he slammed his Coryville apartment door in the face of a police officer investigating a drug complaint. Mr. Wheeler allegedly screamed, "You want a war? You got a war." **Force used:** It's not clear who fired first, but a large number of rounds were fired by Mr. Wheeler and the five officers on the scene. One officer suffered minor injuries to his hands. **Aftermath:** Mr. Wheeler's uncle, a minister who lives in the West End, went to an Avondale school after April's riots to urge calm.



**Timothy Thomas, April 7, 2001**

**Summary:** Mr. Thomas, 19, knew he had more than a dozen misdemeanor warrants out for his arrest when he was spotted by two off-duty officers working outside The Warehouse nightclub on Vine Street. Twelve officers joined in a chase in Over-the-Rhine. Officer Steve Roach saw Mr. Thomas emerge from behind a building at the end of an alley on Republic Street and told authorities that Mr. Thomas was reaching for something in his waistband. **Force used:** Officer Roach fired one fatal shot, hitting Mr. Thomas in the chest. **Aftermath:** No weapon was found on Mr. Thomas. The shooting helped trigger riots that resulted millions of dollars in damage and a citywide curfew. Officer Roach was charged Monday with negligent homicide and obstruction of official business.



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## City Council passes redistricting plan, seeks map approval

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by: T. Scott Batchelor  
Daily Reflector

The Greenville City Council on Tuesday unanimously passes a redistricting plan for municipal elections and asked federal officials for quick approval of the new map. Large population shifts revealed by the 2000 census in two of the five Council districts triggered the need for redistricting.

Mildred Council's District One, the least populous with 8,180 people, was nearly 33% below the ideal number of roughly 12,200 people. The largest, District 5, represented by Arielle Morris, had nearly 58% more people than the target figure.

The council voted to approve the changes after a public hearing that drew comments from one resident. South Carolina consultant Bobby Bowers re-drew the districts. Residents got a chance to pursue the changes during three informational meetings last week.

The redistricting must be approved by the US Department of Justice to ensure that the new plan doesn't dilute the voting

power of blacks. Council's district and that of District 2 representative Rose Glover are predominantly black.

"I would think the Justice Department would look upon this very favorably," Bowers said after his presentation Tuesday. The council unanimously passed a resolution asking the department to give expedited approval to the revised districts. Federal officials have 60 days to review the document, but that time can be extended if the department requests more information.

In order to hold the municipal election scheduled for ov. 06, City Attorney Dave Holec said the redistricting plan needs Justice Department approval by July 18, three business days before candidates begin filing for office on July 23.

As a safety net, the council has voted unanimously to postpone the Nov.06 election until May 07, 2002, if approval is not received in time.

Don Cavellini was the sole speaker during Tuesday's public hearing. He asked if communities could have been spared from being split in the redistricting plan.

Bowers said that would be impossible because the redrawn lines follow federally mandated census blocks, which do not take

into account whether the area is an established community.

In general, federal law requires redistricting if the overall deviation from the number in the most populous district and the least populous districts combined is more than 10%, Holec said.

The cumulative deviation between districts 1 & 5 was nearly 90%.

The redistricting plan submitted by Bowers drops that deviation to less than 8% and maintains the percentage of minority voters in districts 1 & 2.

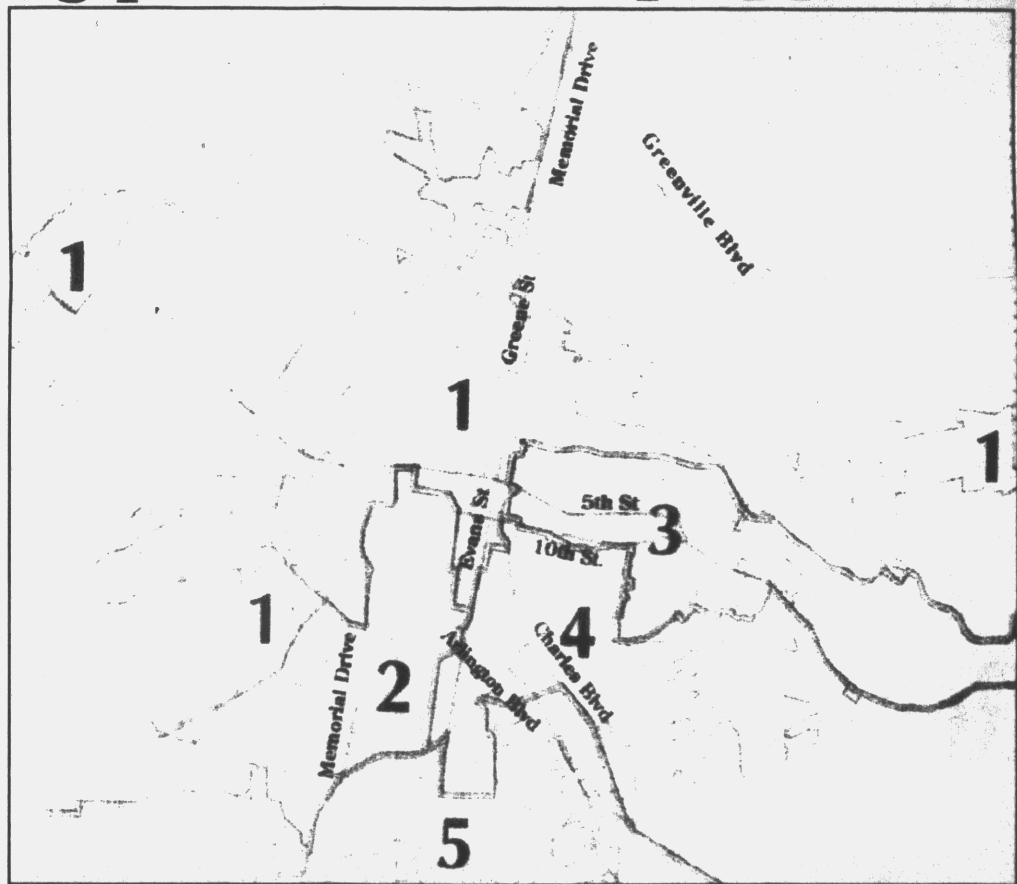
Mayor Nancy Jenkins and Councilman Chuck Autry are unaffected by the changes because they are elected at-large.

Autry asked if everyone was happy with the changes.

"I'm not sure that I'm happy," Council said. "I'm not even quite sure that I'm satisfied."

Council explained that she regretted the loss of 4,000 constituents, most of which were driven away by the flooding from Hurricane Floyd in 1999. "Hopefully, in the future, we'll gain some of them back, and some new ones as well," she said.

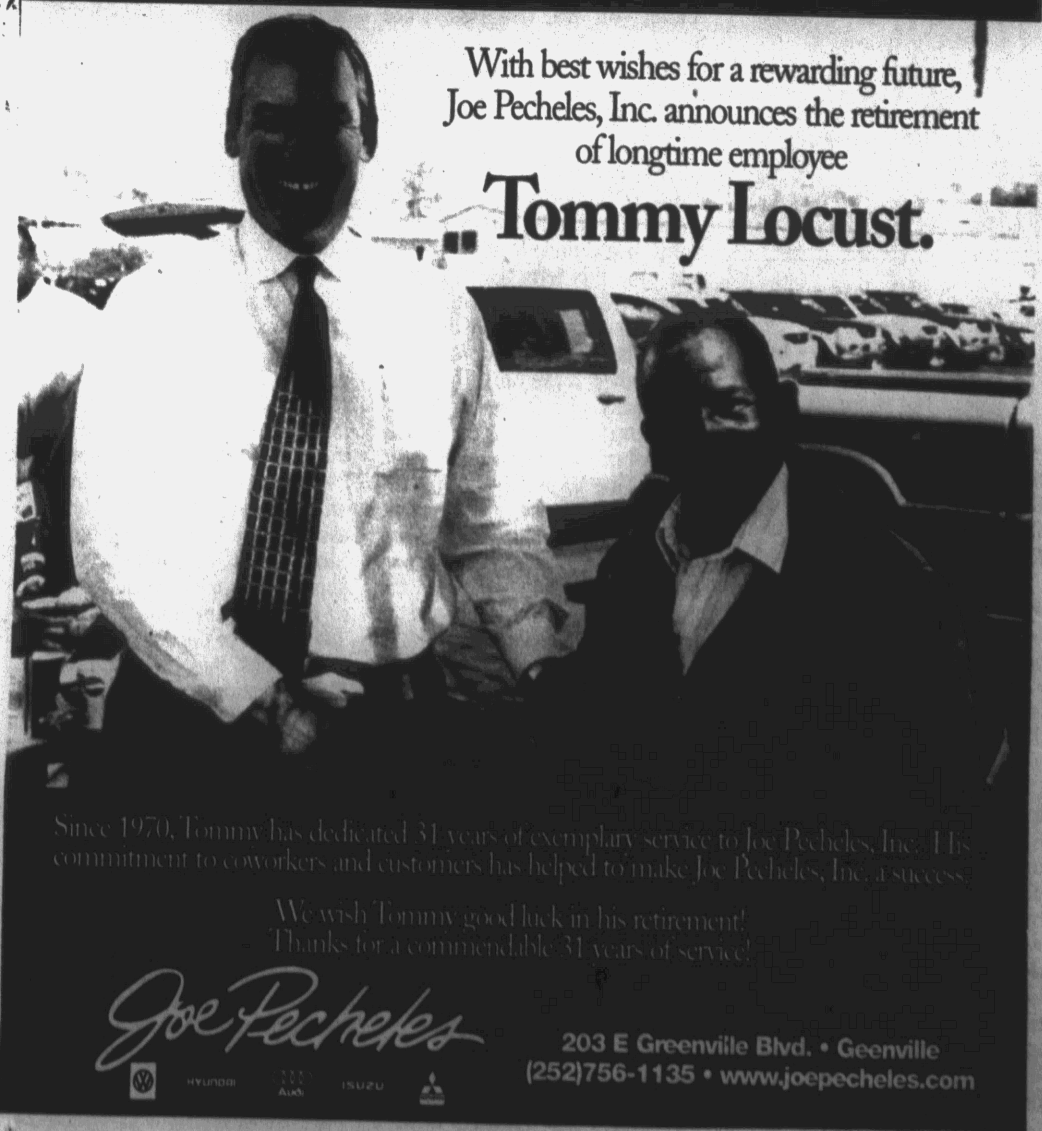
Holec said he would get the redistricting package to the Justice Department as quickly as possible.



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## Reflections Expressions & Reviews



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of Alabama's Dept. of Public Safety, was named as a defendant. That both the federal trial and appellate courts agreed with her was not surprising since the principles she invoked had been recognized by the Supreme Court since the mid-1970s and repeatedly ratified by the Congress since then.

What was shocking was the fact that the current high court took the case at all, and then it agreed with Alabama, a state that has an extensive record of resisting the rights of minorities, to limit the scope of a vitally important civil rights protection. It was the second time this term that the court entertained a challenge by Alabama to a previously well-established civil rights protection. The other case involved the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Sandoval brought her case under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Title VI prohibits of federal financial assistance, and Alabama, like every other state, receives large infusions of federal transportation money. In exchange for that bid, they are supposed to refrain from discrimination.

Supposedly impartial practices can have discriminatory impact. But many supposedly impartial practices have a tremendously discriminatory impact on racial and ethnic minorities, as well as women, girls, and other protected groups. Example include racial profiling by police, placing potentially toxic plants or waste treatment facilities in minority neighborhoods, height and weight requirements for employment and other selection procedures, such as written tests, and so on.

Intentional discrimination, on the other hand, may be difficult to prove, even where it exists. That

the intent may have been benign does not soften the harsh effects. Thus, 30 years ago, a unanimous Supreme Court led by Warren Burger, the conservative chief, not the liberal Earl Warren, roundly condemned unintentional discrimination that nevertheless harmed minorities, characterizing it as a "built-in headwind."

Yet the current court, by a bare majority, has seen fit to limit access to federal courts to a challenge this kind of systemic discrimination when committed with the use of federal funds.

Voting against Sandoval were Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist and Justices Anthony M. Kennedy, Sandra Day O'Connor, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

The Sandoval decision will, in all likelihood, apply with equal force to similar provisions of Title IX of the Education Amendment of 1972 that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in federally-assisted education programs. Similarly, the decision also can be expected to apply to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974 and Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act, which prohibit discrimination on the basis of disability in federally funded programs.

Biased educational practices could be expected from challenge. For women and girls, this means that educational practices such as standardized tests, which have a discriminatory effect on women, that is, disparate impact, are likely to become exempt from an individual challenge under Title IX. It is known fact, for example, that women tend to score lower than men on the SAT, despite the fact that women tend to get higher grades in college, which is what

the aptitude test is supposed to predict.

The result is that women must get higher grades in high school to gain an equal shot at admission to the same colleges as higher-scoring men, and they may lose out on numerous scholarship opportunities in which standardized tests are a deciding factor.

Even more worrisome is the fact that the same ultra-conservative judicial activists have signaled their hostility to civil rights laws in general and to the use of the disparate impact theory, in particular, and may very well be getting ready to jettison it from a whole range of civil rights protection. That would be great tragedy.

We are long past the time when anyone is foolish enough to put out a sign saying "No Blacks need apply" or print separate columns for "help-wanted----male" and "help-wanted----female," but the results are still all too often the same.

All women, minority men and women, and the disabled of both genders and many races have made great progress in the last 40 years.

But if recent developments in the courts have been any indication, nothing, not even long-entrenched legal precedents, is set in tone. Hard-won access to opportunities previously attained and those not yet achieved hang in the balance.

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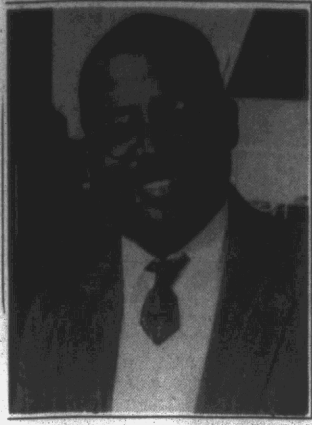
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Over a year ago, I asked the Greenville City Council to declare the month of May Senior Citizens Appreciation Month. Mayor Jenkins did. I also asked the Pitt County Board of Commissioners to declare the second week of May Senior Citizens Appreciation Week. It, with some hesitation, did so as well. Yet, the two institutions have ignored the proclamations thus far.

The fact that May is Older Americans Month notwithstanding, too many people, including elected officials, still neglect our vulnerable senior citizens who have made significant contributions to our society. By contrast, Sherrian Brown of South Lee Street Neighborhood Improvement in Ayden recognized senior citizens for the second year in a row on May 10<sup>th</sup>. I, as asked, gave the "purpose" for the event, which was well attended.

I commend Brown's efforts in

showing love for and allegiance to our elderly population. She deserves an honorary award for her outstanding work in Ayden.

Why is it the case that proclamations on the books are too often ignored? It simply doesn't make sense for elected officials to use taxpayers' time to issue proclamations and not actualize those historic documents. Now that Commissioner Hammond, a preacher and "man of the cloth", is chairman, he should lead county efforts to sponsor programs to raise consciousness and awareness about the plight of the elderly. Further, Mayor Jenkins should lead the City of Greenville in appreciation events and ceremonies for our senescent population locally.

During the month of May, senior citizens should get at least a 50% discount on meals from restaurants. It doesn't matter whether the food is filet mignon or fried chicken, collards, and sweet potato pudding. Food is food. Businesses that offer discounts beyond the traditional free teas should be recognized for giving something back to their communities.

Seniors should be allowed to ride city transit free during May. Talk about budget constraints may be viewed as a convenient excuse to repudiate elderly concerns. Proactive plans to help the elderly help themselves should be planned far ahead of appreciation ceremonies.

Information booths should be organized to educate the community about senior issues. For example, breakthroughs in Arthritis, Diabetes and cancer research could be accentuated at

these booths. Free testing for cancer and other health conditions that disproportionately affect the elderly could be conducted at this time.

Intergenerational activities are vital as well. It's important that seniors build strong relationships with younger generations. Such relationships will not just strengthen the seniors; they also will serve as beacons of hope and guideposts of perseverance for many teenagers struggling for a sense of dignity, direction, and purpose.

I'm still disappointed that County Commissioner Hammond would not support my Prescription Drugs Supplemental Fund proposal, which would've provided reduced and free medications for thousands of seniors over the long haul. Hammond believes the Department of Social Services has the answers. This is baloney. Many seniors who have to choose between the exorbitant costs of prescription drugs and food will fall by the wayside if Hammond doesn't change his mind and support my package of badly-needed relief for the elderly.

Mayor Jenkins, it's time to go beyond mere ceremonial posturing and support your fellow senior citizens. Cutting ribbons and issuing plaques and certificates won't suffice. Seniors need to anchor themselves to something more concrete and sustainable. Get with the program. Commissioner Hammond, let's put the rhetoric aside and fulfill God's commandments with respect to the "least of these."

## Is Rev. Jesse Jackson's political career doomed?

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Some Sharpton supporters at the National Action Network argue that Jackson may never recover from the back-to-back political knockdowns he has suffered, and say it is time for him to pass the baton to their leader. Keanna Peyton, a spokeswoman for Jackson, says Jackson will not respond to claims by his critics that his political and moral impact on the nation has been dwindling. "What I can speak to is the fact that we just wrapped up a 20-city tour of Georgia and the wonderful reception we received at each stop," Peyton offers.

For more than 30 years, Jesse Jackson has pontificated from the moral high ground.

Suddenly, everything seemed to go downhill. In a shameful flip-flop, Jackson, at the behest of worried financial contributors to his Wall Street Project, abruptly ceased his daily attacks on "president select" George W. Bush.

In January, as the National Enquirer was about to publish the

story about the out-of-wedlock baby, the man once dubbed "the moral conscience of America" acknowledged the extramarital affair. CNN piled on, dumping his Sunday talk show Both Sides.

With Jesse Jackson, Corporate heads, who once cowered in boardrooms at the drop of Jackson's name, canceled meetings with him. And infighting among members of Jackson's own board at Rainbow/ PUSH broke out.

Last month, during a meeting with core supporters at the giant, mostly Black and Latino Local 1199, Jackson reportedly pleaded for financial assistance, claiming that he had lost at least \$4 million in contributions.

People feel he hasn't been honest with them, "says a PUSH source

"Some have raised questions: How are we going to approach corporations?" According to the Gallup Poll, Rainbow/ PUSH has a 30% favorable rating

among African Americans, who threw the bulk of their support behind groups like the NAACP, the Urban League, and the Congressional Black Caucus.

It appears that Jackson is being shunned by the people he claims he is working to empower, he is being reviled by right wing critics who abhor his confrontation tactics - from boycott threats to protests against proposed mergers - and some, including White TV talk show hosts have demanded investigations into his financial dealings.

In Harlem, resentment of Jesse Jackson will not abate until he comes clean about the handwriting of Wyatt Tee Walker and his parishioners.

"Please know that your relationship with me and Canaan cannot be repaired until you make a public or written apology," Walker concluded in his searing missive to Jackson.

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Filmore was a successful businessman operating several family businesses over the last half of the twentieth century. He was a life-long member of Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church where he served in a number of capacities. He was faithful in worship and his joy was visiting the sick and shut in. He was affiliated with the I.K.S. and He was a mason in Mt. Herman Lodge # 35 of Greenville, NC. He was proud member and avid supporter of the Twentieth Century Social Club which he co-founded and was the longest surviving member.

A willing advisor and encourager to young people, brother Bell often offered advice to others out of his wealth of personal experiences. To know Millard Filmore Bell was to love him.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his loving wife, Rosa Mackey Bell, one sister, Ivelle Battle of Greenville, NC, two brothers in law, James A. Mackey, Sr. of Enfield, NC and Jessie Mackey of Swan Quarter, NC, three sisters in law, Vivian Cump of Durham, NC, Ina Filman of Amityville, Long Island, NY, Anna D. Bell of Greenville, NC and a host of loving nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

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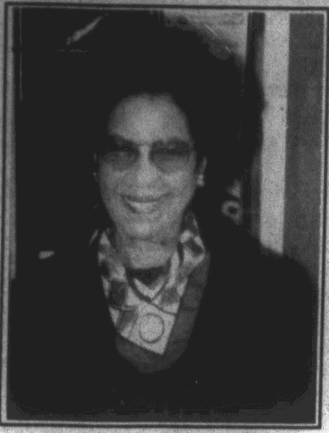
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# From the Desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



Mrs Beatrice Maye

### For Your Information

1. Churches are keeping people happy rather than transforming them. People are paying dues to a club, not for God's heart. (Sylvia Ronsville, Exec. Vice Pres. of Empty Tomb, a Christian Research & Service Org. in Ill.)
2. "Wake". A funeral celebration. It usually involves a good deal of feasting and drinking.
3. "Guru", a teacher or spiritual leader.
4. "Humanitarian", concern for the well-being of one's fellow human being.
5. Christian, a follower of Jesus and his teachings.
6. The church needs to be

support group, a family. It needs to provide a place where everybody knows your needs.

7. "Hard work, dedication and sacrifice are the avenues to success. Anything in this world you focus on, you can make it happen. I have a motto: If I can do this, I can do anything." Reggie Showers, age 37, the world's fastest moving double amputee. (He lost his legs at the age of 14 following an electrical accident. He grew up in the West Philadelphia neighborhood.)

8. Tiger Woods is the greatest golfer in the world

9. Barbara Jordan Statue: The Austin, Texas city council recently approved this statue of former US Rep. and professor. Barbara Jordan to be placed in the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport at the Barbara Jordan Passenger Terminal in Austin, TX. The \$250.00 sculpture will be placed in the airport by the summer of 2002. (Jet Mag. 4/23/2001)

10. Students who read are the ones who succeed.

11. Children's behavior is often a reflection of parents' behavior.

12. Let others have the glory.

13. Become more patient.

14. Pay attention.

15. Listen and talk less.
  16. A formula for failure: "Two kinds of people fail those who listen to nobody, and those who listen to everybody."
  17. Character is doing the right thing, every time.
  18. Sleep is just like food, water, and air. It's vital.
  19. Fatigued drive cause 100,000 highway accidents.
  20. It's a joy to be raised by a mother who loves me.
- ### 10 WAYS TO KILL A CHURCH
1. Don't come.
  2. If you do come, always arrive late.
  3. After every service, let it be known loud and clear that you "didn't get anything out of the service."
  4. Never accept a job or leadership position in the church. It's much better to stand on the sidelines and criticize.
  5. Visit other churches about half of the time just to show your pastor and other church members that you aren't tied to them.
  6. Make the paid leaders of the church earn their salaries. Make them do all the work and blame them if it isn't done.
  7. Sit toward the back of the church and never sing or participate in the service in any way.
  8. Never pay in advance.

Wait to see if you are going to get your money's worth.

9. Never encourage the pastor.

10. Be sure to point out any faults of your church to go any guest who might be present for the service. They might never notice these faults without your help.

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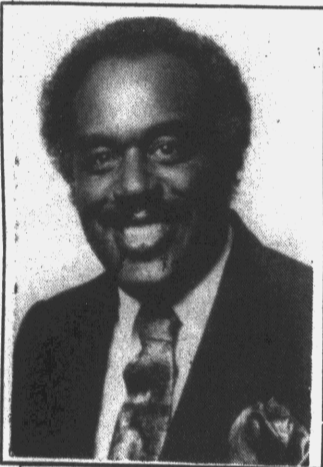
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# Spiritual Thoughts



Dr. George Hawkins

### Sexual Bonages

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ :

Satan and his host work hard to draw men and women into sexual sins and perversions because it is a direct attack on the only institution God established before the fall. I'm talking about marriage. God created mankind in his own image (Gen. 1:27). After he had created Adam and put him in the Garden of Eden, "The Lord said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him'" (Gen. 2:18). "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24).

2:24). Today, there are those who are trying to redefine marriage by marrying man-to-man and woman to woman. Others see no harm in having extra-marital relationships. They justify their actions by saying that it helps the marriage.

Marriage, as God has ordained, is the foundation of a family and families are the foundation of society. When marriages are destroyed, families are hurt severely and society eventually if effected in an adverse way. This is all part of Satan's plan to divide and conquer.

God spoke very clearly through Moses as he warned the Israelites concerning sexual sins. In Leviticus Chap. 18, Moses provided the people with a set of laws ad-

sister." (Including stepsister)

18:10 "Do not have sexual relations with your son's daughter or daughter's daughter."

18:12, 13 "Do not have sexual relations with your father's or mother's sister."

18:14 "Do not have sexual relations with your father's brother's wife."

18:15 "Do not have sexual relations with your daughter-in-law."

18:16,18 "Do not have sexual relations with your sister-in-law."

18:17 "Do not have sexual relations with a woman and her daughter."

18:19 "Do not have sexual relations with a woman having her monthly period."

18:20 "Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor's wife."

18:22 "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable."

18:23 "Do not have sexual relations with an animal. That is a perversion."

"Every who does any of these detestable things, such persons must be cut off from their people. Keep my requirements and do not follow any of the detestable customs that were practiced before you came (from Egypt), and do not defile yourselves with them. I am the Lord your God."

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Now the above list is not all-inclusive, but it laid a foundation for understanding what constituted sexual sins.

We notice in Deuteronomy 27:20-23 that sexual sins are included in the list of sins that release curses upon those who practice sin. The impact of curses often let us bear the full consequences of

There are some that deny that any sexual activity is a sin, but a natural process.

"The body is not meant for sexual immortality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power, God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself." (1 Cor. 6:3b-15a)

Those who have become one with Christ should be horrified to take such a glorious relationship and expose it to that which is detestable to God. The Lord dealt with such a person in Corinth through his servant, the apostle Paul. A believer in the church had been involved sexually with his father's wife or stepmother. The sin was compounded by the fact that it was known, but the leaders did not discipline the man and put him out of their fellowship. So, Paul instructed the church to assemble and "hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord."

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wouldn't be the first time God's people had been placed under the power of their enemy until they experienced repentance for their sins.

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immortality; that each of you should learn to control his body in a way that is holy

and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects

this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit" ( 1 Thess. 4:3-8)

"But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immortality, of of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people." (Ephesians 5:3)

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