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## EDUCATING BLACK AMERICA: A NATIONAL CRISIS....



From The Archives of the M'Voice Newspaper The Greenville C.M. Eppes Alumni pose for our camera. Name the persons pictured and win 5 CDs. Photo By Jim Rouse

by: Frank D. Brown  
George E. Curry

Black America is in a state of emergency. African-American educators, elected officials, civil rights leaders, religious and spiritual figures, corporate executives, community activists and others are being warned of a crisis from which our communities may never be able to recover. Some are saying this is Black America's most pressing issue of this new, young millennium. And they are fearful it may result in the creation of a permanent Black underclass. And now that the country is a month past the national emergency created by the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, these voices are calling for the Black community to pay heed to this other crisis. We must wake up right now, they say, before it's too late.

Ponder these recent statistics: About two out of every three Black fourth grade students can barely read. They read below basic literacy levels and barely comprehend the meaning of most words. This is according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress, the group responsible for issuing what is known as the nation's report card. And Black literacy levels are the lowest of all major ethnic groups in the nation. Further, the rate of African-American illiteracy has barely changed over the past decade. Think about it: A decade from now, how will our children be able to function in this rapidly changing 21st century information-age society and global economy?

This points to the need for an immediate, organized, strategic, collective response. Recognizing this, the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) is attempting to play a critical role, much as this group of Black publishers has throughout its 61-year history. NNPA is presenting this groundbreaking series, focusing on how Black groups are already responding to this crisis. Beginning this week, our

four-part series brings together national voices of concern: We present information on innovative early literacy initiatives and approaches, and tell the stories of Black communities that have organized and successfully taken control of their local school systems and established new educational priorities. We describe programs that cater to the special needs of our youth, and provide excerpts from a new National Urban League publication, "Read and Rise: Preparing Our Children for a Lifetime of Success."

We also report on the so-called education-reform legislation expected to be voted on by Congress later this month, and explain what this all means in this new era of segregated schooling. Indeed, recent studies show that our nation's classrooms are segregated in numbers the country has not seen since before the passage of the landmark Brown vs. Board of Education ruling in 1954. What are we going to do about it?

material, he denied any association, saying he knew nothing of the posters or television ads that ruled Sharpton a liability.

The win for Green removed the hope of a minority mayor. To that end, some minority activists are openly advocating a switch. "We ought to be like the other guys in showing intelligence by voting in a way that says we are important," Conrad Muhammad, head of A Movement for C.H.A.N.G.E. said.

"The Democrats have taken the Black vote for granted. We need to exercise a political option," said Dr. Lenora Fulani, of the Independence Party. The option, Fulani advised, is for minority voters to cast a vote for Republican Mike Bloomberg. She said he offered the best prospect for a better New York.

Although Cong. Charles Rangel has not endorsed anyone else since he stepped out for Ferrer, the New York representative met with Bloomberg and is expected to endorse the Republican. Meanwhile, Bloomberg has been meeting with members of the minority community. Last Friday, he met in Harlem with more than 20 members of the Black Press. There he detailed his plans for the city and how he is different from the current mayor.

"I would meet with all leaders who have a constituency," Bloomberg explained to the reporters. He said while he would continue to champion the course of a safe city the way Mayor Rudy Giuliani has, he had a

## BLACK DEMS CONTEMPLATE SWITCH TO OTHER PARTIES....

by: Vinette K. Price

Traditional loyal Black Democrats are rethinking their practice to contemplate a switch on Nov. 06, by voting for the alternative party. Angered by the recent runoff campaign described as dirty and alleged to incriminate Democrat Mark Green, some claim they will "teach them" a lesson by voting any other party but Democratic. The public discussions started immediately after the recent runoff race, which pitted Bronx borough president and minority-favored candidate Freddy Ferrer against former Public Advocate Green. Although it was a close contest, Green raced ahead in polls reported during the final hours. Many attribute the surge to the negative campaign that demonized Ferrer's principal supporter, the Rev. Al Sharpton, as the future dictator and advisor to a Mayor Ferrer result. Posters reportedly placed in communities displayed a picture of Sharpton alongside the Puerto Rican candidate, saying a vote for Sharpton. Rumors had abounded that Sharpton would decide the next police commissioner as well as other key positions in city government.

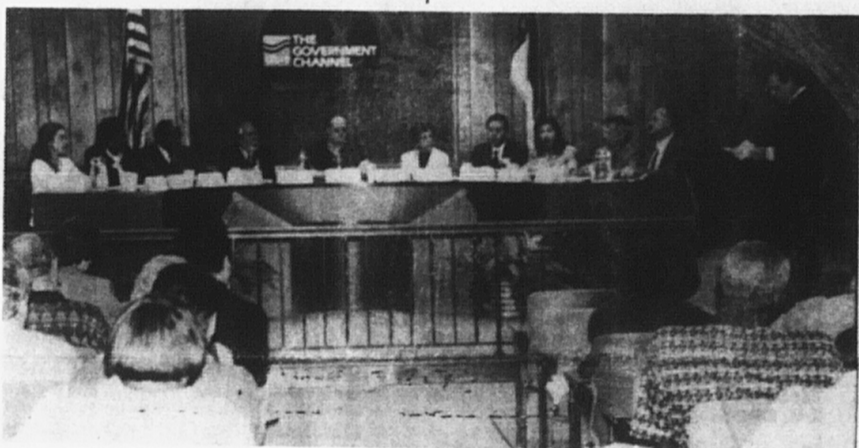
Compounded with that, the New York Post repeatedly lampooned Sharpton as the chubby mouthpiece who would speak for Ferrer if the Bronx representative were elected. Greene promised a clean campaign. When approached about the abundance of negative campaign

number of added programs he would initiate to keep the reputation of New York as the financial capital of the world.

Bloomberg renounced racial profiling. He stressed education as a priority. He promised more housing. He vowed to keep businesses in New York. He promised to improve transportation. And he said he would work hard to represent the 8 million residents of New York City. "An inclusive community" is what he pledged.

Punctuating that he did not intend to query each individual on how they voted before providing services, he said once elected he would have to serve the entire community.

In addition to stopping into Harlem, Bloomberg's post-runoff television outreach has been visibly aimed at the minority community. Featuring numerous African American faces, Bloomberg's commercials contrast those of Greene's which seem to depict a less diverse New York City. Since the runoff elections Ferrer has accompanied Green on campaign visits to some communities. However, noticeably absent in TV commercials and on the trail is any image of New York's first African American mayor, David N. Dinkins. Despite the fact, the former mayor has decidedly avowed his support for his "friend" Green during his "Dialogue With Dinkins" segments on the Black-owned radio station, WLIB --- it is only there that Green seems to enlist the support of the official.

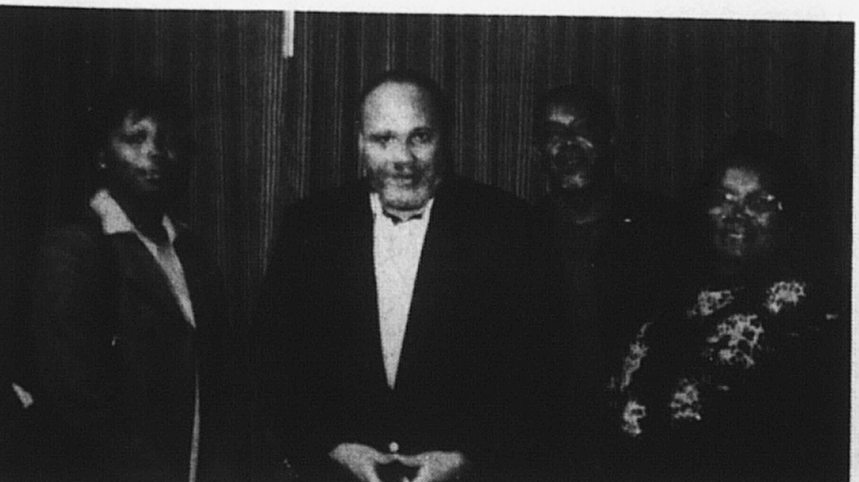


We Encourage You To Get Out And Vote Because The Fight Is On Shown at the Greenville City Council Chamber are some of the candidates who are running for the Greenville City Council seats. They are shown answering questions for Mike Hoffman of WNCT. All the candidates encourage you to get out and vote November 6th and remember to mark their names on your ballots. Photo By Jim Rouse



It's Time To Get Out The Vote

WTOW Joy 1340AM held a political forum. Thirteen candidates are running for Washington city council. Four people showed up at WTOW studio for a live forum. Ed Booth, Bill Booth, Mr. Briley and Judy Jennette are shown outside the studio of JOY 1320. They all encourage you to vote for them on election day, November 6th. Photo By Jim Rouse



SCLC....GOD BLESS AMERICA !!!!

God Bless America has always been the motto of black folks in America. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., son visited Pitt County's SCLC this past week. Shown above with Brother King is the present local chapter Pres. Phil Higgs and his assistants. Photo by: M. Adams

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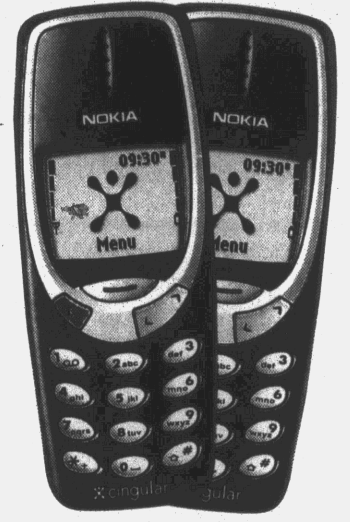
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## EDITORIALS

### What lessons can terror teach America, the world?

The mind cannot comprehend the depth of the terror that America experienced Sept. 11. While many have compared it to the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor—"the date that will live in infamy"—in some ways the horror is even larger than that catastrophe.

Pearl Harbor was a surgical attack against a military target. But this coordinated strike only tangentially touched on the military, with the crashing of one of the hijacked planes into the Pentagon. This was a strike designed primarily to maim, murder and terrorize those who had not engaged in any war at all.

We can count the numbers: more than 260 killed in the four hijacked airplanes; possibly up to 200 at the Pentagon; possibly thousands more in the two towers of the World Trade Center, which collapsed into twisted piles of glass, steel and concrete. As the dust begins to clear we will ultimately begin, in some way, to calculate the financial losses that have been incurred in an attack designed to devastate America's and the world's financial markets.

But there is truly no way to calculate the breadth of the horror that has been visited upon the nation, or to understand the twisted evil that chose to perpetrate it.

The mind is awed by the level of precision that went into the four hijackings—all occurring within moments of each other, at three different locations. We are amazed by the expense and planning that it must have taken to coordinate this activity. We are overwhelmed by the evil that would engage in such precision, planning and execution without a shred of conscience or compassion for all those who would be lost. And we are amazed, and saddened, by the pictures taken in parts of the Arab world—rejoicing at the devastation and tragedy that had befallen the "Great Satan" the United States.

But as vile as this event has been, there are lessons—and warnings—in the holocaust.

The lesson is that we are not invulnerable. America has truly been a blessed nation. There has not been a single shot fired by a foreign power on American soil since 1815.

But the blessing that God has extended upon us is just that—a blessing, not a birthright. We live in a world that is filled

with evil people, people who will stop at nothing to destroy what they cannot build. The terrorist attack has made a direct hit on our sense of complacency, comfort and arrogance.

And there are warnings, as well. In our anger, we cannot be too quick to assume we know who committed this vile act.

Much of the discussion has centered around Osama bin Laden, the fanatical Muslim cleric who is apparently in hiding in Afghanistan. Others have said that this could have been state-sponsored terrorism, with Iraq as a chief suspect.

But, as this is being written, no one has taken responsibility. Therefore, we do not know. We cannot forget what happened in the wake of the Oklahoma City bombing, when—before we learned that the bombers were right-wing White men—Arabs around the country were being harassed because of the mistaken belief that the bombing was Arab terrorism.

A religion or a nationality did not commit these acts: evil men did. Their evil was truly indiscriminate: there were Blacks and Whites, Jews, gentiles and Arabs, men and women in the airplanes they hijacked. All nationalities and cultures were represented in the World Trade Center, and even in the Pentagon.

We cannot allow our fear to cause us to kill the very liberty that makes us the envy of the world—and, yet, that makes us more vulnerable to these attacks. And we cannot allow our anger to cause us to lash out at people just because they do not look like we do—or just because they look like the people we believed may have terrorized us. As African-Americans, we understand the shame, horror—and evil—of being singled out for abusive treatment just because someone in power believes that our skin color or nationality in some way links us to other folks like us who engage in criminal behavior. We all grieve.

We have experienced a terror that is unfathomable. But the nation will recover. We will emerge stronger and wiser from this—if we do not allow fear and rage to compel us to commit suicide on our own liberties or social homicide against those who are different from us. If we do that, then we will have given our enemies the victory they wanted—a victory they could not achieve on their own.

### September 11 attacks leave plenty questions of faith

The past weeks have been hard for all peace-loving people all over the world. It is a time that revealed the bestial and barbaric extent to which some Muslim extremists can go: killing and inflicting pain on innocent people in a spuriously frivolous belief that it would win favor for them in the sight of God.

It is a cause that makes them believe the universe should be purged of every religion that does not pay homage to the superiority of Islam, leaving Islam as the bona fide and authentic religion of the world. In pursuit of that belief, they have since 1993 executed monstrous atrocities all over the globe, but America never took them too seriously until now.

"They bombed the World Trade Center in 1993, killing six people and injuring others; they bombed a Phillipine airplane in 1994 killing one person and injuring a dozen others; and they made an assassination attempt on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak who was on a visit to Ethiopia in 1995. If those sequential, annual killings didn't sound an auditory alarm to American intelligence, they hit a home run in 1996 when they attacked a military housing unit in Saudi Arabia, killing nearly a score of U.S. soldiers. Still, the neo-terrorists proved too crafty, too cunning and too elusive to be detected. Fearing detection, however, they had a cooling-off period in 1997.

But they were back in action, big time, in 1998. They devastated lives on a massive note when they bombed U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, killing 235 people in the process and injuring more than 5,000 others. After those killings, President Bill Clinton reacted via missile attacks on Osama bin Laden's hideout in Afghanistan. The attack, however, was not carried out on a sustained level because the president was

at the time accused of using bin Laden as a faAade to shield him from the Monica Lewinsky debacle. Head of cells or groups that pervade over 50 countries, including the United States, bin Laden, son of a former Saudi Arabian oil magnate, is worth \$300 million and bank rolls his wide network of terrorists known as The Base (Al Qaeda).

In nefarious activities last year, they bombed the USS Cole off the coast of Yemen in the Middle East and killed 17 U.S. service personnel.

Then, on Sept. 11, they executed their most sophisticated and devious attack yet in the history of terrorism by hijacking four commercial aircrafts and plunging three of them into the twin towers that used to house the World Trade Center in New York and The Pentagon in Virginia. More than 5,000 people are feared to have perished in those attacks. The fourth plane did not get to its destination because of the heroic feat of some of the passengers on board, who forced the aircraft to crash in Shanksville near Pittsburgh.

Investigations have found bin Laden's network responsible for the crashes and President Bush has named him a prime suspect. In fact, bin Laden's atrocities have now made Libyan leader, Muammar Gaddafi look like an angel and Ayatollah Khomeini a saint. He is indeed, Adolf Hitler reincarnated and Americans are his Jews.

It is for this reason that the highest support and encouragement must be given President Bush in his noble quest to rid the world of terrorists. This is not vengeance; it is justice and the right thing to do under the prevailing circumstances.

(Guest editorial by Sam Doku, writer for the Washington Informer.)

WHERE DO YOU HIDE? YOU'VE BEEN AT THIS LONGER THAN ME



## COMMENTS

### Osama bin Laden's terrorist background is unimaginable

by George E. Curry

Though they are reluctant to admit it, George W. Bush and Osama bin Laden have something in common besides being millionaires: Each firmly believes the other one is a terrorist. Unfortunately, many more innocent lives will be lost in the United States and in Afghanistan while each man seeks to annihilate the other.

Without a doubt, the loss of lives in New York's World Trade Center and at the Pentagon is a tragedy, an act of cowardice that cannot be condoned or defended on any grounds. And if the United States wants to be viewed as anything other than a punching bag for Islamic zealots, it has no choice but to retaliate.

Characterizing the Sept. 11 assaults as "barbarism," Bush said: "This administration, along with those friends of ours who are willing to stand with us all the way through, will do what it takes to rock terrorism out of the world. The American people should know that my administration is determined to find, to get them running, and to hunt them down."

Bin Laden, the person being hunted, issued a statement denying he had "carried out this act." But Jamal Ismail, a Palestinian journalist, said an aide to bin Laden had called him immediately after last week's devastating attack to say his boss had denied orchestrating the recent violence but "thanked almighty Allah and bowed before him when he heard this news."

To begin to understand how bin Laden could be thankful for the bloody deaths of thousands of innocent people in New York and Washington, one needs to trace the roots of his anger. Bin Laden was born in 1957 to a Syrian mother in Saudi Arabia, the 17th of 52 children. His father, Mohamed Awad bin Laden, had emigrated from South Yemen, eventually owning the Bin Laden Group, the largest construction company in the kingdom, now worth about 5 billion.

Instead of continuing to live a life of privilege, young bin Laden chose to travel to Afghanistan to help successfully repel the 10-year Soviet invasion, which ended in 1989.

A year before the Soviets withdrew, bin Laden established his own organization, Al-Qaeda, an Arabic term meaning "the base." He became involved in a series of regional disputes, including Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Bin Laden anger toward the United States escalated after the commencement of the Persian Gulf War in 1991, according to his associates. He was particularly upset with the decision to station American troops in Saudi Arabia, which he saw as

"latest and greatest" aggression against the Islamic world.

The riches-to-rags leader was indicted after he was linked to the 1993 World Trade Center bombing that took six lives. He was also said to be implicated in the attacks on the U.S. embassies in East Africa, leaving 224 dead.

But bin Laden contends that he's not the problem.

"The American imposes himself on everyone," bin Laden said in a 1998 interview with ABC-TV Reporter John Miller. "Americans accuse our children in Palestine of being terrorists—those children, who have no weapons and have not even reached maturity. At the same time, Americans defend a country, the state of the Jews, and that has a policy to destroy the future of these children."

Bin Laden is said to loosely affiliate with Islamic radical in 50 to 60 countries.

Intelligence sources say that in addition to sharing a deep hatred for the U.S. and Israel, bin Laden has been able to tap into the religious fervor of the region by going to local clerics and having them give their blessing to the impending anti-American action.

Larry C. Johnson, deputy director of the U.S. Department Office of Counterterrorism from 1989 to 1993, said intelligence operatives are not prepared to deal with the likes of bin Laden.

"The fundamental problem the United States faces in dealing with entities like bin Laden and his supporters is that the existing intelligence apparatus is still organized to defeat a conventional Cold War enemy, "Frontline," the PBS documentary unit.

"...How do you penetrate an organization which is largely ideological and bound by religious fervor? They don't have membership. You don't have to fill out an application. It's not like joining a country club. You are brought together by commonness of belief that is shared in worship. And in the faithful application of your religious faith."

But religion plays another role that might explain why bin Laden's followers don't mind dying for their cause.

"Being killed for Allah's cause is a great honor achieved by only those who are the elite of the nation," bin Laden said in a 1997 interview with Peter Arnett of CNN. "We love this kind of death for Allah's cause as much as you like to live. We have nothing to fear for. It is something we wish for."

As long as the United States has that kind of unconventional enemy, conventional warfare, as well as conventional wisdom, is useless.

(Curry is an opinion writer for the NNPA)

### Sneak attacks represents much of what is America

by Bob Brown

As I watch, over and over again, the reruns of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on fire, the symbols of white supremacy, of the U.S. military-industrial-police-intelligence complex smoldering in ruins; and as I listen to the growing and racist drumbeat for war, I remember the wisdom of Malcolm X and Kwame Ture.

The master, and his/her "western civilization," is sick, not us slaves. His/her house, the racist capitalist system, is on

fire, not our plantation shacks.

Hell no, I did not go to Vietnam, or Grenada, or Haiti, or Iraq, or Libya, or Panama, or Somali, or Sudan. Hell no, I will not go, to Afghanistan or Columbia!

Victory of the Oppressed Peoples of the world is certain, no matter the time or sacrifice! Then and only then, will there be no more mourning, or grieving, or tears. In the meantime, the struggle continues, and the work of the genuine progressive and revolutionary forces of the world intensifies.

(Brown is an opinion writer for the NNPA.)

## LETTERS

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### Metro Council told to wake up to issues

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter out of concern for the citizens of Davidson county. My concern stems from the inability of some members of the Metro Council to accept the fact that the citizens of Davidson county has given their views about term limits, and want the issue behind them. The people have said No, No, No!

Yet there are some council members who either refuse to accept the mandate of the people, or they think the voting public is too dumb to know what they were voting for when they so soundly defeated the effort to repeal in the last Metro General election.

It was obvious in the last vote on Term Limits, almost four years ago, that the latter is the case. When those responsible for placing the language on the ballot, used the confusing words that was used, any voter with an ounce of voting savvy should have known that this was an attempt to hoodwink the voting public.

Now here they come again with the ideas, advanced recently by Councilman Phil Ponder, on the Editorial page of the Tennessean, where he indicates that new additions to the council aren't very bright. In his theory that a third term would make the Council more efficient, he further

sealed the thought that a person has to be in the council almost eight years before they know what they are doing. If that is the case, the public had better examine the qualification of those we vote into office, and not be so worried about extending the terms of those who are too dumb to grasp the city's business.

I would offer one consideration for the public, not the council, to ponder. (No pun intended). And that is to start staggering Councilman terms, by voting on different districts at different times for a third of the council members, until there is no danger of more than one third of the council members to be freshman at one time. That way the city would always be assured that a healthy number of the members are seasoned legislators and are full aware of the needs of the people of Nashville. How the one third would be selected could be the responsibility of a panel of citizens selected from the city at large. Until that time my personal opinion is: STOP TRYING TO REPEAL TERM LIMITS. THE PEOPLE HAVE SPOKEN. THREE TIMES!

Since some are still worried about being one-term council members, why not make each term one of eight years, and bar anyone who have already served one four year term at any time, from running in any election until the formula for staggering the terms have been solidified. In those original eight years any person smart enough to get elected, should at least know how to govern their district. Mr. Ponder seems to think the freshman members are still wet behind the ears after almost four years, so give them eight years, since the older and wiser councilmen do not deem it their responsibility to teach the newly elected members. What selfishness on their part!

Rev. James T. Morris Sr.  
Nashville

### Expensive hotel rooms available to everyone

Dear Editor,

Those readers who say that race relations are no better than they were 40 years ago ("People's Pulse," Aug. 23), were not here 40 years ago. I just returned from Biloxi, Miss., where I was welcomed with open arms at the Beau Rivage Hotel. My money was as good as anyone else's.

In 1965, I couldn't get even a room in Biloxi, not that I would have wanted to.

Arthur Lewis,  
Los Angeles

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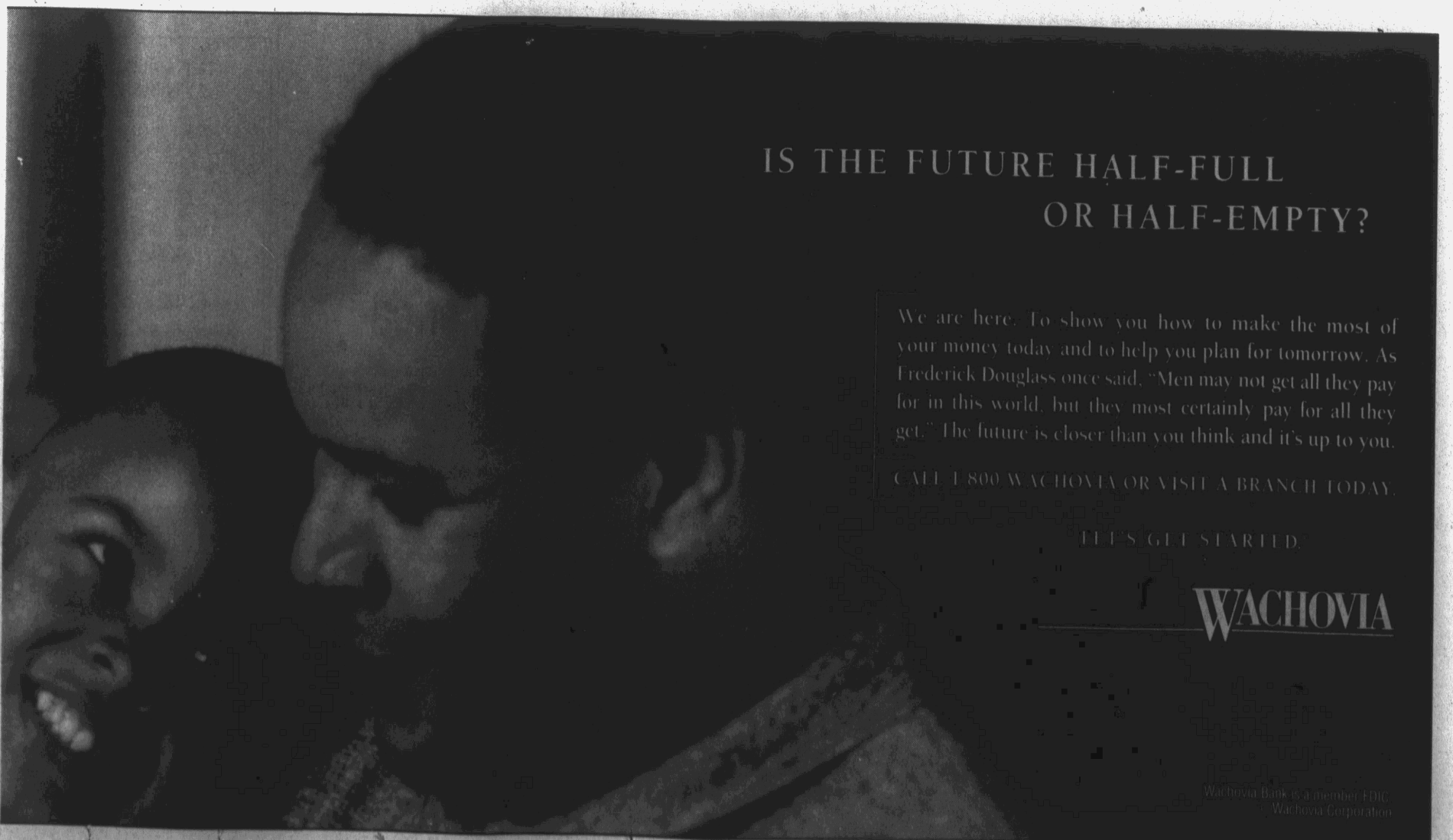
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# Greenville Pirates Go Undeafeated

by Pamela Foreman

Yes, you read the title correctly...

Greenville Pirates Go Undeafeated!!!!!! Did I mention that I was referring to the GHA Pirates instead of the ECU Pirates? I guess your next question is "vwho are the GHA Pirates? Well, I will proudly tell you that the GRA

(Greenville Housing Authority) Pirates are a Pop Warner, Junior Peeewe football team of young men ages 10 - 13, that are just a joy to watch. I myself am no big football fan, but when you see what several dedicated brothers have done with these young men year after year, then you cannot help but enjoy the game. Let me introduce you to the coaches and players, and ten you a little bit about the program.

Pop Warner Football is an international program for the benefit of young participants that has been in existence since 1929. The program seeks to develop well-rounded young men and women through learning the fundamentals of football and cheerleading. The general objectives of Pop Warner Football are to inspire youth (regardless of race, creed, or national origin), to practice the ideals of sportsmanship, scholarship and physical fitness, as reflected in the life of the late Glenn Scobie "Pop" Warner. The program

strives to make the game fun for all boys and girls while providing an organized, supervised environment with emphasis on maximum safety and participation. Camell Burney is the Director of Neighborhood Services for Greenville Housing Authority. One would think that keeps him busy enough, but he somehow finds the time to assist in the coaching of three Pop Warner football teams GHA Pirates (Junior Peeewe ages 10 - 13;

Offensive Coach Anthony Foreman/Defensive Coach Steve Staton), Philippi Eagles (Junior Midget ages 8 - 11; Offensive Coach Stewart Barnes/Defensive Coach Robert Harris), and GHA Cougars (Nfghty Mite ages 7 - 9;

Offensive Coach Camell Burney/Student Coach Moses Phillips/Defensive Coaches Darnell Lee and Tyrone Savage). They also have cheerleaders to help keep the fans aroused coached by Kelly Daniels and a booster club consisting of concerned moms, dads, other relatives and friends that volunteer their time to assist the programs. The Cougars (uniformed in red and gold) are newly organized in this their first season, but should not be taken lightly. These little Mighty Mites are not only undefeated, but have also

not allowed an opponent to score on them thus far this season! Watch out for these little men in years to come: Devin Austin #31, Raphael Baker #55, Camell Burney Jr. #84, Kumasi Daniel's #34, Montrel Edwards #1, Reginald Green #15, Darian Gunter #50, Raeshon Hardy #5, Antino Harris #30, Deshay Jenkins #51, Alex Jones #70, Shakean Jones #24, Kevin Lawrence #44, Travis McCornick #50, Eniontre McNeil #23, Antonio Miller #56, Kurtis Nobles #77, Marcue ON6 #41, laquay Roach #7, Brandon Smith #80, Sherkeil Smith #72, Quaysean Swindell #74, Chevalier Teel #35, and Shawuan Wilkes #20.

The Eagles (uniformed in navy blue and white) are having a good season as well (5 - 1) in a very competitive league. They are the team in training to carry on the Pirates' legacy. For many of the young men, this is their first experience with organized football, so they are busy learning all that they can about the fundamentals to be prepared to compete at the next level. The team members are: Jaron Anthony #4, Donte Atkinson #62, Monte Atkinson #85, Kedar Barnes #10, Albdulle Blount #60, laquefle Cherry #74, Malcolm Clemons #33, Ramon Clemons #56, Desmond Crandall #71,

Hysuan Daniels #34, Paul Edwards #30, Darian Gunter #81, Daniel Haddock #5, Kentrell Haddock #12, Jamel Hogans #44, Chris Hofly #83, Markeion House #76, Cornelius Johnson #50, Markques King #60, Jimtrez McCloud #61, Terrell Phillips #22, Douglas Prayer Jr. #32, Hassan Rainer #55, Marquis Shepard #21, Antuawan Smith #11, Keith Smith #3, Kevin Staton #90, Jaquan Waller #54, Jamal Weaver #84, Deontra Wilkes #1, and Tyrone Williams #23.

The Pirates (uniformed in purple and gold) are definitely a team to be reckoned with, being un-defeated thus far this season. Football fans, if you enjoy seeing exciting plays then this is a team you must see to believe. They throw, toss, kick, pitch, and run in grand fashion just like the professionals. We expect to hear great things from these young men as they play for JH Rose, DH Conley, North Pitt, Farmville Central, ECU, UNC, NC State, University of Maryland, Carolina Panthers, Pittsburgh Steelers, Washington Redskins, and the list goes on and on. The team members are: Torrey Alston, Brandon Austin #32, Veron Brown #31, James Carney #60, Gerald Edwards Jr. #35, Antwon

Foreman #63, Bobby Hardy #98, Joshua Jenkins #34, Kendal Jones #1, Keontrell Jones #70, Shameik Jones #42, Chico Joyner #85, Marquel Kidd #20, Maurice Kidd #99, Tylee Langley #2, Tyron Laughinghouse #98, Joshua Lawrence #18, Marquis Lawrence #22, Javius Lodge #75, Terrence Mabeny #31, Torrence McLawhom #28, Terrell Paige #10, Donte Peterson #11, Courtney Phillips #3, Steven Phillips #33, Corvin Powell #65, Reggie Purvis #30, Demetrius Staton #73, Travian Staton #35, Doninique Tillery #89, Tony Turnage #66, Benjamin Williams #14, Miton Williams #4, and William Winfield #16.

Year after year, these young athletes excel in their respective divisions and have the opportunities to play throughout the state and sometimes beyond. Often times their storybook seasons do not finish as well they could or should because of lack of funding. It takes a strong commitment and a great deal of funding in order to transport these young people from city to city. Despite their accomplishments, sponsors have not been plentiful, somewhat due to lack of publicity. We are sure that if the surrounding communities really knew what these young people were doing, then

they would be more than willing to aid them in every possible way.

That is why, we the Pitt County Chapter of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference are affording you that opportunity at this time. (SCLC is a community-based, service oriented, non-profit organization, which offers assistance to anyone or group in the local community seeking, to bring about positive, social change through various, peaceful means - as did our founding president, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Pitt County Chapter's president is Phillip Higgs.) We challenge you to support these kids by attending their games, giving them a few words of encouragement, and of course donating whatever you can afford. If you are interested in supporting these teams, please mail your checks payable to: Pitt Cg" SCLC 905 Cherry Street Greenville, NC 27834 and in the memo write in FOOTBALL TEAMS. If you have any questions directly related to the teams and their upcoming activities, please direct them to Camell Burney 252-329-4065. We hope to give them a sizeable donation on behalf of the citizens of their communities.



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Kerna Hilts



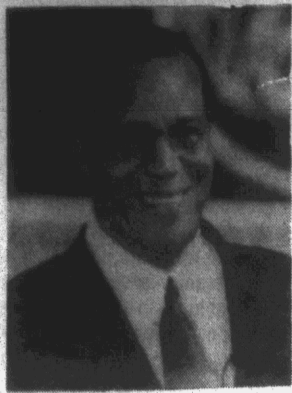
## Kerna Hilts

1993 East Carolina University Graduate  
Communications/Journalism/English  
Member of Golden Key National Honor Society

Every child deserves a chance to learn and grow in an environment which will induce hope. They deserve to be treated as entire citizens of the society into which they have been born. As mayor, I will use whatever resource available in making this a reality. A hands-on mayor who will be accessible.

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# ATONEMENT: The Road To Peace



by Minister Louis Farrakhan

## IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE BENEFICENT, THE MERCIFUL..

Our subject tonight is "Atonement: The Road to Peace." In the Book of Ezekiel in the 3rd chapter, it reads,

"Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet, if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

In the Qur'an in the 5th Surah, or chapter, it reads, "O Messenger, deliver that which has been revealed to thee from thy Lord; and if thou dost not, thou hast not delivered His message. And Allah will protect thee from men. Surely Allah guides not the disbelieving people."

We have arrived at a very critical hour when the ministers of Allah (God) who are watchmen on the wall have to not only hear the word of Allah (God) from the mouth of Allah (God), but, we have a responsibility in an hour like this to warn the wicked of their wicked ways. We should not fear what the wicked may

say or do; we should only fear what Allah (God) will do if we fail to deliver the message. I know that every preacher worthy of his or her calling does not want the blood of the people on our hands by preaching a milquetoast gospel that tickles the ears of the people but does not tell the people, "Thus sayeth the Lord." The Bible teaches that the watchmen fell asleep and they became drunk. What made them drunk? It was the cares of the world. They wanted honor from men rather than honor from Allah (God). They wanted wealth from the wicked who were in power. So, to ingratiate themselves to those in power they softened the truth; they mixed truth with falsehood. That kind of religious message is acceptable to the wicked because we are not calling the wicked to repent.

What we have in America today, in the world of Christianity, in the world of Islam, in the world of Judaism, are men and women who have heard the word, who say they believe the word, but are afraid to preach the word for fear that if they condemn the wicked practices of the people and call the people to repentance, it will weaken the donations [to the church].

America is at war. The president is telling the American people that this campaign will take years and that the American people should get use to the idea of the loss of life to accomplish the goal of ridding the earth of terrorists. Most of those who will die if the war continues are

Black and Brown and poor White. At this moment the United Nations is struggling to find a definition for terrorism and terrorist that all would agree with, for one nation's terrorist is another nation's freedom fighter. We have to discern whether the governments of the world are repressive of the legitimate aspirations of their citizens. And if that is so, and a person rises up within that government to seek redress to alter that government, or to replace that government, then are they terrorists or are they the liberators of their people from oppression? This question has been quite difficult for the United Nations to determine: What is the correct standard by which a person or a nation will be judged as terrorist and their actions judged as terrorism?

Something terrible happened on September 11 and we have not gotten definitive answers as to why people hate America to that degree. A feeling of fear has gripped the American people and the question persists, why? People don't sacrifice their lives and take the lives of others for nothing. For the first time Islam is being talked about day and night. You can't go to the library and get a

book on Islam for all the books on Islam have been loaned out to the American people. They want to know what is this religion. What is it that makes these people like this? There is a law of cause and effect. What we are experiencing in the world is the effect of a cause that we may not see right now. But only when the root of the conflict is exposed to the light can the tree of the conflict die.

I remember the Stamp Act in American history. And I know you remember some of the laws that the British imposed on the colonies that led to the Boston Tea Party where they dumped all the tea in the water. They were terrorists to the crown, but they were freedom fighters to the early colonies. Paul Revere was a terrorist to the British, but, he was a freedom fighter to those in the colonies. The Minute Men that fought at Lexington and Concord, they were terrorists to the British. But, if it were not for Paul Revere, if it were not for Crispus Attucks, if it were not for those that loved freedom more than comfort, we wouldn't be saying God bless America today.

The Declaration of Independence is divided into four parts. The first part is called the *Preamble*. The second is a *Declaration of Rights*. The third is a *Bill of Indictment*. And the fourth is a *Statement of Independence*. I want to show us today how far we have gone away from principles that this nation was established upon.

The preamble says: "When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the Political bands which connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the Separate and equal station to which the Laws of nature and of nature's

God entitled them, a decent respect to the Opinions of Mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the Separation. "When there is a "decent respect of the opinions of mankind" you should tell mankind why you want to be separated from the crown. They had to make this known worldwide. That's how the French got involved. It goes on to say, "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness." This is talking about human rights. Thomas Jefferson was rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ even though he didn't necessarily apply it to the slaves. Those Founding Fathers of this nation were God-fearing men [who would be displeased] if they could come back today and see that the children can't utter a prayer in school, that this nation has put God out and relegated God and religion to some back seat, when without God you have no government.

The president of the United States, the commander and chief of the armed forces of the world's greatest and only super power, carries enormous weight in the decision that he makes to send the youth of America into harms way in the name of defeating terrorists. I would humbly ask our president, is there a better way to defeat terrorists? Must countless hundreds of thousands of innocent lives be lost and the cause of terror never be addressed?

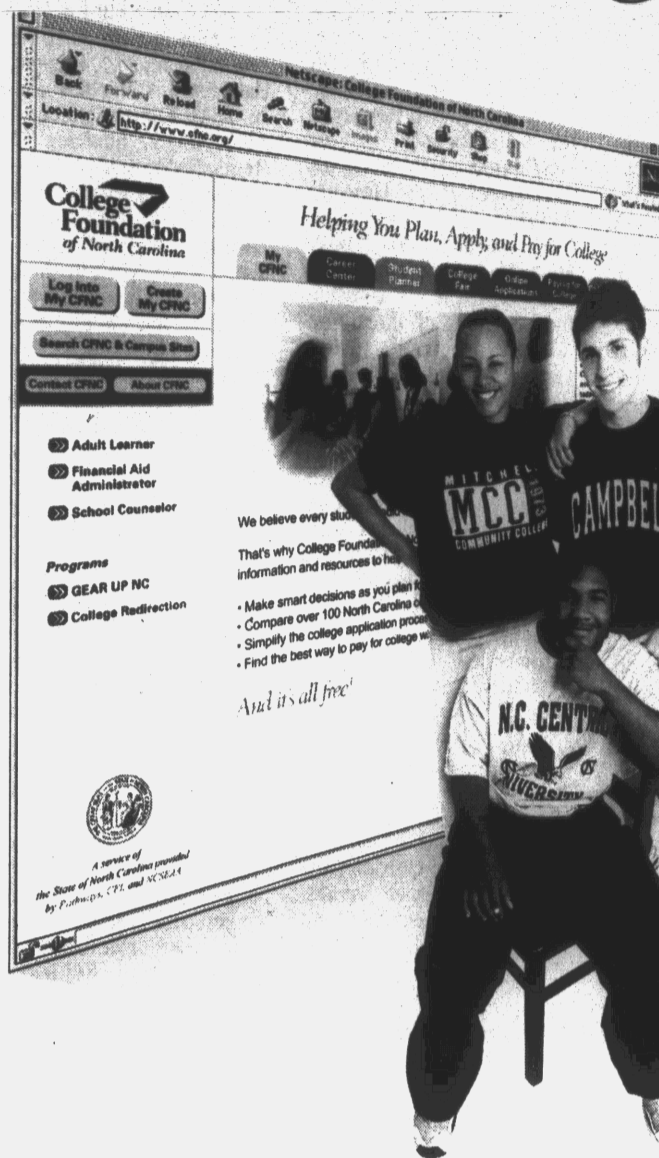
What then is our motive for a war against terrorism if we do not look at the cause of it and eliminate the cause? This is why the Day of Atonement among Jewish people as their holiest day is a celebration that all humanity needs to be a part of. Yom Kippur is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. It does not belong alone to Jewish people.

Christ came as an atonement. When you put a cross around Your neck you are recognizing that cross as the instrument of his atonement for sin. But the beauty of Jesus is that he said, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." That means that we become a part of the atonement process.

Great empires existed but no great nation of yesterday exists today. Why? There are immutable principles that contribute to our rise and the violation of these principles produce our fall. If America would adopt the process of atonement, it would keep America strong hundreds of years into the future. Look at the words: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (11 Chronicles 7:14)

The weapons of war have never kept any great empire of yesterday from falling. And the great weapons of

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# Atonement: cont from pg

war that America has amassed cannot keep America from falling. If she violates the principle that led or leads to perpetuity, then, America will go the way of ancient Rome, Babylon, Egypt, Sodom and Gomorrah. She cannot escape that history with her power because there is no power greater than the power of Allah (God) and the law of justice that follows our every action. In order to save our nation from a destructive fall, there must arise always out of the citizens those who would be willing to speak truth to power. These are persons of enormous patriotism, courage, and love of God, truth, and their nation who will speak to power. These are the real patriots for they are willing to pay the price to point out the wrong that might lead to correction of a practice that is against our principle. A patriot is not one who waves a flag. A patriot is one who upholds the principles that the flag represents. When the patriot calls the leaders back to the principles, the leaders have a tendency to attack the patriot and label the patriot as unpatriotic, thereby calling down on that individual the wrath of the patriots who think they are being patriotic in following leadership that has become corrupt. -- President Bush said this is not a war against Arabs or Islam. This is war against terrorists. Is this a statement of fact? The president spoke from a mosque and stated

that Islam is the religion of peace. I don't think President Bush is qualified to represent our religion. But you as a Muslim have to be careful because most immigrant Muslims want acceptance more than you want the path of Allah (God) and Muhammad (PBUH). President Bush, by saying that our religion is the religion of peace, he is right, but those who studied the religion should not allow our religion to be misrepresented to fit into a scheme that wants to paint the religion of Islam as non-violent. Islam is not non-violent. Neither is Christianity. There is a principle that a Christian should be allowed to fight what is called a just war. If the war that is raging now in Afghanistan is a just war, and if the colonists wanted to be separated from England and it was a just cause, then, they had a responsibility to mankind to show mankind the reasons that justified their call for separation. If Mr. Bush wants the world to join them in the war, then prove to the world that Osama bin Laden is responsible for this heinous crime. I heard the President say that it isn't about this one man. Well, what is it about then? He said he had overwhelming evidence. Have you seen it? Aren't you the American people? Is this a government of the people, by the people, and for the people? Then bring the evidence and show it to the American people. Don't

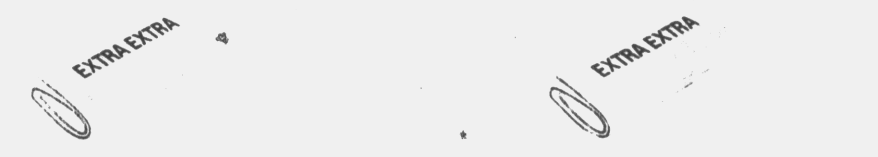
hide behind "national security." The nation would be more secure if you give the American people the reason to fight. You say we trust our government officials. I wouldn't be so foolish if I were you because they have lied before. And there is no guarantee that they are not lying now. Paul said, "Prove all things; holdfast to that which is good and that which is truth." There is nothing wrong with you asking your government to show you the proof before they send us to war. The prophets of Allah (God) have never been unpatriotic because they rebuked kings and rulers. The prophets of Allah (God) were a part of a society or a nation that was endangered by the practice of their leadership against righteous principles that give perpetuity. The prophets had to stand and say to the leaders, "Thus sayeth the Lord." Dear pastors, we have to do better even if we have to pay a price. There is nothing in this world more precious than truth. Truth was here when we got here. Truth will be here when we are gone. The Qur'an teaches that the heavens and the earth were created in truth. Falsehood has created nothing. So, my life, if it is spent in the cause of truth, I can never die as long as the truth lives. That's why. Jesus came offering eternal life, because there is no death in him.



WE BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS.....Bro James Muhammed and Bro Ali Muhammed took time out from there mission of spreading the faith to our people who have gone astray letting others know that there is a people in us who still believe in the hopes of a future generation of strong black men. photo by Bro Adams



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VAL ATKINS

**Bowles Changes Dynamics of U S Senate Race**

Erskine Bowles was in, then out, and now back in again. Erskine Bowles, Charlotte Investment Banker and former Chief of Staff for the Clinton Administration, has decided that the best way to serve his country in this time of crisis is to run for the United States Senate. Bowles admits that he is not a politician and has "Pretty", but thinks he has the message and the stuff to win. His messages (Early Childhood Development, Healthcare and the Environment) are very safe

and typical Democratic messages. But having the right stuff is yet to be determined. The one thing Bowles does have, and have plenty of, is M-O-N-E-Y. Bowles' moneybags will change the fundraising strategies on both sides of the primary. On the Republican side, Richard Vinroot and Liddy Dole have been counting on financial support from some of Bowles' investment buddies - who will now, in all likelihood, give financial support to their buddy Erskine. But Bowles' moneybags will have the greatest impact on his Democratic opponents - Secretary of State Elaine Marshall and former House Speaker Dan Blue. Elaine and Dan are gonna have to raise substantially more money now that Erskine is in the race. This is gonna be an "odd person out" race between Bowles, Marshall and Blue. It is unlikely that either candidate will garner 40 percent of the vote. Forty percent is the magic number to avoid a primary runoff. This means that all three candidates are running for the 1st or 2nd place and hoping to get the endorsement of the third place finisher.

A runoff between Bowles and Blue would be exciting and Elaine Marshall's endorsement might be the deciding factor. In this scenario race becomes a factor. If Marshall should finish third in the primary she could still run for reelection as Secretary of State in 2004. She may not want to send the wrong message to Dan's supporters by endorsing Bowles. If Blue is the odd person out, his endorsement will be critical in the runoff due to the strong African American presence in Democratic primary races. If Bowles is the odd person out, he can be king or queen maker. His moneybags will speak volumes. This will be an interesting race. Keep your ear to the ground and your eyes on the horizon. A couple of early warning keys to focus on are the Hunt and Easley high dollar donors and the diversity that Marshall and Bowles have on their staff. Either way you cut it, the African American vote - which comprises about 30 percent of all Democratic votes in a statewide Democratic primary election - and M-O-N-E-Y will play a huge role in the 2002 Democratic primary race for the United States Senate. Stay tuned.



Francis H. Mebane's Crown presented to the Sovereign Grand Commander at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the United Supreme Council, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation held in Winston-Salem, NC. At the banquet, Monday, October 8, 2001, Francis H. Mebane presented his 46-year-old crown to Sovereign Grand Commander Edgar Bridges of the Southern Jurisdiction to the cheers of over 4,000 conference attendees. The crown will be placed in the archives of the Southern Jurisdiction with thanks to its donor, Francis H. Mebane of Greenville, NC.

In his remarks, Mebane said the crown was worn with dignity and honor throughout the 46 years including the 1971 March date when he was elected the 1st North Carolina State President of 331 Masons in the Southern Jurisdiction. He shared how in 1953, Deputy Alexander of Charlotte set up Consistory No. 278 in Pitt County. At that time, Francis H. Mebane was elected Commander in Chief. At the Council of Deliberation that year, Deputy Alexander appointed him to head an initiation team. During the following months, Deputy Alexander began his push to have Mebane attain the 331. In 1955, that was accomplished.

On October 15, 1955, Mebane started meeting in Washington, D. C. with fifty-one other men throughout the Southern Jurisdiction and one from the Northern Jurisdiction to prepare for the final degree to be given on October 17th. The person from the Northern Jurisdiction, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, was the speaker for the occasion and also a candidate for the 3311 degree. Dr. Taylor did not have a crown, so Mebane's crown was given to him. The Director of Initiation fashioned a crown for Mebane. For 46 years, there was no other crown like his in the entire Jurisdiction. And now, his crown will be placed in the archives.

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**

**MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. PROGRAMS**

RALEIGH - The N.C. Martin Luther King Jr. Commission has announced that mini-grant applications are available. Grants, ranging from \$500 to \$2,500, will be awarded to organizations that wish to develop or continue year-round activities that foster the legacy and philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Applications will be mailed upon request by calling Teresa Pierotti, staff member for the Martin Luther King, Commission, at the N.C. Human Relations Commission in Raleigh, (919)733-7996. Application forms may be downloaded from the Internet at the following address:

<http://www.doa.state.nc.us/doa/hrc/mlkdbd.htm>

Applications must be delivered by certified mail, Federal Express or receipted mail, postmarked by Nov. 21, 2001, at the address listed on the application, or may be hand-delivered to the Human Relations Commission, 17 W. Jones St., Raleigh, by 5p.m., Nov.21. *Faxed copies will not be accepted.*

Only proposals from non-profit, church and/or religious organizations with tax-exempt status will be considered. Martin Luther King Jr. committees or groups without authorized tax-exempt status will be considered only if they operate under the auspices of a nonprofit community-based organization, church or local governmental agency.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Commission is housed in the N.C. Department of Administration's Human Relations Commission. The commission encourages appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the state relating to the obser-

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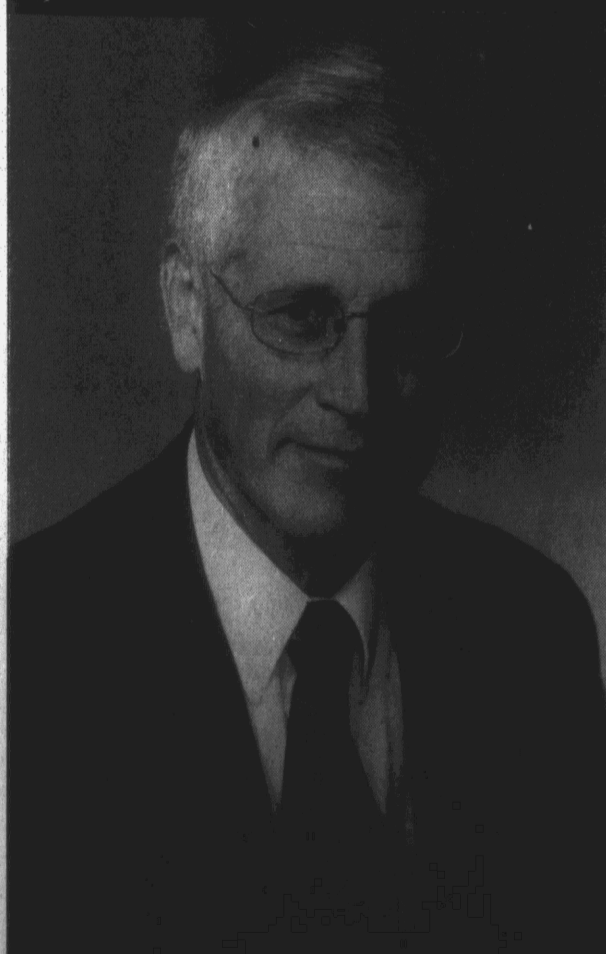
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# THE CONTINUING CRIME OF BLACK IMPRISONMENT

This article was written two years ago. Since then the number of people in prison has risen to 1.2 million. Everything else is just the same--except all the imprisonment numbers as of this writing, in January of 1998, are 20% higher.

The least controversial observation that one can make about American criminal justice today is that it is remarkably ineffective, absurdly expensive, grossly inhumane, and riddled with discrimination. The beating of Rodney King was a reminder of the ruthlessness and racism that characterize many big city police departments. But the other aspects of the justice system, especially sentencing practices and prison conditions, are every bit as harsh and unfair. The Committee to End the Marion Lockdown (CEML) was founded in 1985 to fight against the brutality of the United States Penitentiary at Marion. In 1987, we wrote that by the year 2000 the U.S. might have 1,000,000 people in prison. At that time U.S. prisons held more than 561,000 people, and most of our friends thought the notion of 1,000,000 prisoners was foolish.

In the Fall of 1994, the U.S. announced that it sent its millionth human being to prison in June, more than five years sooner than the projection that was considered foolish just a few years ago. What we would like to do in this paper is examine the growth of imprisonment in the U.S. We will then analyze the nature of crime, and then the relationship between crime and imprisonment. Since crime and imprisonment are in fact not closely related, we will conclude the article by discussing why the U.S. is sending so many people to prison.

**IMPRISONMENT**  
In addition to a million people in prison, there are those in jails, (about 500,000), those on parole (about 600,000), those on probation (about 3,000,000) and those in juvenile facilities (about 100,000) it is difficult to grasp the enormity of these numbers. For example, the number of people in prison would comprise the 9th largest city in the U.S. The number of people who are incarcerated in jails and prisons is greater than the number of people who live in 13 states. The number of people under the control of

the "criminal" "justice" system is almost two times larger than the number of people who live in Nicaragua or Chicago. The number of people in the U.S. who were arrested last year (1,400,000) is much larger than the population of Cuba. Placing a million human beings in prison is an extraordinary landmark. The number of prisoners today being about five times larger than it was 20 years ago. This growth has more than kept up with the population. Between 1925 (when official imprisonment statistics were first organized) in 1971, the imprisonment rate remained on the order of about 100 per 100,000. Then, in 1972, the imprisonment rate began to soar and is still soaring. Today the imprisonment rate is 373 (per 100,000 population), almost four times higher than it was in 1972. International Comparisons In 1991 the Sentencing Project, an independent organization based in Washington D.C., issued a report authored by Marc Mauer, its assistant director, entitled "Americans Behind Bars: A Comparison of International Rates of Incarceration." the report, which used data

from 1989 and 1990, found that the U.S. had the highest incarceration rate in the world (426) compared to a distant second South Africa (333) and third, the Soviet Union (268). Incredibly, when the report was revised using data from one year later, the gap had widened, and was wider still one year later. In 1992 the U.S. had an incarceration rate of 519 compared to South Africa's rate of 368. Furthermore, in 1990 the incarceration rate for Black men in the U.S. was 3,109 compared to 729 for Black men in South Africa. In 1992 this differential had increased: the rates were, respectively, 3,822 and 851 men, in 1990 the incarceration rate for Black men in the U.S. was 4.3 times greater than the rate for Black men in South Africa. Two years later that ratio had increased to 4.5. Among other observations, it is interesting to note that the competition between Washington DC Moscow continues as the newly formed country of Russia has just overtaken the U.S. as the country with the highest imprisonment rate in the world.

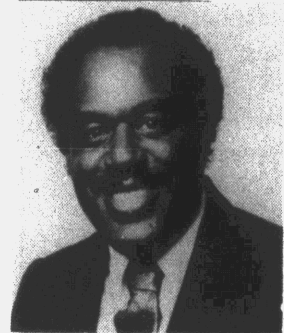
**The New Crime Bill**  
A new crime bill has just been passed by Congress.

This bill will render the horrible numbers discussed above small by comparison. In addition to adding scores of new crimes punishable by the death penalty, the goals of this new "crime initiative" involve: placing 100,000 more police on the streets; increasing conviction rates; increasing the proportion of convictions resulting in imprisonment, requiring those imprisoned to serve at least 85% of their sentences ("truth in sentencing), and incarcerating three time losers" for the rest of their lives. Political scientists and criminologists have started to estimate the impact that this bill will have on imprisonment. John Irwin and James Austin, two criminologists who often prepare publications for the prestigious National Council on Crime and Delinquency have estimated in their new book entitled "It's About Time", that a package of laws such as those included in the new crime bill would result in over 9 times as many people being imprisoned. Thus, if we multiply by 9 the 6.0% noted above, we see that well over half of all Black men aged 18-44 would be in prison on any given day if all projected aspects of the new crime initiatives are

implemented. Irwin and Austin note similarly: "[The Crime Bill] would mean that most of the nation's 5.5 million black males aged 18-39 would be incarcerated." Other estimates of the potential impact or the crime bill have suggested a smaller but still devastating impact. There is much that is speculative about this estimate, and that must remain so given the unfolding details of the new crime bill. Other specifics would have to be taken into consideration to refine the estimates above, such as estimating the impact of an aging prison population, determining how much of the "crime" bill will actually be funded, etc. Whatever these refinements, the numbers will remain staggering. Never before has any safety at any time used imprisonment in this fashion. The impact that this will have on the Black community is difficult even to fathom.



## Spiritual Reflections



Dr. George Hawkins

### What Samson Didn't Know About Delilah Part I

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ:

### Compromising With The Enemy Part III

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ:

At this point, Delilah comes on the scene. After Samson fell in love with her, the Scriptures say the Philistines asked her to entice Samson and find out the secret of his great strength. They knew that once his secret was known, they could destroy him. That's what the devil wants to do to us. He wants to lure us to that place of compromise, so that at our weakest

moment, he can destroy us. Rather than seeing Delilah as a viable threat, Samson took God's anointing for granted. The first time she asked him to tell her the key to his strength, Samson lied to her. "If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man," he said (Judg. 16:7). He knew they could bind him with anything, and it wouldn't hold him down. I'll just tease these people a little while, he thought. They think they're going to toy with me, but I'm the great Samson. I'm indestructible. So he allowed Delilah to tie him up. He quickly broke the bonds, as Scripture says, "as a strand of yarn breaks when it touches fire" (Judg. 16:9). The key to his anointing was still a secret. But Delilah didn't back down. "Look, you have mocked me and told me lies," she said. "Now, please tell me what you may be bound with" (Judg. 16:10). The devil will come at us constantly, trying to find the key to the anointing on our lives--just as Delilah did with Samson. Up to that point, Delilah's

plans had failed. But Samson didn't wise up. He chose to have fun. Many of us have the same mistaken idea that we can play with the world. We think we can participate in ungodly relationships and ungodly activities. "Those things aren't having an effect on my life," we say, but we need to examine ourselves. Are we less on fire for God than we were five years ago? If the answer is yes, then we need to change what we've been doing for the last five years. We must get to the place where we can stay on fire for God and remain full of the Holy Spirit. As Delilah persisted, Samson again told her he could be bound--this time with new ropes. But when she tied him up and the Philistines came to abduct him, Samson broke the ropes as if they were threads (Judg. 16:12). Of course, Delilah was not daunted. The next time she tried to coax Samson to reveal the key to his anointing, he came closer to telling her. He could be defeated, he said, if she wove the locks of his hair in a loom.

## REFLECTIONS, EXPRESSIONS and REVIEWS



Ms. Sujette Jones

### TERRORISM ON SEPTEMBER 11


Has terrorism just come to America? Has it just arrived on your shores? Ask the people of color. Ask the Native American whose land and culture was ripped from them and whose multiple tribes so terrorized, many of them were made extinct. PBS television documentation's once showed acres and acres of graveyards

with each gravestone representing a nation of Native Americans--not an individual grave, but a tombstone representing a tribe of Indians that no longer exists. Today, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, a governmental bureau that has done little to improve the conditions of the American Indian or assure they have a voice, still exists. Ask the Asian-American who, during World War II, was interred in American concentration camps, their property seized. Yet no German American received the same fate. Ask the African American who was forced into slavery, whose culture was lost and whose bodies hanged from the South's trees while the American court system legally imprisoned them and worse. Ask why every black group of freedom fighters (such as the Black Panthers) were pursued, killed, and jailed. A bomb was dropped on several Philadelphia blocks to get rid of a black "militant" group (MOVE), yet

the KKK (America's premiere terrorists) are allowed to continue to terrorize, even march down streets shouting hate. They are allowed to recruit openly and their rights are upheld without punishment or penalty. And now, we need to ask why, in a country that claims to be just and fair, the other grievance or point of view or position is never told. Why is that? What are we afraid of that we do not allow ourselves to listen to the other side of the issue--ever?

From a commentary by Deandra Shuler of the National Newspaper Publisher's Association






**NOV 6, 2001**  
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Dear Greenville Neighbor,  
PLEASE VOTE NOVEMBER 6th for councilwoman Arielle Morris. During the flood Arielle Morris came to my door to ask what could be done for me. I don't live in her district but she reached out to me. I have worked with her and have seen first hand her caring for ALL areas of our city. She has put together specific plans for how to address issues that concern us all. She has done this by taking the time to find out what the entire city needs and has voted accordingly.

Re-Electing Councilwoman Morris will be the best step to move this city into the direction of TRUE UNITY and EQUALITY for ALL citizens and not just the lip service that the past has brought to us. She truly cares and has the courage to get the job done.

Sincerely,  
Naomi Parker  
President East Meadowbrook Homeowners Association

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**FREE INFORMATION ON INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS**

Carolina Adoption Services will be presenting a free general information meeting on international adoption Monday, November 5 at Sheppard Memorial Library, 530 S. Evans St., Greenville, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

For reservations call 336-275-9660 or email: cas@carolinaadoption.org

Carolina Adoption Services is a non-profit, full service international adoption agency accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services (COA). The general information meeting will include a discussion on the different country programs for Eastern Europe, Latin America and Asia, and cover the procedures for international adoption. This is a great way for interested couples and singles to find out if international adoption is for them.



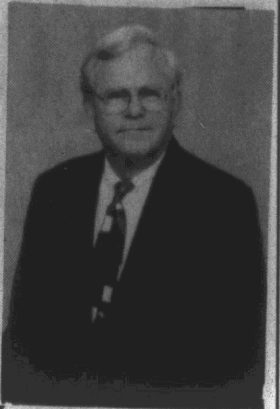
# THE STORY OF HALLOWEEN

Halloween is one of the oldest holidays with origins going back thousands of years. The holiday we know as Halloween has had many influences from many cultures over the centuries. From the Roman's Pomona Day, to the Celtic festival of Samhain, to the Christian holidays of All Saints and All Souls Days. Hundreds of years ago in what is now Great Britain and Northern France, lived the Celts. The Celts worshipped nature and had many gods, with the sun god as their favorite. It was "he" who commanded their work and their rest times, and who made the earth beautiful and the crops grow. The Celts celebrated their New Year on November 1st. It was celebrated every year with a festival and marked the end of the "season of the sun" and the beginning of "the season of darkness and cold." On October 31st after the crops were all harvested and stored for the long winter the cooking fires in the homes would be extinguished. The Druids and the Celtic priests, would meet in the hilltops in the dark oak forest (oak trees were considered sacred). The Druids would light new fires and offer sacrifices of crops and

animals. As they danced around the the fires, the season of the sun passed and the season of darkness would begin. When the morning arrived the Druids would give an ember from their fires to each family who would then take them home to start new cooking fires. These fires would keep the homes warm and free from evil spirits. The November 1st festival was called Samhain (pronounced "sow-en"). The festival would last for 3 days. Many people would parade in costumes made from the skins and heads of their animals. This festival would become the first Halloween. During the first century the Romans invaded Britain. They brought with them many of their festivals and customs. One of these was the festival know as Pomona Day, named for their goddess of fruits and gardens. It was also celebrated around the 1st of November. After hundreds of years of Roman rule the customs of the Celtic's Samhain festival and the Roman Pomona Day mixed becoming one major fall holiday. The next influence came with the spread of the new

Christian religion throughout Europe and Britain. In the year 835 AD the Roman Catholic Church would make November 1st a church holiday to honor all the saints. This day was called All Saint's Day, or Hallowmas, or All Hallows. Years later the Church would make November 2nd a holy day. It was called All Souls Day and was to honor the dead. It was celebrated with big bonfires, parades, and people dressing up as saints, angels and devils. But the spread of Christianity did not make people forget their early customs. On the eve of All Hallows, (Oct. 31), people continued to celebrate the festivals of Samhain and Pomona Day. Over the years the customs from all these holidays mixed. October 31st became known as All Hallow Even, eventually All Hallow's Eve, Hallow"en, and then - Halloween. The Halloween we celebrate today includes all of these influences, Pomona Day's apples, nuts, and harvest, the Festival of Samhain's black cats, magic, evil spirits and death, and the ghosts, skeletons and skulls from All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day.

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Don Parrott for Mayor.



# Public Health Guidance

## How to Handle Anthrax Threats.....

Many facilities in communities around the country have received anthrax threat letters. Most were empty envelopes; some have contained powdery substances. The purpose of these guidelines are to recommend procedures for handling such incidents.

### DO NOT PANIC !!!!

Anthrax organisms can cause infection in the skin, gastrointestinal system, or the lungs. To do so however, the organism must be rubbed into broken skin, swallowed, or inhaled. A bioterrorist attack would most likely be in the form of aerosolized anthrax that could be inhaled. When anthrax spores are inhaled, a life-threatening lung infection can occur. Disease can be prevented after exposure to the anthrax spores by early diagnosis and treatment with the appropriate antibiotics. Anthrax is not spread from one person to another person. Some characteristics of suspicious packages and letters include the following:

1. Excessive postage
2. Handwritten or poorly typed addresses
3. Incorrect titles
4. Title, but no name
5. Misspellings or common words
6. Oily stains, discolorations or odor
7. No return address
8. Excessive weight
9. Lopsided or uneven envelope
10. Protuding wires or aluminum foil
11. Excessive security material such as masking tape, string, etc.
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2. If possible place the envelope or package in a plastic bag (ziplock or trashcan liner) or some other type of container to prevent leakage of

3. If you do not have any container, then COVER the envelope or package with anything. (e.g., clothing, paper, trash can, etc.)
4. Then LEAVE the room and CLOSE the door, or section off the area to prevent others from entering (i.e., keep others away)
5. WASH your hands with soap and water to prevent spreading it to your face or skin. Remove heavily contaminated clothing and place in a plastic bag that can be sealed.
6. What to do next.....  
\* If you are at HOME, dial 911 to report the incident to your local law enforcement agency and the local health department.  
\* If you are at WORK, then report the incident to your supervisors immediately who will call 911 to notify local police as well as the local health department.
7. Make a LIST of people who were in the room or area where this suspicious letter or package was recognized. Give this list to both the local public health authorities and law enforcement officials for follow-up investigation and advice.
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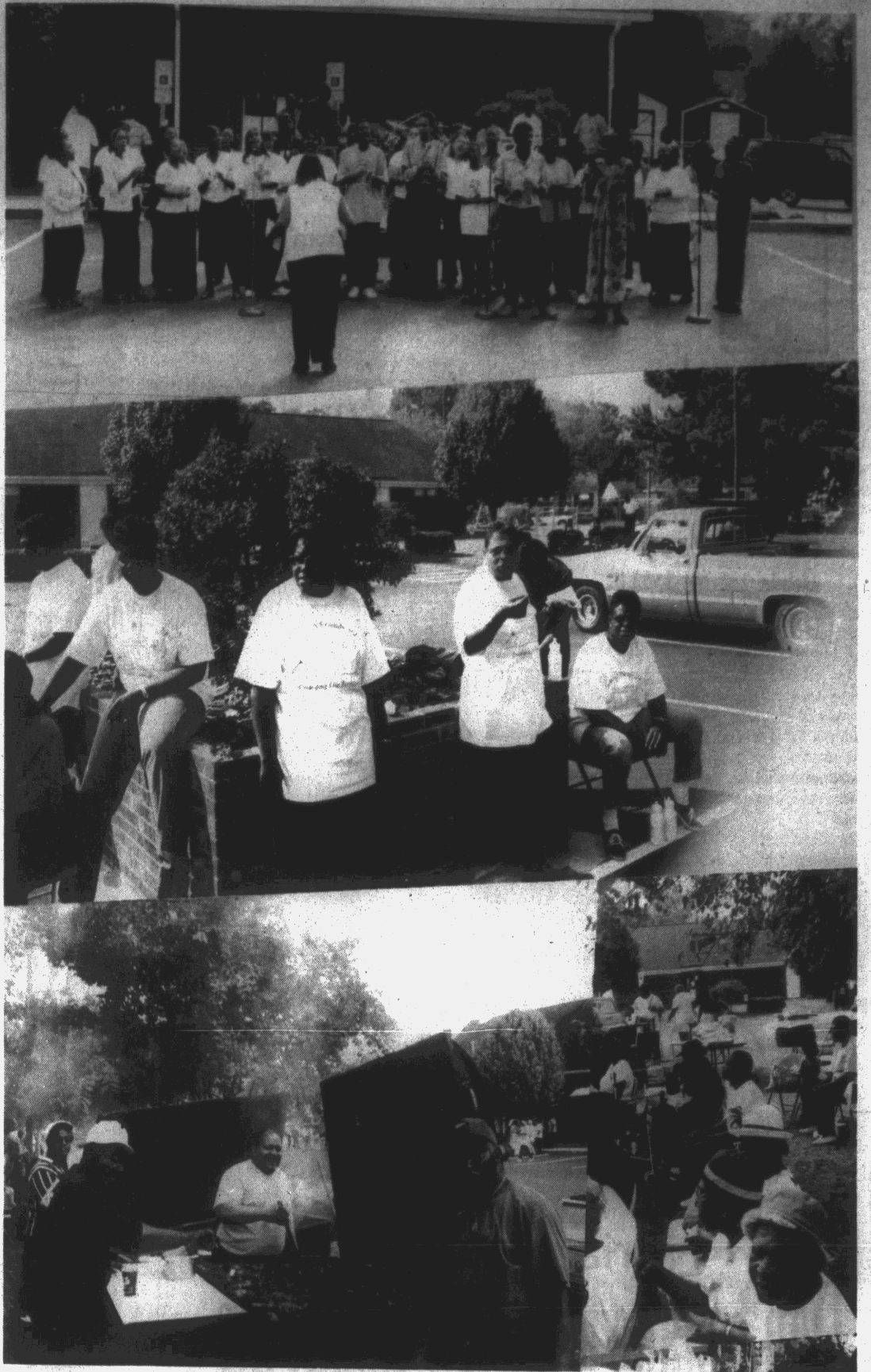
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