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Millions For Reparations Mass Rally And Political Prisoners

by Conrad W. Worrill, *The Challenger*

The Millions for Reparations Mass rally was held on August 17, in Washington D.C., the 115th anniversary of the birth of the Honorable Marcus Garvey. One of the critical demands of the reparations movement is the release of African-in-America political prisoners, an issue that often gets swept aside in our demands. This should not be. There are many sisters and brothers who have sacrificed much for the liberation of African people in America and are locked up unjustly in America and are political prisoners.

When we discuss political prisoners, we are talking about "those persons harassed, arrested, framed, and imprisoned because of their relatively peaceful political activity against the destructive conditions that their people live under."

The goal of our political prisoners has been "to transfer power from the corrupt and racist business people, government officials, pseudo intellectuals, policemen, judges, and jailers, and keep them all be aware that Marcus Garvey, Dr. Martin Callie House, and Huey P. Newton spent time Mumia Abu Jamal remains a political prisoner

The origin of the campaign that has locked up in America as political prisoners, war" that was waged against the Black FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in the 1960s onslaught called the "Counterintelligence organizations." Its goal was to disrupt, leaders, thus seriously crippling our movement.

That is why it is important for African help rebuild the Black Liberation Movement. must be the freedom of our political prisoners. The Jericho Movement explains "The issue exist inside the borders of the United States of has successfully been able to refute. They have prisoners of war because we have not taken the

We began publicly addressing the issue of at the Millions For Reparations Mass Rally and reparations movement to include, as a key

In this context, the Jericho Movement and women who, as a consequence of their criminal charges, arrested, or captured, tried in the government maintained files on them refer- remain in prison." We must expose this tactic by the US government in our demands that our political prisoners be freed.

The reparations movement must be more energetic in demanding and calling for the release of our political prisoners and prisoners of war. They include Jalil Bottom, Charles Sims Africa, Debbi Sims Africa, Herman Bell, Kojo Sababu, Lorenzo Stone Bey, Mark Cook, Mumia Abu Jamal, Mutulu Shakur, Ojore Lutalo, Phil Africa, Richard Mafundi Lake, Robert Seth Hayes, Sekou Kambui, Sundiata Acoli, and Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin.

It is only fitting that we remind ourselves that the Honorable Marcus Garvey was one of our first political prisoners targeted by the US government, indicted on the trumped-up charges of mail fraud and convicted. The masses of our people in the mid 1920s demanded Garvey's release from prison. In 1927, more than 100,000 African people demonstrated and protested that he be released. Garvey was released in 1927 and deported from the United States as a condition of release.

We must remember Marcus Garvey in our demands to free our political prisoners. They have sacrificed much for us. August 17th was the day we demanded from the US government what "they owe us," and let them know, "It's time to pay up!"

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Five of the reasons the descendants of the captives warrant compensation.

They owe us for:

1. The transatlantic slave trade and slavery: The United Nations World Conference Against Racism declared that the transatlantic slave trade and slavery were crimes against humanity. Crimes against humanity have no statute of limitations.

2. Expropriation of our labor: For more than 250 years, we were forced to work for free. Our free labor was a major ingredient in the building of America and its wealth as a nation. Also, the thousands of white individuals and their families accumulated wealth that continues to benefit them as a result of our free labor.

3. Slave code laws: The slave owners developed their own codes of what they could do to enslaved African people in America that permeated throughout the emergence of this country. In many ways, informal slave codes exist today [racial profiling].

4. Destruction of the African family: The transatlantic slave trade and slavery had a devastating impact on destroying and dismantling African families.

5. Centuries of miseducation and mental atrocities: This has caused serious damage to our people, which continues to cause much mental confusion about our true reality as an African people in America and around the world.



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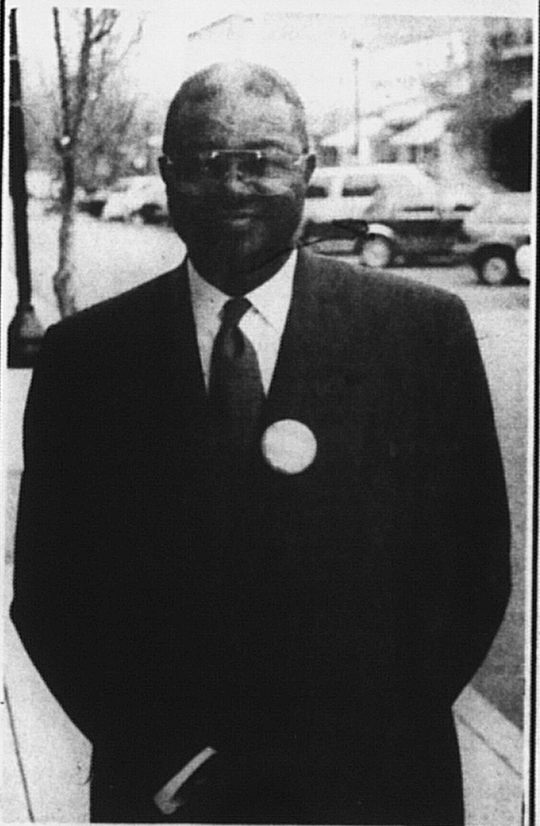


Praise in the city . . . Greenville Mayor, Don Parrot, gives the keys to the city to Bishop Patterson, the Presiding Bishop of the Church of God In Christ, at the Greater North Carolina Jurisdictional Convocation which was held at the new Greenville Convention Center. (see inside) photo by Jim Rouse



Rally Rally Rally. . . Bro Britt (extreme left) stands beside Christine L. Fitch who is running for the U.S. House District 1 seat along with other supporters at a rally for her campaign. Run Christine Run photo by Jim Rouse

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Opinion

In health care, prevention matters



BY
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I've made it my business to spend a great deal of time talking about the importance of black youth gaining a quality education; and the National Urban League has, now as down through the years, expended a great deal of effort in building all sorts of programs to make educational opportunity a reality for ever-expanding segments of Black America, especially its youth.

That effort is more important than ever now in the Information Age. A sorry destiny indeed awaits those who haven't learned and don't have the skills to keep learning. We say in innumerable ways that educational achievement matters.

But we're also fully aware that the quest for opportunity and equality will prove elusive if African Americans are beset by poor health. Children who

are chronically sick struggle academically because they so often feel out of sorts or miss so much school altogether. Parents who are frequently ill themselves have trouble holding steady jobs and incur staggering medical expenses. If their youngsters are sickly, they miss work a lot and tempt their employers to replace them.

In general, African Americans are prone to certain chronic and infectious diseases that impair our productivity, increase our economic dependence and shorten our natural life spans. These include such ailments as diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, certain cancers, and, all too sadly, HIV/AIDS.

Some of these crippling disparities are attributable to personal lifestyle choices, eating habits and adverse environmental factors; and changing them is drawing more and more attention from within and outside the black community.

That is all to the good, because, if when it comes to education, we rightly trumpet that "Achievement Matters," then we need to make it equal-

ly clear that, when it comes to health care, "Prevention Matters"—and then make sure that more black Americans practice what we preach.

Research shows convincingly that healthier lifestyles, frequent exercise and timely physical checkups make a huge difference in warding off debilitating and dangerous diseases.

But in this arena, as in so many others, the burden is not ours alone to bear. The government tolerates a dysfunctional system of health care that treats minorities as second-class citizens.

Take the issue of access for starters. As recently as 1999, there were 43 million people without health insurance, including twenty-one percent of all African Americans.

Or, take quality. A recent study by the National Academies' Institute of Medicine found that blacks and other minorities receive lower quality health care than do whites.

And finally, take the issue of affordability. Working people who don't receive health cover-

age on the job seldom can afford it on their own. So they're forced to rely for basic care on overworked emergency rooms and under-funded public health clinics. That's one reason few urban hospitals are on sound economic footing these days. The ripples of this spread outward as insurance companies exit the business by jacking up fees and scaling back coverage, causing physicians to complain bitterly about faceless bureaucrats who aren't even doctors second-guessing their treatment decisions and squeezing their fees.

Because poor health impedes African Americans' journey to the economic and social mainstream, the National Urban League has decided to enter this arena with our accustomed mix of direct services, research, policy analysis and advocacy.

The first component of the National Urban League's drive to help persuade African Americans that "Prevention Matters" is a diabetes awareness initiative that we launched recently with generous support from the Centers for Disease Control.

As policy advocates, we

intend to work with other groups to try to persuade health care providers that prevention-oriented procedures should be enthusiastically encouraged — and readily reimbursable.

And we intend to use our reach into black communities to convince more African Americans to take better care of themselves, and to show them how they can, affordably, take better care of themselves.

But America's health care system is in shambles and it cannot be fixed a solely by those of us outside of government. The health-care-related problems of poor people, working people and people of color cannot be solved or significantly reduced by health care providers and private insurers on their own. The federal government must bring order and fairness to the system by figuring out how to provide quality health care that is affordable and accessible to all. *Hugh B. Price is president of the National Urban League and can be reached at 120 Wall Street, New York, NY 10005, voice, (212) 558-5300 or fax, (212) 344-5332.*

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To The Editor

Congresswoman Eva Clayton will not seek re-election as North Carolina's 1st Congressional District representative. Therefore, voters must decide whether they want to progress or regress.

State Sen. Frank Ballance will continue the rich tradition of leadership and service Clayton championed. Indeed, "Frank Ballance" is a household name in eastern North Carolina.

Why are so many people rallying behind Ballance? Well, this state legislator has 18 years of on-the-job experience, thanks to confident voters.

When an employer is dissatisfied with an employee's job performance, he contemplates dismissal. Contrariwise, an employee who performs well and operates within the confines of company policy typically will be rewarded.

Voters have employed Ballance as their state legislator for numerous terms. Now, it's time for an honorable promotion to the United States Congress.

Due to the devastation of Hurricane Floyd and a faltering economy in North Carolina, an experienced legislator is crucial toward building voter confidence and returning the district to a sense of "normalcy." Trial and error representation is too risky. We must bank on Frank.

Why is a seasoned leadership so vital for economic growth and prosperity for District 1? Ballance, former chairman of the 1st Congressional District Democratic Party, supports economic development.

As vice chairman of the Rural Development Committee, Ballance has access to resources to create jobs and promote job training for those lacking skills to compete in an increasingly competitive and technological environment. Ballance, born on a Bertie County farm, is a friend of hard-working farmers struggling to feed their families and keep their heads above water.

Space doesn't allow a litany of accomplishments achieved by Ballance. We can ill-afford trial-and-error leadership. Instead, we deserve proven leadership. Unequivocally, Ballance epitomizes this brand of leadership.

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WITNESS FOR JUSTICE

One more river to cross: The digital divide



BY
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When I left the dentist's office today and tried to make my next appointment his assistant said they'd have to call me back because the computers were down. I asked her, "What did we do before computers?" We laughed, remembering appointment books, carbon paper and such.

But not having access to computers and the internet is no laughing matter. For the next generation it may be the difference between having a job or not. It may be the difference between being able to support yourself and your family or not. Indeed, today computer literacy may be just as crucial to survival as being able to read and write was a century ago. Many assembly line workers today, for example, must know how to use computers, as must type-

setters, paint mixers and even some hotel cleaners, who punch into a computer when they finish cleaning a room.

But knowing how to use a computer is not the only skill necessary for life in the 21st century. One must also know how to navigate the internet, where there is almost unlimited information, often lower prices and all kinds of training available.

Great progress has been made on making the internet available to the American public. But, clearly, there is a long way to go. It seems that the U.S. Senate has understood that in that it has voted to preserve two programs that combat the "digital divide" — the disparity between those who have access to the internet and those who do not. One program, the Department of Education's Community Technology Centers, provides matching grants that create technology access and training facilities for disadvantaged Americans. These centers are located in communities across the nation and provide computer access for mothers on welfare to learn new software packages that will help them

get jobs; for children to learn computer games and to do reports and other school projects; and for immigrants to learn English and prepare for their citizenship exams. They help address the 60 percentage point digital divide for young people ages 10-17, based on their family income. Only about 30% of young people in the lowest income categories use computers at home, compared to more than 90% in the highest.

A second program funded by the Senate is the Department of Commerce's Technology Opportunities Program (TOP). TOP provides matching grants for demonstration projects to use technology in innovative ways to solve social problems and improve community access to telecommunications. Many police cars have laptop computers because of this program, rural and poor African American churches in Louisiana are now connected by computer because of it and many Americans are now protected by a hurricane warning system funded by it.

The irony is that because of the success of these programs, the Bush administration has

recommended that they be eliminated; arguing that the digital divide no longer exists. While there have been real increases in the use of the internet by poor people, those in rural areas, the disabled and African Americans and Hispanic Americans, they all still lag far behind. But others have argued that just declaring that the digital divide is over doesn't make it so. "We're a nation online?" asked Larry Irving, former Commerce Department undersecretary, noting that 60% of African Americans don't have internet access, nor do 70% of Hispanic Americans. "It's one thing to say that there is a job that should be done and the government shouldn't do it... it's another to say that the divide is solved."

But job preparation and academic achievement are not the only reasons for poor people, people of color, those who live in rural areas and the disabled to have access to the internet. The internet is about access to information and as media consolidation continues at a frightening pace, it is imperative that other voices and points of

view be available to more Americans. Moreover, poor people, more than any others, need access to many of the lower prices which the internet provides for all kinds of goods and services.

Finally, as Don Wycliff of the Chicago Tribune recently wrote, "Part of being poor — maybe the worst part — is feeling excluded. Left out. Left out of society's important business; left out its conversations." The digital divide leaves out many Americans who have much to contribute to the marketplace and to the nation. Thank goodness the U.S. Senate is doing something about it. Even though the Senate has authorized the funding of these two programs to address the digital divide, it is important to stay vigilant as it goes through the budget process. *Bernice Powell Jackson is Executive Director of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice and can be reached at 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115-110, voice, (216) 736-2168 or fax, (216) 736-2171.*

SPECIAL TO THE NNPA

Corporate welfare kings



BY
**GEORGE
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George W. Bush and congressional leaders are busy patting themselves on the back now that Bush has signed into law a bill he says will crack down on corporate fraud, protect investors and provide strong oversight of the accounting industry.

If Bush and federal lawmakers were sincere about making companies stand on their own two feet, they would end ADC—Aid to Dependent Corporations. The federal government spends more than \$100 billion a year on direct subsidies and tax breaks to businesses, according to statistics compiled by conservative, progressive and libertarian think tanks. By contrast, Aid for Families with Dependent Children cost less than \$15 billion a year.

The U.S. Department of

Agriculture's market promotion program shells out more than \$100 million a year in just one program designed to help U.S. companies advertise their products overseas. Some of the nation's top companies—McDonalds, General Mills, Campbell's Soup, Sunkist Growers, Ernest and Julio Gallo wineries, Miller's beer and Pillsbury—have accepted federal dollars to market their products overseas.

As Rep. Dick Arme (R-Texas) once said, "I wonder about our commitment to deficit reduction if we cannot take Betty Crocker, Ronald McDonald and the Pillsbury Doughboy off the dole."

But Arme has supported dole in the form of farm subsidies. According to the Cato Institute in Washington, "Since 1985, the federal farm price support programs have cost U.S. consumers and taxpayers some \$370 billion—enough money to purchase all the farmland in 41 states."

Unlike the early days, when the subsidies went to strug-

gling farmers, today's payments are more likely to go to corporate conglomerates. For instance, the federal sugar program provides more than \$1 million each to the owners of the top 33 sugar plantations in the country.

Taxpayers are also getting fleeced at the local and state level.

According to "Time" magazine:

* In 1989, Illinois gave \$240 million in economic incentives to Sears, Roebuck & Co. to keep its 5,400 jobs and corporate headquarters in state, a subsidy of \$44,000 per employee;

* In 1991, Indiana gave United Airlines \$451 million in economic incentives to build an aircraft maintenance facility in the state, a cost of \$73,000 per job;

* Alabama, in 1993, gave Mercedes-Benz \$253 million to build an assembly plant near Tuscaloosa, Ala. The 1,500 workers were subsidized at a rate of \$169,000 per job;

* In 1997, Pennsylvania

gave \$307 million in economic incentives to Kvaerner ASA, a Norwegian engineering and construction firm, to open a shipyard in Philadelphia, employing 950 people at a subsidy rate of \$323,000 for each job.

The rationale offered for corporate welfare is that when the government subsidizes companies, they will provide more jobs and, by extension, more taxes to federal and local authorities. But it hasn't worked out that way. "Time" magazine points out that Fortune 500 companies "have erased more jobs than they have created this past decade, and yet they are the biggest beneficiaries of corporate welfare."

In the case of Philadelphia, the magazine computed that even if each job paid \$50,000 and each worker paid an average of \$6,700 in local and state taxes. At that rate, it would take nearly a half-century to recoup the money lost to create the new job.

If members of Congress wanted to show some moxie,

they'd end the practice of adding pork-barrel projects to legislation to help some pet project back home. For more than a decade, Sen. John McCain has been waging a lonely battle to curb this practice. He goes through each major bill and publicizes the "pork" packed inside. After examining the 2000 defense appropriation bill, the Arizona senator found "over \$6 billion worth of pork." "No credible budget process can withstand such abuse indefinitely and still retain the level of legitimacy needed to properly represent the interests of the nation as a whole," he said.

McCain is right. But I don't expect the lawmakers to heal themselves. Listening to George W. Bush and members of Congress decry corporate abuse is akin to hearing Jim or Frank Perdue complain about death rate of chicken. Perdue has a much stronger case. *George E. Curry is editor-in-chief of NNPA News Service and BlackPressUSA.com.*

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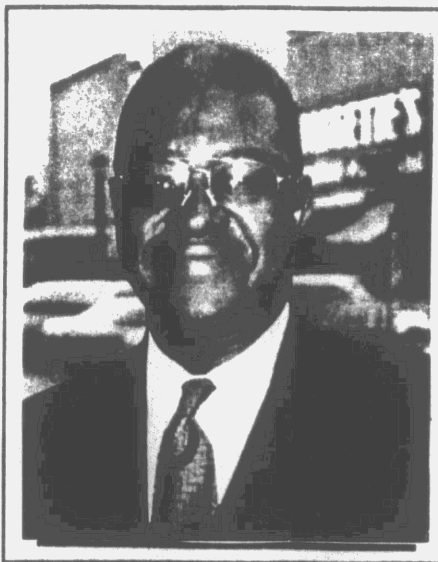
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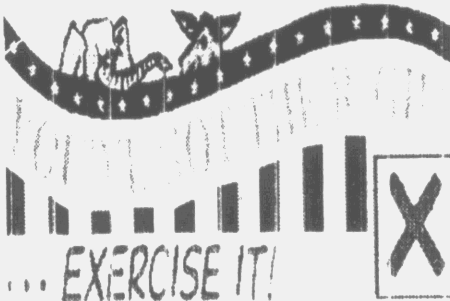
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With Degree in Hand, It's Good-bye to Public Assistance



Reason to smile: Monica Daniels has earned the college degree that she expects to bring a new job - and an end to public assistance.

As a single mother with five young daughters and a steady job, it might have been easy for Section 8 resident Monica Daniels to rely on HUD and GHA for subsidized housing. After all, it was not "public housing," and the assistance kept her monthly rent easily affordable. But "easy" is not a big part of Daniels' vocabulary.

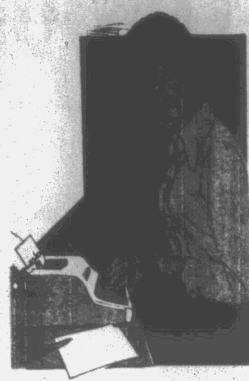
The amiable Greenville native, who was raised in New York, left her job as a legal secretary to get a four-year college education. It culminated on May 19 when Daniels received her diploma and a bachelor's degree in social work from Barton College in Wilson.

"They told everyone to hold their applause until the end," she recalls, "but my girls couldn't contain themselves. They started clapping and shouting, 'Way to go, Mom!... Daniels' challenging odyssey began at Pitt Community College where she took classes in human services through the Job Training Partnership program. But JTP funding ran out. She tried transferring to ECU, but they would not give her credit for many of her courses at Pitt. Then she inquired at Barton and learned that almost all her previous work was acceptable. She enrolled full-time in September of 1999. College is hard enough for

anyone, let alone a single mother. Daniels commuted to Wilson every weekday while her girls, ages 7 to 12, were also in class. An after-school program, Operation Sunshine, helped until she got home. "I had to work my tail off," says Daniels. "There was a lot of reading and a lot of studying." Her biggest challenge came almost immediately, thanks to Hurricane Floyd. "The flood kept me from driving to Wilson, then they used the kids' school as a shelter," explains Daniels. "With no school, the kids had to stay home, so I had to be home. I didn't know how I'd be able to continue. I almost quit." Daniels says Barton and her professors rallied to help her, letting her study and work from home until the crisis passed. "They were very supportive," she says. "You'd be amazed at the amount of people who are willing to help you if you're trying to help yourself."

There were other trying times, but Daniels got unwavering support from at least one GHA source: Family Self-Sufficiency Director Agatha Moore. "Quitting is not a word that she knows," says Daniels. "She was one of my biggest fans when I graduated." Her lessons learned outside of class made Daniels somewhat of a sage to her younger classmates. She recounts, "I had to talk a couple of them into not quitting. I told them, 'You either finish now, or you'll be back later.'" - Daniels' next milestone will be a new job. Then, she admits, "I'm going shopping! It will be a girls' day out. We made a lot of sacrifices to get here." After that: new housing. Says Daniels, "It's my goal to get off all public assistance. I want to be independent."

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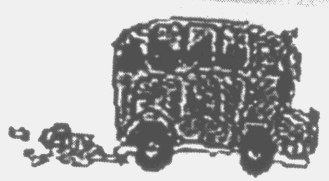
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NCCU Professor Receives Excellence in Teaching Award

By Sharon Saunders and Alonda Thomas



**Professor Amal Abu-Shakra,
Winner 2002 BC Powders
Excellence in Teaching Award**

By Sharon Saunders and Alonda Thomas

DURHAM, NC --North Carolina Central University professor Amal Abu-Shakra, associate professor of biology, is the recipient of the 2002 BC Powders Excellence in Teaching Award. The Excellence in Teaching Award is given based on the teacher's impact on students, innovative teaching style, enhancement of student's academic goals, and the teacher's involvement in the development of curriculum or training of other teachers.

Abu-Shakra was nominated by Sandra White, chair of the NCCU biology department, and students Tomeca McLain and Jonathan Cohen. The BC Powder committee selected her as the winner among nominations received from 19 schools in the Carolinas, Virginia, and Tennessee. BC Powder presented her with a \$3500 cash award and a commemorative plaque. This year's finalist was Marvin Cutis, a professor at Fayetteville State University. He received a \$1000 cash award.

Abu-Shakra received her bachelor's degree from American University of Beirut in Lebanon, a master's degree in food and management science from the University of Surrey in Guildford, United Kingdom. Between 1987 and 1993, she conducted two post-doctoral appointments at the National Institutes of Health Sciences and the United States Environmental Protection Agency. She has taught at NCCU since 1994.



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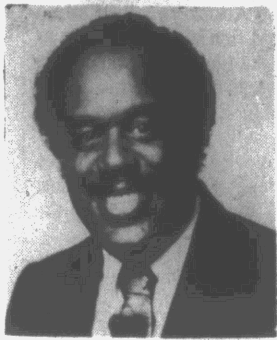
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Dr. George Hawkins

A Deceived Mind

Greetings,

We have been doing a study on Adam and Eve and how Satan entered the mind of Eve to cause her to disobey the commandment of God. The Apostle Paul gives us insight as to how Satan entered the mind of Eve. He pinpointed how Satan gained control of man's mind through deception. He told Timothy it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman who was deceived and deluded and fell into transgression (1 Timothy 2:14). Through deception which entered Eve's mind, she yielded her will, rebelled and sinned against God.

Paul revealed how deception takes place in our minds. He wrote to the

Corinthians: "But (now) I am fearful lest that even as the serpent beguiled Eve by his cunning, so your minds may be corrupted and seduced from wholehearted and sincere and pure devotion to Christ." (II Corinthians 11:3 TAB).

When God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, their minds were perfect... 100 percent clean, 100 percent free, and 100 percent victorious. Their spirit, soul, mind, will, emotions, desires, and thoughts were in perfect harmony with God. Their minds were totally free from any evil thought or unrighteousness.

God created them in His own image and gave them the power of a free will. They were given power, authority, and dominion over everything upon the earth. He placed the tree of knowledge of good and evil in the garden and told them not to eat of it or they would die. They had the free will to choose to obey God and live; or to use their will to rebel, disobey God and die.

Satan had absolutely no control over Adam and Eve. He did not have the power to make them sin against God. His strategy was to

DECEIVE Eve so she would use her free will to choose to disobey God.

Satan, working through the serpent, attacked Eve's mind. He deceived her by planting a delusion in her mind. He made the pleasure and consequences of eating the forbidden fruit appear to be something it was not. Eating the forbidden fruit was disobedience against God and the consequence was death. Satan deceived Eve by lying to her that she would not die, but would become wise like God.

Eve told the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, except of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden. God has said, you shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." (Genesis 3:2-3 TAB).

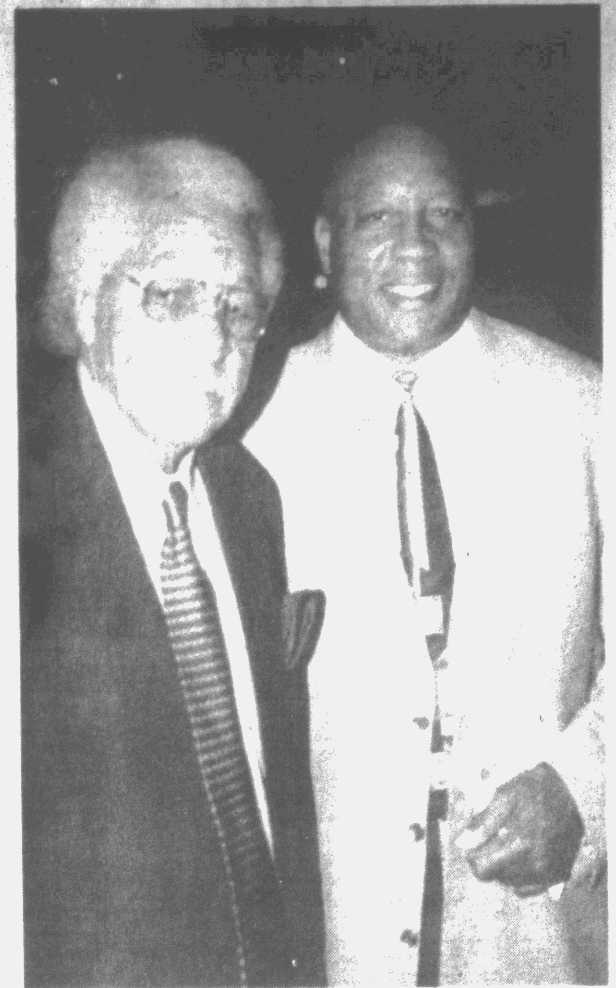
Now, listen to Satan's delusion... the serpent told her... "You shall not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you ... will be as God, knowing the difference between good and evil, and blessing and calamity." (Genesis 3:4-5 TAB).

Eve LISTENED to Satan's delusion. She

ACCEPTED it and ENTERTAINED it in her mind. Her heart and mind became OBSESSED... controlled by this delusion of Satan that she would become like God, knowing good and evil and would not die. She YIELDED her will and acted on the delusion Satan had planted in her mind. She used her will to rebel against God and sinned.

Eve could not have been deceived if she had not allowed Satan access into her mind. She had the power of a free will to either reject or accept the delusion Satan was trying to plant in her mind. If we are deceived today, it is because we allow ourselves to be deceived. The steps Eve took in allowing her mind to be deceived are the same steps Christians are taking today in being deceived.

They are: LISTENING to Satan's lies and delusions ACCEPTING and ENTERTAINING Satan's lies and delusions in their hearts and minds YIELDING their wills and acting on the lies and delusions Satan has planted in their minds.



The Champs . . . pictured above is Pete Hagan and Heavyweight champion Buster Douglas attending a banquet for the Bradford Creek Golf Classic.

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ESC Employment Honor Goes to Pitt County Schools

RALEIGH -- Pitt County Schools was honored with a 2002 Employment Security Commission (ESC) Employer Award June 26 during an evening reception at the North Carolina State University Faculty Club. ESC Chairman Harry E. Payne Jr. presented the award to Michael D. Priddy, Superintendent of Schools. Pitt County Schools was one of 81 employers receiving an award for exceptional contribution to the North Carolina economy through new business, business expansion, and partnership with the ESC. "The businesses recognized with this award reflect some of the best and brightest in North Carolina," Payne said. "Each of them share in our goal of keeping workers productive and shaping our state's economic success through expansion and an effective partnership with government."

Pitt County Schools has had a Sole Source Agreement for more than ten years to hire all non-teaching positions through the Greenville ESC Office. Approximately 287 employees were hired through the ESC in 2001 -- a significant boost to the county's economy. Pitt County Schools is a member of the local Job Service Employer Committee and is very supportive of ESC. The school system uses ESC's Occupational Analysts to conduct post-exit interviews, and to develop job descriptions and classifications. The ESC Employer Awards, first given in 1987, are sponsored by the ESC and the State Job Service Employer Committee (JSEC), one of North Carolina's largest employer associations. JSEC was started in North Carolina in 1975 as a dynamic public-private sector partnership to improve ESC service delivery. There are currently JSEC committees in each of NC's 100 counties and more than 1,500 members statewide.

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MARY AND MARTHA BALANCING LIFE'S PRIORITIES

The story taken from the text in the bible Luke 10:38-42 recently, I thought about a hot day at the end of the rainy season as summer was beginning. A whitewashed village on a hillside just 2 miles east of Jerusalem. The home of Martha who was possibly a well-to-do widow who had taken in her younger sister Mary and younger brother Lazarus.

She welcomes Jesus and His followers to her home in Bethany. She hurries to arrange a comfortable seat for Jesus and then to bring a cool drink to each of her guests. She nods to Mary who fills the basin near the door with water, then takes a towel and begins to wash each guest's feet. Jesus' followers seat themselves around the large room, chatting quietly about events of recent days. Villagers begin to crowd the doorway, anxious to come in and listen to great Rabbi, Jesus.

This is not his first visit to Bethany. The townsfolk have heard some of His surprising stories before. Perhaps He will tell them more. A few edge in and sit down outside the ring of disciples. It's possible that both Martha and Mary take their places at Jesus' feet to learn from Him. (Luke 10:39 in the NKIV says that Mary also sat at Jesus' feet.)

I don't know how long Martha sat there listening to the Lord Jesus. But I have

a feeling that if she was anything like me, she sat there that day with a divided mind. After all, here were 13 men who would be hungry and needed to be fed. What was on hand to feed them? What would it take to get everything ready? Would she need to slip out and run to a few shops for grain or fruit?

I identify with Martha. I know exactly how she was doing as she sat there. First, she made a mental inventory of everything in the pantry. After that, she planned the menu, making sure she didn't overlook anything. Then she made a list in her head of all the tasks that would have to be done. When she had thought everything through, she glanced around the room surreptitiously to see the best route through the crowd to get from where she was sitting into the kitchen. When she had plotted her exit, she could sit there no longer. She had to get busy!

Reflections, Expressions, and Reviews



Suetette Jones

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to your cover story in the February 8-15th issue (Sexual Exploitation Of Children in Kenya Is Real), I would like to submit the following article excerpted from Best Column: International

SCHOOL GIRLS OF THE NIGHT

Marco Lupis is the editor of a weekly publication in Rome called L'Espresso in which he wrote about "turning tricks to afford a Chanel bag." I quote his article:

"Prostitution is the latest teen fad in Japan. Technically, it's illegal—but the police and everyone else ignore that, partly because the country has a long tradition of providing paid female companionship in the form of geishas. The real geishas, of course, were highly trained and highly paid professional performers who rarely slept with their clients—and were highly trained and highly paid professional performers who rarely slept with their clients—and were of legal age. The new trend is a down-market version, with no taboo against sex for

profit. By some accounts, nearly a quarter of Tokyo high school girls have made "sex dates" through the "teleclubs" they can access on their cell phones. Fourteen-and-fifteen-year-olds call up for free and leave messages describing themselves and naming a price for a date. A client who has paid for the teleclub service can then call back to arrange a meeting. The clients are mainly businessmen, ages 40 to 60, "who are more than happy to pay \$250 to \$400 to have sex with an underage girl." And that's too good a bargain to pass up for many Japanese teens, indoctrinated as they are by a youth culture that worships expensive designer fashions. The girls who turn tricks aren't poor or from broken homes. They simply want the money to buy Chanel bags and Gaultier pants." (End of quote)

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News Release: City of Greenville

Back to School Safety

"As children head back to school, the City of Greenville Police Department would like to give parents, teachers, and caregivers tips on making this a safe occasion," commented Police Chief Joe Simonowich.

Adults should remember to follow all traffic rules, especially in school zones and in all neighborhoods. This time of year, students are excited about returning to school and will be walking or riding bicycles throughout the City. They may not always be aware of traffic or stop at stop signs and lights. Follow the speed limit and be extra cautious at stop signs and lights before entering the intersection.

Parents should work out a safe route to school. Choose the quickest way with the fewest streets to cross and use intersections with crossing guards, pedestrian cross walks or sidewalks. Stay away from places where there are not many people around. Whenever possible, children should walk to and from school with a friend, neighbor, brother, or sister. "If the child bikes or skates to school, they should wear a helmet and obey all traffic

signals. This includes not crossing the street against a red light, even if you see no traffic approaching and walking your bike through the intersection when it is green," remarked Chief Simonowich.

"The most important thing a child should know is his or her phone number and address, their parents' work number or the number of another trusted adult. They should also know how to dial 911 in case of an emergency," said Chief Joe Simonowich. "If your children are alone after school, have them check in with a parent or a neighbor as soon as they walk inside. Make sure children know to tell their parents or friends if they have to stay late after school."

"It would also help the police department if children would inform their parents or a teacher if someone they don't know is hanging around the school, vandalism or graffiti is occurring, or anything else that is strange or makes them uneasy. The Greenville City Police Department wants to ensure that the beginning of the school year is safe for everyone," remarked Chief Simonowich.

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The FIXED PRICE and PRICE CAP options are strictly voluntary. If you are interested, please call our office at 551-1540 or stop by our Main Office at 200 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive or GUC Express, 509 SE Greenville Boulevard. Our representatives will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Enrollment is limited, so don't delay. You must sign up for either Option 1 or Option 2 by September 30, 2002 to participate in this year's AdvantageBill Program.



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New Campaign Office . . . The campaign for U. S. Congress is in full bloom. The justice department and state political leaders have agreed that Sept. 10th will be the primary election date and Judge Janice Coles is off and running for the seat vacated by Representative Eva Claton. Judge Janice Coles opened a campaign office in Greenville and of course you know the M' Voice was on hand. Shown above from left to right is Rev. S. Lockes, John Minges, (candidate for County Commissioner), Judge J. C. Coles, one of the Campaign workers, Rev. Johnson (pastor York Memorial) and Mr. T. Powell, former assistant to Leon Sullivan of the OIC of America.

photo by Jim Rouse

In Memory Of Mrs. Beulah Louise Whitfield Mebane
 Edited by Cynethia Griffin, *The Minority Voice*



Those whom we love do indeed leave us, and when we lose them, no spoken words can lessen our grief. But Beulah Louise Whitfield Mebane can never leave us. The strength of her presence, the firmness of her convictions, the warmth of her love - these are ours always, interlarded with our thoughts and blended with our lives.

On December 6, 1924, a bubbly, bouncing baby girl was born in Greenville, North Carolina to the late George Roscoe and Esther Lona Cherry Whitfield. The fifth of six children was christened Beulah Louise. The family resided in the downtown area of Greenville. At the age of eight, Beulah united with the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church through baptism. She was active in the Sunday School and the BYPU. As an adult, she joined the J. A. Nimmo Senior Choir (formerly the Senior Choir), which provided her favorite hymns for her homegoing celebration.

Having attended the Greenville City Schools, Beulah graduated from the Greenville Industrial High School in 1941. Upon completion, she continued her education as a Bennett "belle" at Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Home Economics Education in 1945. Beulah's lifelong teaching career began at South Ayden High School in Pitt County, where she taught from 1945-1959. She taught at H. B. Sugg High School in 1959. Her tenure continued at W. H. Robinson Union School and Winterville High School and ended at D. H. Conley High School on July 1, 1982. Beulah was humbled by and proud of the students' lives that she touched. Inspired by the teachings of her father, G. R. Whitfield, for whom a Pitt County Elementary School was named, the Mebanes established a scholarship in his memory at Bennett College. It is in this spirit that the family requested donations be given to his fund in lieu of flowers. Mrs. Mebane's influence endures in the unending consequences flowing from her character and her deeds, it endures in our own acts and thoughts. We will remember her as a living, vital presence. That memory will bring refreshment to our hearts and strengthen us in times of trouble.

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PRESS RELEASE

Taffye Benson Clayton, Assistant to the Chancellor for Special Assignments and Equal Employment Opportunity Officer at East Carolina University has completed the Harvard University Graduate School of Higher Education Management Development Program at Harvard's Institute of Higher Education in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Clayton received a BA degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a MA degree from American University in Washington, DC. Prior to her tenure at East Carolina University, Clayton was a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Legislative Research Fellow serving on the staff of Senator Edward Kennedy in the United States Senate.

Additionally, Clayton, a former William H. Friday Human Relations Fellow, was also recently appointed to the Board of Leadership America, North Carolina, an organization that recognizes, educates, and connects accomplished and diverse women who are leaders in their communities and professions to increase their individual and collective impact. Clayton has also been nominated and voted into the Women's Forum of North Carolina. The Women's Forum of North Carolina is an organization promoting the advancement of women into leadership in governmental, corporate, and professional associations in North Carolina.

Employment Opportunity

Land Use Planner / Grant Writer

A Five County Regional Planning Agency located in Northeastern North Carolina is accepting applications for highly motivated, qualified applicants for a Land Use Planner / Grant Writer position to work under the supervision of the Director of Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Department. Applicants must have comprehensive knowledge and experience in Digital Mapping, Planning, Zoning and Subdivision Concepts, Code Enforcement / Inspections, Grant Writing, familiarity with CDBG concepts and principles, as well as familiarity with the applicable statutory references. Skill and experience in creating maps, digital cartography, and GIS are critical, preferably in ARCView and PC ARC/INFO; experience with Grant Writing. This rewarding position requires excellent writing, oral communication, and presentation skills. Successful applicant must be able to attend public meetings, during day and evening hours, throughout the Five County Area. Starting salary, \$29,479.00, benefits, 401(k) with employer contribution, annual cost of living adjustments, plus a percentage increase upon successful completion of probation. A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in Planning, Geography, or closely allied field is required, along with experience in Grant Writing. Applications / Resumes will be accepted until August 26, 2002, or until the position is filled, and should be directed to Director of Planning, Economic Development, and Community Services Department, Mid-East Commission, PO Box 1787, Washington, NC 27889. The Mid-East Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applicants must be willing to reside in the Region.

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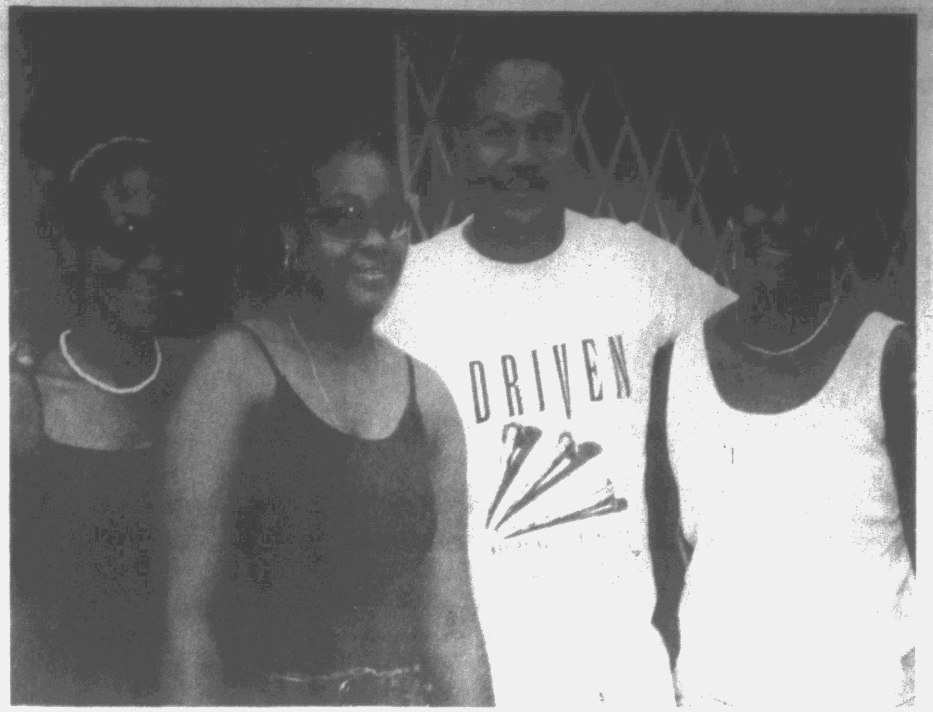


Val Atkinson

Tom Wright, the Director of the Office of State Personnel, wants to transform state workers into a leaner meaner administrative fighting machine. He seems to think that if we could get state employees and their managers to focus on work out-come, productivity and efficiency we would become a leaner meaner administrative fighting machine. And I agree with him. The big question is "How do we do that"? How do we take seasoned veterans of state government and turn them around. Some state employees don't need turning around; they're already eagerly awaiting change. But there are those who came to state government as high school graduates when the farms failed in places like Johnston

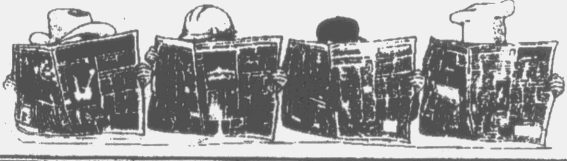
County and have managed to move up the ranks and become a part of the upper management corp. Some of these are hard working managers, but too many of them place their primary focus on employee control instead of job management. And most of these managers are white males. African American males are woefully underrepresented in state government management positions. Many find themselves with advanced degrees working for high school graduates. Nellie Riley, manager of the Equal Opportunity Services office at the Office of State Personnel, has recognized the problem and enacted workshops and focus groups to look at the problem, but we'll have to wait to see if any of her recommendations are enacted. Black male representation is notably missing in the midlevel ranks. In a labor-intensive agency, section or unit, these are the ranks that employees generally move into after amassing several years of experience as a worker. African American males are not generally promoted as quickly to lead worker, foreman or supervisory roles very often in these sittings. Black males tend to do better at the executive level where professional degrees are re-

quired. But the mid-level management range is where the rubber meets the road. The mid-level manager makes hiring and firing decisions and that's where the process all begins. In too many labor intensive jobs Black males take on an air of docility to convince their supervisors that they are manageable and are no physical threat to the organization. Unfortunately this docile behavior does not convert to supervisory or management promotions. Often times it's the aggressive white male who gets the nod for promotion. It's unfortunate that the very behavior that is required to maintain a job is the very behavior that complicates and sometimes denies promotions. I think it's time for Mr. Wright to step in and have a mind-melt with Nellie Riley and come up with some interventions that are fair to all. It's about time that hard working state employees stop suffering from a culture that died - or should have died - several decades ago. Contact Val at: Jonesstreet@nc.rr.com <<mailto:Jonesstreet@nc.rr.com>>



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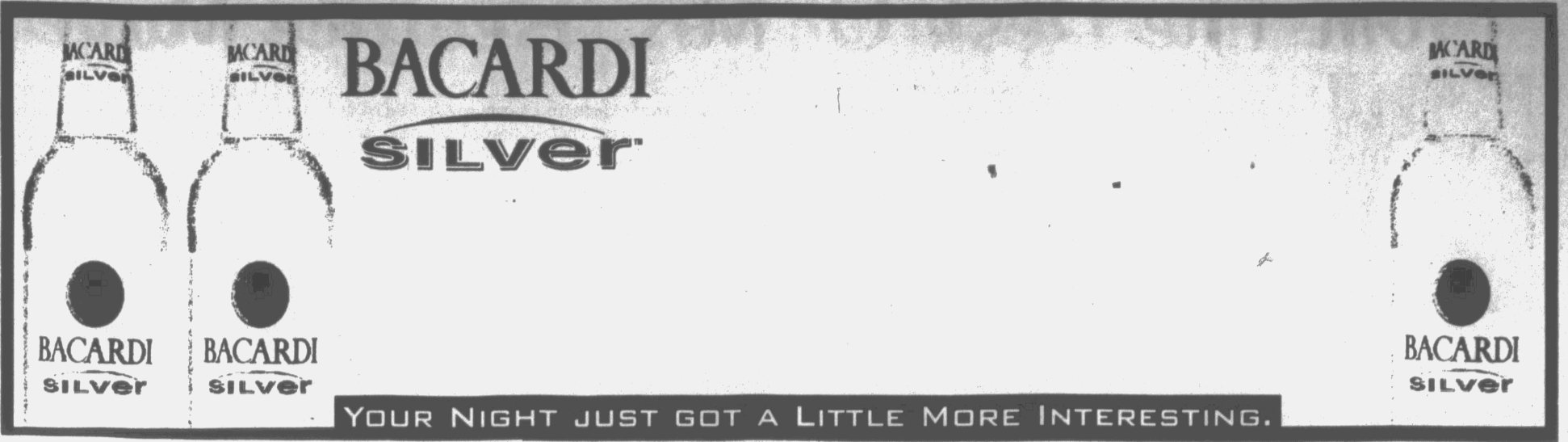







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From The Desk Of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



Beatrice Maye

TO THE EDITOR,

The road to success is paved with failure. Anyone who's anybody has failed, and knowing that can be encouraging and uplifting. Here are some of the famous successes that were once failures, losers, dropouts, flunkies, suckers, saps, schlemiels and schlimazels. Remember, everyone falls down, and you're not a failure until you don't get back up.

Peter Benchley was fired as a speechwriter for Richard Nixon, but he went on to write the best-selling novel JAWS.

Michael Jordan was cut from the high school's varsity basketball team as a sophomore. He became one of the greatest basketball players in the history of the sport.

Katie Courie was banned from reading news reports on the air to the president of CNN, who insisted she had an irritating, high-pitched, squeaky voice. Today she is a popular host on the "Today Show".

George W. Bush pleaded guilty in 1976 to drunk driving in Maine. Today he's the 43rd president of the United States in 2000.

Rosa Parks, 41-year-old seamstress, was arrested and fined \$14.00 for refusing to give her seat to a white man on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama in 1957. Now she paved the course for Civil Rights in the United States.

Martin Luther King, Jr. was forced at age 14 to surrender his bus seat to a white passenger and stood for the next 90 miles, but he be-

came leader of the American Civil Rights Movement, delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial before an audience of more than 200,000 people in 1963, and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

"If at first you don't succeed...welcome to the club".

Beatrice Maye

TO THE EDITOR:

Look at the jobs a full-time mother/wife or woman has and yet the husband comes in and says, "What have you been doing all day?" Here is her job description: She's a wife, mother, friend, confidante, personal advisor, lover, referee, peacemaker, housekeeper, laundress, chauffeur, interior decorator, gardener, painter, wall paperer, dog groomer, veterinarian, manicurist, barber, seamstress, appointment manager, financial planner, bookkeeper, money manager, personal secretary, teacher, disciplinarian, entertainer, psychoanalyst,

nurse, diagnostician, public relations expert, dietician and nutritionist, baker, chef, fashion coordinator and letter writer or e-mailer for both sides of the family.

She is also a travel agent, snack therapist, plumber and automobile maintenance and repair expert. During the course of her day, she is supposed to be cheerful, look radiant and jump in the sack on a moments notice.

There are still ignorant people who believe that a housewife is nothing more than a babysitter who sits all day and watches soap operas.

Who wouldn't want to work eight-hour day with an hour for lunch and two fifteen minute breaks.

Now, if you still want to classify me as just a housewife, go ahead.

Beatrice Maye

Five Reasons Why Single Parenting Is So Tough

1. There's not enough money. Paychecks for young people are small, jobs insecure, child support not very reliable.

2. There's not enough time. Between jobs, day care and child trade-offs, the available parenting hours can disappear.

3. There's not enough outside support. War widows and soldiers wives got all sorts of community and extended family support, single moms these days do not.

4. Kids and parents get sick. It's hard enough being a good parent when we're well and our child is fine; it's a catastrophe trying to deal with illness on our own.

5. Nobody can be both mom and dad. Sometimes a kid needs one, sometimes the other. Ultimately, any parent is just one, person. Two is better.

From: I'll Be the Parent, You Be the Child by Paul Kropp

The Home

There are only two institutions in society that are of divine origin: the home and the church. The home might

be likened to the foundation of a building, and the church to its superstructure. If the foundation of a building were weak, then all of its other members will be unsteady, even unsafe. The second records reveal that when God in wisdom and love established the first family on earth, He revealed to them His will concerning an acceptable pattern of worship and devotion, the chief cornerstone of the home. God meant that the first home on earth should be a dedicated home, a home, patterned according to His purposes. Our conversation, our work, the teaching of the ministry (God), whatever entertainment and our testimony, should be commitment to God.

The Greenville, NC Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will be hosting its annual crabfeast on August 17, 2002 from 1 pm to 3pm at the American Legion Post 39. For additional information and tickets please call 252-355-5076.

Greensboro with her husband Timothy Taylor and son, Ryan. She is a native of Radford, Virginia, and a graduate of Radford University.



Natalie Taylor, Food Lion VP, Named NAACP Fund Trustee

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has chosen Natalie M. Taylor, Food Lion's Vice President of Diversity, to be a trustee of the NAACP's National Special Contribution Fund. Taylor was named a trustee during the NAACP's national conference held recently in Houston. Through its National Special Contribution Fund, the NAACP supports programs in education, health, housing, employment, voter edu-

cation, military justice, emergency relief, and legal and youth services.

Taylor, a 21-year Food Lion veteran, became the company's Vice President of Diversity in 1997, after serving as Director of Diversity Planning. She oversees the integration of corporate diversity initiatives and directs the development of outreach efforts to serve Food Lion's diverse customer base. In addition to her work with the NAACP, Taylor serves on the board of directors of the Carolinas Minority Supplier Development Council and the Network of Executive Women. She is secretary of the newly formed Triangle Urban League. Earlier this year, she was

elected chairperson of the Metrolina Minority Supplier Development Council Board of Directors and also serves as co-chairperson for the North Carolina Diversity Consortium. She is a board member of the Food Lion Foundation. Taylor resides in

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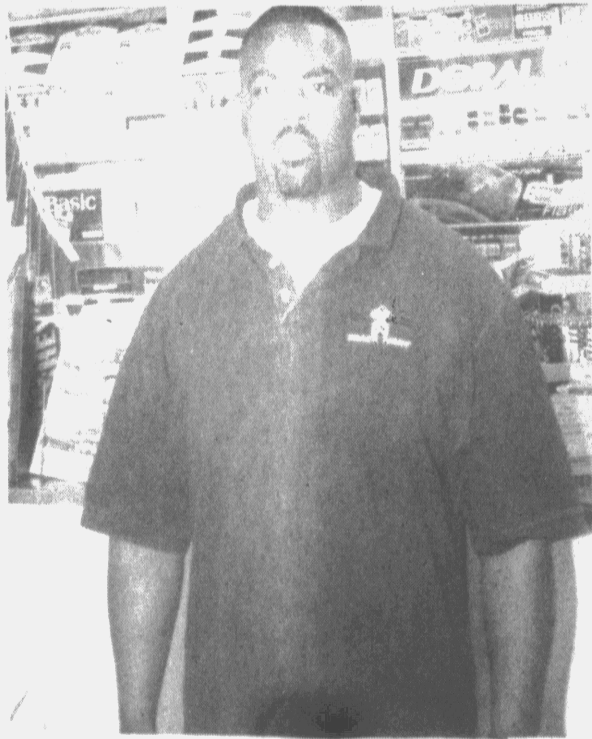
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On the Campaign Trail



VOTE FOR JIM ROUSE NC HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

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On Friday, March 1, 2002, Greenville businessman, Jim Rouse, announced his second attempt to unseat the incumbent for the North Carolina 8th District House of Representatives. The 8th District comprises, in part, Pitt, Edgecombe, Martin, and Greene Counties.

Why is Jim running again? He says that today, more than ever, we are in need of dedicated people to get involved with all decisions being made about the communities in which we live and to bring forth new ideas that address those important issues that affect our citizens in the 8th District every day. Rouse goes on further to claim that the current representative of the 8th District has failed citizens by not bringing forth ideas to adequately address the needs of citizens still struggling to recover from the devastation left by Hurricane Floyd, or any new ideas to counteract the loss and lack of high wage-paying jobs in the counties of the 8th District.

Other issues that prompted Rouse to re-enter the race include the absence of major highway projects, the skyrocketing costs associated with basic healthcare and the need to improve access to affordable healthcare, and the burden taxpayers have to bear to house inmates in North Carolina's jails and prisons.

The "Rouse for 8th House" campaign committee is seeking volunteers. The committee needs people to assist with many different forms of advertising Mr. Jim Rouse as the representative for North Carolina's 8th District. To reach Mr. Rouse and/or his committee, for any reason, call (252) 757-0365 or (252) 329-7102.

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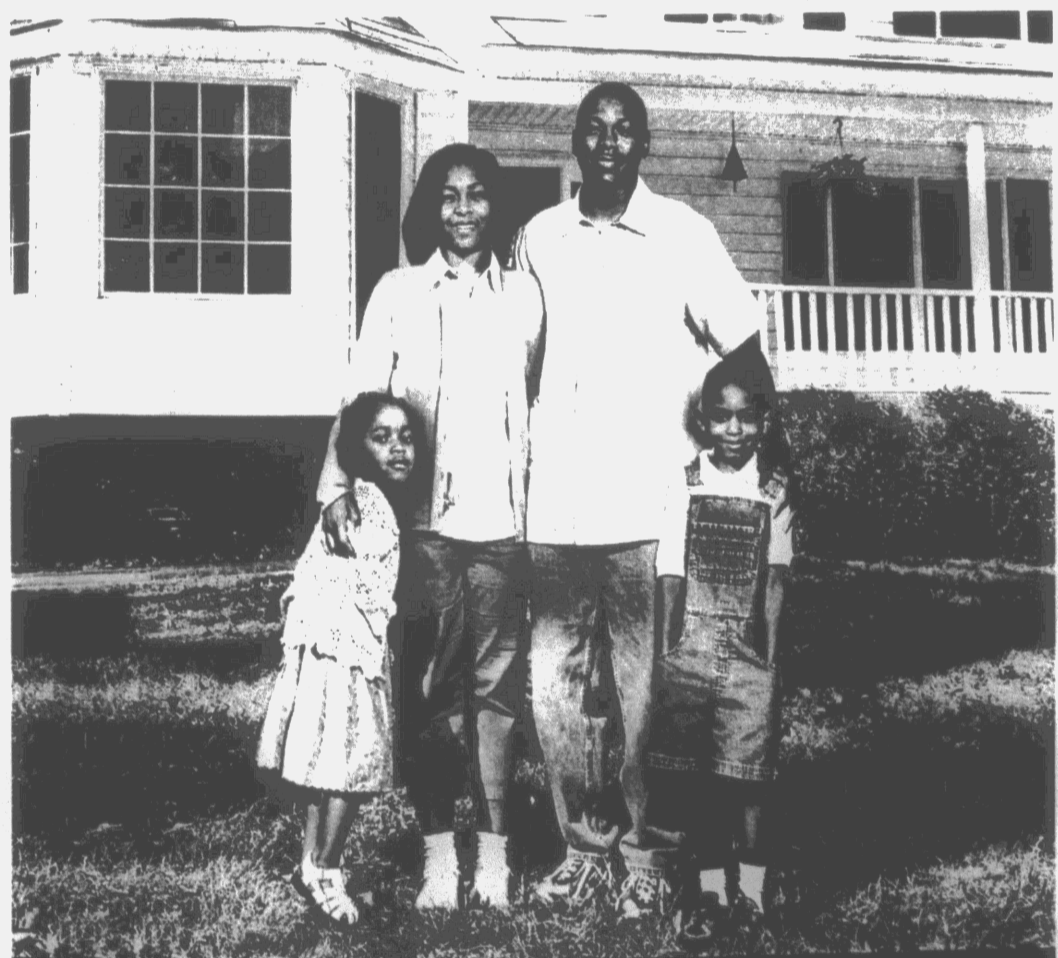
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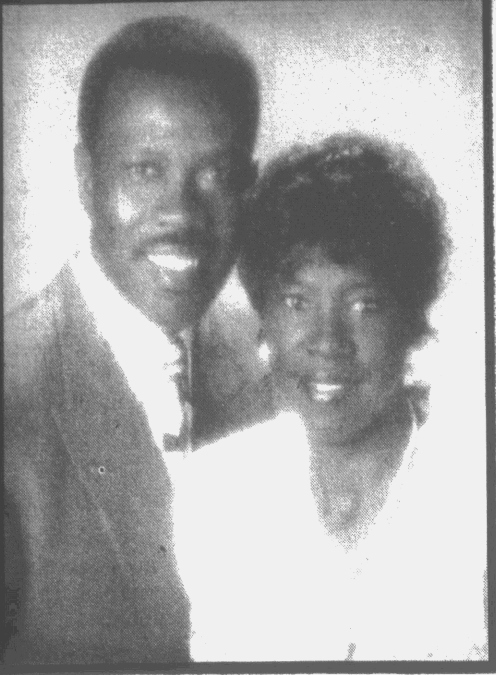
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